

Frequently Asked Questions

This quick reference guide answers some of the most commonly asked questions about extension.

Q. Who can become a member?

A. Any person, male or female, of legal age, good character and good reputation in the community may be invited to become a member.

Q. Are there any limitations on where a club can be organized?

A. A Lions club may be organized anywhere in the district with the knowledge of the district governor, even if there is a club already organized in the area. It is highly recommended that you get the cooperation of the existing club and, if possible, obtain sponsorship for the new club.

Q. Are there any minimum community population requirements?

A. There are no minimum community population requirements.

Q. How many members are required to organize a new club?

A. Each new club must have at least 20 members. However, a branch may be started with as few as two members.

Q. Who is a charter member?

A. Any member of a new club who becomes a member prior to the charter night banquet, or the charter closing date (which is predetermined by the new club) or the date 90 days following the charter approval date, whichever comes first.

Q. How soon after organization should a club's charter night be held?

A. The Charter Night celebration is optional. However, many clubs choose to hold a banquet to mark their charter night. Usually the charter night is held within 90 days following the charter approval date.

Q. To whom are charter fees payable?

A. Lions Clubs International.

Q. What are yearly international dues?

A. International dues will be changing, please contact Lions Clubs International for the most current rate. THE LION Magazine, published nine times annually, is one of the benefits of Lions membership dues.

In addition to international dues, each district and club sets its own dues to cover administrative costs. Club dues will vary from club to club.

Q. When should club dues be established?

A. Club dues should be established at the new club's organizational meeting.

Q. Who can organize a Lions club?

A. Any number of Lions can work together to organize a new club. Clubs, district cabinets or committees as well as zone and regions may sponsor a new club. However, only two Lions, who are not members of the new club, (unless they are transfer members), are eligible to receive an Extension Award for any individual club formed.

*** Q. When is the first Monthly Membership Report (MMR) due?**

A. The report is submitted by the new club secretary on the first day of the month following charter night or 90 days after charter approval, whichever comes first.

Q. What is the term of office for the new club's officers?

A. Their term is officially until the end of the Lions Clubs International fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. Charter officers may serve during the second fiscal year, if re-elected by the club's members.