

## 22W Elections Process

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Nominations for Second Vice District Governor will close at midnight.

**By April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Elections will be conducted electronically by Google Forms. AA Mindy Coates will send a letter to the clubs. You must have paid your district and multiple district dues in order to designate delegates to vote in the election. She will include the number of delegates allowed for each club as reported by LCI. Clubs are to complete the enclosed form by telling the names of the eligible delegates in good standing in your club and email addresses for each club delegate.

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for clubs to submit the names of their delegates to AA Mindy Coates.

**By May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Videotaped nominating speeches for each candidate should be available to view on the 22W website by clicking on the link. A printed copy of the nominating speeches will be posted in the Weekly News and district newsletter as they become available with a link to the website.

- **May 17<sup>th</sup>:** AA Mindy Coates will send the ballots to each delegate by Google Forms. Please remember to type your email address, name of delegate and name of club on the ballot as instructed. All delegates may only vote one time. Delegates will receive two ballots: one ballot for voting on the district candidates and the one district resolution and a second ballot for Multiple District resolutions.

- **Ballot #1**

- **Candidate for District Governor:** Charlie Croft from LaVale Lions Club, **Candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG:** Nadja Muchow from Thurmont Lions Club, **Two Candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG:** Jeremy Bair from Greater Carroll Lions Club and Martin Bonura from the South Carroll Lioness-Lions Club.
- **One District Resolution that must be distributed in the district 30 days prior to the convention:** Resolution to be voted upon at the District Election meeting follows: Resolution for proposed amendment to the District 22-W Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendment refers to Article III, Section c of the By-laws. The current Article III, Section c states: “Disbursement checks and/or withdrawals of District Funds must bear the signatures of the District Governor and the Cabinet Treasurer or Cabinet Secretary.” Section c would be replaced with following: “Disbursement of checks and or withdrawals of District Funds must bear the signature of only one authorized signatory - the Cabinet Treasurer, the Cabinet Secretary, or the District Governor. Checks written to one of these signatories must also be signed by at least one other authorized signatory.”

- **Ballot #2**

There are two Multiple District resolutions which must be distributed throughout the multiple district 30 days in advance of the convention.

**(1) Resolution to modify the Lions Vision Research Foundation (LVRF) Bylaws in accordance with Article VIII, Sections 1. and 2. to:**

- i. Eliminate the Chairperson of the MD22 Council of Governors as a voting member of the LVRF Board of Trustees (Article II, Section 1.B).

- ii.Reduce the total number of voting Lions Trustees from twenty-two to twenty-one (Article II, Section 1.A) to reflect the elimination of the Council Chairperson as a trustee.
- iii.Eliminate Article VII of the LVRF By-laws in its entirety.
- iv.Make administrative adjustments to the Article numbers, table of content page numbers, and section headers to maintain continuity, consistency and correctness throughout the document.

The LVRF Board of Trustees approved these modifications on March 20, 2021.

- 2 Proposed changes to the MD 22 Constitution and Bylaws:** Article VIII Multiple District Convention Fund says: An annual per-capita fund tax of \$1.50 per year shall be levied upon each member of the Clubs in the Multiple District, and shall be paid in two equal parts. The number of members in each Club, as of July 1 and January 1, shall be used as a basis for determining the amount due from each Club. This tax shall be paid to the respective Sub-District Secretary-Treasurer (or Cabinet Treasurer) by October 1 and April 1, respectively. Each Sub-District will then submit said tax to the Council Treasurer of the Council of Governors within thirty (30) days.

The proposed change is:

**In the event that the dues collected do not provide sufficient revenue to meet the planned budgeted expenses for the Multiple District Convention, the Convention Committee, with the approval of the Council of Governors, shall consider alternative measures to supplement the funding in order to provide a balanced budget.**

The Council Treasurer of the Council of Governors shall deposit the money so collected in a special Multiple District account in a bank approved by the Council of Governors for that purpose. This fund shall be used by the Council of Governors for planning and operation of the Multiple District Convention and any activity associated therewith. Any Club, which is chartered or re-organized in a given fiscal year, shall collect and pay said per-capita tax on a pro-rated basis starting from the first day of the second month following its organization or re-organization as the case may be.

- **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for delegates to vote by 11:59 pm.
- **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>:** The counting of the ballots by Election Chair PDG Dave Brauning and AA Mindy Coates will take place the day before the convention. Each candidate may have an observer at the counting of the ballots if they choose to do so.
- **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:** The election results will be announced at our district business meeting during the MD22 Virtual Convention.