



## Convention Advisory

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Memo to:

All Clubs in Multiple District 'A'.

All Past International Officers in Multiple District 'A'

This memo is being forwarded so that all Lions attending the Multiple District 'A' Convention from May 31 – June 2, 2024, will be aware of the Voting Regulations connected with the election of the International Director from Canada 2025-2027. This vote will take place between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:30 am on June 2, 2024. These regulations have been vetted by the Convention Advisory Committee, the Voting and Credentials Coordinators and the legal department of Lions International.

### Voting Delegate Information

#### **International By-laws, Article IX, Section 3 - Club Delegate Formula**

Each chartered club in good standing in the association and its district (single, sub-and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention and its district (single sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or major fraction thereof, of said club, as shown by the records of the international office of the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held.....and FURTHER PROVIDED that each district (single, sub- and multiple) may, by express in its respective constitution and by-laws grant full delegate status to each past district governor who is a member of a club in each such district independent of the club delegate quotas herein above specified..... The major fraction referred to in this Section shall be five (5) or more members..... Delinquent dues must be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

#### **International Board Policy Manual Chapter V, Paragraph B 1 - Good Standing**

The International Board Policy Manual provides the definition of "Clubs In Good Standing" that applies to the Club Delegate Formula.

##### 1) Good Standing

A club in good standing is one:

- a) Which is not in "status quo or financial suspension";
  - b) Which operates in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws and International Board Policy;
  - c) Which has: 1) District (Single, Sub-and Multiple) dues and fees paid in full; and
- 2) No unpaid balance of International dues and fees greater than U.S.\$10, outstanding 30 days or more; and
  - 3) No unpaid Lions Club International account balance greater than U.S.\$50, outstanding ninety (90) days or more

Accordingly:

1. Club delegate quotas will be issued by Lions Clubs International one month preceding the start of the MD'A' Convention. Each district can download such quotas and distribute that information to the clubs in their district as well as to each Past District Governor in their district.
2. To be eligible to vote, each club must have their accounts cleared fifteen (15) days prior to the close of certification. For the purposes of the 2024 MD'A' Convention, that date is no later than midnight, May 18, 2024.
3. Clubs in arrears cannot pay such arrears at the polls.
4. To be eligible to vote, clubs in arrears must provide proof that such arrears had been paid at least 15 days prior to the close of certification.  
Acceptable Proof of Payment could include:
  - A photocopy of their last LCI statement showing payments made in the last 30 days.
  - A photocopy of the cheque sent and verified with the District Governor's signature.
5. Clubs inducting new members in the months of April and May and having only the entry fees assigned to those members appearing on their statement, will be allowed to vote.
6. The close of registrations and credentials on June 2, 2024, will be precisely at 10:00 am, after which time access to the registration and credentials desks will be denied. Those already in line for Registration and/or Credentials by 10:00 am will proceed to vote.
7. Delegates attending the entire convention are asked to vote early on June 2 to help avoid congestion when Sunday only delegates arrive.
8. No campaign literature or signage is allowed in the Registration/Credentials/ Voting areas on Sunday morning.
9. Lions volunteering their services at Registration/Credentials/Voting are not to wear any campaign clothing or paraphernalia.
10. Should there be a need for more than one ballot, only those delegates processed through the first ballot may vote.