



Lions Clubs International Multiple District 22



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TO: Multiple District 22 Lions

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Council Chair, Multiple District 22

SUBJECT: Revisions to the Multiple District 22 Constitution & By Laws

The MD22 Council of Governors has approved two resolutions to revise the *Multiple District 22 Constitution and Bylaws*. These resolutions will be placed on the ballot at the election to be held on April 21st during the Multiple District 22 (MD 22) Convention in Ocean City.

The first resolution would amend Article I, Section 1, paragraph m. of the MD 22 Bylaws. The proposed change would eliminate the two (2) year term requirement for the Administrative Assistant. This revision would make it easier to recruit candidates for the position. It would also allow each incoming Council of Governors to select their own candidate for Administrative Assistant.

The second resolution would revise Article VII, Section 2, of the MD 22 Constitution. The purpose of the resolution is to more clearly explain the process and timeline for selection of future MD 22 Convention sites. It also revises the time frame for planning future Conventions from 5 years to 3 years out. The Council felt, given the reduced attendance at MD 22 Conventions, it was no longer necessary to plan future Conventions 5 years out.

The proposed changes to the *MD 22 Constitution and Bylaws* require the approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by the club delegates in attendance at the upcoming MD 22 Convention. Please discuss the proposed revisions with your Club board of directors and instruct your Club delegates how they should vote on the resolutions. Sample copies of the resolutions are attached as they will appear on the ballot.

If you have any questions about the resolutions, please contact PCC Larry Burton, the MD 22 Constitution and Bylaws Chair, at coach13@zoominternet.net or 410-457-8787.

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Resolution to Amend the By-Laws

Resolve that By-laws Article I, Section 1, paragraph m. be amended by deletion as indicated. The purpose of the amendment is to eliminate the two-year requirement for the appointment of the Administrative Assistant.

ARTICLE I Duties

Section 1

- m. At the same meeting which is held to confirm the Council Chairperson and elect the Council Secretary and Council Treasurer, choose to appoint a Multiple District Administrative Assistant to assist the Council in certain clerical, secretarial, correspondence, financial record-keeping assignments and perform such other administrative duties at the discretion of the Council of Governors. ~~The appointment shall be for a two-year term and may be reappointed for additional terms at the discretion of the Council of Governors responsible for making such appointment of the two-year term.~~

FOR

AGAINST

Lions Multiple District 22

Resolution to Amend the Constitution

Resolve that Constitution Article VII, Section 2 be changed as indicated. The purpose of the amendment is to more clearly articulate the process and timeline for selection of future MD22 Convention sites.

ARTICLE VII

Multiple District Convention

Current Section 2

The members of the Council shall receive invitations from any place desiring to entertain the annual Multiple District Convention. Such invitations will set forth all information prescribed by the Council and shall be delivered to the Council no later than the close of business of the Multiple District Convention held five (5) years prior to the convention being planned. At the meeting of the Council to be held within 30-45 days following the close of the International Convention, pursuant to Article V, Section 5, the Council of Governors shall direct the Multiple District Convention Committee to investigate all such invitations and report to the Council of Governors no later than December 31st. The Council will evaluate all the invitations and will notify each organization, sending an invitation of their decision. Such decisions shall be made at the Mid-Winter Conference.

The decision approving the site chosen will represent an acceptance of the bid of such site subject to a complete re-inspection of the facilities to ascertain that there are adequate facilities for housing, meals, room reservations and convention sessions. Normally, the final acceptance will be made at the Mid-Winter Conference by the Council of Governors as a firm commitment for the Convention to be held three years after the Convention held during their term of office. The Chairperson of the Convention Committee will be instructed to notify the appropriate parties of the convention city. Included in the communications will be a proviso stating the reasons that future Councils may determine that the site be changed as spelled out in Article VII, Section 8.

Proposed Section 2

The process and timeline for selection of future MD22 Convention sites is as follows:

- (a) At the meeting of District Governor-Elects immediately following the MD22 Convention at which they were elected, pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution (i.e. Whisk meeting), the MD22 Convention Committee will submit to the Council-Elect a list of potential sites for the MD22 Convention to be held three (3) years from the next Lions year MD22 Convention.
- (b) At the first meeting of the newly installed Council of Governors, to be held within 45 days after the date on which the District Governors officially take office, pursuant to Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution (i.e., Turnover meeting), the Council will approve 2 or 3 potential sites for the MD22 Convention Committee to investigate.
- (c) The Convention Committee will submit a Request For Bids to each of the approved sites. The Committee will also conduct an inspection of the facilities to ascertain that there are adequate facilities for housing, meals, room reservations, and convention sessions.
- (d) Copies of the Request For Bids received, along with the MD22 Convention Committee's recommendations, will be submitted to the Council by October 31st.
- (e) The Council will evaluate all the bids submitted, review the Convention Committee's recommendations, and select the site for the Convention by December 31st.
- (f) The Convention Committee, with the assistance of legal counsel, will finalize a contract with the selected Convention site. The proposed contract will then be submitted to the Council for final acceptance no later than the Mid-Winter Conference, pursuant to Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution.

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AGAINST