



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 – 2024/2025

REPORT TO CONVENTION 3 May 2025

PORTFOLIO – CONSTITUTIONS, BY-LAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROTOCOL

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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. The only motions received were from the Council of Governors and are copied below:

2.1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MD CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ITEM 1: Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

A RESOLUTION TO ADD THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN LIONS INTERNATIONAL MD 410 and BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, WHEREBY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES SPONSOR AND LIONS DISTRICTS AND CLUBS WITHIN MD410 EXECUTE COMMUNITY PROJECTS WITH THE SPONSORED FUNDS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Multiple District 410 Constitution be amended by the inclusion of Article 18 as follows:

ARTICLE 18 - COLLABORATION BETWEEN LIONS INTERNATIONAL MD 410 and BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

- (a) Lions International MD 410 and Business Enterprises, being, but not limited to various corporate entities, governmental departments and non-governmental organisations from time to time agree to collaborate whereby Business Enterprises sponsor and Lions Districts and Clubs within MD410 execute community projects with the sponsored funds..

(b) GOVERNING BOARD

The control of MD 410's management and obligations in terms of the collaborations shall be in the hands of a Governing Board consisting of the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410.

The Governing Board shall meet, at least three times per year, coinciding with Multiple District 410 Council meetings.

At these meetings the Governing Board will receive and consider reports of and financial statements from the Management Committee.

A quorum of Governing Board shall not be less than 51 per cent of its membership.

(c) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- i. The administration of the collaboration and resulting projects shall be in the hands of a Management Committee which shall be appointed by the Governing Body. This Committee shall be responsible to the Governing Board which shall in turn be responsible to Lions Clubs International Multiple District 410. The Management Committee shall formulate a comprehensive business plan for each programme annually, which shall be considered by the Governing Board for ratification and submitted to the respective Business Enterprises for approval no later than 1 July of each year.

- ii. The Management Committee shall consist of no more than seven (7) members and shall include:
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
 - c. Secretary, who shall be the MD 410 Council Secretary
 - d. Treasurer, who shall be the MD 410 Council Treasurer
 - e. A designated MD 410 Lion Liaison, for each Business Enterprise collaboration agreement entered into for the day to day operational issues.
 - f. One member nominated by the District 410E Cabinet
 - g. One member nominated by the District 410W Cabinet
 - h. Chairs and Coordinators of MD 410 committees shall be co-opted for specific tasks as the need arises.
 - i. All Management Committee members shall at all times be a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing within MD 410.
 - j. The respective MD Lion Liaisons shall be domiciled in the same city from which the Business Enterprises operate.
 - k. A quorum of the Management Committee shall not be less than 51 per cent of its membership.
- iii. The Management Committee shall have the following powers:
 - a. To operate banking accounts in the name of Lions MD 410 and to execute transactions connected with the business of the respective collaborations. Such transactions shall be authorised by two of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - b. The Management Committee shall submit reports and financial statements to the Governing Board and the annual convention of MD410 as per the notifications of meetings issued by the Council Secretary.
- iv. The Management Committee shall hold not less than one meeting every two months of each year at regular intervals, minutes of which shall be sent to the members of the Governing Board. The chairperson of the Management Committee shall preside over all meetings of the Management Committee. Should the Chairperson not be present at a meeting for whatever reason, the members of the Management Committee in attendance shall, prior to the commencement of the meeting, elect a chairperson for the purpose of presiding, from the members present.
- v. The Chairperson, or two members of the Management Committee, may call a special meeting of the Management Committee for whatever reason, provided that all members of the Management Committee are given at least 21 days' notice of the date, time and venue of such meeting. An agenda for such special meetings shall be circulated with the aforementioned notice.

(d) OPERATIONS

All aspects of the collaborations in terms of the scope, roles and responsibilities, terms, amendments and the like shall be as contained in the Annual Project Plans and Donation Schedules, as agreed by the parties and amended from time to time.

2.2 ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES

Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 8 – SECTION 1 OF THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONSTITUTION WHEREBY A MULTIPLE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND TAX SHALL BE LEVIED UPON EACH MEMBER OF EACH CLUB IN THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT AND THAT THE AMOUNT OF SUCH TAX SHALL BE DETERMINED AT EACH MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION. THIS EXCLUDES LIFE MEMBERS FOR WHOM A ONE-TIME FEE IN LIEU OF FUTURE MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES HAS BEEN PAID.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

THAT the annual per capita fund tax remains at R 85.00 (eighty-five Rand) for the fiscal year July 2025 to June 2026 given that after careful consideration 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 will be sufficient to cover the funding necessary to administer the Multiple District during the fiscal year.

ITEM 2. MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND**Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410**

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 11 – SECTION 4 OF THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONSTITUTION WHEREBY A MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND TAX SHALL BE LEVIED UPON EACH MEMBER OF EACH CLUB, IN THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT AND THAT THE AMOUNT OF SUCH TAX SHALL BE DETERMINED AT EACH MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION. THIS EXCLUDES LIFE MEMBERS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

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 2025 to June 2026 as the present per capita fund tax will be sufficient to cover the funding necessary for the fiscal year.

ITEM 3. INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES CAMPAIGN FUND**Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410**

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 8 (B) OF THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONSTITUTION WHEREBY AN INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES CAMPAIGN FUND TAX SHALL BE LEVIED AT A RATE OF ONE (1) RAND PER MEMBER, PER ANNUM, EXCLUDING LIFE MEMBERS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

THAT the International Candidates Campaign Fund Tax not be increased and that it remains at R 1.00 per annum given that 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 2025-2026 fiscal year.

ITEM 4. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND**Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410**

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 8 (C) OF THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONSTITUTION WHEREBY AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND TAX SHALL BE LEVIED AT A RATE OF 0.50 RAND PER MEMBER, PER ANNUM, EXCLUDING LIFE MEMBERS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

THAT the International Convention Fund Tax not be increased and that it remains at R 0.50 (Fifty cents) per annum given that 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 2025 - 2026 fiscal year.

ITEM 5. MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 LOUIS VOLKS DISASTER RELIEF FUND**Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410**

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 17 OF THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONSTITUTION WHEREBY A MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 LOUIS VOLKS DISASTER RELIEF FUND TAX SHALL BE LEVIED AND THAT THE AMOUNT OF SUCH TAX SHALL BE DETERMINED AT EACH MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION, EXCLUDING LIFE MEMBERS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

THAT the Multiple District 410 Louis Volks Disaster Relief Fund Tax not be increased and that it remains at R 0.50 *Fifty cents) per annum. There are sufficient funds available in this fund and the Council of

Governors does not find it necessary to increase the contribution from the members for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

ITEM 6. MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 LOUIS VOLKS HUMANITARIAN AWARD CONTRIBUTIONS
Submitted by the Council of Governors of Multiple District 410

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 17 OF THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 CONSTITUTION WHEREBY 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.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

THAT the amount payable for the purchase of a Louis Volks Humanitarian Award and a Louis Volks Progressive Humanitarian Award not be increased and it remain at R 2 000.00 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 in that there are sufficient funds available to be able to provide effective relief in the event of an emergency.

3. CONCLUSION

A vote of thanks is recorded to the members of the committee; PCC Bernd Gerhard, PCC Brian von der Decken (410E), PDG Zwaai Kruger and PDG Jimmy Lang (410W) 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.

Wishing all delegates an enjoyable convention!

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