



KIN CANADA ATLANTIC DISTRICT 7 BY-LAWS

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DISTRICT 7 GOVERNORS & KINETTE CO-ORDINATORS

Kinsmen Governors

1936-37 A.L. (Gal) Galbraith
1937-38 Ralph Parker
1938-39 Frank Flinn
1939-40 Jack Keefe
1940-41 Gerry Tingley
1941-42 Bill English
1942-43 Johnny Johnson
1943-44 Bill Kirby
1944-45 Hugh McGuish
1945-46 George Sinclair
1946-47 Amos Tingley
1947-48 Vic Coffin
1948-49 Warren Keay
1949-50 Merritt Crawford
1950-51 Walt Gaudet
1951-52 William Burden
1952-53 Randy Reynolds
1953-54 Harry Cole
1954-55 Andy Gow
1955-56 Dave Carnegie
1956-57 Don Tingley
1957-58 Don Robb
1958-59 Dick Miller
1959-60 Charlie Rammage
1960-61 Noel Goodridge
1961-62 George Woodhead
1962-63 Bud MacLeod
1963-64 George Gamburg
1964-65 Jack Regan

Kinsmen Governors, Kinette Editors/Reporters

1965-66 Earl Smith, Dorothy Saunders
1966-67 Jim Nesbitt, Not Listed
1967-68 Darrell Hanna, Linda Smith
1968-69 Ray Wambolt, Margaret Gardiner
1969-70 Charlie Rafuse, Margie MacLaughlin
1970-71 Mack Skinner, Sheila MacDonald

Kinsmen Governors, Kinette Co-ordinators

1971-72 Wally MacGillivray, Lorna Hanson
1972-73 Hector Dirersio, Corinne MacDonald
1973-74 Len Simms, June Walters
1974-75 Murdock MacKay, Heather Fifield
1975-76 Norm Smith, Tula Gouthro
1976-77 Gerry Allen, Brenda Inkpen
1977-78 Gerry Curnew, Judy Dickson
1978-79 Bill Halfyard, Audrey Livingston
1979-80 Richard Levandier, Bev Bayart
1980-81 Gerald Hiscock, Claudine Evelly
1981-82 Bill Legge, Shirley DiPersio
1982-83 Richard Harrison, Christy Billings 1983-84
John MacIsaac, Nadine Pridham
1984-85 Loyola Sullivan, Bev Kane
1985-86 Ron Hefler, Babs Malay
1986-87 Hugh Mosher, Pat Dickson
1987-88 Dennis Noseworthy, Mona Hayter
1988-89 Billy MacMillan, Pearl MacMillan
1989-90 Greg DiPersio, Polly Wareham
1990-91 Howie MacKenzie, Nancy M. Archibald
1991-92 John Glynn, Dodie Glynn
1992-93 Carson England, Cora Burke
1993-94 Gerry Archibald, Mary Lou Belliveau

Kinsmen Governors, Kinette Governors

1994-95 Doug Anthony, Fern Mitchell
1995-96 John Walsh, Jo Morry
1996-97 Sheldon Saccary, Wanda Fedora
1997-98 Geoff Hill, Barb Yorke
1998-99 Peter Noel, Barb Reynolds
1999-00 Gary Carville, Sharon King/Barb Reynolds
2000-01 Kevin Campbell, Marilyn Foote
2001-02 Wally Corbett, Claudeen Burt
2002-03 Alan Barrie, Jackie Hiltz
2003-04 Dave MacIvor, Maggie Lalande
2004-05 Bernie Brittain, Michelle Case
2005-06 Pat King, Kelly Corbett

Kinsmen Governors, Kinette Governors cont'd

2006-07 Bob MacDonald, Aggie MacDonald

2007-08 Norm Dicks, Gail Brittain

2008-09 Brian Cooper, Korren Penny

Kin Governors

2009-2010 Mitch Freeman

2010-2011 Brenda Dooley

2011-2012 Dwight Hatcher

2012-2103 Dan Bradford

2013-2014 Peggy Hefler

2014-2015 Lee Burry

2015-2016 Lee Burry

2016-2017 Terry Janes

2017-2018 Victoria Andrews

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ARTICLE 1 - KIN CANADA'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

In accordance with Article 3.01 of Kin Canada's General Operating By-Law No. 2, the By-laws hereinafter specified shall constitute the By-Laws of KIN CANADA ATLANTIC DISTRICT 7.

In these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, "ASSOCIATION" means Kin Canada; "DISTRICT" means Kin Canada Atlantic District 7 and "NATIONAL BY-LAWS" mean the Constitution and By-Laws of Kin Canada.

ARTICLE 2 – DISTRICT STRUCTURE

In accordance with the General Operating By-Laws of Kin Canada, Kin Canada Atlantic-District 7 shall be divided into seven zones and the Zones shall be designated as per below. A listing of all clubs will be maintained at Kin Canada's National Headquarters.

ZONE A: Includes all of the Province of New Brunswick.

ZONE B: Includes the Counties of Halifax and Hants in the Province of Nova Scotia and all of Nova Scotia to the west thereof.

ZONE C: Includes Prince Edward Island and that part of the Province of Nova Scotia known as Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties

Zone D: Includes the portion of Newfoundland east of Charlottetown and north and south of that point on the Trans-Canada Highway.

Zone E: Includes the area of Newfoundland west of Charlottetown and east of (but not to include) Hampden and North and South of those points on the TCH.

Zone F: The Island of Cape Breton.

Zone G: Includes the area of Newfoundland situated west of and including Hampden and all of Labrador.

ARTICLE 3 – DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

SECTION 1 – GENERAL

Without prejudice to 3.01 of Kin Canada's General Operating By-Law No. 2, it shall be the duty of a District Officer to attend events within the District as may be possible, having reference to District finances and other considerations. Such events shall include Charter Night Celebrations, zone meetings and the like. All transportation expenses incurred by a District Officer in making visits required by this clause shall be borne by the host Club or Zone. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Governor to make an official visit to each Club in his/her Zone. In the event of a new club charter the transportation expenses incurred by a District Officer shall be paid for out of the funds of the district.

SECTION 2 – DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The Governor of District 7 shall, at all official functions, wear their Chain of Office.

SECTION 3 – DISTRICT RECORDS

The records handed over from the District Governor to their successor shall include the following items from the records of the District Executive and their three (3) immediate preceding Executives: Financial Statements, District Service Director’s record of club donations and the Minutes of the following meetings: Vice Governor Committee Meetings, District Executive Meetings, District Executive Council Meetings, Pre-Term Meeting, Fall Leadership Conference, Mid-Term Meeting and District Convention.

The outgoing District Executive shall be required to update District 7 By-Laws & Regulations within thirty (30) days of District Convention and the Incoming District Executive Committee shall be required to publish these and have them in the hands of the Club Presidents no later than Fall Leadership Conference during their term of Office.

The Incoming District Executive shall, prior to such publication, also be required to further update the By-Laws and Regulations by making such “housekeeping” changes as are necessitated by actions taken at the National Convention.

SECTION 4 – DEPUTY GOVERNORS

It shall be the duty of the Deputy Governors to make an official visit to each Club in his/her Zone.

The official regalia for the Deputy Governor will be limited to the wearing of a Chain of Office.

There shall be one Deputy Governor for each zone responsible for all clubs in his/her zone.

ARTICLE 4 – ZONE AND DISTRICT EVENTS

SECTION 1 – ZONE CONFERENCE DETAILS

The location of each Zone Conference shall be decided at the Zone Conference the year prior. Clubs wishing to host Zone Conference must submit their bids at that time for a vote to decide the location.

Should no bids come forward, the location of the Zone Conference will be decided upon at the Zone Presidents’ meeting held at the subsequent Fall Leadership Conference.

The Budget for the Zone Conference may include:

- a) The traveling and accommodations expense of the Deputy Governor; and
- b) The registration fee of the Deputy Governor;

The host Club for a Zone Conference shall be entitled to charge a reasonable registration fee covering the cost of meals and entertainment. The registration fee, travel and accommodations of the Deputy Governor will be accounted for within the Zone Conference budget.

At least 60 days prior to the Zone Conference, any club wishing to submit a resolution shall forward same to the Deputy Governor. The Deputy Governor shall forward copies of these resolutions to the District Governor and all clubs in the Zone no later than 30 days prior to the Zone Conference.

At least 40 days prior to the Zone Conference, each Deputy Governor shall forward to the Governor a copy of the proposed agenda. The Agenda shall include:

- a) Minutes of previous Zone Meeting;
- b) Resolutions submitted by Clubs in the Zone; and
- c) Any reports from Clubs in the Zone.

Attendance at Zone Conferences will be guided by Zone By-Laws.

The Deputy Governor will chair the Zone Conference Business Meeting(s) and any other Zone Meeting of Members. If his/her zone has separate Zone Conferences for Kinsmen and Kinettes, he/she will not be required to attend the entire conference outside of the Business Meeting unless invited, and may select a delegate from his/her Zone Executive to represent him/her.

Zone Conference participants may propose, discuss and adopt resolutions for submission to the District Convention. They shall also consider and act upon matters submitted by the Association and discuss matters of interest to Clubs within the Zone. They shall also discuss such matters as may be brought before it by any Delegate at the Conference.

Resolutions adopted at a Zone Conference for consideration at District Convention shall be submitted to the District Secretary/Coordinator and Governor 30 days after the close of the Zone Conference. The Zone minutes shall also be forwarded to the above within this time frame.

A club in District 7 shall be entitled to nominate an accredited delegate or alternate accredited delegate to vote on its behalf at District Convention or Fall Leadership Conference. The parameters to be followed are as per the National Policy and Procedures of the Association – Chapter 3: Meetings of Members (Conventions).

Within 60 days of the hosting of a Zone Conference, the host club shall submit the financial statement of the Zone Conference to the District Governor, Deputy Governor and each club in their Zone.

SECTION 2 – FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (FLC) DETAILS

Whenever possible, the District Service Director of the day and Members of the FLC Host Club will work together to deliver the “Building Community Service Project” during FLC.

FLC will be held between September 15 and November 15.

FLC will normally be hosted by a Club in the home Zone of the District Governor.

FLC shall be considered a mini-convention for voting purposes. FLC shall take place with the DEC and the Deputy Governors present. The Governor shall chair the general meeting and oversee the agenda.

The Host Committee of Fall Leadership Conference shall budget \$300.00 towards the cost of the Personal Development Seminars at the FLC.

SECTION 3 – DISTRICT CONVENTION DETAILS

For all intents and purposes, the District Convention of District 7 shall be considered to be its annual general meeting.

The agenda for District Convention will be arranged to include resolutions in each business meeting.

The duties of the Club hosting the District Convention (Thereafter called the "Host Club") shall be as follows:

- a) To establish a District Convention Committee and appoint, as Chairpersons, members with a full knowledge of Committee and Convention procedures. The said Chairpersons shall act as liaisons to the District Governor and expedite any arrangements or plans relating to the convention;
- b) To solicit, record and index registration of delegates to the Convention and forward a report of the same to the District Governor from time to time; and
- c) Arrange for a suitable recognition for Accredited Delegates to the Convention.

The District Governor shall distribute to all clubs in the District an official call to the Annual Meeting at least sixty (60) days prior to the said Annual Meeting.

Invitation for Resolutions:

- a) Sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, the District Governor shall notify each Clubs requesting resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting.
- b) Any such resolution shall be submitted to the District Governors forty (40) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding this limitation, any resolutions duly passed at a Zone Meeting shall be deemed to fall within the meaning of this article.
- c) Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting the District Governor shall forward to each Club President a copy of all resolutions to be included in the agenda of the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4 – DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SEMINAR / PRE-TERM

The District 7 Executive shall combine the District Leadership Seminar and Pre-Term and hold both events on the same weekend.

SECTION 5 – GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL CONFERNCES AND CONVENTIONS

The host club of a District Convention or Fall Leadership Conference may borrow up to \$2,500.00 from the Convention Trust Fund for the purpose of making Pre-Convention purchases. The host club must submit a request, along with a copy of the approved operating budget, to the District Treasurer 90 days prior to the opening of such convention. These funds shall be repaid to the District Treasurer no later than the last day of said Convention.

Prior to the start of the business at any District Council Meeting or District Convention, the Governor will accept from a representative of the Kinsmen Club of Glace Bay the Hugh McGuish Gong and Gavel. This gong and gavel was presented to District 7 by Past National President W.E. (Bill) Kirby in memory of Governor Hugh McGuish, a member of the Kinsmen club of Glace Bay, who died while serving as Governor of District 7. Likewise, the governor will accept from a representative of the Zone B Kinettes the Elaine Skurdauskas Gong and Gavel. This gong and gavel was presented to District 7 by the Kinette Club of Dartmouth in memory of Elaine Skurdauskas, a member of the Kinette Club of Lawrencetown/Cole Harbour prior to her untimely passing.

There shall be time limits set on the following at any District or Zone Meeting:

- a) Twenty minutes for each candidate for the office of Vice Governor or Deputy Governor. This will be the total time allowed for both the introduction of and speech of the candidate.
- b) Fifteen minutes for the presentation of a Club's bid to host the District Convention, FLC or Spring Conference.

When putting a bid forward for a Zone or District Conference, the minimum information which shall be included in order for it to be considered an official bid is the following: location, estimated dates, and estimated cost of registration.

At each Zone conference, District Council Meeting, Fall Leadership Conference or District Convention a member causing any damage shall be personally responsible for such damage. In the event that the member fails to pay for any damage caused by them, the Club of which they are a member shall be held responsible for payment.

During the business session of Fall Leadership Conference, Zone Conference, or District Convention, the bar shall not be open.

All clubs hosting Zone meetings, Fall Leadership Conference, District Convention or Spring Zone shall provide a memento of their meeting, including in their design the official emblem of the Kin Association.

Any club who acts as host for a Fall Leadership Conference, District Convention or Spring Zone shall be presented banner crests as a memento of the occasion.

The District Council may change present regulations respecting:

1. trophies and awards;
2. finances and auditing in respect of any matter not covered by any provision of these bylaws;
3. the conduct of District Conventions and Council Meetings;
4. the power and duties of the Sergeant-At-Arms and the level of fines that may be imposed at Zone, District Council, Fall Leadership Conference and District Convention meetings; and
5. any matter which the majority of the delegates at a District Convention or District Council meeting consider should be in the regulations.

If the Past Governor does not hold an active role on the current District Executive, the only convention that will be paid for by District funds will be the FLC immediately following their year as Governor.

SECTION 6 – SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Chairperson of any Zone Conference, District Council meeting or Convention will appoint at least one member, as Sergeant-At-Arms and their duty will be:

- a) To fine members for conduct unbecoming a Kinsmen/ Kinette. Such fines shall not exceed \$1.00 in the aggregate to any one Kinsmen / Kinette during the meeting;
- b) To report to the official representative of a Club as designed in Section 7, any member of that club who has created a disturbance, or is becoming a nuisance, or who in general, is conducting themselves, or has conducted themselves, in a manner unbecoming our Association;
- c) Such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Chairperson.

At each District Convention, District Council Meeting or Zone Conference each club shall appoint one of its members as its official representative and shall advise the chairperson of the name of that person. It shall be the duty of the official representative to discipline any member belonging to his/or her club who was reported to them by the Sergeant-At-Arms.

ARTICLE 5 – FINANCIALS

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Without limiting the general power of the District Council funds, the following will be provided for in the annual budget of the District.

SECTION 2 - DUES

Each Club shall pay to the District Treasurer, on or before November 30th in each year, dues and levies in the amount as determined by the budget approved at the District Convention in the preceding Kin year within respect to each Active member based upon the Club's membership total as of September 30th immediately preceding.

The dues to be paid to the District by each new club admitted to membership shall be the sum of \$60.00 for the balance of the Kin fiscal year in which the club was chartered, regardless of the number of members shown on the Charter application. Clubs chartered in the twelve-month period preceding October 31st of each year will be assessed for District Dues based on the immediate previous assessment commencing with the Green Form following the clubs first Anniversary in the Association.

Clubs unable to make full Dues payment at November 30th shall be permitted to submit one-half of dues by November 30th and one half dues by January 31st. In order to be efficient, a post-dated cheque for the January dues payment must be sent to the District with or prior to November 30th payment.

A draft of the District budget shall be distributed to clubs for their review, no later than 15 days prior to the start of District Convention.

SECTION 3 – INVESTING OF DISTRICT FUNDS

A District team that wishes to invest district funds must do so in a method that will create no potential for loss of said funds to the District and be accessible at any time to the District.

SECTION 4 – MILEAGE RATE

The Kin Canada Atlantic District 7 rate for mileage will be set at 75% of the Treasury Board of Canada Rate of the lowest Province in Atlantic Canada. The rate will be set on April 1 of each year.

SECTION 5 - EXPENSES OF INCOMING AND CURRENT DISTRICT OFFICERS

The District's share of the cost of the Incoming District Officers attending the District Leadership Seminar shall be provided for in the District Budget. The expenses of the Past District Governor for District Leadership Seminar Pre Term and District Mid Term are not included in the District budget.

The District 7 Executive shall combine the District Leadership Seminar and pre-Term and hold both events on the same weekend.

The District Treasurer shall pay the registration fee, cost of hotel accommodation and travel expenses of the District Executive Council and the Deputy Governors, in a cost effective manner, attending the Fall

Leadership Conference and District Convention out of the general account of the District. This payment is based on the satisfactory performance of each member of the District Executive Council and the Deputy Governors, as determined at a duly constituted District Executive Meeting.

SECTION 6 – VICE-GOVERNOR COMMITTEE FUNDING

The District 7 Executive shall include in their Financial Budget an amount of \$750.00 to cover the operating costs of the Vice Governor’s incoming Executive Team. The Vice Governor will provide receipts for the advance, and any remaining balance of the advance, to the current District Treasurer no later than the close of District Convention of their incoming Governor year.

SECTION 7 – DEPUTY GOVERNOR EXPENSES

Deputy Governors shall be entitled to an annual stipend to support their official duties. Deputy Governors shall submit their expenses after their visit to each club, upon which they will be reimbursed.

SECTION 8 – DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A year-end financial statement of Kin Canada Atlantic shall be completed annually as at the fiscal year ending of June 30th. Given the statement shall be presented at FLC, it should be finalized no later than September 30th of each year to allow for its publication in the FLC booklet.

All required documentation to support the financial review shall be provided to the external accountant by July 31st to ensure the timely preparation of the year end statement. This year end statement shall be completed in review engagement format by a CPA. The CPA shall be a third party which is arm’s length and external to the Kin organization.

In addition to the reviewed District financial statements, which are to be presented at Fall Leadership Conference, an internally prepared summary of receipts and disbursements, as at June 30th, will be submitted to the Incoming Executive Committee on or before August 31st following the District Convention.

The approved District budget and the reviewed financial statements will be posted on the District website within 30 days of their adoption at the applicable conventions, in a “read only” format. An internally prepared financial statement dated December 31st is to be prepared and published by the District Executive and be posted on the District website by the end of February each year, in read only format, and also provide the approved district budget comparative.

The financial review shall be conducted by a third party, external to the Kin Canada Association.

SECTION 9 – DISTRICT OPERATING SURPLUS

Should the District actual financials result in a surplus in any given year, 50% of this surplus will go to the District Contingency Fund with the remaining 50% allocated to the District Surplus Fund.

SECTION 10 – SEGREGATED FUNDS

A) Convention Trust Fund

A Conventions Trust Fund with a ceiling of \$2,500.00 will be used for the purpose of paying 50% of a loss incurred by any club or Zone hosting a District Convention or Fall Leadership Conference to a maximum of \$2,500.00. When a payment is made from this fund to cover any loss, profits from subsequent District Conventions and Fall Leadership Conferences shall be used to replenish this fund to the \$2,500.00 level. The profit from District Convention and Fall Leadership Conference will be split 50/50 with District. These profits will be deposited in the District's General Account with a portion, if necessary being used to maintain the Convention Trust fund.

B) Membership Expansion and Retention Account

The Membership Expansion and Retention Account shall be used strictly for the assistance of retaining and increasing membership within District 7. This is limited to the following activities:

- a) Charter Assistance for administrative costs;
- b) Club Assistance in the area of dues rescheduling or forgiveness; and
- c) Membership marketing in the area of membership awards

Any expenditure from this fund requires approval at a District Executive Meeting and must not occur until after approval is granted. The account maybe replenished at a maximum levy of \$0.50 per capita when it falls below \$4,000.00.

C) Special Service Fund

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial support towards operating expenses associated with a District-wide service project, to be managed at the District level. Approval of the utilization of these funds can only be obtained by receiving the support of a majority of accredited delegates at either a Fall Leadership Conference or District Convention. The District will assess each member \$0.50 per capita on an annual basis when the fund becomes less than \$1,000.00.

D) National Vice-President Campaign fund

A National Vice-President Campaign fund shall be created to be used for the purpose of defraying Campaign expenses of a District 7 candidate. There will be a per Capita assessment of 50 cents (\$0.50), and the amount of the fund shall not exceed \$2,000.00. These funds shall be held on deposit separate from the general operation account of the District and may be used at the discretion of any constituted District Council meeting.

E) National President Tour Fund

A National President Tour fund shall be created to be used for the purpose of defraying the National President Tour expenses. There will be a per Capita assessment of up to 1 dollar (\$1.00). This assessment is not part of the normal District Dues rates. The amount of the fund shall not exceed \$4,000.00 with a yearly maximum not to exceed \$1000.00.

These funds shall be held on deposit by the District and may be used at the discretion of any duly constituted District Council meeting for the sole purpose of defraying the costs of the National President Tour.

SECTION 11 – DISTRICT CONVENTION

The District Convention shall be held in a different Zone each year. There will be a per Capita assessment of 50 cents (\$0.50), and the amount of the fund shall not exceed \$2,000.00. These funds shall be held on deposit separate from the general operating account of the District and may be used at the discretion of any duly constituted District Council meeting.

The District 7 Budget shall include sufficient funds to cover the payment of District Convention Registration to each Kinsmen and Kinette Public Speaking Contest winner of each Zone who attends District Convention.

ARTICLE 6 – DISTRICT SERVICE

SECTION 1 – NATIONAL AND DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECTS (CF & MS)

The Clubs of District 7 accept Cystic Fibrosis as a Fall District Service Project and Multiple Sclerosis as a Spring District Service Project until such time as the majority of Clubs in District 7 wish to withdraw support.

SECTION 2 – DISTRICT AWARENESS PROJECT (CTF)

The Clubs in District 7 accept Children's Trust Fund as a District Awareness Project and Clubs can donate on a voluntary basis until such time as the majority of Clubs in District 7 wish to withdraw support.

SECTION 3 – FUNDS COLLECTED FROM DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECTS

All funds collected from District Service Projects go directly to the District Treasurer who in turn will keep the District Service Director informed of amounts collected and revenue earned from any investment of such funds and the disposition of such funds to the agencies involved. The District Service

Director and District Treasurer will be responsible for preparing a full report of the amount collected for the respective agencies by the Fall Leadership Conference following their year as District Officers.

SECTION 4 – EXPENDITURES FROM SERVICE INTEREST

Expenditures from interest earned on the District Service Trust Funds shall be limited to expenses incurred in promotion of the District Service Projects and all normal expenses incurred by the District Service Director and incoming District Service Director.

SECTION 5 – DISTRICT REPRESENTATION TO DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECTS

The District Service Director shall be the sole representative to both Cystic Fibrosis Canada and MS Society Atlantic.

SECTION 6 – CLUB FUNDRAISING

There shall be no sale of tickets among Kin at any District or Zone function on behalf of any club fundraising project. It will be in order for the Host Club to sell tickets on a prize to be drawn for at the function to assist in financing the function.

The written approval of the District Executive must be obtained prior to the solicitation of the sale of tickets from one club to another throughout the District, for any Club fund-raising project.

ARTICLE 7 - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 – ELECTION OF DEPUTY GOVERNORS

The Deputy Governors shall be elected at a Zone Meeting of Members (Zone Conferences).

Any member in good standing interested in running for the position of Deputy Governor, shall formally declare their nomination no later than the January 31 immediately preceding the Zone Conference(s).

If there are separate Kinsmen and Kinette Zone Conferences, a secret, written ballot will be taken at each Zone Conference, with the votes being sealed in an envelope signed by both the current Deputy Governor and District Representative, and then being held in trust by the Deputy Governor. The current Deputy Governor and the District Representative at the 2nd Zone Conference will tally all votes and the results will be announced at the end of the 2nd Zone Conference election.

If there is a single Zone Conference, voting would occur based on the existing voting protocols as set out by the Association.

Each candidate for Deputy Governor would be provided an equal opportunity at Zone Conference(s) to campaign, with time set aside in the Business Meeting(s), whether in person, digitally, or otherwise.

If no election occurs, the Vice-District Executive will appoint a Deputy Governor before May 1.

SECTION 2 – ELECTION OF VICE GOVERNOR

The Vice District Governor shall run with a team and be elected at the business meeting of District Convention.

SECTION 3 – APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

The District Officers elected and appointed by the District Governor at the beginning of their term of Office shall not exceed seven (7) in number.

These Officers shall be the following: the Governor, the Past Governor, the Vice Governor, and up to four (4) Directors.

SECTION 4 – GOVERNOR CHAIN OF OFFICE AND GOVERNOR BANNER

The Governor Chain of Office is to be presented by the Governor to the Governor-elect at District Convention during the swearing in ceremony.

The Home of the Governor Banner is presented at District Convention during the swearing in ceremony to the Governor-Elect's home club.

ARTICLE 8 - COMMUNICATIONS

SECTION 1 – OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

The official publication of District 7 – Kin Canada Atlantic shall be known as “The Atlantic Tides”, with the emblem including the mariner's wheel, the four Provincial Coats of Arms and the Kin Canada crest.

ARTICLE 9 – CLUB EVENTS

SECTION 1 – INVITATION TO INTERCLUB

A club hosting an interclub meeting or social function shall submit invitations at least three weeks in advance of the scheduled date of the event. Clubs accepting the invitation must do so in writing stating the number that will be attending. Clubs accepting such an invitation will be financially obligated for the full numbers stated in its acceptance letter.

SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS FOR CLAIMING A CLUB GONG

In the interest of promoting inter-club visits and fellowship, a club may claim the Gong of another club if the minimum required number of its members visit a meeting or function of that club.

For the purposes of claiming the Gong of another club, Kinsmen clubs of District 7 shall be divided into two categories -Small and Large. Small clubs (those with a membership of less than 25) may claim the Gong of another club with a minimum of three (3)-visiting members. Large clubs (those with a membership of 25 or over) may claim the Gong of another club with a minimum of five (5)-visiting members.

A Club may reclaim its Gong from another club by a return visit of at least three or five members depending on the membership size of the club.

To reclaim its own Gong and to claim the Gong of the club being visited, the claiming club must have double the minimum required in attendance at the meeting.

No club regalia, other than the Gong may be removed from a Club's premises by the members of another club.

At no time may a Club claim the Gong of a club other than the one being visited.

When a visiting Club claims the Gong they shall sign a receipt stating that they have taken the Gong and the date on which it was taken.

The Gong of a club may not be held for more than one year. If by that time the Gong has not been reclaimed, it must be returned to its owner Club at the earliest opportunity.