

January 21, 2017

MD-6 Council Chairperson Smith
MD-6 Council of Governors

Re: MD-6 Constitution & By-Laws committee report

At the request of this Council, after your last regular meeting, this committee was asked to prepare a suggested amendment to Article V of the state constitution that would clarify the procedure for electing the next council chairperson whether the districts hold their individual annual convention in conjunction with the state convention or separately at another date as determined by each District Cabinet.

To be in compliance with the International Constitution the selection of the Council Chairperson is to be done by the District Governors. The MD-6 Constitution provides the District Governors-Elect shall select the Council Chairperson since they have been duly elected to be the next District Governors and are planning for their year as District Governor.

Article V as rewritten below is the committee's suggestion to amend this article. The word changes are in bold type and underlined. As written we think this meets the requirement that the selection of the council chairperson is to be done by the District Governors (in our case the Districts Governors-Elect). It also provides for a flexible time for the election of the chairperson and a final date to do it.

ARTICLE V STATE COUNCIL

Section 1. There shall be a State Council composed of the duly elected and installed District Governors in Multiple District 6, State of Colorado, and such Council shall include one (1) Immediate Past District Governor as **Chairperson** thereof elected as hereinafter provided in Section 2 of this ARTICLE V.

Section 2. An organization meeting of the District Governors-Elect shall be held upon the call of the **Chairperson** of the outgoing State Council, or in the event of the absence of the **Chairperson** upon the call of the **Vice-Chairperson**, of the outgoing State Council **as soon as convenient after all District Governors-Elect have been elected but no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the MD-6 convention.** At such organizational meeting, the District Governors-Elect shall elect a **Chairperson**. In the event, there is only one (1) candidate for Council **Chairperson**, and fails to receive a majority vote, the District Governors-Elect shall have the option of considering the governors of the first previous year, in the event that a majority vote is not reached, the District Governors-Elect shall be allowed to go back to the Governors of the second previous year, and no further. The District Governors-Elect shall also elect a **Vice-Chairperson**, Secretary, and Treasurer. Notification shall be made to the newly elected **Council Officers as soon as possible after being elected.**

A. The Council **Chairperson** shall hold the office only one (1) year and shall not be eligible to hold office of Council **Chairperson** in any future year.

B. Any candidate seeking the position of Council **Chairperson** must announce their candidacy no later than the **adjournment of the third Council Meeting.**

C. At the request of the majority of the council of governors, a special meeting of the council may be called for the purpose of removal of the council chairperson. The council chairperson may be removed from the council for cause by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire number of the council of governors.

This committee should remind the District Governors that Article 1, Section 1 of the MD-6 By-Laws was amended at last year's MD convention. This amendment became necessary to be in compliance with the International Constitution. This came about because some District Governors around the world seemed to be gaining too much control and forgetting the members of the clubs and districts. It might be helpful to review all of this Article 1.

ARTICLE I DISTRICT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Section 1. At least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the District Convention, each District Governor shall appoint, and designate the chairperson of a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions Club in good standing in the District and shall not at the time through the duration of their appointment hold any district cabinet or international office either by election or appointment. The names and addresses of Lions so appointed shall be sent to all Clubs in the District at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the District Convention. It shall be the committee's responsibility to review the qualifications of each nominated candidate within 5 days prior to the election and rule on the eligibility of the same.

This committee wishes you continued success and enjoyment the rest of your year. If you have a question on any of the constitution or by-laws feel free to contact either me or members of this committee-PID Ken Schwols or PCC Bob Selle.

PID Homer Hill, Chairman
MD-6 Constitution & By-Laws Committee