

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Clubs International Multiple District 308

	Existing Clause	Proposed Amendment	Rationale For Amendment
Article V Section 1(c) last para	In the event of a vacancy in the office of the District Governor (Elect) of that Sub-District entitled to its turn, the said functions of that office shall be vested in the Vice District Governor (Elect), failing which to a caucus of past officers of the Association from that Sub-District.	In the event of a vacancy in the office of the District Governor (Elect) of that Sub-District entitled to its turn, the said functions of that office shall be vested in the 1st Vice District Governor (Elect), failing which to a caucus of past officers of the Association from that Sub-District.	Consequential amendment resulting from the re-designation of the Vice District Governor post by LCI following the creation of the 2nd VDG post.
Article V Section 5		Existing Section to be re-numbered Section 5(a)	Consequential renumbering to accommodate new sub-Section
New Article V Section 5(b)		The 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor of each sub-district shall be non voting members of the Council and shall attend MD Council meetings. He/She may be assigned to any of the committees of the Council or to assist the Council Secretary or Treasurer.	To formalize the position of the Vice District Governors in the MD Council.
Article VI Section 3		Existing Section to be re-numbered Section 3(a)	Consequential renumbering to accommodate new sub-Section
New Article VI Section 3(b)		Funds received by the Council from sources other than dues collected from clubs may be emplaced by the Council in specific trust accounts to be held and expended separately in accordance with the specified terms of the trust. The Council shall include an audited report of the usage and balance of each trust account during its year in office as part of its annual financial report to members.	To provide for the establishment of trust accounts for endowments received by the Council.

		The specific terms of each trust shall be made known to the membership.	
Article VI Section 6	Within sixty (60) days after the close of the fiscal year, the immediate past Council Treasurer, under the supervision of the immediate past Council Chairperson, shall provide the Council Treasurer in office, an itemised statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Multiple District Fund and the Multiple District Reserve Fund for the said fiscal year, for mailing the same to each of the office of the Lions Clubs International and the officers of the immediate past and present Councils.	Within sixty (60) days after the close of the fiscal year, the immediate past Council Treasurer, under the supervision of the immediate past Council Chairperson, shall provide the Council Treasurer in office, an itemised statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Multiple District Fund, the Multiple District Reserve Fund and the trust accounts for the said fiscal year, for mailing the same to each of the office of the Lions Clubs International and the officers of the immediate past and present Councils.	Consequential amendment to include the trust accounts as part of handover to next Council.
Article VI Section 11(b)(vi)	Any Multiple District Convention budget surplus of income over expenditure shall belong absolutely to the hosting club(s) and likewise any deficit in the Convention budget shall be borne by the hosting club(s).	The audited surplus of income over expenditure after paying a levy of 20% of the surplus to the MD Council of any Multiple District Convention shall belong absolutely to the hosting club(s). Any deficit in the Convention income over expenditure shall be borne in full by the hosting club(s). In the event the audited surplus from a convention exceeds 100,000 dollars in the currency of the hosting clubs, a further levy equal to 50% of the surplus in excess of 100,000 dollars in the currency of the hosting clubs shall be paid to the MD Council. The MD Council at its sole discretion may disburse this further levy to the funds of the sub-districts. The levy so imposed shall be remitted to the MD Council within 14 days of the audited	The objective in imposing a levy on the surplus is to encourage the COC to give value for money to participating delegates as a priority over the use of the convention as a fund raising opportunity. Funds from the levy would contribute to development of the MD and obviate the need to raise MD dues. The further levy is to discourage the accumulation of excessive surplus by the hosting clubs by returning part of such excessive surplus if any to the districts via the Council.

		accounts of the convention being presented to the Council in accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of this constitution. The funds so received shall be deemed as ordinary income to the MD Council.	
Article VIII Section 3	No amendments shall be so reported or voted upon at the Multiple District Convention unless the same shall have been circulated in writing, by the Council, to each Club not less than thirty (30) day prior to the date of convening the Multiple District Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at that Multiple District Convention.	No amendments shall be so reported or voted upon at the Multiple District Convention unless the same shall have been circulated in writing by way of post, facsimile or electronic means by the Council to each Club through their respective District Governor not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of convening the Multiple District Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at that Multiple District Convention.	To facilitate the serving of notices by the Council to clubs through their respective District Governors and to be consistent with its mirror clause in the Bylaws.
Bylaw 6 Section 2	No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing and sent by post, facsimile or electronic means to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Convention. It shall give notice that the same will be voted upon at the said Convention.	No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing by way of post, facsimile or electronic means by the Council to each club through their respective District Governor not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Convention. It shall give notice that the same will be voted upon at the said Convention.	To facilitate the serving of notices by the Council to clubs through their respective District Governors and to be consistent with its mirror clause in the Constitution.