RULES OF PROCEDURE

MIDWINTER CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 5M-6, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL JANUARY 15-16, 2027

Rule 1. Fundraising. No Lion or Lions Club shall, sell or solicit sales of raffles or other fundraising activities. An exception to this rule has been made this year by District 5M6 to allow fund raising by the 2029 LCI International Host Committee led by PCC Dave Dominick and our 5M6 Team Captain PDG Tracy Braaten to sell convention merchandise and organize special fundraising events anytime during the year, starting at our 2025 Midwinter Convention at every Convention through 2030 Midwinter Convention. Advertisements for club and Foundation fundraisers are not only allowed, but encouraged. Fun games of chance or skill which may involve an entrance fee of up to $1.00 to go to a club's administrative fund are permissible

Rule 2. Parade of Green. Representatives of Foundations and projects that collect funds at the Parade of Green shall total the funds received at the convention. At the representative's discretion, they may add to the convention total any other funds they consider to be Parade of Green donations provided they were received during the current Lions year. The Parade of Green amount determined by the Foundation or project representative shall be transmitted to the District Governor no later than 4:00 pm on the Saturday of the Convention.

Rule 3. Order of Business. The District Governor shall arrange the order of business for the district convention. Except for registration and certification hours, which may not be changed, deviation from the announced order of business shall be made only by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the certified delegates assembled at any session at which a quorum is present. A majority of those certified delegates present in person at any session shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 4. Governance. Except as otherwise provided in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, Multiple District 5M Constitution and By-Laws, District 5M-6 Constitution and By-Laws, national custom and practice or these rules, *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern all questions of order and procedure.

Rule 5. Credentials

(a) The Credential committee shall be composed of the District Governor, as chairperson, the cabinet secretary and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the District Governor, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office either by election or by appointment; provided, however, the District Governor may designate any other committee member as chairperson. The credentials committee's primary responsibility shall be to verify club delegate credentials. In carrying out this responsibility, the credentials committee shall have the powers and shall perform the duties as established by national custom and practice or as set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

(b) The registration and certification of delegates shall occur on Friday, January 15, 2026, from 2:00p.m. to 6:15p.m. | Saturday January 16th from 7:00a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Rule 6. Nominations.

(a) 60 days prior to the convening of the convention, the District Governor, unless otherwise provided, shall appoint, and designate the chairperson of a nominations committee consisting of three (3) members. It shall be the committee's responsibility to review the qualifications of each nominated candidate within thirty (30) days prior to the election and rule on the eligibility of the same. In reviewing the qualifications for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor, the committee shall use the qualification forms set out in the Standard District By-laws as Exhibits D, E and F respectively.

(b) Candidates may withdraw from contest at any time prior to the issuance of the final report of the nominations committee.

Rule 7. Replacement of delegates and alternate delegates.

(a) To replace a delegate and/or alternate delegate already certified, the replacement must provide a certificate signed by two officers of the club, certifying that the replacement is eligible as an alternate delegate.

(b) On the day of voting, a duly certified alternate delegate shall be allowed to obtain a ballot and vote in lieu of a duly certified delegate from the same Lions club by presenting his/her copy of his/her alternate credential certificate together with the copy of the certified delegate's credential certificate to the voting personnel at which time the voting personnel will make the necessary notation on the credential records marking that a substitution has been made on the respective club's delegate entitlement. Alternate delegates who were not certified cannot replace a certified or uncertified delegate.

Rule 8. Nominations for the offices of District Governor and Vice District Governors and such other offices to be filled by the convention shall be limited to one nominating speech not to exceed five (5) minutes for each nominee, and one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes for each nominee.

Rule 9. Elections Committee.

(a) Prior to the convention, the District Governor shall appoint, and designate the Chairperson of, an elections committee consisting of three (3) members. Each duly nominated candidate shall also be entitled to designate one (1) observer through his/her club. The observers may oversee election procedures only, but may not participate directly in the committee's decision making.

(b) The elections committee shall be responsible for the preparing of elections materials, vote tabulation and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots. The committee's decision shall be final and binding. The committee shall prepare the ballots in conformity with the forms set forth in Exhibit G of the Standard District Constitution and by-Laws.

(c) The elections committee shall prepare a comprehensive report of the election results containing the following components: date, time and place of election; specific voting

results by candidate; signature of each committee member and observer. The District Governor, council chairperson and all candidates shall be provided a copy of the committee's report.

Rule 10. Voting.

(a) Voting will take place at the business meeting to be convened at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2026. Election for the District Governors, Vice District Governors and MD5M Hall of Fame shall be by secret written ballot.

(b) To secure a ballot card, the delegate shall present his/her credential certificate to voting personnel for verification. Once verified, the delegate shall be issued a ballot.

(c) The voter shall indicate his/her vote by placing a mark in the appropriate location by the name of the candidates of his/her choice. The mark must be placed in the proper location to constitute a vote. Any ballot containing votes for more than the specified number of offices to be filled in any section shall be declared invalid to that particular section.

(d) A majority vote shall be necessary to elect the district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor and MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. If a majority vote is not received in the unopposed election of district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor, a vacancy shall occur and Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-Laws shall apply. However, if there are more than two (2) candidates for any such position and none of the candidates receives a majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped off the ballot and a revote shall be taken. This process shall be repeated until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.

(e) A majority vote shall be necessary to elect all other candidates. In the event any one candidate shall fail to receive the required number of votes to be elected or endorsed, additional balloting as described in (d) above shall take place until such time as the candidate secures a simple majority vote.

Rule 11. District Silent Auction

(a) The District will conduct a silent auction at the annual Mid-Winter Convention to help offset the Convention budget with proceeds going to the Convention fund.

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