

# The Louisiana Lion

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- News from your MD-8 Council of Governors
- Louisiana Lions Camp
- Louisianan Lions Eye Foundation

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## View from the Chair

This Lions year has begun with full force. Multiple District 8 has had Four Sub District Leadership conferences.

I would like to commend all the Governors for their effort that they have put forth in making the conferences fun & entertaining and provided the attendees with lots of useful information and motivation. As for International Guest and speakers, they have been top notch. We still have one more to go and I know Lion DG CC won't disappoint.

As we move into the second half of our Lions year I know that your Governors have some great things still planned and some goals they would still love to meet. So I ask all of you to please give them the support the rest of the year and help them achieve those goals.

Don't forget MD8 convention is right around the corner so get your registrations in. I know District 8N will have a great time for all of us in March.

Thank You for all you do!

Jeff N. Williams, CC

## Save the Date - March 20-22, 2020



### 2020 Annual MD-8 Louisiana State Convention

Our International guest will be PIP Wayne Madden and his spouse, Lion Linda from Auburn, Indiana.

State Convention will begin on Friday, Look for details coming soon.

Registration will be held from 2:00—5:00 on Friday. Followed by the incoming governors hosting their hospitality rooms.

Conference Registration will continue on Saturday morning with a Call to Order at 8:00 in the Ball Room.

Find a registration form enclosed in this newsletter.

# A Word from your Governors



## Lion Terry Harkey, District Governor 8-L

Happy New Year to all Multi-district 8 Lions!!!

*“You can’t get  
very far until  
you start doing  
something for  
somebody else.”*

*Melvin Jones*

Our district is proud to introduce the Louisiana Animal Rescue Angels Lions Club – LARA for short – to the multi-district as the newest club recently chartered with 24 members. This club is mostly comprised of ladies and is a specialty club. Their name says it all. They assist orphaned, injured, and abandoned animals to reach their healthy state and find their “forever” home. They are quite creative and because they have no idea how to be Lions, but they know they want to help, therefore, they are the best Lions we could ask for!

Specialty clubs are a way for your area to recruit new Lions. It’s straight-forward. Find a group of people who already have a passion for a specific service and invite them to do it as Lions. It doesn’t hurt to mention that all Lions Clubs have 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance available for no charge. They can pursue their service with the backing of 1.4 million fellow Lions!

Look around and see the kinds of groups that you could bring in. Here are 5 main areas of potentials with an example: Culture (Asian, Latino), Life Stage (senior living center), Cause (gun safety), Profession/Education (retired first responders/elementary school teachers), Hobbies (quilting?/ Sports (bicycle enthusiasts.) There are so many groups that could become Lions!

Building clubs is an important part of keeping our organization vital and moving forward. But if we don’t take care of the existing clubs, we are just bailing water out of a sinking boat. We must KEEP the members we have! Member satisfaction is very important in retaining members and maintaining the strength of the clubs. After several visits around district 8L, I am confident that numbers may be lower than we would like, but they are all serving and seem to be enjoying what they accomplish.

Since we are now more than halfway through our Lion year, I hope you and your clubs are working on club excellence. This award seems to bring clubs together in member retention and taking the “next step” to a better future. You can [go here](#) or here <https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards> to get the application. It’s very easy to check the boxes once your club has accomplished the tasks, then send it to your district governor. It is such a wonderful feeling to be recognized for the work that you do and grow at the same time! You still have more than 5 months – let’s do this!

## **Lion CC Prudhomme, District Governor 8-I**

After 6 years of training and many meetings, after traveling abroad to Italy and various states in the U.S. for the USA/Canada Forums and International Lions conventions, all I can say is it has been so worth any and all the minor inconveniences. The most valuable part of all is meeting so many inspiring people in all levels of Lionism.

Our District is shrinking at 6% a year and each club is working to engage more members in a competitive atmosphere with corporate cutbacks in sponsoring memberships. Our young families are busy with their lives and we are going to have to meet their time constraints with innovative types of clubs.

District 8-I has 26 viable clubs, and of those clubs, I have visited only seven. I have been able to get a date from 1 more in January. Therefore, I request that each of the 18 clubs get in touch with me to schedule visits or let me know when you have a service project I can help with. My one great push is to encourage each club to report service on MY Lion. We need to show that our district has very active service clubs in our communities. Also, we need to publicize all that we do through any media available to each of us.

Thank You,  
DG Lion CC

## **Lion Norma Theall, District Governor 8-0**

Where has the time gone already a half a year has gone  
Hope everyone had a great holiday. 8-0 has purchased our disaster trailer now we need to fill it with  
the supplies need for a disaster.  
Our next District cabinet meeting will be in Oakdale. Hope to see you there.

## Lion Lambert Ratard, District Governor 8-N

As the 2019-2020 Governor of District 8-N, I would like to thank all the Lions, Lionesses, Leos and partners for their support to all our Lions projects. Since July 1, 2019 Members and officers of District 8-N have been busy.



International Director B.J. Blankenship and his wife Carolyn



I D B.J. Blankenship, Lion Stanley Braud and DG L. Ratard

On the district level, last August, we had a successful district conference that was dedicated to Lion Stanley Braud for his 45 years of dedicated services to Lionism. International Director B.J. Blankenship and his wife from Tennessee were our international guests. On Friday afternoon, we had our service project to benefit a pediatric cancer district project. On Friday evening, Lion Beth Dawson spoke to us about the experience of a Louisiana priests from Ponchatoula during World War II Bataan Death March and after. At lunchtime on Saturday, our guest speaker was Tim NesSmith, Ship Superintendent/Outreach Coordinator of the USS KID Veterans Museum. In addition, the attendees enjoyed good food and great fellowship. Outstanding Lions were honored during the banquet. Lion Lester Lemoine, Lion Stanley Braud and PDG Evelyn Kirk received respectively a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

Congratulations to the East Baton Rouge Lions Club, sponsoring club of the winning peace poster contest entry on the state level. The winning poster was submitted by Sarah Thomas, an 8th grade student of Glasgow Middle School. The theme was "Journey of Peace." Her quote was "The road to peace is paved with education."

Thank you to the 14 clubs that are reporting their activities, the way LCI wants. So far, East BR, BR Lakeshore, BR Southeast, BR Metropolitan, Bogalusa, Brusly Gonzales, Jackson, Lutcher Gramercy, Port Allen, Reserve, Slidell, Sorrento and Zachary reported a total of 207 activities, served 22,174 people with a total of 4,318 volunteer hours.

Thank you also to the 17 clubs that are conducting vision screening tests for children. Last year, 8-N was the leading district with 10,266 children screened or 31.80% of the screenings in the state. 1,266 children were referred.

At this time, as the Governor of the host district of the 97th Annual Lions State Convention, I am inviting all of you to that annual event that will be held on March 20, 21 and 22nd of March 2020 at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge.

Thanks again for all you do,

District Governor, Lambert Ratard,

DG 8-N 2019-2020





# SAVE THE DATES

January 31st-February 2nd— 8-I Leadership Conference, Alexandria

February 8th—9<sup>th</sup> — LLEF Board Meeting-Shreverport

February 10th-15th —LCI DGE Training

March 14th—Camp Board Meeting, Lafayette

March 20th-22nd- State Convention, Baton Rouge

April 17h-19th—RLLI Training, Camp

May 2nd—3rd LLEF Board Meeting, Gonzales

June 20th Camp Board Meeting @ camp

June 20th COG Turnover Meeting @ camp



**LEADERDOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND

## Leader Dog

Dear Lions, Lioness and Leos,

The world needs Leader Dogs and the first step is puppy raising. Can any of you think about hosting a guest for a year?

Right in the middle of winter, the hardest season to attract new volunteer puppy raisers, Mother Nature gave us many large litters of Leader Dog puppies!

We are very thankful that they are healthy and adorable (of course), but that doesn't diminish our need for many new volunteers to step forward soon.

And why don't people want to puppy raise this time of year? Because they haven't heard the following Winter Time Puppy Raising Truths:

When you take a puppy outside in the cold to relieve herself, she does her duty quickly to get back inside. Result: Faster house-breaking!

After the holidays, our lives slow down and we can fall into a "funk." What better way to pep yourself up than welcoming a happy, healthy puppy into your life?

You can fulfill your New Year's resolution to get out of the house and meet new people with many fun puppy raiser outings to attend.

You also get to check off your New Year's resolution to give back to your community, help others and pay it forward (to someone who is blind or visually impaired).

**BONUS:** Our generous friends at Premier Pet Supply have stepped forward to help provide \$100 Premier Pet gift cards to all puppy raisers, new and return, who pick up a puppy in January or February 2020!

Start experiencing joy in 2020 by bringing a Leader Dog puppy into your home. Fill out an application today at [leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy/](http://leaderdog.org/volunteer/raise-a-puppy/).

You can also attend our next Puppy Raising Orientation on Monday, January 13 from 6 p.m.–8 p.m. (1039 W. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI - In the building with the green roof). Please contact Laura Fisher at 248-218-6422 or [lfisher@leaderdog.org](mailto:lfisher@leaderdog.org) to add your name to the attendee list.

If you aren't ready to raise a puppy at this time but think you know someone who might be, pass this message along to them!

## *A Message from the Louisiana Lions Camp*

At the 1957 Multiple District 8 State Convention held in Baton Rouge, La., the delegates voted in favor of establishing a camp for the special needs children of the State of Louisiana. Thus, the Camp was born and you, as a Louisiana Lion, automatically became not only a member of the Board but inherited an obligation to support the Camp with your time, talents and resources as you are able.

Today, some 62 years later, your camp is simply referred to as the “Louisiana Lions Camp” with the logo “LC Love”. Your camp is a modern facility housed on 140 acres. This past summer a meaningful camping experience was provided for 653 special needs children with physical and mental challenges, respiratory disorders, diabetes and childhood cancer. Because of the generosity of the Lions of Louisiana, this camping experience is provided AT NO COST TO THE CAMPER!

As with the Lions emblem, your camp looks proudly to the past knowing that it provided thousands of children a meaningful camping experience and looks forward to the future with great excitement and anticipation knowing this same experience will be provided to thousands more children.

Your Lions Camp faces many challenges. To survive for the next 62 years, we must be willing to change. Change not only how we operate but also how we function as a Board. Your Lions Camp depends heavily on support from Lions and Lions Clubs throughout the state to meet the annual budget. This fiscal year that budget approaches \$675,000! With the decline of both clubs and membership, this funding source is decreasing. We must seek other funding avenues to replace that income!

With the decline in membership, participation on the Board has also declined. Over the past couple of years, the Executive Board has instituted changes to ensure that Lions attending Board meetings have a meaningful Board experience. The Executive Board and Committee Chairs are committed to helping Lions come away feeling that their time was well spent and that they are contributing to the overall effort. The number of Board meetings has been reduced from 4 to 3 and we are currently working with a one-day meeting format. Committees and their functions have been combined to eliminate overlapping responsibilities. Some committees whose function is now performed by Camp staff have been eliminated. The Camp’s website is currently being redesigned and should roll out in mid-February. It is fresh, exciting and appealing! I encourage you to be looking for it.

As we begin our 63<sup>rd</sup> year, I invite you to join with me and the other members of your Camp Board to set the path that will ensure the future of our Camp.

Come join us at our next Board meeting in Lafayette March 14. Come and be a part of something great!

Lion Bob Hollingsworth, PCC







THE LOUISIANA LIONS EYE FOUNDATION  
504.525.7235 or [lalioneyes@belsouth.net](mailto:lalioneyes@belsouth.net)  
[www.LionEyes.org](http://www.LionEyes.org)



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE FOOTBALL RAFFLE!**

David Workman from Mandeville, LA won the GRAND prize!!!

AND

Larry Chaudoir from Mandeville, LA won the Runner Up prize!

The LLEF Board members and their staff would like to wish each and everyone of you a Happy New Year as we enter into the year 2020. This is a great year for anyone in the vision industry year as 20/20 vision is what we all strive to achieve; we hope you will help LLEF make 2020 a year to remember.

Our foundation is proud to have been serving the residents of Louisiana for 45 years now. In those 45 years, we have served thousands of patients with their vision needs and prevented blindness in thousands of children. We are using this special year and the fact that we have existed for 45 year, to celebrate this milestone. Please join us at one or all of our 2019-2020 LLEF Quarterly Board Meetings as we honor all who have made this foundation a success.

The LLEF board of directors publishes a quarterly newsletter after each Quarterly Board Meeting. Our LLEF newsletter, just like this newsletter, is designed to keep you informed about "your foundation". Please keep an eye out for the newsletter so you will have the latest updates about our programs, fundraisers and board developments.

Our CubSight program is off and running again this year. We are excited for the opportunity to serve our community and to prevent blindness in our little ones. Our new CubSight State Coordinator, Walter Peat, along with our office staff, Angelle Winningkoff and Bob Kuhn, are there to help in your effort to serve. Please feel free to contact Walter on his cell at (504) 494-1868 OR the CubSight office at (504) 525-7235 and [cubsight1@gmail.com](mailto:cubsight1@gmail.com).

Your Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation and its programs are the tools for the Lions of Louisiana to serve the residents of their communities. We are nothing without you "**the greatest Lions in the World**".

Yours in service;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Carlone".

Chris Carlone  
Executive Director / CEO  
Louisiana Lions Eye Foundation



**Louisiana Lions Multiple District 8  
2020 State Convention**



Friday, March 20, through Sunday March 22, 2020  
At the Crowne Plaza Executive Center  
4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, La 70808  
Tel : 225- 925-2244

Convention Registration Form for the 97th Annual Lions State Convention

**Registrant A**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 District 8- \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special meal needed (include allergies) \_\_\_\_\_  
 It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal request

**Registrant B**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 District 8- \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special meal needed (include allergies) \_\_\_\_\_  
 It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal request

**Registration Fee per attendee:**

\$ 100.00 prior to January 15, 2020  
 \$ 115.00 from January 15 to February 15, 2020  
 \$ 130.00 after February 15, 2020  
 Convention book covers 3 meals, draw ones,  
 Voter's registration & all convention functions

**Child registration (10 years and under)**

\$ 60.00 prior to January 15, 2020  
 \$ 65.00 from January 15 to February 15, 2020  
 \$ 70.00 after February 15, 2020

Registration Fees
Date _____
# Registrations _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

Convention Committee Use only
Date received _____
Amount received _____
Registration # _____
Check # _____

*Please note:  
 All refunds must be approved by the Council of Governors.  
 As per MD8 Constitution and By-Laws, Article XIV of the By-Laws  
 Section 4 B 2: a and b reads: "All requests for cancellation MUST be  
 in writing 21 days prior to convention or within 14 days of the close of  
 the convention for specific reasons.*

**Make check payable to  
 MD8 2020 State Convention**  
 Mail check to MD8 Convention chairperson  
 PCC Françoise Ratard,  
 23033 Treacle Lane, Zachary, La 70791  
 Home: 225-654-6325  
 E-mail: [francoiseratard@att.net](mailto:francoiseratard@att.net)

Make Lodging reservation directly with Crowne Plaza at  
 1-800-678-4065 or through their website at  
[www.crowneplaza.com/execcenterbr](http://www.crowneplaza.com/execcenterbr) - **Code is LIO**  
 Group name: Lions Clubs  
 Function: Lions Club National Conference  
 Hotel Group rates are \$102.00 +Tax for standard room  
 single or double and \$132.00 + tax for Junior Suite-  
 Dead line is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

## **MAKING A CALL**

Any Lion Interested in serving with next years council as Council Chair or Secretary To The Council. Now is the time to get your letters of interest into the current Secretary to the Council Lion William.

## **Are You A Designer ?**

Did you every want to design the state pin? Well you can, at least you can submit a design to the incoming council to consider here is all the info you need t o know how to do it. You have the opportunity to design the state pin and the prestige pin.

Trading pin design proposals should be on 8.5" x 11" paper in color and professionally drawn, must be received by the Council Chairman ON OR BEFORE the Multiple District Convention. Then you will be invited to meet with the incoming Council of Governors at their meeting held after the completion of convention. After everyone makes their pretentions the incoming council will pick the best design they see fit. If your design is picked you will receive 50 State pins and 20 Prestige pins.



North Shreveport Lions Club  
1434 Hawn Street Suite 3  
Shreveport, LA 71107

November 8, 2019

Lion Jeffrey Williams  
Council Chair MD 8 2019-2020

Dear Lion Jeffrey,

In accordance with ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 2, of the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, the North Shreveport Lions Club submits the attached proposed Amendment to Article XII, Section 1, and the addition of Section 5, for the Council approval and presentation to the delegates, for their approval, at the Multiple District Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 20-22, 2020.

Yours in Lionism,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Umling".

Steve Umling, President

cc: Lion Terry Harkey, District Governor 8L 2019-2020



ARTICLE XII

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO FUND (FUND G)

SECTION 1. The dedication funds collected as prescribed in, Article V, Section 2 (G) shall be exclusively used for administrative and convention expenses of the Multiple District 8 LEO Clubs, **and the award to the Multiple District 8 Peace Poster winner.**

SECTION 5. **The award to the Multiple District 8 Peace Poster shall be set at a maximum of \$500. The selection of the winner will be by the Multiple District 8 Council of Governors at such time as to facilitate the inclusion of the Multiple District 8 winner in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest.**

Whereas the Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International is stated as, To Empower Volunteers to Serve their Communities, meet Humanitarian Needs, **Encourage PEACE and Promote International Understand Through Lions Clubs**, and

Whereas the need for recognition of Multiple District 8 Peace Poster Winners to encourage those participates has been discussed, a recommendation to gift a monetary amount to the winner was decided upon, and

Whereas the funds in Multiple District LEO Fund (FUND G), are available for the support of MD8 LEO administrative and convention costs, and

Whereas no LEO convention or administrative cost has been budgeted or expended in the past that would exceed the annual fund amount,

Therefore, we submit that the addition of an award to be given from the Multiple District LEO Fund (FUND G) to recognize the Winner of the Multiple District 8 Peace Poster Contest, with changes to ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1 and the addition of SECTION 5. These Amendments have been voted on by the North Shreveport Lions Club Board and passed unanimously at our August 14, 2019 board meeting.

Respectfully,  
Ed Ball



Secretary, North Shreveport Lions





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1434 Hawn Street Suite 3  
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November 8, 2019

Lion Jeffrey Williams  
Council Chair MD 8 2019-2020

Dear Lion Jeffrey,

In accordance with ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 2, of the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, the North Shreveport Lions Club submits the attached proposed creation of Article IV, amending Articles 5 and 7, and remuneration for all following Articles for the Council approval and presentation to the delegates, for their approval, at the Multiple District Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 20-22, 2020.

Yours in Lionism,

  
Steve Umling, President

cc: Lion Terry Harkey, District Governor 8L 2019-2020

## ARTICLE IV

### Selection and Duties of the Council Chair

**Section 1. Selection of the Multiple District Council Chairperson Elect.** The Multiple District Council Chairperson Elect shall be a Past District Governor who should be chosen for their knowledge of the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs international, the Multiple District and Sub-Districts; their ability to preside over meetings, and knowledge of parliamentary procedures. The Multiple District Council Chairperson Elect shall be selected by a majority vote of the incoming First Vice District Governors, immediately following the Multiple District Convention.

**Section 2. Vacancy of Council Chair Elect.** In the event of a vacancy of this office by incapacitation, death, or resignation, the Council of Governors Elect shall provide a replacement. This replacement shall be a Past District Governor, selected in accordance with the Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws to serve for the duration of the incapacity.

**Section 3. Appointment of the Multiple District Council Chairperson.** The Multiple District Council Chairperson shall be the Immediate Past Multiple District Council Chairperson Elect or their successor as determined in accordance with the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 4. Vacancy of the Multiple District Council Chairperson.** In the event of a vacancy of this office by incapacitation, death, or resignation, the Council of Governors shall provide a replacement. This replacement shall be a Past District Governor, selected in accordance with the Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws to serve for the duration of the incapacity and shall preside over all meetings of the Council of Governors. The Vice Council Chairperson, having been elected by the Council of Governors and knowledgeable of the Council of Governors wishes and intents, will assume the day to day duties of the Council Chairperson, until such time as and with the advice and consent of the Council of Governors, that they may delegate duties to the replacement Council Chairperson as deemed necessary.

**Section 5. Duties of the Multiple District Council Chairperson.** The Multiple District Council Chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the Multiple District Council of Governors.

In cooperation with the Council of Governors, and Council Chairperson shall,

**(list all duties as shown in the April 21, 2018 Constitution and Bylaws of MD 8)**

**(Renumber Articles following this insertion)**

**Article VI (current number Article V)**

**Multiple District Administrative Fund**

**Section 2. J., Section 4.** With the exception of Fund A, Fund B, Fund F, and Fund J, no expenses of the Multiple District shall be approved or paid by the Council of Governors which are in excess of the annual revenue anticipated for each fund.

**Article VIII (current number – Article VII)**

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND [Fund B]**

**Section1.** The out-going Council of Governors **and the incoming Council Chairperson** shall be authorized and empowered to provide for and participate in activities at the Lions International Convention. Such activities are expected to bring credit to Lionism and to the Multiple District. Fund to carry out such participation are provided for in **Article VI, Section2(B)**.

- A. Budget. ~~In no event shall total expenditures paid by the Multiple District Council of Governors exceed the income into Fund B for that fiscal year.~~ Expenditures will be paid on a reimbursement policy basis, ~~with no payment made in advance for allowable expenses, upto the maximum amount in Fund B.~~
- B. **Allowable expenses of council members.**  
(listing to remain the same)

**Section2.** Fund B shall be capped at **\$15,000.00. Thirty (30)** Days following the close the International Convention and ~~any~~ excess monies will be reallocated to FUND J.

(The \$15,000 of the funds which were removed from Fund B by the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws on April 21, 2018 should be returned to this fund so as to cover expenses of the FULL Council of Governors and the incoming Council Chairperson. At our current membership level, and with more LCI Conventions being held overseas, the expense of travel to these conventions will exceed the annual income if just the full Council of Governors participates in this. If the council wishes to cap the expenses of the reimbursement to the annual income, then a set amount of the percentage should be allocated per member of the Council of Governors and the Incoming Council Chairperson.)

Whereas the current system of selection of Council Chairperson to MD 8 does not, in our opinion, give adequate time for the incoming Council Chairperson to acquaint themselves with the incoming Council of Governors and,

Whereas the First Vice District Governors, could benefit from the leadership of a Council Chairperson Elect during their year prior to becoming District Governors and,

Whereas the Council Chairperson Elect could provide valuable guidance to the Incoming Council of Governors while they are at LCICON, and

Whereas the funding of travel to LCICON has been reduced from Fund B by the transfer to funds to Fund J in 2018 and limited to the income during that fiscal year, and

Whereas these funds are not sufficient to cover the travel expenses of the Outgoing Council of Governors and Council Chair,

Therefore, we submit to the Council of Governors of MD 8 the following proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 8. These amendments have been voted upon by the North Shreveport Lions Club board and passed unanimously at our August 14, 2019 board meeting.



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Respectfully,



Ed Ball  
Secretary, North Shreveport Lions Club



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1434 Hawn Street Suite 3  
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November 8, 2019

Lion Jeffrey Williams  
Council Chair MD 8 2019-2020

Dear Lion Jeffrey,

In accordance with ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 2, of the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, the North Shreveport Lions Club submits the attached proposed Amendment to Article I for the Council approval and presentation to the delegates, for their approval, at the Multiple District Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 20-22, 2020.

Yours in Lionism,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Umling".

Steve Umling, President

cc: Lion Terry Harkey, District Governor 8L 2019-2020



**MULTIPLE DISTRICT  
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
Multiple District Convention**

**SECTION 1. A Multiple District Convention** shall be held annually no later than **twenty (20)** days prior to the Lions Clubs International Convention. The site of each convention shall be approved by a majority vote of the delegated in attendance at the immediate preceding Multiple District Convention. The date and time of each such convention shall be set by the incumbent Multiple District 8 Council of Governors, not more than **ninety (90)** days prior to the Lions Clubs International Convention.

Whereas the current Multiple District 8 Constitution (Rev 4/21/2018) in ARTICLE VI Multiple District Convention, Section 1. Time and Place reads, "no less than Twenty (20) days prior and no more than Ninety (90) days prior to the Lions international Convention.", and

Whereas the current Multiple District 8 By-Laws (Rev 4/21/2018) in ARTICLE I Multiple District Convention, Section 1 reads, "no later than twenty (20) days prior to the Lions International annual Convention. ... but not less than ninety (90) days prior to the said Lions International Convention" and

Whereas these two statements conflict and the correct version is in the Constitution of Multiple District 8,

Therefore, we submit to the Council of Governors of MD 8 the following proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 8. These amendments have been voted upon by the North Shreveport Lions Club board and passed unanimously at our August 14, 2019 board meeting.

Respectfully,



Ed Ball  
Secretary, North Shreveport Lions Club



## Baton Rouge Southeast Lions Club

P.O. Box 2624  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821



Lion Kathy Easley  
PRESIDENT  
2019-2020

November 14, 2019

Lion Jeffrey Williams  
Council Chairperson MD-8

Dear Lion Jeffrey,

In accordance with Article XXI, Section 2 of the MD-8 By-Laws, the Baton Rouge Southeast Lions Club submits the attached proposed changes to Article III for Council approval and presentation to the delegates, for their approval, at the MD-8 Convention in Baton Rouge, LA March 20-22, 2020.

These proposed changes were approved by a majority vote of the Baton Rouge Southeast Lions Club members on November 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathy Easley'.

Kathy Easley  
President

# MD-8 By-Laws

## ARTICLE III

### Duties of Multiple District Council of Governors and Committees

**Section 2. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** The Multiple District Council Chairperson shall be the Immediate Past Vice Council Chairperson. If the Vice Council Chairperson is unable or refuses to serve as Council Chairperson, then the District Governor Elects will choose a Past District Governor who meets all the qualifications of the Vice District Council Chairperson.

The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

The Multiple District Council Chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the Multiple District. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the Multiple District Council of Governors.

In cooperation with the Council of Governors, the Multiple District Council Chairperson shall:

**(List all the duties beginning with Paragraph A in Section 2 of Article III of the current MD-8 By-Laws.)**

**Section 3. MULTIPLE DISTRICT VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** The Multiple District Vice Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor who should be chosen for their knowledge of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 8 and Sub-Districts; their ability to preside over meetings and knowledge of parliamentary procedures. The Multiple District Vice Council Chairperson shall be selected by a majority vote of the incoming First Vice District Governors immediately following the Multiple District Convention.

The Vice Council Chairperson shall serve as the assistant to the Council Chairperson and work with the First Vice District Governors in preparation for their year as District Governors.

**Section 4. (Renumber all following sections beginning with current Section 3.)**