



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Official Protocol (March 2016)

The following is the official protocol policy of The International Association of Lions Clubs. Only the principal speaker is required to acknowledge all dignitaries present.

A. Order of Precedence

Lions shall be recognized in the following order:

1. International President
2. Immediate Past International President/LCIF Chairperson
3. International Vice President (according to rank)
4. Past International President (b)
5. International Director (Board Appointee)* (a)
6. LCIF Board of Trustees
7. Past International Directors (c)
8. GLT/GMT International Coordinators, Family and Women International Coordinator (FWC) (a)
9. GLT/GMT Constitutional Area Leader (a)
10. LCIF Area and Regional Coordinators, FWC/GLT/GMT Area Leaders and Special Area Advisors/Japan Vice Constitutional Area Leaders (a)
11. Chairperson, Council of Governors (a)
12. District Governors
13. International Administrative Officers/Constitutional Area Executive Staff
14. Immediate Past Council Chairperson
15. Past Council Chairpersons (a)
16. Multiple District FWC/GLT/GMT and LCIF Coordinators
17. Immediate Past District Governor (a)
18. Vice District Governors (according to rank)
19. Multiple District Committee Chairpersons (a)
20. Past District Governors (a)
21. Multiple District Secretary (volunteer) (a)
22. Multiple District Treasurer (volunteer) (a)
23. District Secretary (a)
24. District Treasurer (a)
25. District FWC/GLT/GMT and LCIF Coordinators (a)
26. Region Chairperson (a)
27. Zone Chairperson (a)



28. District Committee Chairperson (a)
29. Club Presidents (a)
30. Immediate Past Club President (a)
31. Club Past Presidents (a)
32. Club Secretary (a)
33. Club Treasurer (a)
34. Multiple District Secretary (staff) (a)
35. Multiple District Treasurer (staff) (a)
36. District Administrative Secretary (staff) (a)

* Appointees by the International President to committees of the International Board of Directors and the LCIF Executive Committee shall be introduced and otherwise recognized before Lions who have held the same office. During introductions, their appointment shall be mentioned.

Explanation of notes used above:

(a) When more than one is present, they shall be recognized according to the Roman alphabetic order of the first letter of their fully used family name. If the first letter is the same, go to the second letter, and so on. If the last names are identical, the same process should be followed with the first given name; if these are the same, then the middle name. In the unlikely event that the two names are identical, the one with the longest association membership shall be given precedence.

(b) When more than one is present, the one who served most recently is given precedence, and so on.

(c) When more than one is present, precedence should be the same as for Past International Presidents (see (b) above). In the event more than one Past International Director who served during the same term is present, then the criteria specified for (a) should be used.

General Comments: When a Lion holds more than one title, he or she shall be recognized for the highest one. In areas that have positions in addition to those listed above, they should be recognized in accordance with local customs, provided that elective officers always have precedence over appointive ones. It is recommended that Melvin Jones Fellows be recognized as a group. In introducing speakers, their status as Fellows should be mentioned.