



Massachusetts Multiple District 33 2026 State Convention Rules of Order

Order of Business: The regular order of business of this convention shall be outlined in the official program as arranged by the State Convention Committee and approved by the Council of Governors.

Resolutions: No resolution shall be considered by this convention unless all the requirements of the Multiple District 33 Constitution and By-Laws have been satisfied. Courtesy resolutions must be in the hands of the Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson or their representative by **8:00 am on Saturday, March 28, 2026**, for presentation to the body during the Saturday business meeting. Courtesy resolutions must be in writing and have the signatures of fifteen (15) Lions in good standing, and, if adopted, will be recorded in the minutes of the State Convention Report.

Voting: Only officially certified delegates, present at the meeting, shall vote. Voting delegates must represent a Multiple District Lions Club in good standing. Each club shall be entitled to voting members on the basis of one (1) for each ten (10) regular members or major fraction thereof. Five (5) or more members shall be considered a major fraction. Discounted members (family, student, or any other discounted membership) shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation. The number of eligible members in each club shall be in accordance with the records of Lions Clubs International as of **March 1, 2025**, representing memberships of a year and a day and as recorded on Lions Club's International's list of certified delegate count for elections on **March 28, 2026**, provided however, that each club be entitled to at least one (1) delegate. Voting on questions before the Multiple District 33 shall be by raising, in hand, the delegate card. Each present District Governor and present and Past International Director shall be an accredited voting delegate and shall not be included in the delegate quota of their club. The present District Governors shall cast their votes subsequent to the corresponding votes of the body of delegates.

Certification of Delegates: Each Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer (CST) shall maintain their Districts' delegate and alternate card control list; said cards shall be issued by the CST's only to those members certified to vote by their respective club President or Secretary or District Governor, where applicable. It shall be the delegate's responsibility to return previously issued cards to their respective Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for a proper exchange.

Quorum: A minimum of twenty-five (25) certified delegates in attendance with representation from each District shall constitute a quorum at any business session of the convention duly called by the Council of Governors.

Multiple District 33 Credentials Committee: This committee shall be composed of the District Governors, their Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers and shall be chaired by the Council Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson may appoint from this committee, a Co-Chairperson who shall compile the credential statistics and report the same to the convention when called for.

Multiple District 33 Nominations & Elections Committee: The Nominations & Election Committee, for the endorsement of a candidate for the office of International Director shall be comprised of the Chairperson of each District Nominations & Election Committee and the Vice-Chairperson of the State Council of Governors. The Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Governors shall be the Chairperson of this Nominations & Election Committee. Each candidate for endorsement of a candidate for the office of International Director shall have the right to appoint an individual to supervise the nominations and election process.



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Elections: Balloting for District Governors, First Vice-District Governors, and Second Vice-District Governors shall be held on **March 29, 2026** at the polling places and times as designated in the official convention program. Following International Protocol (International By-Laws Article IX Section 6) there will be a written secret ballot. In order to be declared elected the candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting. Each District Governor shall prepare a written ballot for their district.

Motions: There will be no discussion from the floor until a proper motion has been made and seconded.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: A motion to suspend the rules may be entertained at any time when no question is pending; or while a question is pending, provided it is for the purpose connected with that question. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those cast are required.

Addressing the Convention: After a proper motion has been made and seconded, any Lion may address the convention after being recognized by the meeting Chairperson. Lions asking to be recognized will first give their **full name and identify their club and district**.

Time: Delegates speaking on any recognized motion will be limited, as to time, at the discretion of the meeting Chairperson. However, the Chairperson will allow equal time to each side of the discussion. Debate can be cut off by a duly made and seconded motion to "move the question" which receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

New Business: New business shall only be in order at each session of the convention at the conclusion of the regular established program.

Challenging a Vote or Procedure: A delegate, or alternate acting on behalf of such delegate, may challenge any vote taken, or the procedure at any meeting. The Chairperson of the meeting, where a challenge is made, will call for nineteen (19) additional delegates to stand in support of the challenge. If twenty (20) delegates do such a challenge, the meeting Chairperson will appoint tellers to count the actual vote for and against. If nineteen (19) additional delegates do not rise in support of the challenge, then the original count shall be accepted.

Reconsideration of Action: No duly made, seconded and voted motion, resolution or action of the convention shall be given reconsideration for a change in voting or tabling unless such reconsideration is brought up within that particular day's business session in which the motion, resolution or action was originally voted.

The Rules of the Convention and the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 33 shall prevail on all matters pertaining to the conduct of the convention. Unless otherwise provided by the foregoing, all questions of order or procedure shall be determined in accordance with **Robert's Rules of Order**.