



Locksport International Chapter Charter

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Locksport International (LI) referred to in this document as the Association. Individual official associated chapters of the Association shall use the following naming convention:

(Country) Locksport International / (City, State/Province)
e.g.: Canada Locksport International / Winnipeg (CLI/W, MB)

Official associated chapters shall be referred to in this document as LI Chapters. The LI Board shall determine county or chapter monikers.

II. Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. To establish and promote Locksport groups throughout North America and countries abroad;
- B. To encourage the establishment of legislation governing locksport and, more specifically, the ownership and possession of lock pick tools relating to the hobby and competitive sport of lockpicking;
- C. To enjoy lock sports in accordance with the highest ethical and moral principles and direct concentrated efforts towards the advancement, elevation and furtherance of high personal and professional conduct in the pursuance of this hobby;
- D. Labor diligently and unceasingly to elevate and upgrade the sport by interchange of general information and experience with fellow members;
- E. To co-operate with all recognized and responsible law enforcement and governmental agencies in matters within the realm of their jurisdiction;
- F. To promote programs with educational aims intended to raise the standards, improve the efficiency and increase the effectiveness of all forms of security devices;
- G. To work together in harmony towards the achievement of the objectives of the association;
- H. To properly and impartially analyze products, systems, and the proper function of all security items for security weakness' using every precaution to not only discover such weakness', but to design solutions to enhance and prevent these weaknesses from being exploited in an illegal manner;
- I. To work with manufacturers of security products where possible to promote and advance better security for the public at large;
- J. To refrain from associating ourselves with or allowing the use of our name by any enterprise of questionable character, or in any manner countenancing misrepresentation;
- K. To ensure that the club adheres to these objectives and that together shall strictly observe the precepts of truth, accuracy, and prudence.

III. Affiliations

The Association shall have its membership made up of official associated clubs in broad geographic locations known as LI Chapters.

- A. Through this affiliation, LI Chapters are entitled to all rights and benefits conferred upon them by the Association as an official Locksport International chapter including:
 1. Recognition by the Locksport International as an officially affiliated LI Chapter.

2. Legal rights to use the name as laid out in the above naming conventions.
 3. Permission to use materials copyrighted by the Association and/or provided by the individual LI Chapters.
 4. The right to promote the Association and other LI Chapters at their functions.
 5. Entitlement to funding from the Association as proper need and resources avail and to be determined at the sole discretion of the board of the Association.
 6. Advice and help in running the LI Chapter.
- B. The acting president of the Association shall present the LI Chapters with a report at the end of each quarter detailing the activities of the Association during that quarter.
- C. The acting president of an LI Chapter will present in a timely manner to the Association any and all information pertaining to club activities, participation in the community, local advertising, media attention or any other event as it relates to the Association Charter or its Mission Statement.
- D. The Association Board of Directors shall have the authority to revoke affiliation with the Association at their discretion, should:
1. The activities of the LI Chapter leadership at any time violate the Mission Statement of the Association or the statement of purpose of the Association.
 2. The acting president of the LI Chapter fail to submit any pertinent information relating to the operation of their chapter as outlines in III-C of this Charter.
 3. A review by the Board of Directors of the Association of the LI Chapter conclude that the leadership of the LI Chapter is not upholding or is not prepared to uphold the mission statement of the Association or the statement of purpose of the Association.
- E. Should affiliation with the Association be revoked by either party at any time, the LI Chapter shall no longer have any of the rights and benefits conferred upon as an official LI Chapter of the Association including:
1. Recognition by the Association as an officially affiliated LI Chapter.
 2. Legal rights to use the name "Locksport International" or the name of the LI Chapter as designated by the above naming convention.
 3. Permission to use materials copyrighted and provided by the Association at Chapter functions.
 4. The right to promote the Association and other LI Chapters at their functions.
 5. Entitlement to any funding from the Association.
 6. Advice and help in running their organization.

IV. Membership

- A. Membership to the Association shall be granted by the Association directly by the Board of Directors or through individual LI Chapters with the approval of the Association as follows:
1. Individuals shall apply for membership by completing the approved Locksport International Membership Application documentation supplied by the Association.
 2. Accompanying the Locksport International Membership Application will be a photo or picture of the applicant. The photo or picture will meet the required specifications:
 - i. It shall be no less than 1 1/4 inches wide if supplied in a developed or printed manner.
 - ii. It shall show clearly the face of the applicant with no visual or facial distortions that would prohibit recognition of the applicant. These distortions could include but are not limited to sunglasses, hats, hoods, or silly or unnatural facial patterns.
 - iii. If supplied in a digital manner, pictures are to be no less than 200 dpi resolution and in JPEG format.
 - iv. Accepted photos could include but are not limited to passport photos or commercial photo booth pictures that meet the above requirements.
 3. Two current Locksport International members in good standing, one of which must be an officer of the individual LI Chapter, shall endorse the Locksport International Membership Application.

4. The Locksport International Membership Application shall be submitted accompanied by all required membership dues as determined by the Board of Directors of the Association. Membership dues will be determined on an annual basis by the Board of Directors of the Association and continued membership shall be granted on an opt-in basis by submitting those dues to the acting president or treasurer of the individual LI Chapter.
- B. Upon acceptance by the Board of Directors of the Association, a new member will be issued:
 1. A copy of the Locksport International Members Rules of Conduct;
 2. An official Locksport International Member ID Card which is to remain under the legal ownership of the Association. Possession and use of the Locksport International Member ID Card shall be granted with membership and shall continue for as long as the member is a member in good standing with the Association.
 - C. Membership is granted at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors of the Association and can be revoked at any time for any reason with no notice given. If the initial application for membership is rejected by the Board of Directors of the Association an appeal can be submitted by the applicant in the form of a letter stating why the applicant feels he or she should be granted membership to the Association. Rulings made by the Board of Directors shall be final and a letter explaining the ruling shall be issued to the applicant by the Board of Directors and signed by the acting president of the Association.
 - D. If membership with the Association is revoked at any time, the member shall be required to relinquish his or her Locksport International Member ID Card to the acting president or treasurer of an LI Chapter or to the Board of Directors of the Association. The Board of Directors shall see that each Locksport International Member ID Card is returned to the Association upon termination of a member for any reason.
 - E. Members must be 18 years of age or have their application accompanied by a letter of consent by a parent or guardian.

V. Events, meetings, and promotion of views

- A. The LI Chapters shall meet no less than once per month with the exception of the months of July and August unless granted special exception by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- B. The LI Chapters shall host competitions, activities, guest speakers and lectures when available, and discussion meetings according to the statement of purpose. Speakers should either be members in good standing, or approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- C. When the individual LI Chapter promotes itself or its views to the members, the public, or the media, it shall abide by all Association policies and act in a legal manner that best represents the spirit of the Charter and the Mission Statement of the Association.

VI. Officers

- A. The Board of Directors of the Association shall be made up of no less than three officers. Should an office of the Board of Directors of the Association be vacated for any reason, a new officer may be appointed by a 2/3 majority vote of the remaining officers of the Board. The officer positions are as follows:
 1. President and Director of Locksport International (LI President)
 - i. Shall have a good understanding of this Locksport International Charter.
 - ii. Shall use and convey this knowledge whenever necessary at events, meetings, and promotions of the organization.
 - iii. Shall be the official spokesperson for the organization on issues related policy, community involvement, media attention etc.
 - iv. Shall publicly adhere to and abide by the statement of purpose of the Association.
 - v. Shall present the LI Chapters with a report at the end of each quarter detailing the activities of the Association during that quarter.
 2. Treasurer of Locksport International (LI Treasurer)

- i. Shall have a good understanding of this Locksport International Charter.
 - ii. Shall use and convey this knowledge whenever necessary at events, meetings, and promotions of the organization.
 - iii. Shall be the official spokesperson for the organization on issues related to financial matters.
 - iv. Shall publicly adhere to and abide by the statement of purpose of the Association.
 - v. Shall, with integrity and honesty, manage the day to day finances of the Association as required and be at all times accountable for the current state of financial affairs of the Association.
 - vi. Shall make available to all members annually any and all financial information relating to the Association.
 - vii. Shall work with the other members of the Board of Directors of the Association to make prudent financial decisions paying particular attention to the items expressed in the statement of purpose.
 - 3. Administrative Director of Locksport International (LI Administrative Director)
 - i. Shall have a good understanding of this Locksport International Charter.
 - ii. Shall use and convey this knowledge whenever necessary at events, meetings, and promotions of the organization.
 - iii. Shall publicly adhere to and abide by the statement of purpose of the Association.
 - iv. Shall coordinate and facilitate the publicity of all events and meetings of the Association.
 - v. Shall work with and give guidance to acting presidents of LI Chapters to aide in the promotion of local chapters within individual communities.
- B. Failure of any officer to uphold the duties of their office is grounds for removal from office.
- C. An officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors or by a 2/3 vote of the registered members of the LI Chapters.
- D. The LI Chapters shall have no less than two officers who will be either appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association or elected by majority vote by the general membership of the LI Chapter. Elections for officers of the LI Chapters will be held annually at LI Chapter meetings. An officer's position or membership can be revoked at any time by the Board of Directors of the Association and new officers can be appointed by the Board of Directors or elected by the general membership of the LI Chapter as the Board of Directors sees fit. The officers of the LI Chapters shall be as follows:
- 1. Chapter President as determined by the above naming conventions. E.g. CLI/W, MB President or Canada Locksport International / Winnipeg, MB President.
 - a. Shall have a good understanding of this Locksport International Charter.
 - b. Shall use and convey this knowledge whenever necessary at events, meetings, and promotions of the organization.
 - c. Shall publicly adhere to and abide by the statement of purpose of the Association.
 - d. Shall administer the policies as set forth by the Board of Directors of the Association in the spirit of the statement of purpose in this document.
 - e. Shall present in a timely manner to the Association any and all information pertaining to club activities, participation in the community, local advertising, media attention or any other event as it relates to the Association Charter or its Mission Statement.
 - f. Shall work to promote the LI Chapter in the community.
 - g. Shall handle administrative duties as needed to aide in the effective operation of the Association and the LI Chapter.
 - h. Shall be responsible for the retrieval of Locksport International Member ID Cards of all members associated with his or her LI Chapter upon termination of membership.
 - i. Shall have full authority as granted by the Board of Directors of the Association to revoke membership of any member attending his or her LI Chapter if said member is found to be in violation of the Locksport International Members Rules of Conduct or the spirit of that document.

2. Treasurer as determined by the above naming conventions. E.g. CLI/W Treasurer or Canada Locksport International / Winnipeg Treasurer.
 - a. Shall have a good understanding of this Locksport International Charter.
 - b. Shall use and convey this knowledge whenever necessary at events, meetings, and promotions of the organization.
 - c. Shall publicly adhere to and abide by the statement of purpose of the Association.
 - d. Shall administer the policies as set forth by the Board of Directors of the Association in the spirit of the statement of purpose in this document.
 - e. Shall, with integrity and honesty, manage the day to day finances of the LI Chapter as required and be at all times accountable for the current state of financial affairs of the LI Chapter.
 - f. Shall in a timely manner make available at any time upon request to the Board of Directors any and all financial information relating to the LI Chapter.
 - g. Shall submit financial statements annually to the Locksport International Treasurer.

II. Criteria for holding office of an LI Chapter.

- A. All individuals wishing to hold office of an LI Chapter must be registered members of the Association and be in good standing and be elected by a majority vote of the registered members of the Association attending that LI Chapter, or be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- B. The elections meeting shall take place in May of each year.
- C. In the case of a resignation of an officer from office, a special elections meeting may be held to fill the office until the next May elections meeting or if no officer can be elected, an appointment may be made by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- D. All officers hold their position until the May elections meeting unless terminated by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- E. There are no limitations on the number of terms of office an individual may hold.
- F. All individuals wishing to hold office of an LI Chapter must not have been indicted of a crime to which no pardon has been granted. Officers may be asked to provide a Criminal Record Check at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Association.

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