Thursday, March 28, 2020

To all District A-4 Lions, District Cabinet Officers and Past District Governors

As you know, because of the Corona Virus, we have cancelled the District Convention and I am sad that we missed this opportunity to get together with fellow Lions to share good times. At this time, I would like to thank our Convention Committee who have worked hard to put together an excellent program of fun, learning and camaraderie and I am certain that next year’s Convention will be even better.

Our Next Important Task To Do

Even though we have cancelled the Convention, all of us still have an important task to complete, which we normally do at the Convention. Specifically, we must cast our votes to elect next year’s District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor. Because of our current situation, we are making some changes to the way that we will conduct the vote to adapt to the current situation.

Now, I am asking for your help and support to ensure an effective voting under these new conditions so that we can establish next year’s District leadership. The following information will provide you an overview of how the voting will take place.

General Overview

We will hold a paper ballot election where voting information and ballots will be sent to eligible Clubs. Clubs will then have their voting Delegates cast their vote at their Club and the Club will return the completed ballots to the addressed envelope in the mailed package each club will be receiving by the deadline or as soon as possible in case of a postal interruption.

Some Further Details

Here is a little more detailed description of how the vote will take place and your part in the voting.

1. In early April, the District Credentials Committee will verify the Clubs which are “eligible” to vote in the District election. Clubs with unpaid dues with Lions Clubs International (LCI), Multiple District “A” (MD “A”) or District “A-4” as at 02 April 2020 are “ineligible” to vote and will not receive a voting package in the mail. Past District Governors (PDGs) from those Clubs are also “ineligible” to vote.

2. On or about 03 April 2020, the District Credentials Committee will mail a voting package to each “eligible” Club. The package will provide Clubs with:
   - Official paper ballots for voting;
   - Information about the number of voting Delegates that your Club is entitled to as well as your clubs PDG’s;
   - More specific instructions to be followed to conduct the vote and return completed ballots by the deadline; and
   - A self-addressed, postage paid envelope for you to use to return all the completed ballots.
The Club President / Club Secretary arranges to have the Club determine which Lions will be the Club’s voting Delegates. If your Club has a Past District Governor (PDG) as a Club member, then you will receive an additional ballot for the PDG separate from your normal number of delegates.

3. The Club President / Club Secretary selects a date for Club Delegates to cast their ballots in secret. Voting must be completed by 18 April 2020.

The President and Secretary (or their alternate) need to be present during the voting so that the secrecy of the voting is maintained. Once the Delegate casts their vote, they place the ballot in a sealed box. When all voting is complete, the President and Secretary (or their alternate) places all ballots in the self-addressed envelope, which was sent to the Club. The Club then mails the envelope to me, the District Governor, at the address shown on the envelope. I will hold onto the envelopes until the date for counting the ballots.

Since we are operating under unusual circumstances and we don’t know if Canada Post may be closed, I would ask you conduct the vote and return the ballots as soon as possible.

For the ballots to be counted, the envelope must be postmarked no later than 11:59 PM, Monday, 20 April 2020.

4. The Election Committee Chairperson, PDG Linda James, a representative from each Region and the Nominees’ scrutineers will meet in the afternoon of Saturday, 02 May 2020 at the Stittsville Lions Club Hall to review all ballots and tabulate / confirm the results. The results should be published shortly thereafter.

Finally, the District Nomination Committee has placed into Nomination for this election, the following Lions. These are the Lions for whom you will be voting.

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If your Club has not received your voting package by 10 April 2020, please contact Lion Karen Doyle at: doylekaren@rogers.com

In closing, I once again thank you for your help in completing this important vote.

Yours in Lionism

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