

STATE CONVENTION RULES OF PROCEDURE

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth steps that must be taken to coordinate and conduct each annual Multiple District 14 Lions State Convention.

General:

1. Order of Business: The regular order of business as shown in the official program will be followed.
2. Speaker: No person exclusive of those assigned set speeches and discussion will be allowed to speak on more than one subject at any one time and while speaking will contain his/her remarks strictly to the subject in order to allow everyone an opportunity to address the convention.
3. Resolutions: Any and all resolutions must be typewritten on correspondence sized paper (8 ½ x 11) and delivered at the time of presentation to the presiding meeting Recording Secretary.
4. Reports of Committees: Any and all committee reports are delivered at the time of presentation to the presiding meeting Recording Secretary.
5. Elections:
 - a. When approved by the Council of Governors, voting may be held at the State Convention on amendments to the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws and/or the endorsement of a candidate from Pennsylvania for the International office of Third Vice President or International Director.
 - b. If the MD14 State Convention cannot be held due to governmental restrictions or other external events beyond the control of the Multiple District, alternative procedures for elections/voting may be authorized by the Council of Governors.
6. Who May Vote: Only registered delegates who are members of a Lions Club in good standing in Multiple District 14, who shall be present at the convention and whose credentials have been certified by the Credentials Committee of the convention shall be entitled to vote upon all questions and matters properly presented. Each delegate present shall have but one vote. No proxies are allowed.
7. Nominations for a Candidate for an International Office:

In the years when Multiple District 14 is eligible to nominate a candidate for International Office at its annual convention, nominations for such office shall be made on Thursday during the regular State Council Meeting. The State Council Chairperson shall place in nomination at the convention the name of each prospective candidate who has fulfilled said procedural and Constitutional requirements. Each such nominee for International Office shall be entitled to one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Voting for the candidate to be endorsed from Pennsylvania for the International Office shall be on the official ballot on Saturday during the regular voting hours. The nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed (elected) as the candidate of the Multiple District 14. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot, balloting shall continue with respect to the two nominees only who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.

8. Presentation to Convention: Anyone wishing to make a presentation to the convention must have prior approval from the presiding officer.
9. Election Rules: The Election Rules and Regulations as set forth in Policy 407 shall be adopted as a Section of these Rules of Procedure.
10. Parliamentary Authority: Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters or procedure not otherwise specifically covered.