

MEMORANDUM

To: District Governor, Vice District Governor, Cabinet Secretary & Treasure, District Cabinet, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Convention

From: Lion Jeff Lochner (Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee)

Date: August 15, 2008

Re: Revisions to District Constitution & Bylaws to conform with International Bylaws
Re: First and Second Vice District Governors

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT(S)

At the most recent International Convention, Lions Clubs International (LCI) passed an amendment to Article IX the International Constitution & Bylaws pertaining to District Conventions & Elections. This amendment requires that District elections now include an election for the position of both a "First Vice District Governor" and a "Second Vice District Governor." Included within this Article are various requirements for serving each office.

Additionally, Article X of the newly amended LCI Bylaws specify the "Duties of District Officers." Included within these duties are specific duties for the First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor.

In order to comply with the requirements of the LCI Constitution & Bylaws (as recently amended), our District must amend our Constitution & Bylaws to segregate the position of "Vice District Governor" into two separate positions consisting of a "First Vice District Governor" and a "Second Vice District Governor." In addition, our Bylaws must be amended to properly state the duties of the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor as detailed in the newly amended International Bylaws.

IMPLEMENTATION

Following LCI's passage of amendments to its Bylaws as discussed above, uncertainty remained concerning how each district would implement these changes into their respective Bylaws. For instance, District 4C-6's Bylaws specify that amendments may take place only after submission of the proposed amendment to the Cabinet no later than the third cabinet meeting followed by 2/3 approval of the voting delegates at the District Convention. Thus, it was originally thought that full implementation of this new position could not take place until after the 2009 Convention.

However, our district has received instructions from the International Director (and LCI) instructing each district to implement the new position of Second Vice District Governor for District elections for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and each year thereafter. As a consequence, it is recommended that this position be placed open for the upcoming District Convention subject to the terms of the International Bylaws (and our proposed amended Bylaws). It is further proposed that the amended bylaws be placed on the ballot at the upcoming District Convention for ratification by the membership consistent with our Bylaws and the International Bylaws

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

A "Redline" version of the proposed revised Constitution & Bylaws is attached. In summary, the following changes are proposed to our Constitution & Bylaws in order to render them compliant with LCI's newly revised Bylaws:

Amendments to Constitution

Article V. (Officers)

Revise Section 1 - to replace the position of Vice District Governor with a First and Second vice District Governor.

Revise Section 2 - to replace "Vice District Governor with "First Vice District Governor."

Revise Section 5 - to replace the position of Vice District Governor with a First and Second vice District Governor.

Revise Section 9B (First vice District Gov) to include all the duties for this position specified in the international Constitution and Bylaws (article X, section 2, subsection (b))

Add Section 9C (Second vice District Gov) to include this position and to specify all the duties for this position as specified in the international Constitution and Bylaws (article X, section 2, subsection (c))

Article VI (Convention)

Revise Section 1 - to replace "Vice District Governor with "First Vice District Governor."

Revise Section 6 - to replace "Vice District Governor with "First Vice District Governor."

Article IX (Standing Committees)

Revise Section 1.4 - to replace "Vice District Governor with "First Vice District Governor."

Revise Section 10 - to replace "Vice District Governor with "First Vice District Governor."

Revise Section 13 - to replace "Vice District Governor with "First Vice District Governor."

Amendments to Bylaws

Article I (District Governor Election)

Revise Section 1 - to replace "Vice Governor with "First Vice District Governor."

Replace section 2 with a new section 2A specifying the from "Candidacy Requirements for District Governor" as specified in the international Constitution and Bylaws (article IX, section 4)

Add section 2B "District Governor/First and Second Vice District Governor Elections." Included within this our new subsections (a), (b) and (C) pertaining to the election of the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor, respectively, as specified in the international Constitution and Bylaws (article IX, section 6, subsections (a), (b) and (C))

Revise Section 3 - to replace "and/or Vice Governor" with "First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor"

Move the "Note" for "Family Membership Dues" from the end of the bylaws to the end of the "Dues Table"