

2026 Amendments to be voted on at State Convention

There are four amendments to be voted on at state convention. You must be a delegate to vote. Bring the delegate form that is signed by either your club President or Secretary. When checking in you will get a dot to place on your name badge at the registration table. Each club will be allowed so many delegates according to your club membership. PDG's are except and can vote. Their vote does not effect the number of delegates you are allowed at the convention.

May 15th is the deadline to make food reservations.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the delegate form and bring the completed form to State Convention. You must have a delegate form to vote.

Amendment 1

In the By-laws Article III, Section 2 – add the GET multiple district coordinator

Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST multiple district coordinator, GMT multiple district coordinator, GLT multiple district coordinator and GET multiple district coordinator.

Amendment 2

Add to the By-laws Article VII Section 11

GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM (GET) - It shall be the responsibility of this unit to develop and execute an annual multiple district new club extension plan and provide support for newly formed clubs to ensure their success and long-term sustainability. The duties of Global Extension Team (GET) shall be as defined in the Multiple District 17 Standard Operating Procedures.

Reason: The GET position was originally optional. LCI made it mandatory this year.

Amendment 3

In the By-laws

Wherever the term “Mid-Winter Rally” is in the By-laws change it to “Kansas Lions Rally”.

Reason: The rally was held in the fall this year. This gives us the option to change back if needed.

Amendment 4

In the By-laws Article V Section 2

State Dues

We are announcing an important adjustment to our annual dues, which will transition from the current \$17.00 to \$20.00 in the 2026-2027 Lions year, then to \$22.00 in 2027-2028, and finally reaching \$24.00 in 2028-2029.

This gradual increase is essential for us to continue our mission of enhancing community service and leadership development, especially considering that our dues have remained stagnant since 2012, while the challenges we face have only grown. As our membership has seen a decline and the costs of providing impactful services have risen, this change will empower our clubs with better resources and support for their initiatives.

Below, you'll find a chart that outlines the distribution of these funds over the next three years, illustrating how this investment will directly benefit our community efforts. We believe this strategic shift will ultimately strengthen our organization and foster greater engagement among our members.

We encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas as we work collaboratively towards a brighter future for Kansas Lions MD-17. Together, we can adapt and thrive in serving our communities while continuing to uphold the values we cherish. Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

| State Dues | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Administrative Fund | \$ 14.50 | \$ 16.00 | \$ 17.90 | \$ 18.90 |
| International Committee | \$ 0.40 | \$ 0.40 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 0.50 |
| KI Fund | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.60 |
| GAT | \$ 0.50 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Rally | \$ 0.40 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.50 |
| State Convention | \$ 0.60 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.00 | \$ 1.50 |
| Yearly Total | \$ 17.00 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 22.00 | \$ 24.00 |

**Comfort Kits for Childhood Cancer Patients
Service Project at State Convention**

The 2026 MD-17 State Convention Service Project will focus on support and comfort for *Childhood Cancer Patients & Siblings* by donating comfort kits for use during the actual treatments, time waiting between treatments and journey to and from the treatment centers.

District Lions are asked to donate some of the following items at the convention in Hutchinson on May 30th, to send with other Lions or to send them to GST Carleen Rajala prior to that date.

Items needed for the **patients** are:

- small bottles of *unscented lotions and hand sanitizers*
- hand-tied fleece blankets* (any super cozy throw size blanket)
- quesy pops or drops* (available on Amazon)

Items for **patients and siblings** are:

- crayons & coloring books
- activity, crossword puzzle, word search or sudoku books
- water bottles

If there is a local pediatric cancer patient that you would like to give a kit to, please contact PDG Carleen Rajala 913-481-7328 lioncarleen@gmail.com.