



Massachusetts Lions Multiple District 33
State Convention Voter
Informational sheet

Virtual Vote April 24, 2021

- 1.) Housekeeping changes per changes with Lions club
International Constitution and Bylaws
 - a. Page 13 of MD 33 Constitution and Bylaws Article X
change section 2 to read as follows and change the
sequence of the sections thereafter.

Members of the District Cabinet appointed by the District Governor may be removed from office for cause by the District Governor. Elected members of the District Cabinet other than the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice district Governor, may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire number of the District Cabinet. (For cause may be any reason as determined by the District Cabinet in accordance with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED.)

- b. Page 19 of MD 33 Constitution and Bylaws Article I
section 7. B. b. to read as follows and change the
current b to c

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of the first or second vice district governor, he/she must:

- (a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single sub-district.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single district,
- (c) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as first or second vice district governor:
 - (i) As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
 - (ii) As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - (iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

c. Page 23 of the MD 33 Constitution and Bylaws
Section 7 b.) 1.

Change to read fifteen(15) instead of five (5) days

d. Page 32 add the following regarding GST MD

Act as an advocacy champion for the multiple district to implement activities including but not limited to community awareness/education, legislative/public policy, events, ad partnerships.

e. Page 32 add the following regarding GST District

Act as the advocacy champion of the district to implement activities including but not limited to community awareness/education, legislative/public policy, events and partnerships.

f. Page 34 change Section 3 to add the following

Any candidate seeking endorsement who is a member of a club in the multiple district must have first secured the endorsement of his/her sub-district (Per LCI standard MD By-Laws, Article I, sec. 5.)

g. Page 32 section 7 and 8 to read as follows

SECTION 7

Certification of endorsement by the respective convention shall be made in writing to the international office by the district officials designated (and if the district is a sub-district in the multiple district to the multiple district council of governors) in accordance with the requirements set forth in the International Constitution and by-Laws.

SECTION 8

No endorsement of any candidacy of any member of a Lions club in this multiple district shall be valid unless and until the provisions of this Article have been met.

2.) Vote to add a state 501C3 to be listed as

The Massachusetts Lions Charitable Foundation, Inc., is a State project in which members of Lions clubs in Massachusetts are asked to participate.

3.) Constitution and Bylaws MD 33, page 4 Article VI Section I to add the following regarding Council Secretary:

. Persons requesting nomination must be a Past District Governor in good standing of a club in good standing of the District in rotation who resides in Massachusetts. If the District with the pending vacancy does not have a candidate for the office of secretary, then that District shall vacate their immediate turn in the rotational system and shall subsequently return to the rotational system in the years following and in the same place as vacated. Notification of the absence of a nominee for the position of secretary must be made to the Council Chairperson no later than 90 days prior to the commencement of the State Convention in order to notify the next District in rotation of the need to put forth a candidate. Should such notification not be provided and the position remain vacant at the close of the State Convention, then the next District in line will be asked to conduct an emergency election as soon as possible after the close of the Convention in order to have a Council Secretary in place as soon as possible for the July 1st change of officers.

4.) Constitution and Bylaws MD 33, page 7 section 23 add the following:

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

5.) Constitution and bylaws page 32, Article II duties section 32, add description of the bookkeeper to read as follows

SECTION 32

Council Bookkeeper. The council bookkeeper shall, ~~maintain all the detailed financial records of the Council of Governors throughout his/her term. He/she will work closely with the Council Treasurer to provide all reports required by the treasurer.~~ at the request of the Council Treasurer and the Council of Governors maintain all of the detailed financial records of the Council of Governors throughout his/her term. He/she will work closely with the council treasurer to provide all reports required by the treasurer.

The purpose of the position of the Council Bookkeeper is to ensure an appropriate and consistent level of financial expertise in the production, maintenance, and distribution of the financial records of the Council of Governors. The individual who is chosen as Council Bookkeeper should have demonstrated experience and knowledge in keeping financial records.

The Council Bookkeeper works closely with the Council Treasurer who is the Council Officer responsible for the oversight of Council finances.

The Bookkeeper is to be an individual that the sitting Council of Governors determines is qualified to assist the Treasurer maintain the financial books and records of MD33 and may assist the Treasurer with the duties and allow for an easy and thorough transmission to position successors.

The Bookkeeper may, at the request of the Council Treasurer and the Council of Governors, keep the official financial records of MD33 which include, but are not limited to:

- General Accounts Ledgers and associated sub account ledgers;
- Asset ledgers containing the details of all MD33 assets including investment ledgers. Such ledgers will include the identification of each asset, a description, location, and individual responsible for its keeping, along with start dates and value. (This pertains to grants.)
- The MD33 Council checking reconciliation of statements;
- Copies of receipts, invoices, warrants, and payments;
- Copies of annual financial reports, including all documents related to the annual review or audit;
- Copies of all tax filings with supporting schedules
- Other documents as necessary.

The Bookkeeper may, at the request of the Council Treasurer record all transactions: receipts, commitments, and payments.

The Bookkeeper shall provide regular reports to the Council Treasurer regarding the state of Council accounts and finances for periodic presentation to the Council of Governors. These reports may include supporting documentation.

The Bookkeeper may, at request of the Council Treasurer reconcile all bank statements monthly.

The Bookkeeper shall provide all documentation necessary for the preparation of the annual tax filings to the Council's designated preparer.