Kiwanis
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

Nebraska-Iowa District Bylaws
2025-2026 Amendment 1

Purpose: To be in compliance with Kiwanis International's Standard Form For District Bylaws, the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis delegates are asked to amend the District Bylaws as follows:

1) change wording on background checks for district officers and lt. governors from "clear" to "satisfactory. A background check need not be entirely clear to be acceptable. Satisfactory is a more accurate term; and
2) provide a more in-depth and encompassing definition of conduct unbecoming of a Kiwanian by including the updated definition in Kiwanis International Policy.

Effective Date: Oct. 1, 2026

Financial Impact: N/A

Proposed Amendments to Article 3, Article 7, Article 9
Deletions as indicated with ~~strikethrough~~ and additions as indicated by underline.

Article 3, Section 2

d. The Governor, Governor-elect, Vice-Governor, Administrator, Treasurer, Regional Trustees and Lieutenant Governors shall have and maintain a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

Article 7, Section 4

c. Qualified candidates for Governor, Governor-elect, and Vice-Governor shall:

- Submit a signed agreement provided by Kiwanis International to fulfill the duties of office.
- Have a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

Article 9, Section 2

a. "Conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family" is defined in Kiwanis International Policy as any conduct that:

~~• is incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or~~
~~• tends to harm the standing of Kiwanis in the local or global community.~~

• Constitutes harassment of another individual based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, or sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity; or
• Constitutes a criminal act that is clearly incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or
• Constitutes repeated offensive or obnoxious behavior at Kiwanis events and activities as determined by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors of a club or district as it relates to conduct unbecoming charges at the club or district level.

The Nebraska-Iowa District Board supports the passage of this amendment and sends it to a vote at the Nebraska-Iowa House of Delegates annual meeting on Aug. 8, 2026 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Motion approved unanimously by the Nebraska-Iowa District Board on Oct. 3, 2025.

Lisa Brichacek, district administrator, Sept. 23, 2025

Reviewed by Erica Gould, KI governance, Sept. 25, 2025