

- E. Minutes of the meeting should be recorded and distributed to the members and the COG.

VII. Reports: A brief typed report will be submitted 15 days prior to COG meeting if requesting Council action. Otherwise, it is to be submitted at time of verbal reports at the winter Council meeting or at the MD 36 Convention, providing the COG requests verbal report and it is on the agenda.

General Policy Statements: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Adopted by the COG, March 20, 1982
2. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, March 9, 1997
3. Revised, 2002
4. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, January 31, 2004
5. Revision adopted by COG, March 5, 2004

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Lions Clubs International – Multiple District 36
Policy Manual
Chapter 7

I. Name: Environmental Services Committee

II. Purpose: To promote the preservation of our natural resources and improvement of the quality of life for all.

III. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. To encourage clubs to appoint an environmental chairperson.
- B. To aid and assist Lions clubs in environmental service projects.
- C. To promote environmental quality of life through the use of speakers, films, publications and other materials.
- D. To identify major environmental problems.
 - 1. The natural and biological (air, noise, land and water)
 - 2. Social and cultural environment (demographic, planning, drug abuse, ethical conduct, crime prevention, etc.)
- E. To avoid taking positions on controversial subjects (eg, spotted owls, genetic engineering, etc.).

IV. Committee Makeup:

- A. Membership: Composed of cabinet chairperson from each District, where the District Governor (DG) has appointed a chairperson.
- B. Chairperson: Appointed annually by the Council of Governors (COG) unless selection is delegated to the committee. Prior committee experience is recommended.

V. Fiscal Responsibilities: This committee handles no funds. Any funds raised or disbursed are under the direct control of the COG.

VI. Meetings:

- A. Two regular meetings:
 - 1. Prior to the winter COG meeting
 - 2. In conjunction with the Multiple District (MD) Convention.
- B. Special meetings may be called by e-mail or in writing by the Chairperson or any 2 members of the committee or by the Council Chairperson, stating time, place and purpose.
- C. Voting:
 - 1. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a *quorum* shall be defined as a majority (50% plus 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 - 2. Each member present shall have one vote.
- D. Notices and agendas of meetings will be mailed out or e-mailed to members and the Council Chairperson at least 15 days prior to the meeting.