

FROM: PDG Gary Burdette Chair, MD22 Constitution & Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Committee
SUBJECT: **Revision to the MD22 Constitution & By Laws**

At the recent MD 22 Council of Governors meeting, the Council approved the wording for a resolution to revise the MD 22 Constitution and Bylaws that would grant future Councils the authority to consider other funding options to supplement the MD 22 Convention funding. The MD 22 Convention Fund is the primary source of income to help pay the cost of the annual MD 22 Convention and is funded with an annual per-capita fee of \$1.50 per year/ per member. However, with decreasing membership, the MD 22 Convention Fund is growing smaller each year, while costs continue to increase. The resulting deficit has forced the Council to supplement the Convention Fund. Allowing future Councils the authority to consider other Convention funding options, will help to ensure that the Convention Committee will have adequate funds to plan and execute a successful convention.

The proposed changes to the MD 22 Constitution and Bylaws require the approval of two thirds of the votes cast by the club delegates. Therefore, a resolution to amend the MD 22 Constitution and Bylaws will be placed on the ballot at the upcoming election in May. Please discuss the proposed revisions with your Club board of directors and instruct your Club delegates on how they should vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION

To amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the MD22 Constitution and Bylaws
Allows alternative funding
options to supplement the MD22 Convention funding

Proposed revisions (bold text) to Article VIII, Section 1 of the MD22 Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 1. 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.

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.