



Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs

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PA State Council of Lions Clubs Special Election.

Date: September 28, 2020

The Special Election, due at the November State Council Meeting on November 6 thru 8, 2020 will still take place.

The necessity of this Special Election is to complete the two outstanding Ballot Questions, originally scheduled for a vote at the May 2020 State Convention.

The Council of Governors, at a Zoom Meeting on Sunday, September 20th approved the Multiple District hold an Electronic Election and selected Election Runner as the application of choice.

This letter will now serve as the official notice of the manner and timing of an Electronic Special Election, using electionrunner.com to be conducted by the MD14 Lions of Pennsylvania on **Sunday, November 8, 2020 – between the hours of 12 noon and 8pm.**

An election packet will be mailed to each District Governor in time for inclusion in their Newsletters and for distribution by their District Secretary/Certification Chair to Club Presidents and Secretaries containing the following documentation to guide them through the process:

1. **Election Process** - sets forth the steps and timing of the election to ensure its successful completion.
2. **Delegate Collection Spreadsheet** – an excel spreadsheet to enter the Delegate names, member numbers (for certification purposes only) and email addresses to be uploaded to electionrunner.com.
3. **Official Delegate Certification Form** - each Club Secretary and/or President must complete and return this and the **Delegate Collection Spreadsheet** to the State Office, preferably by email, by **Friday October 23, 2020.**
4. **Sample Letter to Clubs including the Potential Delegate Count** - showing simplified process and the number of delegates that each club in each District is entitled to.
5. **Ballot Questions** – copies of the two Ballot Questions.
6. **Unpaid Dues Schedule** - Dues must be paid to Lions Clubs International no later than **Monday October 14, 2020** for a club to be entitled to have their nominated delegates to vote in this election. (Each District receives their own District Recap Report to be included in this packet).

It is very important that all delegates have a correct email address as the election will be conducted electronically (no paper ballots will be sent.)

It is especially important that the timeframes set forth in the Election Process document are adhered to for the election to be completed and it is imperative that Clubs notify their delegates of this process, so they know what to expect.

Once all delegates have been certified by the Districts and sent to the State Office, 17 sub elections will be set up and delegate information uploaded into electionrunner.com.

On **Sunday, November 8, 2020** an Invitation to Vote will be issued to every certified delegate from ***electionrunner.com*** and will contain:

- a link to access the system to record your vote
- a Unique Voter ID and Voter Key. The use of these ensures the ballots remain secret.

Voting must be completed no later than **Sunday November 8, 2020 at 8pm.**

Any questions regarding this process can be directed to:

CC Marilyn Wagner - marilynwagner23@gmail.com or 484-557-8168.

SA Bob McComas – bobmccomas@palions.org

Sincerely,

Marilyn Wagner
Council Chairperson
Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs



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Dear Lions Club Presidents and Secretaries

Detailed below are the Election Instructions in follow up to the Official Call Notice for MD14 Special Election, published in the October edition of our District Newsletter.

This Special Election is to complete the outstanding Ballot Questions, due to be voted on at our May 2020 State Convention and rescheduled to the November State Council Meeting weekend.

**This electronic election will take place using electionrunner.com on
Sunday, November 8, 2020 from 12:00 noon through 8:00PM.**

1. Since we cancelled both the May State Convention and the November State Council meeting voting is now open to **ALL CLUBS** in our District and not just those who might have registered to attend the November Council Meeting.
2. Please discuss with your Club Board and decide on your Club's voting delegates for the election. For each delegate please add the Club name, member name, member number and member email address to the attached Official Delegate Certification Form and email the completed form to District Secretary/Certification Chair Lion Any Name at anyaddress@aol.com. **Delegate information must be received no later than Friday October 23, 2020.**
3. The number of Club voting delegates will be based on active membership using the following formula and based on membership on July 1, 2020: one delegate for each 10 members **who have been enrolled in a Lions club for at least one year and a day**. The number of delegates for a club will be rounded up for remaining fractions greater than 5 members – example: 26 members will be 3 delegates, while 24 members will be 2 delegates. The attached page shows an estimated number of club delegates based on the Club Health Assessment at June 30, 2020.
4. **All District Governors, Past District Governors and International Directors are voting delegates and do not count against your club delegates.** PDG information should be added and certified on the Official Delegate Certification Form also be received by District Secretary/Certification Chair **no later than Friday October 23, 2020. (Please do not submit a Past District Governor as one of your club delegates since they are already counted).**
5. **In order to vote your Club must be in good standing!** This means that all dues have been paid in full to LCI, Multiple District (State) and District). Delinquent dues may be paid, and good standing returned up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification. **Certification will take place on Monday October 26th, 2020 so delinquent dues must be paid NO LATER THAN MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2020.**
6. Voting will be **ONLINE ONLY** using a web-based product called **Election Runner**. No mail or email ballots will be accepted so please make sure your delegates have the capability to vote on your Club's behalf.
7. A voting credential link will be generated and issued directly to certified delegates prior to the election to the email provided. This process will ensure the ballots are kept secret.
8. Election Results will be emailed to all Club Presidents and Secretaries to share with their club members and will also be published in District Newsletters.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

In Service

MD 14 Council Chair Marilyn Wagner



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Ballot Question 1

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT-14 (PENNSYLVANIA) CONSTITUTION. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.

THE RESOLUTION ADDS LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY : 1) THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON; 2) THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTING A REPLACEMENT IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON POSITION; AND 3) THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON ROTATION.

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2021, Article VII, Section 4, will read as follows:

“Section 4: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the State Council shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who had served in the capacity of Vice-Chairperson during the preceding year, who for the year 2020-2021 shall be from Sub-District P. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

In the event, either before or after becoming the Chairperson, if unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, then the District Governor of that sub-district shall appoint a Past-District Governor who is resident in and a member in good standing of a Lions Club in that sub-district to serve out the term of office. If no Past District Governor from the sub-district is willing to serve, then the sitting Council of Governors will appoint a Past District Governor from the two preceding State Councils who is a resident in and member in good standing of a Lions Club in Pennsylvania to serve the remaining term of office. The normal Council Chairperson rotation will resume when the replacement Council Chairperson's term of office is completed.

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED? YES NO



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Ballot Question 2

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT-14 (PENNSYLVANIA) BY-LAWS. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

THE RESOLUTION MODIFIES THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CURRENT \$16 PER-CAPITA DUES AS FOLLOWS, STARTING JULY 1 2021:

- ELIMINATES THE "PROMOTION FUND" OF \$0.35
- INCREASES THE "STATE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND" FROM \$8.50 TO \$9.60
- INCREASES THE "SUB-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND" FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.00
- REPLACES THE "PENNSYLVANIA NEWS PUBLICATION FUND" WITH THE "COMMUNICATION/WEB/PRIDE FUND" AND REDUCES THE ALLOCATION FROM \$1.50 TO \$0.25

THE RESOLUTION **DOES NOT** INCREASE OR DECREASE THE CURRENT OVERALL DUES

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2021, Article VI, Section 2, will read as follows:

Section 2. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds so collected shall be used, distributed, and credited as follows:

- a. State Convention Administrative fund - \$0.45
- b. International Convention Fund - \$0.85
- c. District Governors International Convention Expense Fund - \$0.35
- d. State Council Administrative Fund - \$9.60
- e. Sub-Districts Administrative Fund - \$3.00
- f. Communication/Web/PRIDE Fund - \$0.25
- g. All-State Band - \$1.50

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

YES

NO



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OFFICIAL DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM

Online Voting via electionrunner.com: Sunday November 8, 2020

Please type or print neatly

Completed forms must be received at the District Secretary/Certification Chair by Friday, October 23, 2020.

Club Name: _____

District: _____

DELEGATES: based on 7/01/2020 membership count – 1 delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof:

Name and Member #	E-Mail
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS – these delegates are in addition to your Club/s LCI defined delegate quota

Name and Member #	Email:
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

I, the President or Secretary of the aforementioned Pennsylvania Lions Club, certify that the above named Lions have been selected as our Club's delegates to vote in the MD14 November 8, 2020 Special Election

Signature

Title

Date