RULES OF THE 2016

DISTRICT 11-B1 CONVENTION

RULE 1. ORDER OF BUSINESS: Except as herein otherwise provided, the "Order of Business" shall be in the order of convention events printed in the official program, a copy of which has been furnished to each certified delegate and alternate.

RULE 2. DEVIATION FROM THE ORDER OF BUSINESS: Deviation from the "Order of Business" as adopted by this convention shall occur only when authorized by 2/3 majority of the delegates duly assembled.

RULE 3. (A) FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Following the call to order of the convention and the opening ceremonies, the first "Order of Business" shall be the report of the Credentials Committee. No further business shall be transacted until the Credentials Committee shall have reported the number of delegates and alternates with proper credentials registered for the business meeting of the convention.

(B) ALTERNATE TRANSFER: A member registered as an alternate may, upon proper clearance by the Credentials Committee, be transferred from alternate to delegate at any time during the business meeting.

RULE 4. SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: The second "Order of Business" shall be the report of the Rules Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Rules have been adopted.

RULE 5. THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: The third "Order of Business" shall be adoption of the "Agenda for the Business Session," a copy of which has been furnished to each certified delegate and alternate.

RULE 6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Except where otherwise herein provided, the Newly Revised Robert's Rules of Order shall govern matters of Parliamentary Procedure that are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of District 11-B1.

RULE 7. DELEGATE RECOGNITION: During attendance at the Business Session delegates and alternates shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration. Only delegates may vote on motions and resolutions, but qualified Lions Club members who are not delegates may speak for or against motions and resolutions.

RULE 8. CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS: (A) A resolution offered by an individual delegate shall be in writing, signed by the maker and the seconder—each of whom shall be a voting member of the convention—and shall be sent directly to the desk of the Cabinet Secretary.

(B) ALL resolutions except those proposed by the Cabinet or by committees shall be referred without debate to the Resolutions Committee; resolutions proposed by the Cabinet or by committees shall be presented by the Cabinet or proposing committee directly to the convention.

(C) THE Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the Convention, with the Committee's own recommendation as to appropriate action, these and all resolutions referred to the Committee, except questions which the Committee by a vote of two thirds of its members may decide not to report.

(D) The Convention by a majority vote may suspend this Rule 8 and may immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question, even if the Committee has voted not to report it.

RULE 9. AMENDMENTS: Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of District 11-B1 shall be in resolution form as prescribed in the Constitution and By-Laws.

RULE 10. DEBATE LIMITATIONS: (A) No delegate shall speak in debate more than once on the same question or longer than five minutes, without permission of the Convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate. No more than three (3) delegates shall speak "for" the question and no more than three (3) delegates shall speak "against" the question.

(B) Discussion on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be limited to one (1) three-minute speaker "for" and one (1) three-minute speaker "against," with two (2) additional speakers "for," limited to two minutes each, and two (2) additional speakers "against," limited to two minutes each, for a total time not to exceed fourteen (14) minutes on any one amendment.

RULE 11. NOMINATIONS: Nominations for each office to be filled by the Convention shall be limited to one nomination speech of five minutes and one seconding speech of three minutes for each nominee.

RULE 12. VOTING: All votes on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be by written ballot. Voting for District Governor, for Vice District Governors, and for Trustees of the Lions of Michigan Foundation shall be by written ballot. Ballot preparation and voting procedures shall be the responsibility of the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee shall be responsible for vote tabulation, and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots. The committee's decision shall be final and binding.

RULE 13. PROHIBITION: Partisan politics or sectarian controversy or debate shall be prohibited during sessions of the convention.

RULE 14. ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES: Adoption of these Rules, including the hours of meeting as set forth in the official program, imposes upon both the presiding officers and the delegates at the convention the duty to begin and close the sessions of this convention at the prescribed times. It is, therefore, the expressed sense of the assembled delegates of the convention that each delegate shall be in the place provided for delegates in the Convention Hall at the time of convening, and that each delegate shall remain in attendance until recess or adjournment of the session, unless excused by the Sergeant At Arms.

RULE 15. DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS: The Sergeant at Arms is authorized and instructed to enforce the Rules as herein set forth.