

David P. Anderson



June 4, 2020

District 11-B1
C/O DG Michael Scott
3468 Huron View Ct.
Dexter, MI 48130

Dear DG Scott,



March 27, 2020

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAS VOTED TO CANCEL THE
2020 LIONS INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION, MAKING
MONTREAL, CANADA OUR
NEXT INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION IN 2021.**

The Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 International Convention due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the next International Convention will be held in 2021 in Montreal, Canada.

On March 20, I advised you that our 2020 convention would not be held in Singapore due to the limitations put in place by the Singapore Ministry of Health. After evaluating a variety of different options, including moving the convention to a different venue or postponing it to a later date, the Board of Directors voted to cancel the 2020 convention. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind.

In the meantime, our Convention Team will be working diligently to assist you. Lions International will issue full refunds for all registration fees paid. At this time, we kindly ask that you do not contact Lions International Registration to

inquire about your registration, ticket or housing cancellations as we are still in the process of establishing our cancellation details.

We are disappointed that we will not be able to move forward with this international event, but we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions we will continue to find new ways to put our kindness in action while safely serving our communities.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
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Canceling the International Convention for 2020 impacts international officer continuity and candidate elections. After review of the International Constitution and By-Laws, this impact is outlined below:

- *Executive officers and international directors will continue in their respective positions until the 2021 convention in Montreal. All candidate elections for these positions shall comply with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws for election at the convention in Montreal.*

- *An international director from the areas of Africa and Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific is permitted only in even-numbered years. As a result, no director from Africa or Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and the Islands of the South Pacific would be eligible for election until the 2022 convention.*
- *Barring any district election complaints, district governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors elected during a convention of their respective districts will be accepted by Lions International. The International Board of Directors intends to authorize commencement of the DG terms beginning July 1, 2020.*

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There are ongoing discussions about how to install the officers that were elected, as well as, how to recognize them. An option that has been put forth is for the class of 2020 - 2021 to attend the Montreal Convention at international's expense (budgeted for and saved this year) though no ideas are more than speculation at this time.

Regards,

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Jackson Host Lions Club