

Proposed changes to MD33 CBL's, for vote at MD33 State Convention March 28, 2026

--the MD33 CBL committee must present to COG no later than January 26, 2026, and

--the COG must deliver to the clubs no later than February 9, 2026

Constitution

1) CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE VII STATE CONVENTION AND DISTRICT CONFERENCES,

Section 8

CURRENT WORDING: (in part)

"...b) The State Convention Committee may provide a stenographer to record minutes of all proceedings of the state convention business sessions."

PROPOSED WORDING:

"...b) The Council of Governors may provide a stenographer to assist the Council Secretary to record minutes of all proceedings of the state convention business sessions, and they are responsible for the expense, as the duties performed are the responsibility of the Council Secretary."

2) CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND UNIFORM, Section 2

CURRENT WORDING:

The official State uniform shall consist of a burgundy jacket, black pants or skirt (white shall be used June 1st through October 1st), and white dress shirt. A "Massachusetts" patch shall be centered at the top edge of the left breast pocket. An embroidered deluxe Lions emblem shall be centered on the breast pocket just below the "Massachusetts" patch.

A black tri-corn hat with gold trim shall be added for parades.

A short-sleeve burgundy polo shirt may be substituted for the burgundy jacket in warm weather climates for parade use at the District Governors' discretion. The polo shirt shall have a Lions International logo on the left breast pocket. The Lions International logo shall have "Massachusetts" centered over it and MD33 under it. The back of the shirt shall have a tracing of the State, with a picture of the tri-corn hat overlaid on the tracing and the word "Massachusetts" printed above the tracing and the words "MD 33" printed below the tracing. All logos, tracings and wording shall be gold.

PROPOSED WORDING:

The **Official State Uniform** shall consist of a burgundy jacket, black pants or skirt (white shall be used June 1st through October 1st), and a white dress shirt. A "Massachusetts" patch shall be centered at the top edge of the left breast pocket. An embroidered deluxe Lions emblem shall be centered on the breast pocket just below the "Massachusetts" patch.

A short-sleeve burgundy polo shirt may be substituted for the burgundy jacket and white shirt in warm weather (June 1st through October 1st) for meetings, fundraisers, service projects or other Lions events. The polo shirt shall have a Lions International logo on the left breast pocket. The Lions International logo shall have "Massachusetts" centered over it and MD33 under it. The back of the shirt shall have a tracing of the State, with a picture of the tri-corn hat overlaid on the tracing and the word "Massachusetts" printed above the tracing and the words "MD 33" printed below the tracing. All logos, tracings and wording shall be gold.

The **Parade Uniform** is the Official State Uniform, as stated above, (white pants or skirts shall be used June 1st through October 1st) and a black tri-corn hat with gold trim shall be added. A short-sleeve

burgundy polo shirt may be substituted for the burgundy jacket and white shirt, at the District Governors' discretion.

**3. CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE VII STATE CONVENTION AND DISTRICT CONFERENCES, SECTION 2
CURRENT WORDING:**

The Council of Governors shall have the supervision over all phases of the State Convention; shall have complete charge of the State Convention administrative fund and shall disburse same in payment of State Convention administrative expenses as approved by the Council of Governors. A State Convention registration fee of no more than five dollars (\$5) a person is payable by all in attendance at said State Convention.

PROPOSED WORDING:

The Council of Governors shall have the supervision over all phases of the State Convention; shall have complete charge of the State Convention administrative fund and shall disburse same in payment of State Convention administrative expenses as approved by the Council of Governors. A State Convention minimum registration fee of \$10 per person, is payable by all in attendance at said State Convention.

**4. CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE VI STATE ORGANIZATION, SECTION 3 STATE COMMITTEES
CURRENT WORDING:**

- a. Each State committee, constituted by Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 23 of this Article V, shall have one (1) representative from each sub-district, appointed on the established rotating basis of Y, A, N, K & S by the incoming District Governor of the sub-district having the vacancy. Each appointee shall serve for a period of five (5) years.
- b. Each State committee, constituted by Sections 9, 14, and 22 of this Article V shall have one (1) representative from each sub-district, and a Chairperson. The representatives from each sub-district will be appointed on the established rotating basis of Y, A, N, K & S by the incoming District Governor of the sub-district having the vacancy. Each appointee shall serve for a period of one (1) year. The Chairperson will be appointed by the Council for a one (1) year term.
- c. Each State committee, (except the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team and Global Service Team) constituted in a. above shall have as their Chairperson, the appointee or the successor, as provided in Article V, section 3 f. & 3 g. who is serving during the 5th year of this appointment. In the event the appointee, for sufficient reasons will not serve as Chairperson, said committee shall elect one (1) of its own to serve as Chairperson. Serving as such substitute Chairperson shall not deny the right to serve as Chairperson during the 5th year of their appointment.
- d. All State committees shall consist of qualified Lions unless restricted to Past District Governors. A Lion is considered qualified if the District Governor making the appointment deems the individual has the skills and experience required for the particular committee responsibilities.
- e. The following committees shall consist of Past District Governors when available, otherwise qualified Lions may be appointed: State Convention, International Convention, Constitution & By-Laws, Resolutions & Rules, and Long-Range Planning.
- f. In case of a vacancy in any of the appointed State committees, the District Governor in whose District the vacancy occurred shall appoint a qualified Lion from their District to that committee to serve out the unexpired term.
- g. A qualified Lion appointed to fill a vacancy on a committee shall in no way be prevented from being eligible to again serve on the same committee for a fully appointed term of five (5) continuous years.
- h. All funds received by each committee will be used for the specific purpose of that committee. In the event that a committee ceases to exist see Article VII, section 3, for final disbursement of any funds left in the account.

SECTION 4

There shall be a **State Convention Committee**.

SECTION 5

- a) There shall be an **International Convention Committee**.
- b) There shall be an **International Convention Pin Design Committee**.

SECTION 6

There shall be a **Constitution, By-Laws, Resolutions and Rules Committee**. SECTION

SECTION 7

There shall be a **Long-Range Planning Committee**. SECTION 8

There shall be a **Lion's Organ Donation Awareness (LODA) Committee**.

SECTION 9

There shall be a **State Global Membership Team (GMT)** consisting of a Multiple District Global Membership Coordinator, appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and the Global Membership Team Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.

SECTION 10

There shall be a **State Parliamentarian**. The Council of Governors shall appoint a state Parliamentarian and an alternate Parliamentarian who shall not concurrently serve as the Chairperson of the Constitution, By-Laws, Resolutions and Rules Committee.

SECTION 11

There shall be a **State Band Committee**.

SECTION 12

There shall be a **State Youth Exchange Committee**.

SECTION 13

There shall be a **State Youth Speech Competition Committee**.

SECTION 14

There shall be a **State Global Leadership Team (GLT)** consisting of the Council Chairperson, the Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator, appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and a Global Leadership Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.

SECTION 15

There shall be a **Massachusetts State Flag Committee**.

SECTION 16

There shall be a **LCIF Multiple District Coordinator (LCIF MDC)** appointed by the LCIF Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term. The MDC reports to the LCIF Chairperson and LCIF Development Advisory Committee (DAC). The MDC will identify and recruit one (1) Lion in each sub-district (Y, A, N, K & S) to serve a three (3) year term as LCIF District Coordinator (in consultation with each sub-district District Governor) on the LCIF District Coordinator Team. These appointments shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.

SECTION 17

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SECTION 18

There shall be an **Information & Technology Committee**

SECTION 19

There shall be a **Criminal Offender Records Information Committee (CORI)** consisting of two (2) qualified Lions appointed by the Council of Governors to serve for a period of three (3) years with confirmation by each Council of Governors during the term of each committee member.

SECTION 20

There shall be a **Council Bookkeeper**. They may be appointed by the Council of Governors for a period of five (5) years with confirmation each year by the current Council of Governors and is not a member of the Council of Governors.

SECTION 21

There shall be a **Massachusetts Leo Clubs Committee**.

SECTION 22

There shall be a **State Global Service Team (GST)** consisting of a Multiple District Global Service Coordinator, appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and the Global Service Team Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.

SECTION 23

There shall be a **Massachusetts Lions Low Vision Network (MLLVN)** (formally LOVRNET) Committee.

PROPOSED WORDING: ARTICLE VI STATE ORGANIZATION, SECTION 3 STATE COMMITTEES

1. There shall be a **State Convention Committee**.
2. There shall be an **International Convention Committee**.
3. There shall be an **International Convention Pin Design Committee**.
4. There shall be a **Constitution, By-Laws, Resolutions and Rules Committee**.
5. There shall be a **Long-Range Planning Committee**.
6. There shall be a **Lion's Organ Donation Awareness (LODA) Committee**.
7. There shall be a **State Global Action Team**, consisting of:
 - a. A **Global Extension Team (GET)** consisting of a Multiple District Global Extension Coordinator, appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and the Global Extension Team Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.
 - b. A **Global Leadership Team (GLT)** consisting of the Council Chairperson, the Multiple District Global Leadership Team Coordinator, appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and a Global Leadership Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.
 - c. A **Global Membership Team (GMT)** consisting of a Multiple District Global Membership Coordinator, appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and the Global Membership Team Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.
 - d. A **Global Service Team (GST)** consisting of a Multiple District Global Service Coordinator, appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and the Global Service Team Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.
8. There shall be an **All State Band Committee**.
9. There shall be a **State Youth Camps and Exchange Committee**
10. There shall be a **State Youth Speech Competition Committee**.
11. There shall be a **Massachusetts State Flag Committee**.
12. There shall be a **LCIF Multiple District Coordinator (LCIF MDC)** appointed by the LCIF Board of Trustees for a three (3) year term. The MDC reports to the LCIF Chairperson and LCIF Development Advisory Committee (DAC). The MDC will identify and recruit one (1) Lion in each sub-district (Y, A, N, K & S) to serve

a three (3) year term as LCIF District Coordinator (in consultation with each sub-district District Governor) on the LCIF District Coordinator Team. These appointments shall be reviewed on a yearly basis.

13. There shall be an **Information & Technology Committee**.

14. There shall be a **Criminal Offender Records Information Committee (CORI)** consisting of two (2) qualified Lions appointed by the Council of Governors to serve for a period of three (3) years with confirmation by each Council of Governors during the term of each committee member.

15. There shall be a **Leo Clubs Committee**.

16. There shall be a **Massachusetts Lions Low Vision Network (MLLVN) (formally LOVRNET) Committee**.

Each State committee, constituted by Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 of this Article VI, shall have one (1) representative from each sub-district, appointed on the established rotating basis of Y, A, N, K & S by the incoming District Governor of the sub-district having the vacancy. Each appointee shall serve for a period of five (5) years.

1. Each State committee listed above, (except the Global Membership Team, Global Leadership Team, Global Service Team and the Global Extension Team)-shall have as their Chairperson, the appointee or the successor who is serving during the 5th year of this appointment.
2. In the event the appointee, will not or cannot serve as Chairperson, said committee shall elect one (1) of its own to serve as Chairperson. Serving as such substitute Chairperson shall not deny that Lion the right to serve as Chairperson during the 5th year of their appointment.
3. In case of a vacancy in any of the appointed State committees, the District Governor in whose District the vacancy occurred shall appoint a qualified Lion from their District to serve out the unexpired term.
4. A qualified Lion appointed to fill a vacancy on a committee shall in no way be prevented from being eligible to again serve on the same committee for a fully appointed term of five (5) continuous years.

Each State committee, constituted by Sections 7a, 7b, 7c, and 7d of this Article V shall have one (1) representative from each sub-district, and a Chairperson. The representatives from each sub-district will be appointed on the established rotating basis of Y, A, N, K & S by the incoming District Governor of the sub-district having the vacancy. Each appointee shall serve for a period of one (1) year. The Coordinator will be appointed by the Council for a non-binding three (3) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors, and the Global Service Team Coordinator from each of the sub-districts.

Each State committee: 11) Massachusetts State Flag Committee and 13) Information & Technology Committee shall have a representative from each District appointed by the District Governor, with the Chairperson being selected by committee members.

All State committees shall consist of qualified Lions unless restricted to Past District Governors. A Lion is considered qualified if the District Governor making the appointment deems the individual has the skills and experience required for the particular committee responsibilities.

The following committees shall consist of Past District Governors when available, otherwise qualified Lions may be appointed: State Convention, International Convention, Constitution & By-Laws, Resolutions & Rules, and Long-Range Planning.

All funds received by each committee will be used for the specific purpose of that committee. In the event a committee ceases to exist see Article VIII, section 3, for final disbursement of any funds left in the account.

By-Laws

1. BY-LAWS: ARTICLE II DUTIES, SECTION 22

CURRENT WORDING: (in part)

State Band Committee. It may, under the direction of the Council of Governors, plan and execute the formation of a State Band which may perform at the State Convention and other functions.....”

PROPOSED WORDING:

All State Band Committee. It may, under the direction and approval of the Council of Governors, plan and execute the formation of a State Band which may perform at the State Convention and/or other functions, in order to continue the Lion’s Mission of providing meaningful enrichment opportunities for youth.

Housekeeping Updates

Constitution:

1. CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE VI STATE ORGANIZATION, SECTION 3 STATE COMMITTEES

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 10

There shall be a **State Parliamentarian**. The Council of Governors shall appoint a state Parliamentarian and an alternate Parliamentarian who shall not concurrently serve as the Chairperson of the Constitution, By-Laws, Resolutions and Rules Committee.

Section 20

There shall be a **Council Bookkeeper**. They may be appointed by the Council of Governors for a period of five (5) years with confirmation each year by the current Council of Governors and is not a member of the Council of Governors.

No change to wording, these are not committees, but Council positions, moving to Article VI State Organization, Section 1 Council of Governors, as Paragraph 7 & 8

2. CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE 10 SECTION 1 DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S CABINET

CURRENT WORDING:

“The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, as the Chairperson, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term), the Zone Chairpersons, a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer, and such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein.”

PROPOSED WORDING:

“The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of:

-the District Governor, as the Chairperson*,

-the First and Second Vice District Governors*,

*none of whom shall be from the same club

-Immediate Past District Governor,

-the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term),

-the Zone Chairpersons,

-a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary, and a Cabinet Treasurer, and

-such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein.”

By-Laws:

1. BY-LAWS: ARTICLE II DUTIES, SECTION 5 DISTRICT GOVERNOR,

CURRENT WORDING: District Governor (in part)

“.....c) Preside, when present, over cabinet, convention, and other district meetings. During any period, they are unable to so preside, the presiding officer at any such meeting shall be the First or Second Vice District Governor, but if they are not available, the District Officer chosen by the attending members shall preside.

PROPOSED WORDING:

“....c) Preside, when present, over cabinet, **advisory**, convention, and other district meetings. During any period, they are unable to so preside, the presiding officer at any such meeting shall be the First or Second Vice District Governor, but if they are not available, the District Officer chosen by the attending members shall preside.

2. BY-LAWS: ARTICLE II DUTIES, SECTION 9, ZONE CHAIRPERSON

CURRENT WORDING: Zone Chairperson (in part)

“.....b) Serve as chairperson of the District Governor’s Advisory Committee in their zone and as such Chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee.”

PROPOSED WORDING:

“.....b) Serve as chairperson of the District Governor’s Advisory Committee in their zone and as such Chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee. **(also known as Zone Meetings in MD33.)**

3. BY-LAWS: ARTICLE II DUTIES, SECTION 13, DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S HONORARY COMMITTEE

CURRENT WORDING:

District Governor’s Honorary Committee –The chief mission of this committee shall be to promote harmony throughout the District. In this connection, the members of this committee shall be known as “ambassadors of good will”. The members of this committee shall attend meetings of the District Governor’s cabinet when and as called upon by the District Governor to do so; and the Chairperson may be an ex-officio member of the District Governor’s Cabinet. The official actions of this committee or of its members shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.

PROPOSED WORDING:

District Governor’s Honorary Committee – **(also known as Past District Governor’s Advisory Council in some Districts).** The chief mission of this committee shall be to promote harmony throughout the District. In this connection, the members of this committee shall be known as “ambassadors of good will”. The members of this committee shall attend meetings of the District Governor’s cabinet when and as called upon by the District Governor to do so; and the Chairperson may be an ex-officio member of the District Governor’s Cabinet. The official actions of this committee or of its members shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.

This committee is made up of PDG’s who advise the District Governor and help promote the goals of the District Governor and Lions International.