

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
June 12, 2021

The following are our recommendations for the Council to consider:

The first two are recommended changes to the Policy Manual:

Chapter 7, "Awards" has to do with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. This was somehow left out in the updates starting as early as 2014.

Chapter 12, "Officer Job Description:

Frist it spells out how a District Governor may allow his/her 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors to make his/her official visits to his/her clubs.

Second, it deletes duplicate information on running for office, which is covered in the By-Laws Article BL II & III.

Third, on the last page, gives the definition of a "Club in Good Standing".

And last is our recommendation for amending the Constitution and By-Laws. We ask for a "due pass" from the Council for approval by the membership. This allows the Governance to make "housekeeping" corrections, therefore not requiring membership approval to simple corrections. We are still finding corrections from the revised Constitution and By-Laws approved by the membership in 2019.

All changes are in "RED".

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman

CHAPTER 7: Awards

A. MD 19 Contests and Awards

- A. All rules, guidelines, point accumulation methods and instructions used to determine winners in the various MD19 contests are on the MD19 website.
- B. District Conference winners, who intend to compete at the MD19 Annual Convention, shall have met all requirements as outlined in the current fiscal year's MD19 Contests and Awards requirements.
- C. If the Contests and Awards Committee receives no recommendations from the current District Governors for the MD19 Distinguished Service Award or those nominations received do not qualify, the MD19 International Awards Screening and Prioritizing Committee will choose a recipient.
- D. Within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of each District Convention, the District Governor and the District Contests and Awards Chairperson shall **EACH** forward to the MD19 Contests and Awards Chairperson and with a copy to the MD19 Office a listing of all winners and runners-up in those various contests which were conducted as part of their particular District's conference activities.
- E. It shall be the responsibility of each District Governor to determine if their District Conventions Contests and Awards winners are planning to be present to compete at the MD19 Annual Convention. District Governor shall be responsible for contacting the runner-up with opportunity to compete, if winner is unable to participate. It is then the District Governor's responsibility to notify the MD19 Executive Director of any changes in participants not less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Convention. Any further cancellations of competitors shall be acknowledged by the affected District Governor to the Executive Director immediately upon having knowledge of same.
- F. If a Lions Club requests a change in the Contests and Awards rules, the proposed amendment January 31. The Contests and Awards Committee will duly consider all proposed amendments. If the proposed change is deemed reasonable, it will be submitted to the Council of Governors at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting. Any rules changed by a vote of the Council would take effect on July 1st of the immediately following fiscal year.

B. International Awards

- A. **The International President's Certificate of Appreciation is an award that is presented at the District Spring Convention each year. The recipient(s) are selected by the District Governor to recognize outstanding service during the Governor's year in office. The certificate(s) are requested by the District Governor from the International Guest who will be attending the Spring Convention.**
- B. Every year Lions Clubs International allocates **International** Presidential and International Leadership Awards/**Medals** to the multiple district based on the **district's** current membership count. **These two International** Presidential **and International** Leadership Awards/**medals** are traditionally presented at the MD19 Annual Convention or a District Convention. The current or most recent International Director sends the nominations to Lions Clubs International.
- C. No Member of MD19 will be awarded more than one Presidential Award and one International Leadership Award in a lifetime when being recommended by the committee (Section 4) from MD19. The maximum number of awards submitted to

Lions Clubs International in any one year from MD19 is determined annually by Lions Clubs International as is the number of awards that will be given to Lions of MD19.

- D. The International Presidential Award shall consist of a medal and a chest ribbon of a design approved by the International President and shall be accompanied by a suitable letter. To be nominated for this award the nominee(s) any Lion must have served for a minimum of five (5) years promoting and/or providing leadership and/or service to a District(s) and/or the Multiple District. (Being a Leadership Chairperson, Zone Chairperson or District Governor is not a requirement).
- E. The International Leadership Award shall consist of a medal and a chest ribbon of a design approved by the International President. To be nominated for this award the nominee(s) any Lion must have served for a minimum of three (3) years in a Leadership position in the District or Multiple District. (Being a Leadership Chairperson, Zone Chairperson or District Governor is not a requirement.)

C. Award Recipients

During the term of office for the members of the MD19 Leadership team may not be nominated for either the International Presidential or Leadership Awards. The Council Chairperson may not be nominated during his/her term of office. The MD19 GAT are excluded because their expertise and vision are needed to recognize and encourage their fellow Lions for their roles of leadership rather than collecting honors themselves. The Council Chairperson is the recognized elected leader by the Lions in the Multiple District and as such is expected to perform at a high level of competence. The International Presidential and Leadership Awards are very honorable awards and need to be used to encourage, inspire, spotlight, and recognize leadership in our individual districts.

D. The Nomination Process

- A. A nomination for an International Presidential or Leadership Award may be made by the following individuals: the current District Governors, Council Chairperson, MD19 GAT, MD19 Executive Director, and the current International Director or most recent Past International Director. A list of MD19 Lions who have received these two medals in the past will be given to the District Governors Elect at their school and will be e-mailed to those listed above by September 15th.
- B. The completed TYPED nomination forms must be received in the MD19 Office on or before October 31st. Late entries, verbal nominations and nominations without summaries of the nominee's history of service will not be accepted. A Lion will only be considered for the specific medal for which that person was nominated.

E. Screening and Prioritization

The Screening and Prioritization Committee will be made up of the seated International Director, if any, and any Lions Clubs International budgeted Past International Director from MD19 and the MD19 Executive Director. These Lions will meet on or before November 30th at a time and place set by the current or most recent Past International Director. Following the meeting, a prioritized list of the Presidential and Leadership Award nominees will be sent to the International President by e-mail or mail with a cover letter signed by the current or most recent Past International Director.

F. Notification

The International Director will notify the District Governor of any District International

Leadership and/or Presidential Award recipients as soon as he/she receives the information from Lions Clubs International.

G. Presentation

- A. The International Leadership Award presentations will be made at the District Spring Convention or any other auspicious event. It is the choice of the District Governor as to who will make the International Leadership Award presentation. **The International Certificate of Appreciation will be presented by the District Governor.**
- B. A nominee for the International Presidential Award, submitted by the District Governor will be presented during the MD19 Annual Convention or any other auspicious event, whichever the District Governor prefers. It is the choice of the District Governor as to who will make the International Presidential Award presentation for the person that he/she nominated.

CHAPTER 12: Officer Job Descriptions, Elections and Leadership Training

A. District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor:

- A. See job descriptions found in the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws, the "General Information" section of the District Governor's Manual and in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.
- B. The District Governor shall be the executive officer of his/her respective District and shall preside at each District Meeting thereof. It shall be his/her duty to visit each club within his/her **District or by his/her representatives, ie: 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor or any Past District Governor of his/her District**, at least once during his/her term of office, and report thereon to the International Association of Lions Clubs, and at other times as required. He/she shall cooperate with the Chairperson of the Multiple District and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Multiple District Council of Governors. He/she shall attend and serve upon the Council of Governors of this Multiple District.
- C. The First District Governors shall be a member of the District Cabinet and shall be the Chief Administrative Assistant to the District Governor. He/she shall become familiar with the duties of the District Governor so in the event of a vacancy in the Office of District Governor he/she will be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said Office until such time as said vacancy is filled in accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.
- D. The Second Vice District Governors shall be a member of the District Cabinet. He/she shall become familiar with the duties of the First District Governor so in the event of a vacancy in the Office of First District Governor he/she will be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said Office until such time as said vacancy is filled in accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

B. Zone Chairperson:

- A. The Zone Chairperson shall be the liaison officer between the District Governor and the clubs within his/her Zone. He/she shall hold at least three Zone Council Meetings during his/her term of office, under the advice and direction of the District Governor. He/she shall cooperate with the District Governor, and perform such duties as may, from time to time, be assigned to him/her by the District Governor.
- B. MD19 will provide Zone Chairperson training sessions prior to the Lions Clubs

International Convention.

- C. The District Governor Elect of each MD19 District shall, in conjunction with their District's Global Action Team, schedule a training session for their District's Zone Chairperson Elect and/or Zone Chairperson, if those Lions are unable to attend the MD19 scheduled training
 - D. The training session shall be scheduled following the election of the District Governor Elect and the Zone Chairperson Elect of their District.
 - E. Training sessions shall be provided by the Global Action Team in coordination with the MD19 Executive Director.
- C. Lions Club Officers Training:
- A. The Zone Chairperson Elect or current Zone Chairperson of each MD19 Zone shall, working in conjunction with his District Governor Elect and Global Action Team will schedule a training session for the following Club officers: Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Secretary/Treasurers, and such other officers as are deemed advisable. These training sessions shall be conducted following the election of the Zone Chairperson Elect and the newly elected officers for those clubs within said zone, before the beginning of the next fiscal year.
 - B. The training sessions for club Officers shall include, but not be limited to, the following: administrative role and duties of the Club President, vice presidents and secretary treasurer, club's Membership Chair and Service Chair.
- D. Election and Qualifications
- A. Zone Chairperson, Vice District Governor, District Governor, Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson:
 - 1) No individual shall hold more than one elected office above the club level in his/her zone, district or the multiple district simultaneously.
 - 2) When running for an office at the zone or district level, the following procedures shall be followed by the candidates in the order listed:
 - a) Zone Chairperson
 - i. By e-mail, fax and/or letter, the candidate shall state his/her intent to seek the position of Zone Chairperson. He/she shall state the qualities he/she believes qualify him/her for the said position. The e-mail, fax, and/or letter shall be sent to the Secretary of his/her club, the seated Zone Chairperson in the zone in which his/her club is located, the seated Vice District Governor, and the seated District Governor of the district in which his/her club is located, and the MD19 Executive Director. The aforementioned officers must receive the e-mails, faxes, and/or letters on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.
 - ii. The proposed candidate's club secretary shall submit an e-mail, fax, and/or letter of endorsement to the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which his/her club is located stating that the candidate is an active member in good standing of a club in good standing, and further, that the candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular club meeting. A copy of the e-mail, fax, and/or letter of endorsement must be sent to the seated Vice District Governor and the seated District Governor of the district in which the zone is located and to the MD19 Executive Director. The e-mail, fax, and/or letter and the copies of the e-mail, fax, and/or letter must be received by all parties on or

before December 31 of the current Lions year.

- iii. Voting for the Zone Chairperson shall be by ballot at the zone meeting preceding or during the district conference.

b) Second Vice District Governor, First Vice District Governor or District Governor

- i. By e-mail, fax, and/or letter, the candidate shall state his/her intent to seek the position of First or Second Vice District Governor or District Governor. He/she shall state the qualities he/she believes qualify him/her for said position. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters shall be sent to the secretary of his/her club, the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which his/her club is located, the seated First Vice District Governor and the seated District Governor of the district in which his/her club is located and the MD19 Executive Director. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters must be received by the afore mentioned officers on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.
- ii. The proposed candidate's club secretary shall submit an e-mail, fax, and/or letter of club endorsement to the seated District Governor of the district in which his/her club is located, stating he/she is an active member in good standing in a club in good standing, and further, the candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular meeting. A copy of the e-mail, fax, and/or letter of endorsement must be submitted to the seated First Vice District Governor and the seated Zone Chairperson of the district and zone in which the candidate's club is located and the MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current year. If his/her Club endorsement is not secured, the candidate may secure the endorsement in writing of a majority of the Clubs in his/her district. The Secretary of each Club endorsing the candidate by a majority vote at a regular or special meeting shall submit an e-mail, fax, and/or letter stating that Club's endorsement to the Zone Chairperson, First Vice District Governor, District Governor, and MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current year.
- iii. Voting for the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor shall be by ballot at the subsequent district spring conference. The outcome will be submitted to the MD19 Executive Director immediately after said candidate is elected at the district spring conference.

B. A club may endorse only one member of their club as a candidate for each office above the club level.

- 1) A candidate's certification of endorsement must specify the single office sought and no candidate may seek election for any office other than the office covered by his/her certification. No candidate shall have more than one (1) endorsement pending for more than one office within his/her zone or district in the same election year.

C. When running for an office at the multiple district level, the following procedures shall be followed by the candidates in the order listed:

1) Vice Council Chairperson, Council Chairperson

- i. By e-mail, fax, and/or letter the candidate shall state his/her intent to seek the position of Vice Council Chairperson or Council Chairperson. He/she shall state the qualities he/she believes qualify him/her for the said position. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters shall be sent to the secretary of his/her club, the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which his/her club is located, the seated Vice District

Governor, and seated District Governor of the district in which his/her club is located and the MD19 Executive Director. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters must be received by the afore mentioned officers on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.

- ii. The proposed Vice Council Chairperson candidate's club secretary shall submit an e-mail, fax, and/or letter of club endorsement to the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which the club is located, stating that the candidate is an active member in good standing in a club in good standing and further, that candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular club meeting. A copy of the e-mail, fax, and/or letter must be submit-~~ted~~ to the seated Vice District Governor and seated District Governor of the district in which the candidate's club is located and the MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.
 - iii. The Zone Chairperson shall submit an e-mail, fax, and/or letter of zone endorsement of the candidate for Vice Council Chairperson. It must include a copy of the zone meeting minutes stating the motion to endorse the candidate, and further, that the candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular zone meeting. The e-mail, fax, and/or letter must be sent to the seated District Governor of the district in which the zone is located. Copies of the e- mail, fax, and/or letter of endorsement must be sent to the seated Vice District Governor of the district in which the zone is located and to the MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.
- D. ~~A District Cabinet may only endorse one candidate for each position above the district level. The District Cabinet endorsement of the Vice Council Chairperson will be secured at a regularly scheduled District Cabinet Meeting prior to December 31st of the Lions Year in which the election will take place for the offices of Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson. A letter from the District Cabinet Secretary along with the minutes of the cabinet meeting where the endorsement was passed must be received by the Multiple District Executive Director from the District Cabinet Secretary prior to December 31st. The incumbent Vice Council Chairperson is not required to seek endorsement of his/her District Cabinet as candidate for the office of Council Chairperson.~~
- E. Voting for Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson shall be by ballot at the ~~District Conferences~~. Winter Council of Governors Meeting. Each candidate must receive 11 "yes" votes to be elected.
- F. A candidate's certification of endorsement must specify the single office sought and no candidate may seek election for any office other than the office designated in his/her certification. No candidate shall have more than one (1) endorsement pending for more than one (1) office within his/her zone or district in the same election year.
- G. ~~If the incumbent Vice Council Chairperson does not timely declare his/her candidacy for Council Chairperson and there is another declared candidate within his/her same district, an election shall be held at the district spring conference to determine the district's candidate for Council Chairperson. If the incumbent Vice Council Chairperson does not timely declare his/her candidacy for Council Chairperson, the other districts in the multiple district would also be able to endorse a candidate for the office of Council Chairperson.~~
- H. ~~A candidate may announce his/her intentions to be a Council Chairperson or Vice Council Chairperson candidate and campaign throughout his/her district and the multiple district prior to the spring conference as that district's intended candidate. If there are no declared candidates registered with the seated District Governor and the~~

~~MD19 Executive Director by December 31, then any qualified Lions candidates may declare their candidacy as their district's candidate. An e-mail, fax, and/or letter of declaration from each candidate and an e-mail, fax, and/or letter from each candidate's club secretary indicating that the candidate is a Lion in good standing of a club in good standing must be e-mailed, faxed, and/or mailed to the candidate's seated District Governor and the MD19 Executive Director. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters must be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the district spring conference.~~

- I. If there are no announced Council Chairperson and/or Vice Council Chairperson candidates registered with the Multiple District Office at the time of ~~a District's Conference, Winter Council of Governors Meeting~~ any qualified Council Chairperson or Vice Council Chairperson candidates may be ~~nominated from the floor of the District, to be that District's candidate.~~ by any member of the Council of Governors.
 - J. If there are no Council Chairperson and/or Vice Council Chairperson candidates registered with the Multiple District Office by December-31 of the Lions Year ~~in which they would be elected~~, the procedures for filling these positions shall be in accordance with the procedures prescribed in MD 19 ~~Constitution and~~ By-Laws Article IV, SECTIONS ~~14 and SECTION 15. 2.~~
- E. District Operations
- A. The Sections of this Article shall not supersede District Constitution and By-Laws if those sections are provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the District, and adopted prior to 1 July 1995. Subsequent amendments of the District thereafter shall not be in conflict with the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.
 - B. The office of First Vice District Governor is required and shall be an elected office by the members of the District, and the qualifications for such office shall be in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Club. The office of Second Vice District Governor shall be an elected office by the members of the District, and the qualifications for such office shall be in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Club.
 - C. The voting members of a District Cabinet shall be: The District Governor, the First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Secretary of the Cabinet, the Treasurer of the Cabinet, Zone Chairperson of the Zones of the District and each appointed committee Chairperson.
 - 1) District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairperson Declaration of Candidacy: No Lion may declare his/her candidacy for any office above the club level unless the Lion and the club are both in good standing with Lions Clubs International and MD19. All candidates meeting the requirements for the office of District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairperson must submit their declaration of candidacy in writing indicating the candidate to be a Lion of good standing in a club of good standing, which must be received by the Multiple District Office and their District Governor no later than December 31st prior to the year of the election. If only one candidate for an office has submitted a declaration of candidacy and complied with Article VIII "BL" by the stated deadline, said candidate shall be unopposed at the election for said office.
 - 2) If NO candidate has declared in accordance with Paragraph 1, above, then all

candidates meeting the requirements for the office of District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairperson may declare their candidacy to be received in writing by the Multiple District Office and their District Governor and the District Nominating Committee as per the Lions Clubs International Constitution (30) days prior to the first day of the District Conference.

- 3) If NO candidate has declared in accordance with either Paragraph 5. D. 1) above, the candidate(s) meeting the requirements for the office of District Governor and Vice District Governor may be nominated from the floor at the General Session of the District Conference.
- 4) Candidates for the office of First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and District Governor shall obtain their Club's endorsement. If his / her Club endorsement is not secured, the candidate may secure the endorsement in writing of a majority of the Clubs in his / her District. The secretary of each Club endorsing the candidate by a majority vote at a regular or special meeting shall submit an e-mail, fax, and / or letter stating that Club's endorsement to the Zone Chairperson, First Vice District Governor, District Governor, and MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current year.
- 5) Candidates for the office of Zone Chairperson shall obtain their Club's endorsement, or the majority of the Clubs in the Zone. The letter(s) of endorsement shall be filed with the Zone Chairperson with copies to the Multiple Director no later than thirty (30) days prior to the District's annual Spring Conference. If no candidates for a Zone have declared thirty (30) days prior to the District's Spring Conference, nominations may be made from the floor, and elections conducted at Zone Meetings held in conjunction with the District's Spring Conference. In any event an election shall be held, and reported to the Multiple District Executive Director, prior to 1 May to enable attendance at the Zone Chairperson Training. In the event that a Zone Chairperson is not elected in a Zone by 1 May, the District Governor Elect of the affected District shall appoint a Zone Chairperson for that Zone. The Zone Chairperson so appointed shall meet the qualifications for the office stated in Article IV, Section 9 of the MD19 Constitution.

F. District Election Procedures in accordance with Lions Clubs International

A. Nominating Committee:

- 1) Each member shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office.
- 2) Shall consist of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members.
- 3) Responsible for reviewing qualifications of each nominated candidate within thirty (30) days prior to the election and rule on the eligibility of same.
- 4) Shall submit a completed checklist for each nominated candidate to the elections committee prior to District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governor elections.

B. Credentials Committee

- 1) Shall be composed of the District Governor, as chairperson, the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and two other non-officers of the district that are appointed by the District Governor.
 - 2) Each member shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office.
 - 3) Responsible for verifying club delegate credentials.
- C. Elections Committee
- 1) Shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the District Governor.
 - 2) Responsible for preparation of materials, vote tabulation, and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots.
 - 3) Shall prepare a comprehensive report of election results.
 - 4) This Committee shall certify that all candidates for the Office of District Governor meet the requirements for this office.
- D. Delegates desiring to vote shall present their voting certificates at the Polling Place and be checked against the list of registered delegates, and, if qualified, shall be furnished a ballot. The delegate shall mark his/her ballot in secret, and deposit ballot in the ballot box.
- E. At the time specified, the Election Committee shall close the ballot box, mix and count the ballots, and report their finding promptly to the conference session.
- F. A majority of the votes on any ballot, exclusive of blanks, shall be necessary for election to any office.
- G. In an election, where no candidate receives a majority vote for an office or offices, the same shall be re-reported to the conference. The candidate with the least number of votes will automatically be dropped, and a second and subsequent ballot taken in like manner until one candidate has received a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting. This process shall continue until an election can be announced for each office.
- H. In the event the incumbent Vice District Governor stands for election as District Governor, and at the election fails to secure a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting, he/she shall be declared not elected, and the same shall be reported to the conference.
- I. If any such district shall fail to so elect a qualified district governor or if the district governor-elect of any such district shall die or refuse or be found by the International Board of Directors to be unable by reason of illness or other disability to take such office prior to the day his/her term would otherwise begin, or if a vacancy will exist as a result of a district governor election protest or legal action, then in any such event such district may have a district governor appointed by the International Board of Directors in the time and manner and for the term as set forth in the by-laws or constitution of Lions Clubs International.
- J. In the event the incumbent Second Vice District Governor stands for election as First Vice District Governor, and at the election fails to secure a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting, he/she shall be declared not elected, and the same shall be reported to the conference and a vacancy declared. This vacancy will be filled according to the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 7.

G. CLUBS IN GOOD STANDING:

For a club to be in good standing, their dues to the Multiple District, MUST be received 14 day prior to a District and Multiple District election.

Constitution & By-Laws

ARTICLE IX

Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE.

This constitution may be amended only at a Multiple District convention, by resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast **other than per Section 5.**

Section 2. AUTOMATIC UPDATE.

When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this District Constitution and By-Laws at the close of the convention.

Section 3. NOTICE. -

Proposed amendments, other than those submitted by the **Constitution and By-Laws Governance** Committee, shall have the written approval of at least one club of the Multiple District over the signature of the Club President and attested by its Secretary, and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the certified voting delegates present at the district annual conference of which the submitting club is a member. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the district Cabinet Secretary with the reasons sixty (60) days prior to the district conference. The District Cabinet Secretary shall then submit the proposed amendments to the Secretary of each club within the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the District conference.

The Multiple District Executive Director of the Multiple District shall submit all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each club. All proposed amendments must be received by the club Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the Annual Multiple District Convention. Amendments, unless dated otherwise, so proposed and adopted shall become effective at the close of the convention.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

Section 5. HOUSEKEEPING.

The Governance Committee shall be authorized to make corrections and/or additions to the Constitution as long as they do not change the meaning nor the intent of the item in question.

End of Constitution

ARTICLE BL XI

Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1. **AMENDING PROCEDURE.**

These by-laws may be amended only at a Multiple District convention, by resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by a majority of the votes cast **other than per Section 5.**

Section 2. **AUTOMATIC UPDATE.**

When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this District Constitution and By-Laws at the close of the convention.

Section 3. **NOTICE.** No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Annual Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

The Multiple District Executive Director of the Multiple District shall submit all proposed amendments to the Secretary of each club. All proposed amendments must be received by the club Secretary at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the Annual Multiple District Convention. Amendments,

Section 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

Section 5. **HOUSEKEEPING.**

The Governance Committee shall be authorized to make corrections and/or additions to the Constitution as long as they do not change the meaning nor the intent of the item in question.

End of By-Laws

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