

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410

REPORT TO COUNCIL and MD CONVENTION



COUNCIL MEETING:	Thursday 2 May 2024
MD CONVENTION:	Saturday May 2024
PORTFOLIO HELD BY:	Cliff Hocking PCC
PORTFOLIO HELD:	Constitutions, By-Laws, Resolutions and Protocol Committee

1. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The committee has carried out its duties as prescribed by the MD Constitution and By-Laws during the period under review and has provided inputs to the Council of Governors, District Cabinets and Clubs as requested from time to time.

It has not been necessary for the committee to meet physically during the year as all interactions have been via virtual means.

2. MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MD 410 CONVENTION

In terms of By-Law 1 - Section 1 of our Constitution and By-Laws, timeous notice was circulated to Clubs to submit resolutions for consideration at the annual Multiple District Convention.

Resolutions received from the Council of Governors and the Management Committee of Lions Brightsight, as attached, were reviewed by the Committee and circulated to all concerned within the stipulated timelines.

3. CONCLUSION

A vote of thanks is recorded to the members of the committee; PDG Patrick Mills (DC 410E), PDG Zwaai Kruger (DC 410W), PCC Brian von der Decken and PCC Viv Grater, for their inputs and efforts during the year.

Our thanks are also extended to the Council of Governors for the support and cooperation during the year.

Cliff Hocking PCC

Committee Chairman

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL- MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410

RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION TO BE HELD

AT THE WILDERNESS HOTEL, WESTERN CAPE ON 4 MAY 2024

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTION

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

C1. ARTICLE 6 – COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS the Multiple District Constitution can be amended from time to time to improve the overall administration and operational efficiency of the Multiple District as well as to ensure that the Constitution and By-Laws are grammatically and factually correct.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE 6 - COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS Section 1 – Council of Governors

be amended by the deletion of the wording “provided that shall call for nominations from all Past District Governors resident within the Multiple District, who would be available to serve as Council Chairperson for the following term. Any Past District Governor in good standing shall be eligible for nomination provided that he/she” **and the addition of the text** “All nominees shall give” and “If the Vice District Governors wish to interview any candidate(s) prior to the virtual meeting referred to above taking place they shall be entitled to do so.”

(d) Sixty (60) days prior to the final Council Meeting of the fiscal year, the Council Secretary shall call for nominations from all Past District Governors resident within the Multiple District, (i) who have not previously held the office of Council Chairperson, and who would be available to serve in that capacity (ii) for the term following that of the incumbent Council Chairperson-elect. Any Past District Governor in good standing, (iii) with the exception of those who have previously served as Council Chairperson, shall be eligible for nomination provided that shall call for nominations from all Past District Governors resident within the Multiple District, who would be available to serve as Council Chairperson for the following term. Any Past District Governor in good standing shall be eligible for nomination provided that he/she All nominees shall give written advice of his/her willingness to accept the nomination, as well as securing the endorsement of his/her Club. These, together with a detailed CV, shall be submitted to the Council Secretary by the stipulated closing date which shall be no less than thirty (30) days prior to the final meeting of the Council.

The incumbent District Governors shall also be eligible for nomination.

(iv) The Council Secretary shall furnish the First and Second Vice District Governors, and the incumbent Council Chairperson, with a list of the names of the available candidates for Council Chairperson, in writing, at least twenty (20) days prior to the final Council meeting of the fiscal year.

No less than fifteen (15) days preceding the final Council Meeting, the incumbent Council Chairperson shall convene a virtual meeting of the First and Second Vice District Governors for the purposes of electing a Council Chairperson from the nominations received. The incumbent Council Chair shall be the Chairperson of said meeting and shall be a non-voting member, but in case of a tie, may exercise a casting vote.

If the Vice District Governors wish to interview any candidate(s) prior to the virtual meeting referred to above taking place they shall be entitled to do so.

Should one or more of the available candidates not be acceptable to the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Council Secretary shall call for fresh nominations from eligible Past District Governors from within the Multiple District to be submitted at least five (5) days prior to the final Council meeting of the fiscal year. The process as outlined in paragraph (d) above will then be followed.

The Council Chairperson shall advise the Council and the Convention of the elected candidate at the Multiple District Convention.

MOTIVATION

The rewording, which is essential for the article to make sense, eliminates any confusion that could arise and makes the section of the constitution understandable.

C2. ARTICLE 6 – COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE 6 - COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS Section 5 – Powers, Rights and Obligations

Paragraph (d) be amended by substituting the wording “audit” with “audit, review or compilation”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE 7 - MULTIPLE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND;

ARTICLE 10 - CONVENTION EXPENDITURE and

BY-LAW 2 – DUTIES

be amended by substituting the wording “audit” with “audit, review or compilation”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Wherever the wording “audit” appears in the Constitution and By-Laws it be replaced with “audit, review or compilation”.

MOTIVATION

In 2008 the then Council of Governors relooked at the requirements of the Multiple District in regards to its financial statements, and considered the level of assurance needed in its financial statements.

The Council realised that the Multiple District was small in financial terms, its income being largely predetermined levies. In addition, there was oversight from the Council of Governors as well as the Multiple District Finance Committee. Hence the Multiple District only needed minimal assurance, it was therefore determined that a compilation report would be sufficient for the needs of the Multiple District.

The Convention of that year resolved to add to ARTICLE 7 - MULTIPLE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND Section 5 – Audit of Books and Accounts the following:

“that public accountants/auditors, whom qualify under the rules as laid down by the Department of Social Development and the Commissioner of the South African Revenue Services.” In adding this clause they believed it would cover the compilation reports for the Multiple District, as compilation reports were accepted by the Department of Social Development and the Commissioner of the South African Revenue Services.

Furthermore, the Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws refers to audit or review in all references to financial management and control.

CONSTITUTION OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410

OPERATION BRIGHTSIGHT

C3. ARTICLE 7 ADMINISTRATION

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS the Lions Brightsight Constitution can be amended from time to time to improve the overall administration and operational efficiency.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ARTICLE 7 – ADMINISTRATION Section 7.15 be amended by deleting the word “certified” and substituting it with “audited, review or compilation”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Wherever the wording “audit” appears in the Lions Brightsight Constitution it be replaced with “audit, review or compilation”.

MOTIVATION

It has been determined that there is adequate oversight from the Council of Governors as well as the Multiple District Finance Committee and hence Lions Brightsight only requires minimal assurance. It has been agreed that a compilation and / or a review report is sufficient for the needs of Lions Brightsight.

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

O1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS Article 8 – Section 1 of the Multiple District 410 Constitution determines that a Multiple District Administration Fund tax shall be levied upon each member of each club, (excluding Life members for whom a one-time fee in lieu of future Multiple District dues has been paid), in the Multiple District and that the amount of such tax shall be determined at each Multiple District Convention;

AND WHEREAS careful consideration has been given to the MD 410 budget by the MD Finance Committee, the Council of Governors and the Incoming Council of Governors, the present per capita fund tax of R 77.00 (seventy-seven Rand) will not be sufficient to cover the funding necessary to administer the Multiple District in the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The annual per capita fund tax be increased by R 8.00 (eight Rand) to R 85.00 (eighty-five Rand) for the fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

MOTIVATION

The budgeting process undertaken indicates conclusively that the increase is necessary to ensure that the Multiple District can provide the necessary standard of service and support to the Districts and Clubs within MD 410.

02. MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS Article 11 – Section 4 of the constitution of this Multiple District determines that a Multiple District Convention Fund tax shall be levied upon each member of each club in the Multiple District, excluding Life members, and that the amount of such tax shall be determined at each Multiple District Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Multiple District Convention Fund Tax not be increased and that it remains at R 7.50 per annum for the fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

MOTIVATION:

There are sufficient funds available and therefore the Council of Governors and the incoming Council do not find it necessary to increase the contribution from the members for the next fiscal year.

03. INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES CAMPAIGN FUND

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS Article 8 (B) of the Constitution of this Multiple District determines that an International Candidates Campaign Fund tax shall be levied at a rate of one (1) Rand per member, per annum, excluding Life members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The International Candidates Campaign Fund Tax not be increased and that it remains at R 1.00 per annum for the fiscal year 2024 - 2025.

MOTIVATION:

There are sufficient funds available and therefore the Council of Governors and the incoming Council do not find it necessary to increase the contribution from the members for the next fiscal year.

04. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS Article 8 (C) Section 2 of the Constitution of this Multiple District determines that a International Convention Fund tax shall be levied at a rate of fifty (50) cents per member, per annum, excluding Life members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The International Convention Fund Tax not be increased and that it remains at R 0.50 per annum for the fiscal year 2024 - 2025.

MOTIVATION:

There are sufficient funds available and therefore the Council of Governors and incoming Council do not find it necessary to increase the contribution from the members for the next fiscal year.

05. MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 LOUIS VOLKS DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS Article 17 of the constitution of this Multiple District determines that a Multiple District 410 Louis Volks Disaster Relief Fund tax shall be levied upon each member of each club in the Multiple District, excluding Life members, and that the amount of such tax shall be determined at each Multiple District Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Multiple District 410 Louis Volks Disaster Relief Fund Tax not be increased and that it remains at R 0.50 per annum for the fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

MOTIVATION:

There are sufficient funds available in this fund and therefore the Council of Governors does not find it necessary to increase the contribution from the members for the next fiscal year.

06. MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 LOUIS VOLKS HUMANITARIAN AWARD CONTRIBUTIONS

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

WHEREAS Article 17 of the constitution of this Multiple District determines that the contribution for the purchase of a Louis Volks Humanitarian Award and a Louis Volks Progressive Humanitarian Award shall be determined at each Multiple District Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The amount payable for the purchase of a Louis Volks Humanitarian Award and a Louis Volks Progressive Humanitarian Award be increased from R 1 500.00 to R 2 000.00 for the fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025.

MOTIVATION:

There are insufficient funds available to be able to provide effective relief in the event of an emergency and therefore the Council of Governors is of the opinion that the cost of this prestigious award warrants an increase for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year.