

Patti Hill for 3rd International Vice President

It is just eleven months before we gather in Milan for the 2019 International Convention and our historic vote for Lion Patti as our next 3rd International Vice President. Our PH4VP committee has asked VCC Lion Pauline Cooper to investigate pre and post tours that may be of interest to those making plans to travel to Milan to cast a ballot for Patti! Please review her first report and contact her for more detailed information.

I have been asked to share some thoughts regarding an important question for the Lions of Canada. Why should we have a Canadian Executive Officer? My thoughts follow for your consideration.

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Why should we have a Canadian Executive Officer?

This is a very legitimate question as we ask Individual Lions and their clubs to contribute both time and money to the election process.

I believe we must begin by looking at the reasons we are members of this world-wide organization we call Lions Clubs International. I would suggest that we will find the reasons for membership are quite similar for those of us living in India, Korea, Iceland, Canada or any other of our over 200 countries around the world. Those common reasons are to make our communities and our world a better place in which to live. We Serve!

The very interesting fact of this global fellowship of humanitarians is that there is no mandated or common method to follow in achieving our service goals. We have differing cultural, financial, and political norms that influence our journey to serve.

For these reasons I suggest that it is of great importance to have all these differences represented, over the years, in our international leadership. Each executive officer provides five years of influence in giving direction to the Association. It is to be expected that their culture and beliefs will be reflected in their leadership. It is the melding of these differences that make for a strong global family of Lions. It is important to provide the Canadian perspective to this global development.

It is over 30 years since the world elected Judge Brian Stevenson to serve as International President. Judge Brian has been a strong voice for international service with Canadian values while sharing the values of others that have made Lions Clubs International one of the world's great non-governmental organizations.

Lion Dr. Patti Hill has a professional background in building collaboration and consensus among diverse stakeholders, a skill that she will bring to the executive officer role.

Lion Patti has stated: *“I am motivated to help build an effective Association that is readily able to support our individual Lions Clubs. The Association exists to serve Clubs so that Clubs can serve communities, not the other way around.”*

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