

CHAPTER XXIV GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

A. PREFACE

1. **Purpose.** The Global Action Team (GAT) helps districts in achieving their goals by creating a unified approach to all key areas of Lions. With the district's goals at the forefront, the GAT is uniquely positioned from constitutional area to club level, to help foster positive membership growth in clubs, increase Lion's visibility in the community through impactful service, and to build strong and innovative leaders in the districts. The GAT network of leaders directly supports districts in inspiring action at the club level. Additionally, the GAT will champion the vision of LCI and LCIF and reignite the passion for service in our Lions and Leos

B. STRUCTURE AND APPOINTMENTS

The Global Action Team structure consists of Lions leaders designed to serve specific constitutional or regional areas. Lions who are endorsed and certified for international office are prohibited from serving as Global Action Team Constitutional Area Leader or GAT Area Leader.

1. **Global Action Team Ambassadors.** The Past International Presidents, International Board of Directors, LCIF Board of Trustees, Past International Directors and Past District Governors will be Global Action Team ambassadors. As Ambassadors, they will promote the Global Action Team initiatives and motivate Lions to "take action" during official visits.
2. **International.** The Global Action Team Chairperson and Executive Officers will provide executive oversight and leadership and encourage collaboration at each level of the structure. The executive team will ensure international leadership, multiple district and district teams are successful in reaching their goals.
 - a. **Chairperson.** Each year the International President will preside over the Global Action Team as Chairperson.
 - b. **Executive Officers.** The incoming International President will align the Vice Presidents to each constitutional area for the following year. Each Vice President will oversee leadership at the constitutional area level.
3. **Constitutional Area and Area Appointments.** Prior to the start of a new term, Constitutional Area Leaders and Area Leaders will be appointed by the incoming International President in consultation with the current International President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President and area leadership for an annual year term, subject to review and/or removal by the International President in consultation with the executive officers. The Constitutional Area Leaders and Area Leaders may serve multiple terms.

4. **Multiple District.** Multiple District Coordinators shall be selected for an annual term selected by the multiple district, in accordance with the multiple district constitution and by-laws. Multiple District Coordinators may serve multiple terms.
 - a. The current Council Chairperson shall serve as the Multiple District Chairperson of the multiple district Global Action Team. In this role, the Council Chairperson will ensure that the multiple district's GLT, GMT, and GST Coordinators are collaborating and implementing plans to develop skilled leaders, strengthen membership, and expand the multiple district's humanitarian service. This is an automatic annual appointment while they are in office.
 - b. In the event a GLT, GMT and/or GST vacancy exists at the multiple district and said vacancy is attributed to the inability of the respective appointing body, as indicated in the above paragraphs, to come to agreement on the appointment, the Global Action Team Chairperson, in consultation with the appropriate Vice President, at the international level may make that appointment.
5. **District.** District Coordinators shall be selected for an annual term by the district, in accordance with the district constitution and by-laws. District Coordinators may serve multiple terms.
 - a. The current District Governor will serve as the District Chairperson of the district Global Action Team. In this role, the District Governor will ensure that the district's GLT, GMT, and GST coordinators are collaborating and implementing plans to develop skilled leaders, strengthen membership, and expand the district's humanitarian service. This is an automatic annual appointment while they are in office.
 - b. Region and Zone Chairpersons will serve on the District Global Action Team.
 - c. In the event a GLT, GMT and/or GST vacancy exists at the single district or sub-district level and said vacancy is attributed to the inability of the respective appointing body, as indicated in the above paragraphs, to come to agreement on the appointment, the Global Action Team Chairperson, in consultation with the appropriate Vice President, at the international level may make that appointment.
6. **Club.** The Club President, Club Vice President, Club Membership Chairperson and Club Service Chairperson are all members of the club Global Action Team. The Club President will serve as the Club Chairperson for the Global Action Team. The Club First Vice President will serve as the Club Leadership Chairperson.
7. **Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy in the Global Action Team, the vacancy may be filled by the respective appointing body in accordance with the appointment process identified in this policy.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES

The descriptions for each role of the Global Action Team may be found on the Global Action Team website on lionsclubs.org. Additional information about multiple district, district and club level Global Action Team roles and responsibilities may be found in the Standard Form Multiple District, District and Club Constitution and By-Laws.

D. REPORTING

The Global Action Team Chairperson will report as needed on the progress of the Global Action Team during board meetings. When a cross-functional committee meeting occurs during the board meeting, it shall consist of the following committees: Leadership Development, Membership Development, Service Activities, District & Clubs Service, Technology, and Marketing Communications. The executive officers and additional committees may be invited to participate as needed.

The Global Action Team leaders and coordinators will report on the successes, opportunities, challenges and needs for their respective constitutional area, area, multiple district, single district or sub-district as requested by the Global Action Team Chairperson.

E. TRAVEL AND EXPENSES

The General Reimbursement Policy will apply to travel and expenses related to the Global Action Team.

1. Area Forums.

Travel and expenses for the Constitutional Area Leaders and Area Leaders for attendance at the respective forums in each specific area will be covered by the Global Action Team budget allocated to each leader at the beginning of each fiscal year. The travel and expenses for companion travel to area forums will not be covered by the Global Action Team annual budget.

2. Global Action Team Meetings.

- a. The Global Action Team Chairperson and one adult companion may attend appropriate GAT meetings during the term in office.
- b. Travel and expenses for the Constitutional Area Leaders and Area Leaders for local GAT meetings will be covered by the Global Action Team budget allocated to each leader at the beginning of each fiscal year. The travel and expenses for companion travel to Global Action Team meetings will not be covered by the Global Action Team annual budget.