

NOTICES OF MOTION 2020

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Questions about the Ballot

1. Why are the 2020 Notices of Motions being decided by postal vote?

These matters were to be considered at the Adelaide Multiple District Convention that has now been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and will now proceed by postal vote.

2. Who can vote?

CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA.

Each club in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate delegate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled in the club for at least one year and one day, or major fraction thereof, of the club as shown by the records of the International office on the first day of the month preceding that month during which the convention/election is held. On this occasion, that is the members at 1 April 2020. The major fraction referred to shall be five (5) or more members.

Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification.

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The Cabinet Secretary will confirm the number of delegates your Club is entitled to by consulting the records of Lions Clubs International at April 1 2020

3. What does “Good Standing” mean?

Each Lions Club must be in “good standing” in order to exercise the right to vote.

A Club in good standing is one:

- (a) Which is not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension.
- (b) Which operates in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws and International Board Policy.
- (c) Which has:
 - (i) District and Multiple District dues and fees paid in full
 - (ii) No unpaid balance of International dues and fees greater than U.S. \$10.00 and
 - (iii) No unpaid Lions Club International account balance greater than U.S. \$50.00 Outstanding ninety (90) days or more.

For the purposes of clause (c) abovementioned, the date by which all District and Multiple District dues and fees must be paid in full and any unpaid balance of International due and fees must be less than U.S. 10.00 is the date which is 15 days prior to the date by which votes must be received by the Cabinet Secretary. Voting forms are to be returned to the Cabinet Secretary by Friday 25 May 2020, therefore all dues being settled by 10th May 2020.

4. How can our club decide during the current social restrictions?

We appreciate that in the current environment of restriction on travel and gatherings, that it is not likely that your club will be able to meet to discuss the motions. Please circulate the Notices of Motion document and consult with club members by telephone or teleconference to form a view. You will have until 15 May 2020, to return your ballot by post or e-mail.

5. How do I fill in the voting form?

Please print the voting form attached to the Notice of Motion email, and provide it to your properly credentialed delegate as recently advised the Cabinet Secretary. The Club Delegate should complete this form by placing an “X” in the box beside each motion, indicating whether he/she is “For” the motion, “Against” the motion, or wishes to record the vote as “Abstaining”.

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6. When do the ballots need to be received and where?

We appreciate that in the current environment of restriction on travel and gatherings, that it is not likely that your club will be able to meet to discuss the motions. Please circulate the Notices of Motion document and consult with club members by telephone or teleconference to form a view. You will have until **25 May 2020**, to return your ballot by post or e-mail.

Please post to:	Email to:
The Returning Officer C/- Lions National Office Locked Bag 2000 Newcastle NSW 2020	info@lions.org.au Please use the subject: Notice of Motion Voting Return

Note: There is an inconsistency in the covering information to the Notice of Motion. Please send your form directly to the National Office as indicated above NOT the Cabinet Secretary.

7. My Club has more than credentialed delegate. Does each delegate have to vote individually or are they expected to consult and submit the one form?

Each delegate should submit their own form. It will depend on your own Club's policy as to whether they submit a form based on the club view, or their own view.

8. Would an email from the President be sufficient to authorise the voting form?

The President does need to authorise the form. This authorisation simply certifies that the form is submitted by an approved club delegate. An e-mail advice from the President to that effect is enough, or it can be e-mailed from the President and that would be deemed the authorisation.

Questions on Motions

9. CNM2 – Temporary fee waiver for Lioness who convert to Lions – How will this fee waiver be funded?

The proposal is to meet the foregone dues for Lionesses who convert to Lions from funds in the Lioness Fund. Depending on how many convert, the balance of the Fund should cover the cost.

National Treasurer Bruce Unwin

10. CNM2 – Temporary fee waiver for Lioness who convert to Lions – The motion refers to clause 42.3 being inserted into the Constitution, but there is no 42.1 or 42.2

This is an error. The intent of the motion is that an additional clause be inserted into the Constitution. When new clauses are inserted, the numbering of the remaining clauses can change.

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11. How many Category B Project 'slots' are available?

Under clause 96.5 of the Multiple District Constitution, "...no more than ten Category B projects shall be conducted at any one time.

6 current Category B projects expire on 30 June 2020. <https://lionsclubs.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/National-Projects-1-July-2019.pdf>

Therefore there will be six vacant positions with three Project Notices of Motion for Category B being considered.

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