

MERLO TEAM

PURPOSE:

To develop the necessary skills and expertise at the Sub District level. To successfully increase membership in Lions Clubs by maximizing Sub District Membership, Extension, Leadership, Retention and Orientation programs.

GENERAL:

1. The MERLO Team shall be responsible for lending the emphasis to accomplish MERLO objectives as outlined by Lions International and Multiple District 14.

2. The MERLO program is outlined by Lions International and Multiple District 14 and shall be the training program used by the MERLO Team. The MERLO Team may develop other membership, extension, retention, leadership and orientation programs to work with Lions International and Multiple District 14.

3. The chairperson of the MERLO Team shall be the First Vice District Governor of Sub District 14-N. If the First Vice District Governor is unable to chair the MERLO Team; the District Governor shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy, until such time as the First Vice District Governor position is filled.

a. It is the duty of the chairperson to see that all seminars and workshops are conducted as outlined in the policy.

b. The chairperson is responsible for preparing a complete budget for the MERLO Team with each member submitting a detailed budget for each Cabinet Meeting, Seminar/Workshop and miscellaneous expenses.

4. The MERLO Team shall consist of six (6) Committee Chairpersons appointed by the District Governor for each of the following programs and the appointment shall be for a period of three (3) years.

- a. Membership
- b. Extension
- c. Retention
- d. Leadership
- e. Orientation
- f. Women's Development

5. The District Governor shall appoint the Region Chairpersons in each Region of Sub District 14-N. The Region Chairpersons shall act as a liaison between the Clubs in their respective Regions and the Sub District MERLO Team.

6. The Region Chairperson shall use each Zone Chairperson in their respective Regions to implement and carry out any programs that are called for by the MERLO Team.

THE MERLO TEAM SHALL

- a. Develop comprehensive programs as outlined by Lions International that can be presented to the Region Chairpersons and all other Lions in the Sub District.
- b. Train the five (5) Region Chairpersons of each Region in Sub District 14-N.
- c. Be prepared to present the MERLO program in the regions of Sub District 14-N when requested by the First Vice District Governor and approved by the District Governor.
- d. Provide MERLO training seminars at the Sub District Cabinet meeting and Sub District Convention.
- e. Maintain communications with the five (5) Region Chairpersons of the Regions concerning seminars held in their Regions.
- f. The chairperson shall report to the Sub District Cabinet at the August, November and February Cabinet meetings and to the delegates at the Sub District Convention

THE REGION CHAIRPERSONS SHALL

- a. Be willing to serve a minimum of one (1) year.
- b. Communicate with the First Vice District Governor.
- c. Plan training seminars in the regions when asked to do so by the MERLO Team chairperson.
- d. Be available to present a program in the regions if no MERLO chairperson is available.
- e. If requested, present a budget annually to the MERLO Team chairperson.