

Resolutions for Convention 2018

RESOLUTION No. 1

Propose by District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

“Messrs Gilroy & Brookes, Chartered Accountants of Farnham, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they be, and the same are hereby, re-appointed as Independent Examiner to the District for the forthcoming Year.”

Explanatory Note:

Article IV Section 4 (a) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2017) reads:

“The Governor or Cabinet shall provide for an independent examination of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District covering the Year by a suitably qualified person to be appointed (or re-appointed as the case may be) by resolution at Convention each Year.”

This Resolution requires a simple majority

RESOLUTION No. 2

Proposed by District Cabinet

This Convention resolves that:

“The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 shall be in the sum of £10.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.00 per Lion by 1 August 2018 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2018 and £5.00 per Lion by 1 February 2019 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2018”

Explanatory Note:

Article IV Section 1 of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2017) reads:

(a) (i) To provide revenue to defray administration and Convention expenses of the District, and such other matters as the Governor or Cabinet shall from time to time deem fit, a Per Capita levy for a Year shall be collected from each Club by the District Treasurer at such times and in such amounts as shall be passed by way of Resolution proposed by District Cabinet at Convention held in the previous Year.

(ii) In the event that any Resolution to determine a Per-Capita levy for a Year is not passed at Convention held in the previous Year, the amounts collectable from each Club for the Year shall remain those as determined at the most recent preceding Convention.

(b) Clubs organised or re-organised during the Year shall be liable to pay per-capita dues calculated on a pro-rata basis commencing from the first day of the month following the date of their organisation or re-organisation meeting.

(c) (i) Payment of District Dues will not be collected for members shown as dropped by the Association's Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(ii) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate)

(iii) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as laid down by the Multiple District Constitution

(d) From and after 1 July 2000 Cabinet shall be empowered to levy a supplementary charge, not exceeding £10.00p as shall be determined at their first meeting in the Year, on any Per-Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.

This Resolution requires a simple majority

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION No. 2

Proposed: District Cabinet

This Convention resolves to amend Resolution No. 2 to insert paragraph 2 into the original resolution:

“The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 shall be in the sum of £10.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.00 per Lion by 1 August 2018 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2018 and £5.00 per Lion by 1 February 2019 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2018”

“This Convention Resolves that for 2018-2019 Fiscal Year every club should receive a ‘one-off’ credit in the sum of £5 per member against payment of District 105D Annual Membership Subscriptions 2018-2019.

The levy for the year shall be collected from each Club by the District Treasurer for each member officially recorded as follows:

- (i) The sum of £2.50 per member as at 30th June 2018
- (ii) The sum of £2.50 per member as at 31st December 2018

NB: This is a credit per member for 2018-2019 only and not a reduction in Annual Membership Subscriptions.”

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(b) Clubs organised or re-organised during the Year shall be liable to pay per-capita dues calculated on a pro-rata basis commencing from the first day of the month following the date of their organisation or re-organisation meeting.

(c) (i) Payment of District Dues will not be collected for members shown as dropped by the Association’s Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(ii) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate)

(iii) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as laid down by the Multiple District Constitution

(d) From and after 1 July 2000 Cabinet shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, not exceeding £10.00p as shall be determined at their first meeting in the Year, on any Per-Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.

District Administration Reserve Funds continue to be at a level where it is possible to reimburse the clubs on a fair and equitable known membership basis.

This Resolution requires a simple majority

RESOLUTION No. 3**Proposed by Meon Valley Lions Club
Seconded by Alton Lions Club****This Convention resolves that:**

That District 105D will pay the LCI new members joining fee (currently \$35) for all new members joining any club in the District from 1st July 2018. This would be initially for one year funded from the annual operating surpluses accrued during the period 2013 to 2017 currently held by the District. Continuation of this payment in subsequent years would be subject to a financial viability assessment by the District Finance Committee and approval at Convention.

Explanatory Note:

In trying to encourage new membership it is considered that the initial cost of entry should be minimised. The recent increase from \$25 to \$35 (a 40% increase) makes the cost of joining Lions a little less palatable. District payment of the LCI joining fee would mean that the total cost for new members in the first year of membership would not be more than that of an existing member.

A number of clubs already pay the joining fee on behalf of new members but this is less affordable by the smaller clubs.

The annual cost to the District for 100 new members per year would be approximately £2700 and for 150 new members approximately £4050

Over recent years there has been a continuous shortfall in the District's annual spend against the income from members' dues; the increasing surplus each being added to the reserves as shown below:-

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
<i>Annual Surplus/Shortfall</i>	<i>£5471</i>	<i>£6105</i>	<i>£6726</i>	<i>£1532</i>
<i>Total Reserves/Surplus</i>	<i>£29354</i>	<i>£34459</i>	<i>£42185</i>	<i>£40653</i>

NB. The shortfall in the 2016-17 figures is because each club was credited 50% of the 2016-17 dues (£5.50 per member) and not because of a significant increase in expenditure.

There are identified specific reserves of £10017 and the balance £30636 is held as a reserve for operating expenses. For the last 4 years Operating Expenses have been less than £10000 per annum. With no long term expense commitments and a guaranteed income from the membership there should not be a need for an Operating Expense reserve greater than one year's average expenditure (ie.£10000). This leaves a current excess in the region of £20000 from which the joining fee could be easily funded.

It is considered that the surplus/reserves could be used to the benefit of clubs and can be seen as an aid to recruitment which is of paramount importance to the future of the District and Lions.

This Resolution requires a simple majority**RESOLUTION No. 4****Proposed by District Cabinet****This Convention resolves that:**

Each Lions Club within District 105D shall be required to prepare annually a set of accounts. These accounts to be examined by a suitably qualified independent examiner who shall append to the accounts a report of his/her examination. All Clubs will file the accounts and the independent examiner's report with the District Treasurer within six months of the Club's financial year end."

Explanatory Note:

This will ensure Clubs are maintaining financial records which are examined by a suitably qualified practitioner, and that the District has a record of each Club's accounts.

This Resolution requires a simple majority

RESOLUTION No. 5

Proposed by District Cabinet

This Convention Resolves that:

By Law Article V111 District Administration Fund of the District Convention for District 105D be amended as per the attached version. This replaces the existing words 'dues' or 'tax' with the word 'subscriptions'.

Explanatory Note:

The proposed amendment brings Article V111 in line with HMRC guidelines and will be of particular relevance to those Clubs who have achieved CIO status, or intend to seek such status, when making application for Gift Aid on subscriptions.

This Resolution requires a two thirds majority.

By Laws ARTICLE VIII District Administration Fund

Section 1. DISTRICT REVENUE. To provide revenue for approved district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the district, an annual district administrative subscription is levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments per club member by July 21st of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1st to December 31st and per club member on January 21st of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1st to June 30th with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said subscriptions shall be paid to the District Treasurer by each club in the district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said subscriptions on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said subscriptions shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the district and only upon approval by the district governor's cabinet. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor.

(a) Payment of District subscriptions will not be collected for members shown as dropped by the Association's Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (June 30th or December 31st as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District subscriptions for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(b) Billing for District subscriptions for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District subscriptions on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District subscriptions, through to the end of the billing period. These subscriptions shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (June 30th or December 31st as appropriate).

(c) Payment of Multiple District subscriptions shall be as laid down by the Multiple District Constitution.

(d) The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a supplementary charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10.00) per Club, on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.