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{Editor's Note: This issue of Vision Access is devoted to drafts of the CCLVI Constitution and Bylaws. We hope to have a more balanced issue in the fall.}

President's Message

by Leslie Spoone

Dear CCLVI Colleagues:

Happy Spring!! It is hard to believe that we are only two short months away from our next CCLVI Convention in St Louis. The Union Station Hotel is a historic location where trains welcomed explorers to the new western frontier. This year's convention will feature a luncheon event, a dance social and many informative sessions on low vision issues. CCLVI was well represented at the ACB Mid Year meetings with six officers and Board members in attendance. Bill HR 2050 for coverage of low vision durable equipment by Medicare and Medicaid demonstration project was highlighted at the Legislative Seminar. Several of our members took their low vision devices on their visits on Capitol Hill and shared them with legislative aids. It really had a positive impact. The March Let's Talk Low Vision program with Dr Bill was an outstanding show on eye conditions that cause low vision and blindness. The May 15 program will feature CCLVI

Leaders discussing the 2018 convention. The June 19 show will discuss clinical trials for low vision: do the risks outweigh the benefits?

The Public Relations committee is working on a new promotional flyer.

We are excited to have Enhanced Vision/VFO sponsor this issue of Vision Access.

I want to express my appreciation for being the CCLVI President for the last two years, but I will not be running for another term for President since my vision has gotten worse and I am no longer low vision, and I feel that the next President should be low vision. My Heart will always be with CCLVI. I have learned a lot from everyone on the Board, and I would like to say a big thank you to the Board and the officers.

Please know that I will be around to see CCLVI grow and

become a bigger and stronger
ACB affiliate.

Best Regards,

Leslie Spoone
CCLVI President

Your Gateway to Convention!

by Sara Conrad, Convention Committee Co-chair

It is my pleasure to announce the 2018 CCLVI Convention Program! CCLVI's programming in Saint Louis Missouri will take place Sunday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 4 at the Union Station Hotel. Room rates are \$89 for single or double occupancy with a \$10 charge per additional person, up to four guests. Room tax of 18.435 percent will be added, and a one night's stay will be charged to your credit card upon making reservations. You can make your reservation by calling (314) 241-1234.

Be sure to mention the American Council of the Blind in order to receive the discounted convention room rate.

Saint Louis is accessible by flights into Lambert Airport (STL). A shuttle is available to take you from the airport to the hotel at \$38.25 roundtrip. To access this shuttle, call Go Best Express at (314) 222-5300. Be sure to mention "ACB2018" for the discount. Saint Louis is also accessible by Amtrak, Greyhound, and megabus with

a station just five blocks from the hotel.

I want to take a moment to thank our wonderful CCLVI Convention Committee for a wonderful year of hard work. I especially want to thank my co-chair, Jim Jirak from Omaha, NE, for putting up with me. Thank you to Zelda Gebhard of Edgely, ND, Angelo Lanier of North Little Rock, AR, Leslie Spoone (President) of Orlando, FL, and Richard Rueda of Sacramento, CA for serving on the Convention Committee. This community works very well together and has been a true joy to serve with for everyone in CCLVI.

We are excited to once again offer a CCLVI Suite in Saint Louis. This suite will have hosts from the Board to welcome guests throughout convention beginning on Saturday afternoon and throughout

the week. We are once again offering a package price for our events. We will once again

have the Low Vision Vender Showcase on Sunday followed by our mixer and a dance. By popular demand, we will be hosting a luncheon on Monday, and I have kindly been asked to present at this event about low vision and law school. We will also partner with AAVL for an independence session on Monday with special guest, Danny Wayne. Our business

meeting will take place on Tuesday, and on Wednesday we will have a second part to last year's travel session, along with our open house. The Board decided to have its pre-convention Board meeting over the phone in June to allow everyone to enjoy convention to its fullest. Here is the schedule for what promises to be a wonderful convention!

CCLVI 2018 Convention Program

CCLVI: Gateway to Low Vision!

**Leslie Spoone, President
Orlando FL**

**Registration: \$20 \$25
CCLVI Package Price: \$99 \$123**

**Sunday, July 1 – Programming
Session no charge**

**1:15 PM to 2:30 PM: Low Vision
Vender Showcase
Come see what is new as
exhibitors demonstrate the
latest in low vision
technological advances.**

**4:00PM to 6:00 PM CCLVI:
Mixer \$15 \$20 (if not
purchased via CCLVI package)
While reacquainting with old
friends and making new, come
meet the 2018 Fred Scheigert
scholarship winners.**

**8:00PM to 11:00 PM: Sunday
Night Boogie--Lets Dance \$15
\$20 (if not purchased via
package)**

**After a very busy day of
networking, unwind and shake
your groove thing as we get
down with music from
yesterday and today. Quench
your thirst with a cash bar.**

**Monday, July 2: CCLVI
Luncheon \$35 \$38 (if not
purchased via package)
12:15PM to 2:30 PM:**

**Challenges and Triumphs: A
Young Blind Attorney, and an
aspiring up and coming lawyer
discusses overcoming many
obstacles, triumphs and
challenges. Learn how she
dealt with low vision
throughout life and school.**

**2:45PM to 4:00 PM:
AAVL/CCLVI Joint Program,
Lighting Your Way to**

Independence \$7 \$10 (if not purchased via package)
Learn strategies for utilizing natural and manmade lighting. Also learn about the LuxIQ, an assessment tool to assist with evaluation to measure lighting needs.

Tuesday, July 3: Business Meeting, no charge
1:15PM to 5:00 PM: CCLVI Annual Membership Meeting including elections and adoption of proposed constitutional amendments, bylaws and resolutions.

Wednesday, July 4: Programming Session:
\$7 \$10 (if not purchased via package)
1:15PM to 2:30 PM: Traveling Through the Ages

Insights in traveling the world with vision loss. Learn detailed ways from trip planning, setting up guided tours and navigating vast global transit systems. For all ages, low vision travel will be thoroughly explored.

4:00PM to 6:00 PM: CCLVI Open House no charge
We invite you to a reception with light refreshments to meet our low vision community and share experiences from the convention. We look forward to saying hello and getting to know you better in a relaxed social setting.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our events. We all look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

Fundraising News

by Kathy Farina

Hello Everyone. The Fundraising Committee has been busy organizing some exciting events for 2018. First, a Pebble Mini hand-held magnifier, donated to us by Enhanced Vision, will be given to a lucky winner at the CCLVI business meeting at the ACB national conference and convention in St. Louis, MO In July 2018. Tickets are one for \$10 and 3 for \$25 and will be

sold online and at the convention. To learn more, go to fundraiser.cclvi.org. CCLVI will participate in the marketplace at the ACB conference and convention before the general sessions on Sunday and Monday mornings. You might win some beautiful jewelry, gift cards and other items. Stop by our table and say hello!

We will be participating again this year in the ACB walk. We'll lace up our shoes and walk bright and early Saturday morning in St. Louis. One half of the proceeds we raise from pledges will come back to CCLVI. We welcome walkers as well as non-walkers to cheer us on. You can be a virtual walker, walking at home and getting pledges from family and friends too. For more information or to make a pledge, go to

acb.donorpages.com/2018ACBwalk.

There will be fifty/fifty raffles at CCLVI events at the conference and convention as well. I hope to see many of you at the convention. It's always fun to see old friends and make new friends there.

**Kathy Farina,
First Vice President CCLVI and
Chair, Fundraising Committee**

Jordy the Latest in Wearable Low-Vision Technology

Introducing Jordy, a battery-operated, wearable electronic magnifier worn like a pair of glasses to help view images near, far and in between. Jordy helps legally blind individuals who have macular degeneration or other low-vision conditions regain their visual independence and reclaim their lives.

Jordy can be used to enjoy sporting events, movies, multiple hobbies, and seeing loved ones. You can also manage daily activities such as reading mail, paying bills, filling out forms and a variety of other tasks to help you remain independent.

This particular product can be converted to one of a traditional desktop CCTV with the help of an optional docking stand featuring a beautiful vibrant 24" monitor and offering a generous 5.5x to 66x magnification, making it a truly unique product! Enjoy reading your favorite books, magazines, newspapers, and view family photos in full color.

Jordy weighs in at a mere 8 ounces, making it lightweight and fully portable with a built-in rechargeable battery.

Packed with features such as HD autofocus camera for distance, intermediate and near viewing; Jordy offers the wearer ultimate control over their

visual experience. Other features include 10x optical zoom and 4x digital zoom, dual viewfinders with a wide field of view, 5-level brightness control, and a protective carrying case.

Enhanced Vision has the most comprehensive line of easy-to-use and affordable low vision products from simple digital magnifiers to advanced video magnification systems with HD and text-to-speech (OCR). You can choose from a variety of screen sizes and magnification levels that are just right for you. And you can select from products that provide you with portability, distance viewing or just reading at home.

For more information or a no-obligation demonstration contact Enhanced Vision, a VFO Company: (888) 811-3161



Man using battery operated wearable electronic magnifier, worn like a pair of glasses, to read the newspaper.



Jordy Stand magnifying a picture of 2 chairs and an umbrella on the beach.

Constitutionally Speaking

by Jim Jirak

Over the past year, the CCLVI Constitution and Bylaws Committee were tasked with reviewing our governing documents. One of the projects undertaken was to ensure they were in line with current organizational practices and propose changes as deemed necessary.

As a result of our efforts, under the direction of ACB Board Member John McCann, both documents were completely modified and will be voted upon at the annual membership meeting in July in St. Louis, MO.

April 24

- Article 1 Name.**
- Article 2 Purpose.**
- Article 3 Membership, Dues, Fiscal Year, Non-discrimination.**

May 1

- Article 4 Affiliation, Affiliate Voting**
- Article 5 Officers, Directors, Board of Directors, Duties**

May 8

- Article 6 Powers of the Board of Directors, Meetings, Quorum, and Filling of Vacancies.**
- Article 7 Membership meetings.**

As both documents were completely overhauled, and to provide ample time for perusal and understanding of the changes, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is making them available in this publication. Additionally, a series of focus calls will take place to answer any questions. The call in number is 712-432-3447. When prompted, enter the participant access code 722686. All calls are at 8:30pm eastern time and will only be limited to the articles and bylaws as specified on the date shown. The dates and topics are:

May 22

- Article 8 Annual Meeting, Voting, and Procedure.**
- Article 9 Committees**

May 29

- Article 10 Fiscal Matters.**
- Article 11 Amendments.**
- Article 12 Miscellaneous.**

June 5

- Bylaw 1 Classes of Membership.**
- Bylaw 2 Dues**

June 12

- Bylaw 3 Standing Committees Duties and Responsibilities.**
- Bylaw 4 Amendments**

A URL on our website has also been set up where you can review these documents and make comments.

This URL is cclvi.org/review. And now, the documents...

**Proposed CONSTITUTION
COUNCIL OF CITIZENS WITH
LOW VISION INTERNATIONAL
[03/29/18 draft]**

**Council of Citizens with Low
Vision International**

**ARTICLE 1.0: NAME;
Governance; Affiliation**

1.1: Name

The name of this organization shall be Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, hereinafter referred to as CCLVI or the organization.

1.2: Governance

This organization shall be a member-governed corporation as defined in §29-401.50(a) of the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act of 2012, hereinafter the DC nonprofit code.

1.3: Affiliation

This organization shall be a chartered special interest affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, and shall hence be subject to all requirements and obligations applicable to affiliates of that organization.

ARTICLE 2.0: PURPOSE:

The Council of Citizens with Low Vision International is organized for charitable and educational purposes. CCLVI will support and conduct educational and informational activities to increase public awareness of visual impairment and to assist individuals in adjusting to vision loss.

**ARTICLE 3.0: Membership;
DUES; FISCAL YEAR, Non-
discrimination**

3.1: Classes of Membership.

This organization shall have classes of voting members as specified below and is also authorized to establish categories of non-voting members. The requirements for voting members shall be as stated in ¶ 3.3 of this constitution. The board may establish requirements and qualifications for non-voting members or classes of non-voting members subject to the approval of the membership at an annual meeting. The classes of voting membership are as follows:

3.1.1: Annual membership

A. at large

B. Affiliate

3.1.2: Life membership

3.1.3: Professional membership

3.2: Availability

Upon compliance with the requirements of ¶ 3.3 of this constitution, voting membership shall be available to all persons sixteen years of age or over who support the purposes of this organization, provided however that at all times, at least sixty percent, (60%), of the voting membership shall meet the definition of "low vision" as set forth in paragraph 3.6 of this constitution.

3.3: Requirements for Voting Membership

Voting membership shall be conferred in this organization upon the payment of dues, which shall be submitted to the CCLVI treasurer; in such amounts as shall be set forth in the bylaws, but in no case shall annual dues be less than five dollars (\$5.00) above that required for membership in the American Council of the Blind. The board shall also require that prospective members submit such other information as is, or may be, necessary to comply with legally mandated corporate governance and/or record keeping requirements imposed by the DC nonprofit code, or which may be

requested by the American Council of the Blind.

3.4: Procedures

Annual dues collected between January 1 and the record date established by the American Council of the Blind for its annual conference and convention in any given calendar year will confer membership in this organization for that year. Annual dues collected one day past the above-referenced record date through December 31 confers membership in this organization for the following calendar year. For all dues tendered between one day past the above-referenced record date through March 15, CCLVI shall remit the amount of dues required for membership in the American Council of the Blind in accordance with its procedures, thereby entitling the member to vote on any matters coming before the annual convention of that organization.

3.5: Membership Rights

Any member whose dues are paid by the above-established record date shall have the right to participate in all meetings of the membership, serve on committees, and, if eighteen years of age or older, hold office.

3.6: Definition of Low Vision

CCLVI considers a person to be low vision if the best corrected

vision in the better eye is not greater than 20/70 but is better than light perception or light projection or whose visual fields have a maximum diameter of no better than 30 degrees.

3.7: Fiscal year

This organization shall operate on a calendar fiscal year.

3.8: Non-discrimination

No person shall be barred from membership in this organization on account of race, gender, disability, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, or age, (except where such is legitimately predicated on, or legally required by, failure to be of legal age); nor shall this organization practice discrimination against any member on the bases of any of the aforementioned classifications or criteria.

ARTICLE 4.0: Affiliation, Affiliate Voting:

4.1: Affiliation

Any state-level aggregation or organization of CCLVI members may apply to become an affiliate of this organization. Such applications shall be approved by a majority of the CCLVI board members then in office, subject to the following requirements:

4.1.1: Any organization seeking affiliation with CCLVI shall have no fewer than ten (10) members, sixty percent (60%) of whom shall meet the low vision definition set forth in paragraph 3.6 of this constitution. Failure to maintain this minimum number of members will cause the affiliate to be considered inactive, thereby suspending the affiliates voting privileges, but without impairing or otherwise affecting the rights of its individual members.

4.1.2: Any organization seeking affiliation with CCLVI shall submit its governing instruments, (constitution and/or bylaws), to the CCLVI board for review and approval. Such governing instruments shall not be in conflict with any provisions of the CCLVI constitution and/or bylaws.

4.1.3: All affiliates shall be responsible for submitting per capita dues for such persons as are then contained on Its membership rosters to the CCLVI treasurer by March 1 of each year. The roster shall also be submitted to the CCLVI secretary by that date. Failure to submit the required dues / roster by March 1 shall cause the affiliate to be considered inactive; however, any affiliate follow-up dues payment / membership roster submitted on or before the record date of

the CCLVI annual meeting as set forth in paragraph 3.4 above will confer all membership rights on those who names appear on such roster.

4.1.4: Each CCLVI affiliate shall submit a follow-up membership roster, together with a listing of the affiliate's board members, (officers and directors), to both the president and the credentials committee prior to the record date established for the CCLVI annual meeting. Each CCLVI affiliate shall submit a copy of its constitution and/or bylaws, if amended in any given year, to the CCLVI president and secretary.

4.2: Affiliate Delegates
Each CCLVI affiliate shall provide to the Secretary the name of their delegate and alternate delegate no less than ten (10) days prior to the beginning of the CCLVI annual meeting. Any affiliate not providing this information shall not be recognized and no vote taken from that affiliate.

4.3: Delegate Voting
At the CCLVI annual meeting, each affiliate delegate shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, providing that each affiliate may not cast more than ten (10) votes.

4.4: Affiliate Dissolution
In the event that an affiliate elects to dissolve, the president or other presiding officer of such affiliate shall, as soon as possible, give written notice to both the CCLVI President and Treasurer of the affiliate's intent to dissolve.

ARTICLE 5.0: Officers, Directors, Board of Directors, Duties

5.1: Officers and Directors
This organization shall have the following officers: a president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, and immediate past president. This organization shall also have six directors. The officers and directors collectively shall constitute this organization's board of directors.

5.2: Duties of Officers and Directors
The duties of the officers and directors of this organization shall be as follows:

5.2.1: President
The President shall do his or her utmost in promoting the best interest of the organization. Shall preside at all general meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors, and perform all such other duties as are necessarily incumbent to said office. The President shall

appoint the chairs of all standing and special committees except where otherwise provided in this constitution or the bylaws. Additional duties may be outlined in the Bylaws.

5.2.2: First Vice President

In the absence or incapacity of the President, the first-vice President shall perform all the duties of the President. Other duties may be outlined in the Bylaws.

5.2.3: Second Vice President

In the absence or incapacity of the First-vice President, the Second-vice President shall perform all the duties of the first vice president. In the absence or incapacity of both the First-vice President and the president, the Second-vice president shall assume the duties of the president. Additional duties may be outlined in the Bylaws.

5.2.4: Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the organization and shall maintain all such documents in a permanent form. All meeting minutes of the Board of Directors shall be supplied to the members of the Board of Directors prior to the next meeting together with a meeting announcement, containing the time and date of the meeting and a meeting

agenda as supplied by the President. The Secretary shall maintain a copy of all membership lists and other official records of the organization in a permanent form and shall work with the Treasurer and Membership chair to assure all lists are up to date. The Secretary shall serve as a member of the Credentials Committee.

5.2.5: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all assets and money of the organization and shall pay the expenses of the organization when properly authorized and documented. Said expenses shall be paid prior to the due date as specified on billing invoices. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each Board of Director's meeting and at the annual membership meeting. The Treasurer shall also collect dues, and maintain a list of current members. The Treasurer shall be responsible for overseeing the preparation and submission of all Internal Revenue Service documents to maintain CCLVI's not-for-profit status. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee and shall also serve as a member of the Credentials Committee with the Membership Chairman and Secretary.

5.2.6: Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall assist each officer as necessary in the fulfillment of their duties as may be needed. He or she shall help in the promotion of CCLVI. Should a vacancy in the position of immediate past president occur the most recent past president shall assume the position. Additional duties may be outlined in the Bylaws.

5.2.7: Directors

The directors of this organization shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to them by the board of directors or the membership.

5.3: Officer / Director Eligibility

Any member in good standing who is eighteen years of age or older is eligible to hold an officer position in this organization, except that officers, with the exception of the secretary and treasurer, shall meet the definition of low vision as set forth in paragraph 3.6 of this constitution. Any member in good standing who is eighteen years of age or older is likewise eligible to hold a directorship position in this organization. However, at all times, a majority of directors must meet the low vision requirement set forth in

paragraph 3.6 of this constitution.

5.4: Terms and term limits

Officers shall be elected at the annual membership meeting in even numbered years. Officers, except for the Secretary and Treasurer, are limited to three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms. Six directors shall also be elected at the annual membership meeting in odd numbered years. Directors are likewise limited to three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms.

5.5: Calculating partial terms:

Any period of time served in office which is less than or equal to half a term, whether occurring by election or appointment to complete an unexpired term, shall not be counted when determining the applicability of the above-stated eligibility restrictions. All incumbents shall continue serving in the offices to which they have been elected or appointed until their successors are elected and take office.

5.6: Assumption of Duties

Except in cases where persons are appointed to complete unexpired terms, all persons shall assume their duties immediately upon the conclusion of the meeting at which they were elected.

5.7: Officer's Order of Succession:

In the event the President or either Vice Presidents are absent, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to perform their duties, the order of succession shall be as follows:

- A. First Vice President**
- B. Second Vice President**
- C. Secretary**
- D. Immediate Past President**

ARTICLE 6.0: Powers of the Board of Directors; Meetings; Quorum; Filling of Vacancies

6.1: Authority and Powers

The board of this organization shall have such authority and exercise such powers as are mandated or permitted by the DC nonprofit code except as such may be further limited by the articles of incorporation, the constitution, the bylaws, or, to the extent legally permissible, the membership. The board shall function as the governing body of this organization between annual membership meetings and shall not adopt any position nor take any actions in conflict with any prior positions, policies, or decisions adopted by the membership.

6.2: Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members, however, only board members shall participate in

any business presented to the board, though non-members may be permitted or invited to provide information where necessary or desirable.

Committee chairs shall, if any action has been taken, present a report of the committee at each board meeting. The Board of Directors may set the dates of their meetings, but shall meet no less than quarterly. Special meetings of the board may also be called at the discretion of the president or at the request of any five (5) board members.

6.3: Notice of Meetings

Notice of regular board meetings is satisfied if a listing of the dates and times of such meetings is published to the membership at least ten (10) days before the first such meeting. Notice of any special board meeting shall be given no less than five days prior to the date on which such meeting is scheduled to occur except in emergency circumstances as defined in § 29-403.03(d) of the DC nonprofit code, in which case the above-stated notice requirement shall be superseded by § 29-403.03(b)(1) of the code. The notice of any special board meeting shall specify the purpose(s) for which such meeting have been called and only such business as is legitimately connected with such purpose(s) may be

considered at such meeting. Notice of intent to remove a director shall always be required in the case of any regular or special meeting at which such action is contemplated.

6.4: Manner of Participation

The board may permit any or all directors to participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means shall be considered to be present in person at the meeting.

6.5: Quorum.

A majority of the members of the board of directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special board meeting.

6.6: Filling of Vacancies

A vacancy occurs when the incumbent in any officer or director position dies, becomes incapacitated, resigns, or is removed in accordance with ¶ 6.7 of these bylaws or § 29-406/08 of the DC nonprofit code. In the case of a vacancy in the president's position, regardless of the amount of time remaining in the term of office, the duties and

responsibilities of the president shall be immediately assumed by the first vice president who shall continue serving as president for the remainder of the term. Similarly, In the case of a vacancy in the first vice president's position, regardless of the amount of time remaining in the term of office, the duties and responsibilities of the first vice president shall be immediately assumed by the second vice president who shall continue serving as first vice president for the remainder of the term. In the case of a vacancy occurring in any other position, (including that of the second vice presidency under the circumstance just described), the president may appoint,, subject to a two-thirds affirmative vote of all board members then in office, any voting member to fill the position until the next scheduled election occurs, at which time a candidate shall be elected to complete the term. Eligibility for election to future terms shall be governed by ¶ 4.4.3 of this constitution.

6.7: Removal or Resignation of Officers or Directors

6.7.1: The membership of this organization may remove any officer or Director, with or without cause, at any annual or special membership meeting by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members

present at such meeting, provided a quorum is present. The notice of any meeting at which the removal of an officer or Director is to be considered must state that one of the purposes of the meeting is to vote on the removal of the officer or Director.

6.7.2: The Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all board Members then in office, may remove an officer or Director who:

- (a) Has been declared of unsound mind;
- (b) Has been convicted of a felony;
- (c) Has been found by a final court order to have breached a duty as an officer or director;
- (d) Has ceased to be a member in good standing of CCLVI, or
- (e) Has missed three (3) or more meetings in any twelve month period without being excused.

6.7.3: An officer or Director may resign at any time upon written notice to both the president and Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date the notice was delivered to the Secretary or other Officer, unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

6.7.4: An officer or director appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next annual membership meeting, at which time an election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE 7.0: Membership Meetings

7.1: Annual Meeting

This organization shall conduct an annual membership meeting in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Council of the Blind. Such meeting shall be for the purpose of reviewing the status of the organization, receiving annual reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may be required by law or proposed by the membership.

7.2: Special Meetings

Special membership meetings may be called by the president, the board of directors, or upon the request of ten percent (10%) of the voting members of this organization as determined from the day before the first request for such meeting was made.

7.3: Participation:

Participation in the annual meeting shall be restricted to members of record as determined in accordance with paragraph 3.4 above and shall

not be further qualified by any additional requirements. Participation in any special meeting shall be restricted to members of record on the day before the first request for such meeting was made.

7.4: notice of meetings

Notice of the annual meeting shall be published or mailed to the membership no later than May 15th. In the case of a special meeting, notice shall include a description of the purpose for which the meeting is called and shall, in all other respects, comply with the requirements of § 29-405.05 of the DC nonprofit code.

7.5: Meetings by Teleconference

Any special meeting of this organization may be held by means of the Internet, teleconference, or other electronic communications technology in a fashion pursuant to which the members have the opportunity to read or hear the proceedings substantially concurrently with their occurrence, vote on matters submitted to the members, pose questions, and make comments.

7.6: Quorum

For any annual meeting of this organization, ten percent, (10%), of the voting membership as determined as of close of business on May 15

shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at that meeting. For any special membership meeting, ten percent (10%) of the voting membership as determined on the date previous to that established as the record date for such meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such meeting.

ARTICLE 8.0 Annual Meeting, Voting, and Procedure

8.0 Annual Meeting: Voting and procedures

8.1 Voting; Individual Members:

Each member attending an annual CCLVI membership meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter properly coming before the membership for disposition.

8.2: Voting; Affiliates:

Each affiliate delegate participating in a CCLVI annual meeting shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof, providing that each affiliate may not cast more than ten (10) votes.

8.3: Affiliate Delegate / Alternate Delegate:

Each affiliate shall provide to the Secretary the name of their delegate and alternate delegate

no less than ten (10) days prior to the beginning of the CCLVI annual meeting. Any affiliate not providing this information shall not be recognized and no vote shall be taken from that affiliate.

8.4: Elections:

All votes held to elect officers and directors shall be conducted by secret ballot, Individual votes shall be taken first followed by those of the affiliate delegates. The Nominating Committee shall present its list of candidates as provided elsewhere in this Constitution. All elections are open for nomination of candidates from the floor. Candidates must either be present at the time of the election, or must indicate in writing in advance their willingness to serve. Upon nomination, the candidate must state his/her name and interests.

8.5: Role of the Credentials Committee:

The credentials committee shall assure that all voting is conducted according to all requirements laid out by this organization. The committee shall announce the total number of each affiliate and who their official delegate is at the start of the business meeting. The Membership Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary

shall constitute the Credentials Committee.

ARTICLE 9.00: Committees

9.1: General

This organization shall have such standing committees as are set forth in the bylaws and may establish such special committees as may be deemed necessary or desirable to facilitate the work of this organization. Appointment to any committee shall be restricted to voting members of this organization. Standing committees shall have only those powers and responsibilities as are specified in the bylaws. Special committees shall have only such powers and/or responsibilities as may be specified in the motions or resolutions pursuant to which they were established. Except as may otherwise be provided for in this constitution, the bylaws, or in any motion or resolution establishing a specific committee, the president shall have the power to appoint the chairs of all committees except the nominating committee, and shall likewise be an ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee. Such ex officio status shall include the right to vote, but the president, when serving in an ex officio capacity, shall not be included

when determining the existence of a quorum. Except as may otherwise be provided for in this constitution, the bylaws, or in any motion or resolution establishing a specific committee, committee chairs shall, in consultation with the president, appoint members to their respective committee. In all cases, a committee may seek the advice of persons recognized as having particular expertise on any matter properly before it for consideration, but such persons shall not participate beyond providing the advice or guidance solicited.

ARTICLE 10.0: Financial Matters

10.1: Reimbursement

All persons incurring expenses in connection with any activity or function undertaken on behalf of this organization shall be entitled to be reimbursed for any actual costs incurred where such activity or function has been expressly authorized by prior action of the board. Reasonable reimbursement may be permitted in all other circumstances at the discretion of the board.

10.2: Imposition of Fees

The board shall have the authority to establish registration or other fees for any programs, functions, or events conducted by this

organization except the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 11.0: Amendments

11.1: Amendments

Any proposed amendments to this constitution shall be promulgated to the membership in a format accessible to all members at least [?] days prior to the established date of the meeting at which such amendments are to be considered. Any amendments to this constitution shall be adopted upon a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members present and voting at the meeting at which their consideration occurs.

11.2: Effective Date

Any amendments to this constitution shall become effective immediately after the conclusion of the meeting at which they are adopted unless another time is specified in the motion to adopt or where the language of the amendment itself specifies another effective date or, by its terms, specifies that it becomes effective upon the occurrence of a future event or circumstance.

ARTICLE 12.0: Miscellaneous

12.1: Parliamentary Authority

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall serve as the parliamentary authority for this organization in all cases to which it may be applicable and is not otherwise in conflict with the articles of incorporation, the constitution, the bylaws, or the requirements of any statutes to which this organization is properly subject.

12.2: Emergency Powers

In the circumstance where a quorum of the board of directors cannot readily be assembled because of some catastrophic event, this organization is expressly authorize to exercise emergency powers as permitted by § 29.403.03 of the DC nonprofit code.

12.3: Maintenance of Tax Exempt Status

This organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on: (1), by any corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2017, or (2), by any corporation to which contributions are deductible under Sections 170(c) (2), 2055(a) (2), and 2522(a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2017. Upon the termination, dissolution or final liquidation of this Corporation in any manner or for any reason, its

assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed to, and only to, one or more organizations to carry out the objectives and purposes stated in the Articles of Incorporation of this organization, provided that such organizations are organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. In the event that no such organizations exists, the assets shall be distributed to such other organization or organizations as shall, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any member, director or officer, or any private individual.

12.4: Interpretative Guidance

In this constitution, references to specific provisions of any statute shall be construed to include the corresponding provisions of any future statutes addressing, or having a bearing on, the subject matter of the original citations. Any provisions of this constitution shall be null and void if they are ever determined to be, or subsequently become, inconsistent with any

applicable provision of law to which this organization is properly subject. In the case of any such occurrence, these bylaws shall be amended at the earliest opportunity to resolve such conflict.

PROVISO

The adoption of these Bylaws supersedes and replaces all other Constitutions and/or Bylaws previously adopted by this Organization. The Secretary, or person or persons responsible for preparing this document for presentation, publication, or distribution are hereby authorized to make such technical, editorial, and/or conforming changes as may be necessary without in any way changing the intent of the original wording contained herein.

Effective Date: This constitution shall be effective as of the date it is adopted by the membership.

(Adopted:?, 2018.)



**Bylaws
COUNCIL OF CITIZENS WITH
LOW VISION INTERNATIONAL
[03/29/18 draft]**

Bylaw 1.0: Classes of Membership.

1.1: Members at large:

Members at large shall be individual members who are not members through an affiliated organization.

1.2: Affiliate members:
Affiliate members shall be those who are members of organizations chartered as affiliates of CCLVI.

1.3: Life members:
Life members are those who have tendered dues for a life membership in CCLVI in accordance with paragraph 2.2 of these bylaws. Life members shall enjoy all privileges of membership status afforded chapter members and at large members.

1.4: Professional members:
Professional members are low vision clinics, doctors, agencies, service organizations, service providers, and other entities who serve persons with low vision.

Bylaw 2.0: Dues 2.0: Dues.

2.1: Dues for at-large and affiliate members shall be ten Dollars (\$10.00), payable on an annual basis.

2.2: Life membership:
Life membership is available for a fee of Three hundred dollars (\$300.00), which may be paid in three (3) annual

installments, plus affiliate dues if applicable.

2.3: Professional membership: A professional membership is available to those meeting the qualifications of bylaw 1.4 above upon the payment of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) payable on an annual basis.

Bylaw 3.0: Standing Committee's Duties and Responsibilities.

3.1: Advocacy and Legislative. The Advocacy and legislative committee shall:

3.1.1: Develop the annual legislative agenda and advocacy plan.

3.1.2: Review current legislative matters affecting the rights and/or interest of CCLVI's members and engage in advocacy outreach on those matters.

3.1.3: Provide information on legislation to the Board of Directors, the CCLVI membership and chapter legislative liaisons.

3.2: Constitution and Bylaws. The constitution and bylaws committee shall review, evaluate and propose amendments to the CCLVI constitution and/or bylaws as deemed necessary for the effective governance of this

organization. Any proposed amendments shall be promulgated to the membership in an accessible format in accordance with Article 11 of the Constitution.

3.3: Resolution. The Resolution Committee shall prepare, or assist in the preparation of, resolutions to be brought before the annual meeting for consideration. It shall review all proposed resolutions to assure conformity with CCLVI's purposes and priorities. The committee shall also, to the extent practicable, encourage and assist CCLVI affiliates in any necessary, appropriate, or desirable follow-up actions on resolutions between annual membership meetings.

3.4: Convention. The convention committee shall arrange all aspects of CCLVI's annual National Convention.

3.5: Nominating: A nominating committee shall be formed thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting, consisting of one person from each affiliate along with two at-large CCLVI members to be selected by the CCLVI board. The committee shall review prospective candidates for positions as officers or directors and shall, by majority vote, establish a slate of nominees to be presented to

the membership at the beginning of elections at the annual meeting. Candidates must either be present at the time of the election, or must indicate in writing in advance their willingness to serve. Upon nomination, each candidate shall state his/her name and interests. No officer, director or CCLVI member who is then running for an elected seat on the Board of Directors shall serve on this committee.

3.6: Credentials.

The credentials committee shall review chapter membership lists for vote certification at the annual membership meeting. The committee shall announce the total number of each affiliate and who their official delegate is at the start of the business meeting. The Credentials Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership chair. Each affiliate shall provide to the Secretary the name of their delegate no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the CCLVI annual meeting.

3.7: eCommunications.

It shall be the duty of the eCommunications Committee to develop, design, implement and continue maintenance of CCLVI's website and social media presence. CCLVI's webmaster shall serve as committee chair. The

committee will also identify and create, as necessary, email distribution lists to facilitate CCLVI's ongoing operations.

3.8: Finance and Budget.

The finance and budget committee shall provide financial oversight for the organization. Typical tasks include budgeting and financial planning, financial reporting, and the creation and monitoring of internal controls and accountability policies including, but not limited to:

- 1. Developing an annual operating budget.**
- 2. Approving the budget within the finance committee.**
- 3. Monitoring adherence to the budget.**
- 4. Setting long-range financial goals along with funding strategies to achieve them.**
- 5. Developing multi-year operating budgets that integrate strategic plan objectives and initiatives.**
- 6. Presenting all financial goals and proposals to the board of directors for approval.**

3.9: Fundraising.

The fundraising committee shall develop and propose strategies for generating revenue for this organization.

3.10: Membership.

The membership committee shall develop and recommend

strategies for enhancing CCLVI's membership. It shall oversee the distribution of membership renewal notices to all at-large, affiliate, and professional members no later than November 1st of each year.

3.11. Public Relations.

The public relations committee shall develop and initiate strategies for effectively marketing CCLVI's activities and programs.

3.12: Publications.

The Vision Access Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the publication of CCLVI's newsletter and such other publications as this organization may decide to produce.

3.13: Genensky Award.

The Genensky Award Committee shall procure adequate donations of video magnification devices to assure the continued viability of the program established by our founder Dr. Samuel Genensky, the inventor of the CCTV. The committee shall solicit applicants for the annual award through outreach programs of the Public Relations committee, outreach to colleges and universities, schools, and low vision specialists.

3.14: Scheigert Scholarship.

The Scheigert scholarship committee shall solicit applications for the Fred Scheigert scholarship. In addition, said committee will determine the manor and methodology for distribution, and publication, of the scholarships and awards. Additionally, the committee will publish important deadlines for the application process. The scholarship committee shall, once winners are determined, notify the Board of Directors of the recipients as well as the CCLVI membership.

Bylaw 4.0: Amendments.

4.1: Amendments

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4.2: Effective Date

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motion to adopt or where the language of the amendment itself specifies another effective date or, by its terms, specifies that it becomes effective upon the occurrence of a future event or circumstance.

Effective Date: These bylaws shall be effective as of the date they are adopted by the membership.

(Adopted?, 2018.)

Request for Contributions

CCLVI gratefully accepts contributions from readers and members to help pay for the costs of publishing Vision Access, the costs related to our 844 line and Project Insight, and for funding the Carl E. Foley and Fred Scheigert Scholarships.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Country _____

Main Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Preferred method of being contacted:

Phone **email**

Membership Status: I am ...

- New member at large.**
 Renewing member at large.
 Professional member of CCLVI
 Professional life member.
 Life member of CCLVI.
 Life member of ACB.

Visual status: I am ...

blind or visually impaired **sighted**

Formats:

I wish to receive the CCLVI publication(s), Vision Access in:

- Large print** **E-mail**
 Audio CD **Do not send**

Please send the American Council of the Blind ACB Braille Forum in:

- Large Print** **E-mail**
 Digital Cartridge **Braille**
 Do Not Send

Payment:

\$ ____ Annual At-Large Dues \$15.00

\$ ____ Life Membership Dues \$300.00 (in full or installments) Can be paid in three (3) annual installments, plus chapter dues if applicable.

\$ ____ Professional membership: \$75.00

\$ ____ Professional life membership: \$500.00

\$ ____ Additional Donations

\$ ____ Total Amount

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