

MD5 Constitution

Article VI

Section 1. Composition. The Council of Governors, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall be:

A) The Current District Governors.

B) **State or Provincial representatives.** Three immediate Past District Governors and/or Past District Governors from the previous four years, which number cannot exceed one-half of the number of District Governors who shall have been elected by the voting delegates of their respective province or state at the Multiple District Convention meeting of the previous fiscal year. There shall be at least one (1) immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous four years each from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The State or Provincial Representatives shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

C) **The Vice Council Chairperson, who shall have been elected by the current Council of Governors, the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors at the third quarterly(spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year in which the election was held. The Vice Council Chairperson shall be an immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous four years.**

D) **The Council Chairperson, who shall have been elected by the current Council of Governors, and the First Vice District Governors-elect and the Second Vice District Governors at the third quarterly (spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year. The Council Chairperson must have been a District Governor a Vice Council Chairperson in Multiple District 5 in the fiscal year in which the election was held. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. Each member of the Council shall have (1) vote, including the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors.**

Section 2. OFFICERS

The officers of the Multiple District shall be:

A) The Council Chairperson. In the event a vacancy in the office of Council Chairperson the position shall be filled by the Vice Council Chairperson.

B) The Vice Council Chairperson. ~~filled by the state or provincial representative of the state or province hosting the next Multiple District convention.~~ In the event a vacancy in the office of Vice Council Chairperson the position shall be filled by election of the current Council of Governors, the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors. See Section 1(C) qualifications.

C) The State & Provincial representatives.

D) The Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be, after application and interview process and if more than one qualified applicant, shall then be elected at the third quarterly (spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year serving a three (3) year term (limited to a maximum of 2

terms). These positions are subject to an annual review and may be replaced if deemed necessary. No salary shall be paid to any officer or member of the Council except for the Secretary Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer.

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NOTES: The persons who can fill the position by election is set out in the Bylaws.

Bylaws

ARTICLE II

Section 1. Election of Council Chairperson

The Council Chairperson who shall be elected by voting members of the current Council of Governors, and the District Governors elect the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors at the third quarterly (spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year ~~shall be elected by the District Governors and First Vice District Governors~~ of the Multiple District provided that such chairperson shall ~~be an immediate past district governor~~ have served as Vice Council Chairperson when he/she takes office. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. ~~A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson elected shall be called following the~~

~~multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson.~~

Section 2. ELECTION OF VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

~~Upon the expiration of the term or upon resignation of the Council Chairperson, the Vice Council Chairperson shall become the Council Chairperson.~~

~~The Vice Council Chairperson shall be elected by voting members of the current Council of Governors, First Vice District Governors, ~~current First~~ Second Vice District Governors the District Governors and District Governor-Elects of the multiple district, provided that such chairperson shall be an immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous four (4) fiscal years in the multiple District. The Vice Council Chair shall serve a one-year term and cannot serve in that capacity again. Election shall take place at the spring (third) meeting of the Council of Governors, and in no event shall be a meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson elected shall be called following the multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention. ~~for the purpose of selecting a Council Chairperson.~~~~

ARTICLE III

Duties of Multiple Council of Governors and Committees

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS.

The Council of Governors shall: (a) Make all contracts and approve all bills relating to multiple district convention administrative expenses.

(b) Designate a depository for multiple district funds.

(c) Determine the amount of surety bond for the council secretary-treasurer and approve the surety company issuing said bond.

(d) Receive financial reports, semi-annually or more frequently, from the council secretary treasurer, and provide for a review or audit at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the council secretary- treasurer.

Section 2. 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, the council Chairperson shall,

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association.
- (b) Serve as the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, leadership development and humanitarian service throughout the multiple district by:
 - (1) Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST multiple district coordinator, GMT multiple district coordinator and GLT multiple district coordinator.
 - (2) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the multiple district Global Action Team.
 - (3) Collaborate with area leaders and district Global Action Teams
- (c) Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events.
- (d) Document and make available the goals and long-range plans for the Multiple District as established by the Council of Governors.
- (e) Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings.
- (f) Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention.
- (g) Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors.
- (h) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws.
- (i) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- (j) Facilitate, at the close of their term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to their successor in office.

Section 3 MULTIPLE DISTRICT VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. (NEW SECTION)

The Vice Council Chairperson shall:

- (a) Perform all duties of the Council Chairperson in the Council Chairperson's absence, incapacity, or upon resignation.
- (b) Perform all duties assigned by the Council Chairperson and the Council of Governors.
- (c) Perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and bylaws.
- (d) Regularly communicate with the Council Chairperson, accept mentoring from the Council Chairperson and position himself or herself for a smooth and successful succession into the position of Council Chairperson.

Section 4. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY-TREASURER. Under the supervision and direction of the Council of Governors, the council secretary-treasurer shall: (renumber section)

Section 5. MULTIPLE DISTRICT PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON. Renumber section only

Section 6. GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. Renumber section only

Section 7. GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. Renumber Section only

Section 8. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. Renumber Section only

Section 9. MULTIPLE DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIRPERSON Renumber Section only

Section 10. LCIF MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. Renumber Section only

Section 11. LEO or LEO-LION COUNCIL LIAISON (OPTIONAL). Renumber Section only