

## **MULTIPLE DISTRICT-2 ELECTION BALLOT 2008-2009**

### **INFORMATION FOR VOTERS**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Proposed revisions to the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws will be placed on the ballot to be voted on by eligible Lions Clubs delegates at their District conventions. The following information is being provided to assist Lions in understanding the proposed revisions approved by the Council of Governors.

#### **PROPOSITION NO. 1:**

If approved, the designated titles used in the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws would be consistent with those used in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Texas Lions League, Inc. as well as improve the clarity of the document.

#### **PROPOSITION NO. 2:**

The duties and responsibilities of the Council Chairperson are now found in three different Articles of the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws, and in the Policy Manual. Provision for reimbursement of the Council Chairperson's expenses is now in two Articles. If this proposition is approved, ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 would be revised by: (1) adding lettered subsections;(2) adding the Council Chairperson's responsibility as Chairperson of the Employee Oversight Committee and supervisor of all Multiple District 2 employees; (3) the duties and responsibilities of the Council Chairperson would be deleted from ARTICLE VI, and ARTICLE VII; (4) and all duties and responsibilities would be contained in ARTICLE V, SECTION 2; (5) Provision for reimbursement would be deleted from ARTICLE V, SECTION 2, and added to ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4.

#### **PROPOSITION NO. 3:**

The duties and responsibilities of the Vice Council Chairperson are now in ARTICLE V, SECTION 3, in ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5 and in the Multiple District 2 Policy Manual. If approved, the Vice Council Chairperson's responsibility would be deleted from ARTICLE VII, SECTION 5. ARTICLE V, SECTION 3 would be revised to include lettered subsections, and to include all the duties and responsibilities of the Vice Council Chairperson.

#### **PROPOSITION NO. 4:**

If this proposition is approved, the phrase ("INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK") would be deleted, and replaced by "COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON-ELECT-ELECT". SECTION 7 would contain information about the election, term of office and duties of the Council Chairperson-Elect-Elect. The office of Second Vice District Governor was approved by the Board of Directors and included in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, effective June 27, 2008. The office of Council Chairperson-Elect-Elect is now needed. This individual's duties would include: serving as the Chairperson of the Council of the Second Vice District Governors; presiding at all meetings of the Council; and coordinating the training and orientation for the Second Vice District Governors.

**PROPOSITION NO. 5:**

The Employee Oversight Committee, composed of the Council Chairperson, two Past Council Chairpersons, along with the Immediate Past Council Chairperson and the Council Chairperson-Elect, is only included in the Multiple District 2 Policy Manual at this time. This Committee has significant responsibilities, and duties involved with the employee(s) of Multiple District 2, making it very important for it to be included in the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws. If Proposition 5 is approved, a description of the membership and responsibilities of the Employee Oversight Committee would be added to the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws as ARTICLE V, SECTION 9.

**PROPOSITION NO. 6:**

If approved, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 would be revised to include a provision for formal decisions to be made during regularly scheduled meetings of the Council of Governors which are open to the Lions of Multiple District 2. In addition, provision would be made for polling of the Council to reach decisions in emergency situations with a requirement that any decision made would be ratified by the Council at the next regularly scheduled Council of Governors meeting. The revision would retain the current provision that a formal majority vote of the Council is binding on all members of the Council.

**PROPOSITION NO. 7:**

These three articles contain what appear to be typographical errors. If approved, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3(a) would be revised to remove the duplicated words, "State funds" and, "setting amount of Surety bond". ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3 would be revised to delete the duplication of the letter "(c)" and would be replaced with the letter "(d)" prior to "DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES". ARTICLE IX, SECTION 3(b) would be revised to replace the word "be" with "by".

**PROPOSITION NO. 8**

If approved, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7 would be revised by replacing the titles "State Convention", "State Office" and "International Convention" with the more accurate titles of "Multiple District 2 Convention", "Multiple District 2 Administrative Secretary" and "International Association of Lions Clubs Convention" providing clarity to the document.

**PROPOSITION NO. 9:**

An amendment was approved on the Multiple District 2 Ballot 2007-2008 regarding the removal of an elected Texas Lions Camp Director which appears to have been approved in error. If Proposition 9 is approved, authority would be returned to the eligible Multiple District 2 Lions Club voters who elect the Directors of the Texas Lions Camp to also remove from office any Director who fails to keep his/her commitment and is deliberately negligent in the performance of duties and responsibilities or for any good and just cause.

**PROPOSITION NO. 10:**

The Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws contains significantly different provisions regarding the Qualifications, Removal From Office and Vacated From Office for District Governors than those contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Approval of Proposition 10 would allow revision of ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 3 to be in compliance with the International Association of Lions Clubs Constitution and By-Laws Article IX, Section 4(a), (b), (c) and (d), and Section 6 (d) and (e).

**PROPOSITION NO. 11:**

Approval of this proposition would allow revision to bring the language, and terms used in the MD-2 Constitution and By-Laws, for the office of Vice District Governor in ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 4 (a) Qualification/Term of Office, (c) Removal From Office and (d) Vacated Office into compliance with those included in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs Constitution and By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6(b), (c) and (d). The current language in the MD-2 Constitution and By-Laws differs significantly from that found in the Association's document.

**PROPOSITION NO. 12:**

If approved, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 5 would be revised to: replace the title, "District Officers" with "District Cabinet"; include the Immediate Past District Governor, the First Vice District Governor and the Second Vice District Governor in the membership of the District Cabinet; and bring the Multiple District 2 Constitution into compliance with the provisions in Article VIII, Section 6 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

**PROPOSITION NO. 13:**

If Proposition 13 is approved, Article XI, SECTION 4 (a) would be revised to allow a reduction in dues for eligible student Lions Clubs members to one-half of the total annual dues of Multiple District 2, and bring the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws into compliance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 2 (g) in the Constitution and By-Laws as adopted by the International Association of Lions Clubs, dated June 27, 2008. Reduced dues may encourage the growth of Lions Clubs on campus, and student membership in Lions Clubs.

**PROPOSITION NO. 14:**

If this proposition is approved, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 4 (i) would be revised to renumber the subsections, and to provide a statement that all expenses reimbursed from the Multiple District 2 Administrative Fund would be those allocated in the budget approved by a majority vote of the Council of Governors in accordance with the Rules of Audit of the International Association of Lions Clubs. The revision would add provisions for the new positions of Council Chairperson-Elect-Elect, the First Vice District Governor and the Second Vice District Governor. Provisions for the Council Chairperson which were previously included in ARTICLE V, SECTION 2 would be included in SECTION 4. Also, in the section providing for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by District Governors, a statement would be added to include the phrase, "unless otherwise reimbursed by the International Association of Lions Clubs."

**PROPOSITION NO. 15:**

If approved, ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 1 would be revised by: (1) deleting, "Houston, Texas", and replacing it with, "Lubbock, Texas"; (2) deleting, "May 31, 1996", and replacing it with, "June 27, 2009"; and (3) deleting "ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 (F), and replacing that with "ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6".

**PROPOSITION NO. 16:**

If approved, the MULTIPLE DISTRICT 2 BY-LAWS, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 3 would be revised to replace the title of the section to include both the First and the Second Vice District Governors, and to state that the First and Second Vice District Governors are required to perform the duties as specified by the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Multiple District 2, and the Sub District as well as the duties assigned by their respective District Governors.



