



Multiple District C News

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Council Chairperson Bill Baux Report to Multiple District C

Spring is almost upon us and it is the time to prepare for the upcoming year. The Clubs in both Districts C-1 and C-2 are in the process of selecting their new executive for next year and the incoming executive should be planning for their year. Training schools will be held in both districts and will be held in multiple locations so that more Lions can attend. We are fast approaching our Multiple District C convention to be held in St. Albert, just outside of Edmonton. The draft program and information about the convention and registration forms are available on the web page. I encourage all Lions to attend, as it is important that your Club be represented at the convention because there are many very important decisions to be made. Such as, approval of the Multiple District C constitution and by-laws, dues to be paid next year and in subsequent years, a review of what makes up your dues and some options available to increase the services and educational courses available to our members. There will also be a vote for our new director to Lions Foundation of Canada, with a number of potential Lions on the ballot seeking your support.

In summary, at our last council meeting the following issues were discussed and decided upon.

- Ordering 500 MD C crests for the Lions of the Multiple District to purchase.
- A decision to close the accounting for Multiple District 37.
- Invoices for Multiple District C dues are to be based on the December 2015 Healthy Club report.
- The Multiple District is looking at a variety of projects to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International and once a project or group of projects is ready to proceed, we will be applying for a \$US15,000 centennial grant which will require matching funds of \$US3,000. Projects being considered are welcome signs to Multiple District C placed upon major roads entering the Multiple District, a memorial forest for Multiple District C and many others. A motion was made and carried to use the proceeds from the 50/50 draw at the Multiple District convention to raise funds to offset the matching funds required by Lions Clubs International.
- A motion was approved to eliminate Multiple District dues for registered students under the age of 30 involved in a campus club.

Bill Baux, Council Chairperson
Multiple District C

The Resolution Synopsis

The Constitution and Bylaws of Multiple District C has been reviewed, revised and tweaked by Lions all over Multiple District C and the final document has been approved by the Council of Governors on the 1st of April, 2016 for your consideration at the first annual convention of Multiple District C.

This is the first resolution, the adoption of the Multiple District C Constitution and Bylaws. The adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws requires a two thirds majority vote of the delegates at the St. Albert convention.

Resolution #1: Multiple District C Constitution and Bylaws

I am in favour of adopting the Multiple District C Constitution and Bylaws, as approved by the Council of Governors on April 1st, 2016.

Resolution #1: ☐ Yes ☐ No

The second resolution is to establish the Per Capita Tax for the Multiple District Administration Account. This resolution and the proposed revision to the Per Capita Tax took a lot of deliberation by the incoming Council of Governors. DGE Ron Wackenhut and DGE Gail Haight and their DG Teams scrutinized and studied all the budget items presented.

RESOLUTION #2: To establish the Per Capita Tax; For the Multiple District Administration Account

I am in favour of establishing an annual per capita tax of \$18.20 Canadian to be levied on each member of each club in the Multiple District beginning in the Lion's year 2016-2017. Billing of \$9.10 to be done semi-annually in accordance with Lions Clubs International billing cycle. Billing period will be July 1st to June 30th of each Lionistic Year.

Resolution #2: ☐ Yes ☐ No

The last time the Per Capita Tax was adjusted in our area was 1995. Due to inflationary costs over the past 21 years on goods and services and a decline in membership we are now in a position where we need your support for this increase to maintain our standards of operation.

A major portion of our operation includes new methods of communication. Internet services for: email; GoToMeetings; online training and; websites for information dissemination. The Multiple District C office receives between 2,500 to 3,000 actionable emails per year.

So far, this Lionistic Year, we have logged 6,618 minutes of GoToMeeting time. The investment in this communication tool has proven invaluable in dealing with the small issues that come up between Council meeting. It also available for use by the sub-Districts and committee chairs as well.

In our 2016-2017 budget, we have increased our international participation to \$1.65 per member. These funds are used by the MD C Friendship Committee to: enhance our standing in the world; to ensure our international candidates are successful in their endeavors to represent us on the international stage; and to make our international guest feel welcome when they visit Multiple District C. The Canadian Caucus fee, of \$0.15 per member used to finance the annual Canadian Caucus held at each International Convention, is also included in this budget item.

We would like to establish a MD C Ambassador for the International Convention. This Lion will be the primary point of contact for the members attending the International Convention. They will answer questions, provide direction and ensure the MD C members are having a great time at the convention.

The budget has also included funds to provide Rules of Audit financial assistance to our Past International Officers who have for countless years attended our Council Meetings without any financial compensation. They will tell you it is not necessary, but their efforts make it clear they are truly deserving of our thanks and our financial aid.

We have budgeted for the Multiple District C Hall of Fame, Senior and Master Leadership Awards and other award related expenses. When we present an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation to a deserving Lion, it will be framed.

Overall the items in the budget have been examined, reviewed and are considered to be good investments for the membership of our Multiple District. The Multiple District Secretary Treasurer position has been further defined and will continue to be a critical factor in ensuring the well-being of our Multiple District going forward.

The third resolution deals with funding the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

Have you heard Lions talking about institutes they attended and the great experience it was for them? Have you heard phrases like “invaluable experience”, “rewarding and enjoyable”, “great help to my future as a Lion leader”, “learned a lot in 3 marvelous days” or “BEST EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE!”? We assure you these are not rumors! Our historical records the vast majority of your District Governors have attended the Regional Lions Leadership Institute or the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) program allows multiple districts to apply for matching funding, up to \$7,500.00 USD, to support leadership training institutes in their own multiple district. The curriculum of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute is designed to suit the training and development needs of Multiple District C and is based on the LCI sponsored Lions Leadership Institutes and includes topics such as Time Management, Working in Teams and Public Speaking. The Regional Lions Leadership Institute curriculum is designed to enhance the training of Lions who wish to develop their skills in preparation for leadership roles at the club and district levels.

**RESOLUTION #3: To establish the Per Capita Tax;
To Finance the Regional Lions Leadership Institute**

I am in favour of adding an additional \$1.20 Canadian to the annual per capita tax, for the purposes of funding the Regional Lions Leadership Institute to be held, at a minimum of, every 3 years, beginning in the Lion's year 2016-2017. Billing period will be July 1st to June 30th of each Lionistic Year.

Resolution #3: ____ Yes ____ No

The Multiple District is planning to hold a Regional Lions Leadership Institute every 3 years and the proposed additional \$1.20 per member collected each year will ensure the funding is available to hold the Institute.

The fourth resolution provides funding to enhance the annual Multiple District C Convention. With the improvements in technology, there is a need to put on an advanced multimedia convention with modern up to date visual displays, to encourage the attendance of our younger members and make the whole event easier to understand and more enjoyable. At this year's convention you will experience close captioning. A visual display of everything said from the dais, so if you don't hear it, you can read it from the display screens.



**RESOLUTION #4: To establish the Per Capita Tax;
To Enhance the Annual Multiple District C Convention**

I am in favour of adding an additional \$3.25 Canadian to the annual per capita tax, for the purposes of enhancing the annual Multiple District C Convention, with close captioning, audio/visual displays and guest speakers, beginning in the Lion's year 2016-2017. Billing period will be July 1st to June 30th of each Lionistic Year.

Resolution #4: ____ Yes ____ No

At future conventions, we want to include big screen audiovisual displays so you can see who is speaking from the dais. These displays will include: the use of video cameras to showcase the speakers and the delegates asking questions; video play back of various pre-recorded video segments and power point presentations; and close captioning. With the integrated sound system, the whole day will be a Lionistic experience to remember.



It will not be as spectacular as the displays at the Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, but we will try to come a close second to those displays. With these enhancements, we hope to have more of our fellow Lions join us at our annual convention.

In addition to the audiovisual displays, a portion of the convention enhancement funds have been designated for funding outside public speakers, who will provide a different perspective on everyday life and those causes Lions support. The proposed additional \$3.25 to enhance the annual Multiple District C Convention will make the annual convention an event to remember.

The fifth resolution is to elect the Alberta Provincial Director for the Lions Foundation of Canada 2017-2020. The Provincial Director serves a three-year term starting in October of 2017. There are three candidates for the office and their biographical information will be included in your delegate package when you arrive to register for the convention.

Resolution to Elect the Alberta Provincial Director for the Lions Foundation of Canada 2017-2020

Resolution #5:

Select one of the following candidates to serve as the Alberta Provincial Director for the Lions Foundation of Canada 2017-2020.

_____ *Lion Mel Foat*

_____ *Lion Terry Kozma*

_____ *Lion Peter Wallis*

The sixth and seventh resolutions are to endorse our candidate for the Office of Third International Vice President of Lions Clubs International. Past International Director Dr. Patti Hill is our candidate and we wish to endorse her under the banner of Multiple District C.

Resolution to Endorse a Candidate for
The Office of Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International

~~Resolution #6~~

~~*Are you in favour of Multiple District C endorsing a candidate for International Office of Lions Clubs International?*~~

~~_____Yes _____No~~



~~Resolution #7~~

~~*I am in favour of MD C endorsing the candidacy of Dr. Patti Hill for the office of Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International.*~~

~~_____Yes _____No~~





Join us in St. Albert

May 13 & 14, 2016

First MD C Convention

“Featuring for the first time”

CLOSED CAPTIONING WILL BE PROVIDED



Schedule of Events

Fri. May 13/16 “Japanese Theme”

Registration & Certification Noon — 6:20 pm
 Opening Ceremonies 5:45 pm Followed by Dinner
 Presentation of DGEs & VDGEs (PIP Judge Brian)
 Japanese entertainment

Sat. May 14/16 “Dignity, Harmony, Humanity Theme”

Registration & Certification 7:00 — 10:00 am
 Business Session 9:00 am
 Voting 10:30—11:00 am
 Celebration of Life 11:15 am
 MD Awards Lunch & speaker Laurel Vespi
 “The Power of One” 12:00 pm
 Plenary Session (Testimonials) 1:45 pm
 LCI Update session (IPID Yves Leveille) 2:30 pm
 Plenary Session (voting results, 50/50, reports & announcements) 3:00 pm
 Break out Sessions (15 min. update each) (choose 4 of 6 topics) 3:15—4:30 pm
 - Lions of Alberta Foundation - Plus Optics
 - CNIB - Canadian Lions Eye Recycle Centre
 - Lions Eye Research Fund - St. Albert Victim Services

No host bar (video presentations) 6:00 pm
 District Governors Banquet 7:00 pm
 (Business attire/whites)

The Power of One

... Your piece in making a positive difference



Laurel Vespi

Member

Speakers' Bureau of Alberta®

A fillable version
of this form is at:
www.mdclions.org

MDC LIONS CONVENTION 2016

May 13/14. 2016
St. Albert Inn – St. Albert AB

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ Lion/Leo/Lioness: _____ First Convention: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ ext. _____ Email: _____

Companion: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Club: _____ District: _____ Title: _____ Lion/Leo/Lioness: _____ Non Member: _____

Special Meal request: Vegetarian _____ Diabetic: _____ Food Allergies: _____

Dress Code: Friday night will have a Japanese flavour so Japanese dress would be appropriate (but not required).

Registration (including all meals) by April 16, 2016	() x \$130 =	_____
Registration (including all meals) after April 16, 2016	() x \$150 =	_____
Registration only (no meals)	() x \$50 =	_____
Friday evening meal ticket only	() x \$40 =	_____
Saturday Lunch ticket only	() x \$20 =	_____
Saturday Night Council of Governors Banquet ticket Only	() x \$40 =	_____
(all funds in Canadian dollars)	TOTAL	_____

Payment Method Cheque () enclosed – please make cheque payable to: MDC-Convention Committee
Credit Card () committee will email an invoice with a secure electronic link for credit card payments
Invoice will be Emailed to: _____ (please print clearly)

Mail registration & cheque to: MDC Convention Committee 14 Attwood Drive St. Albert, AB T8N 2T6	Fax registration to: 780-458-2507	Email registration to: mdc-convention@shaw.ca	Information Contact: PDG Claude Carignan 780-478-3935 carignan@shaw.ca
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Accommodation Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel accommodations. The convention site is:

St. Albert Inn and Suites
156 St Albert Trail, St Albert, AB T8N 0P5
Tel: 780-459-5551 (Local) Toll Free: 1-800-450-8612
Website <http://www.stalbertinn.com>

Room convention rates are \$133 (standard). \$155 (suites) plus applicable taxes

Refund Policy:

- Please attempt to transfer the registration to another Lions member.
- Full refund if cancellation request is received by the host convention committee no later than April 16, 2016.
- Refunds may be allowed within a 30 day period after the convention provided the Lion contacts the host committee and a written application is made through the District Governor and Club President.

This form is fillable, download to your computer use Adobe Acrobat Reader to open and fill in, save and email to email address above or print and mail to address shown above.