

# 59<sup>th</sup> MULTIPLE DISTRICT 308 LIONS CONVENTION

## RULES OF PROCEDURE

### 1.0 PREAMBLE

The following are the Rules of Procedure applicable to the Multiple District ('MD') 308 Convention scheduled to be held VIRTUALLY on 23rd May, 2021 and the principal venue to conduct the virtual convention will be at G Hotel, Gurney Drive, Penang, Malaysia.

In these Rules of Procedure where the context so requires, words in singular includes the plural and words referring to the masculine gender includes the feminine gender and vice versa.

### 2.0 ORDER OF BUSINESS AND QUORUM

The AGENDA, a copy of which has been furnished to each certified voting delegate, shall be the Order of Business of this Convention. Except for the schedules for registration and certification of delegates, which shall not be changed, any deviation from the Agenda shall be made only by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the certified voting delegates assembled at any session at which a quorum is present.

### 3.0 QUORUM

The presence of a majority of voting delegates, who are registered and certified before the commencement of the MD Convention, and who are eligible or entitled to vote, shall constitute a quorum for that session and any reconvened session following an adjournment under **Rule 12.0** until the close of the MD Convention; provided that at least 150 certified voting who are eligible or entitled to vote shall be present during the session in which resolutions and amendment(s) to the MD Constitution and By-Laws are being considered.

### 4.0 ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED

Except as otherwise in contradiction to the policies of or provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International, the MD 308, the Sub-District, if applicable, the Rules of Procedure adopted at this Convention, or any local statutes or common law, all questions on the Order of Procedure in this Convention and any committee appointed hereunder, shall be determined in accordance with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED or as revised from time to time.

## 5.0 RESOLUTIONS & OTHER BUSINESSES

No item of business (other than items specifically scheduled in the Agenda and these Rules of Procedure, items which shall originate within the Resolutions Committee and have the approval of the District Governor of the Sub-District concerned and/or the MD Council Chairperson) shall be discussed at the Convention unless it reaches the office of the Secretary of the MD 308 Council, no less than sixty (60) days prior to the convening date of this Convention for transmittal no less than thirty (30) days to and consideration by the Resolutions Committee and the Lions Clubs in the Multiple Districts as appropriate. The Resolutions Committee shall report to the Convention for action such resolutions as the committee and MD Council deem advisable, with recommendation noted thereon.

## 6.0 MD COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

The MD Council Chairperson shall have full conduct of all affairs or matters at all plenary sessions of the MD Convention.

## 7.0 REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION

The registered and certified voting delegates of the Sub-District Convention of A1, A2, B1 and B2 furnished by the respective district credential committee **on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**, as per the qualification under the Rules of Procedure of the respective district, shall be the registered and certified and delegates of the MD Convention.

## 8.0 THE ELECTION & VOTING OF RESOLUTIONS

The system of Election and Voting shall be by way of Electronic Voting provided by an Independent Service Provider sent by a link via individual registered email of the voting delegates.

Time of Voting: 12 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. on 23rd May 2021 (Sunday)

## 9.0 ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

The District Governor (Elect) of that Sub-District entitled to its turn shall submit his nominations in writing of two (2) or more past district governors as candidates for the election, by secret ballot by all the District Governors (Elect), to the MD Nominations Chairperson, **within SEVEN (7) days** following the successful election of the said District Governor (Elect). The MD Nomination Committee Chairperson shall submit the said nomination to the MD Elections Committee

Chairperson within **ONE (1) day** following the receipt of such nomination. The MD Elections Committee Chairperson shall conduct the Council Chairperson election as per rules 8.0.

#### 10.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF THE ELECTION & RESOLUTIONS

The Council Chairperson shall announce the result of the Election to the position of Council Chairperson 2021-2022 and the Voting MD resolutions.

#### 11.0 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the Convention proceedings shall be English.

#### 12.0 SESSION ADJOURNMENT AND RECONVENING

The Presiding Officer of the MD Convention shall at his sole discretion adjourn any session or reconvene the same for the convenience of the voting delegates. **If quorum is not present, the convention shall be adjourned for 15 minutes after which it shall be deemed that the quorum is present subject to a minimum of 150 voting delegates present.** At the close of the MD Convention, the Presiding Officer shall adjourn the Convention sine die or until the date fixed for the next Convention.

#### 13.0 FINAL CONVENTION REPORT

The Convention Organizing Committee shall within sixty (60) days, from the close of the Convention, send a copy of the proceedings to the respective Sub-District Governors and the MD Council Chairperson.