

**CONSTITUTION OF DISTRICT VIII
OF GYRO INTERNATIONAL**

As Redrafted and Approved at the District Interim Meeting

Lethbridge, Alberta

March 3, 1984

**And Amended as to Article IV Clause 1 (f)
at the Annual Meeting, Trail, British Columbia**

July 15, 1989

**And Amended as to Article II Clause 1 (d)
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British Columbia, March 16, 1991

**And Amended as to Article 1 Clause 2 and
Article IV Clause 1(c) (iii)**

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British Columbia, September 19th, 2009**

**And Amended as to Article II Clause 1(d) and
Article III Clause 1(a) and Clause 1(c) and
Article IV Clause 1(a), Clause 1(e), and Clause 1(f)**

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Alberta, August 25, 2012**

**And Amended as to Article II clauses 1(a),
2(b), 2(d), 2(e), 2(h) and
Article III 2(a) and
Article IV 1(c)(iii)**

**At the annual General Meeting, Wallace, Id
June 19, 2014**

And Amended as to Article IV clauses 1(c) (i) and, 1(c)(ii)

**At the annual General Meeting, Fairmont Hot Springs, BC
May 28, 2016**

And Amended as to Article IV clauses 1(e), 1(f), and, 1(g)

**At the virtual annual General Meeting
September 24, 2021**

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***Article I
Membership***

1. The Eighth District of Gyro International shall consist of all existing clubs lying within the geographical division allocated to said District by the International Executive Council, and such other clubs as may be hereafter admitted to membership and installed by Gyro International situated within the territorial limits of this District as from time to time defined by the Executive Council of Gyro International.
2. Any member of a Gyro Club who wishes to be made an International Associate shall petition his club executive and subject to the clubs' approval, the District shall forward his application for consideration as per Article 3, Sections 5 and 8 of the International Constitution.

***Article II
Officers and Executive Council***

Offices

1. (a) The officers of the District shall consist of the Governor, First Lt. Governor, Secretary-Treasurer and the Immediate Past Governor. Of these, the first two shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the District as hereinafter provided. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the District Governor.
- (b) There shall be an Executive Council of the District consisting of the delegate representing each club at each duly called meeting of the Executive Council and the District officers as detailed in II 1 (a) above.
- (c) The Executive Council shall form and amend its own bylaws, and shall meet at such times and places as are hereinafter provided.
- (d) The elected officers of the District shall assume duties immediately following their installation to office. The outgoing Secretary-Treasurer shall complete all District records and reports and then transfer the complete records and finances of the District to the new District officer within thirty days of the Annual Meeting. The finalized statement of the year's operation shall be presented to all clubs in the District at the next following meeting.

Duties

2. (a) It shall be the duty of the Governor to call and preside at all meetings, to enforce all laws, by-laws and resolutions of the Executive Council of the District and to instruct and advise the Secretary-Treasurer of his duties.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the First Lieutenant Governor, in the Governor's absence, to preside at all meetings and in every way act in his stead.

- (c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to assist the Governor and cooperate with him in the discharging of his duties, to keep a record of all business transacted at the Annual Meeting and meetings of the Executive Council of the District, in the books belonging to it, to handle all necessary correspondence, issue notice of meetings and to receive, handle and disburse such funds as it may be necessary as hereinafter set out.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the Executive Council to advise the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Secretary-Treasurer in the carrying out of the policies of the District. It shall meet (a) at the call of the Governor, or (b) at the request of the majority of the members of the Executive Council. At least seven days' notice shall be given to any such meeting.
- (e) The Governor and First Lieutenant Governor shall each attempt to visit each club within the District at least once during his two year term in office. In any case, each club shall receive an official visitation annually.
- (f) The District Governor may call a meeting of the Executive at his own discretion.
- (g) The revised copy of the District Constitution and by-laws shall be presented to each incoming President at the time of his installation.
- (h) The nominating committee shall consist of the immediate past Governor as Chairman, the Governor, and available past Governors who shall nominate candidates for office of Governor and First Lieutenant Governor. An official letter asking for candidates shall be presented to every club by December 31st of each year. When possible, each club will be provided with the names of such nominees, not less than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. When possible, the nominating committee shall receive names for District office sufficiently in advance of the Annual Meeting to permit the thirty days' notice to member clubs.

Such names shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the nominating committee. In the event that the nominee cannot accept nomination up to and including the time of the election, the nominating committee shall be empowered to accept any other name that may be placed in nomination. No name in nomination shall be permitted from the floor other than from the nominating committee. If possible, the names of any nominees known at the date of the Interim Meeting should be made known at that time.

Article III

Annual and Interim Meetings and Conventions

General

1. (a) There shall be an Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual District Convention.
- (b) The place of the Annual Meeting and Convention shall be determined two years in advance.
- (c) An Interim Meeting may be held in any year at a location to be designated by the Governor.
- (d) Any Gyro in good standing may attend and speak at the Annual Meeting and

Convention, or the Interim Meeting, but shall not have voting powers unless he be a properly accredited delegate from a club in this District and preferably, furnished with written authority signed by the President or Secretary of his club to act as such. Failing this, he may present himself to the District Secretary prior to the meeting and certify that he has the right to be a delegate.

- (e) A quorum shall consist of representatives in person, or by proxy, of the majority of all votes of the delegates entitled to be present at the Annual Meeting or the Interim Meeting, and the majority of the votes shall be decisive upon any question.
- (f) At the District Annual Meeting or the Interim Meeting, each Gyro Club shall be entitled to five basic votes at large and to one additional vote for every ten members, or major fraction thereof. Each Club's delegate present shall have the votes provided. Any attending delegate may vote by proxy for some absent delegate from any other club, subject to the provisions of Article III (3) (b). The basis of membership upon which the delegates shall be selected by the several clubs to be as of May 1st preceding the date on which the Annual Meeting shall convene, or November 1st preceding the date on which the Interim Meeting shall convene. Each club shall furnish the Secretary-Treasurer of the District with a certified statement of the number of votes its delegate to the Annual Meeting and Convention or Interim Meeting carries.
- (g) No club shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting and District Convention or the Interim Meeting if delinquent in District dues unless approved to do so by a majority vote.
- (h) The Annual Meeting or District Convention or the Interim Meeting shall have full power and authority to conduct any and all business of the District organization. It shall have power to overrule or nullify any act or decision of the Executive Council. It shall have authority to amend this Constitution without notice, provided that such amendment shall be submitted to all clubs within thirty days. If a majority on basis of voting strength of last Annual Meeting or Interim Meeting, vote against ratification within sixty days from the receipt of the notice, the amendment shall be null and void; otherwise such amendment shall be and remain in full force and effect as of the date of ratification. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to furnish the clubs with copies of such amendments promptly.
- (i) The District Convention registration fee shall be in an amount to be fixed by the "Host Club" with the agreement of the District officers.

Delegates

- 2. (a) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary-Treasurer may be accredited delegates to the Annual Meeting and Interim Meeting from their respective clubs.
- (b) Each club shall be required to be represented in person or by proxy at each Annual Meeting or District Convention and Interim Meeting.

Proxies

3. (a) All proxies shall be in writing and shall be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer of the District before their employment by the holder.
- (b) No club shall have proxies for more than one other club.
- (c) A delegate may certify to the District Secretary-Treasurer that he holds a proxy of another club. This must be done in sufficient time before the meeting to allow for telephone verification.

Objects

4. (a) The objects of the Executive Council Meetings shall be to co-ordinate and organize the activities of the Gyro Clubs within the District.

Order of Business

5. (a) The order of business at the Annual and Interim Meetings shall be in an accepted business meeting format but must include at least the following:
 1. Reading of Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
 2. Reports of Committees.
 3. Reports of District Executive.
 4. Presentation of Financial Statements and Budgets.
 5. Reports of Delegates.
 6. Nomination and Election of Officers. (Annual Meeting).

Article IV

Finances

1. (a) The District Assessment shall be determined by the Annual Meeting and shall be levied on all classes of membership. It shall be payable no later than the 1st day of November based upon the membership listed as of the 1st day of October in that year. A Gyro who has held membership for a period of fifty years or more, as of the 1st day of October in that year, shall be excluded from such list. No assessment shall be made in respect of any member in active services of any branch of the Armed Service whose local club membership dues have been suspended for such reason.
- (b) The expenses of the District Officers incurred in connection with their official duties shall be paid by the District upon such expenses being approved by the District Governor for payment out of the District funds.
- (c) Included in the expenses referred to in IV 1 (b) above, shall be the following:
 - (i) The full reasonable expenses of the Governor and his escort to attend the International Interim Meeting and the International Convention in his year of service.
 - (ii) The full reasonable expenses of the First Lieutenant Governor to attend the International Interim Meeting and the International Convention in his year of service.
 - (iii) The equivalent amount of funds from (i) and (ii) above may be reallocated at the discretion of the Governor.

- (d) For any official visitation the "Host Club" or "Clubs" are responsible for one night's accommodation and the cost of the function for the visiting District Officer and his escort.
- (e) The registration fees and hotel accommodation expenses, incurred by the International representative and his escort in connection with their duties at a District convention, shall be paid by the District.
- (f) The fiscal year end of the District shall normally be April 30.
- (g) The outgoing First Lieutenant Governor shall present for approval a budget for the following year at each Annual Meeting.