<u>CHANGES TO STANDARD DISTRICT CONSTITUTION</u> TO REFLECT PREVIOUSLY AGREED CLAUSES IN 105D CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III SEP Membership

Add:

The boundary lines of this district shall be as recognised from time to time by the International Association of Lions Clubs, hereinafter referred to as The Association.

ARTICLE V

Supremacy

Insert new subtitle:

Section 1. Followed by existing text (The Standard Form...etc)

Add:

Section 2. The constitution and by-Laws of District 105SC or any Club within that District shall comply with the laws of England, The Bailiwick of Guernsey and The Bailiwick of Jersey (as applicable). If there is any incompatibility between any requirement of law in the aforementioned geographical areas and the District or Club constitution and/or by-laws, the law in the relevant geographical area(s) shall take precedence and the District Governor and District Cabinet or Lions Club as appropriate, shall take such action as is necessary to resolve the incompatibility.

ARTICLE VI

Officers and District Cabinet SEP

In Section 4 Removal, add:

The Governor may in his absolute discretion at any time replace any appointee as he shall think fit and may co-opt any other Lion as he may from time to time deem necessary and shall do so if at any time, any member of the District Cabinet ceases to be a member in good standing of a Club within the District.

ARTICLE VII District Convention Section 1. TIME AND PLACE.

Renumber existing sub-paragraph to (a)

Insert new sub-paras:

- (b) The Annual Convention shall normally be held not less than four weeks prior to the time appointed for the Convention of the Multiple District in that Year.
- (c) Unless resolved otherwise by Convention or Cabinet, the Annual Convention shall not be held on a date that shall coincide with any date set for the holding of the Multiple
- District Young Ambassador Finals or with any date set for the holding of any meetings of the International Board of Directors in that Year (if known).
- (d) The whole of the administrative expenses of Convention, including the cost of hiring halls and equipment, decorations therein and all other expenses (including those of official guests) incidental to running the business sessions of Convention shall be authorised by Cabinet and at the expense of District. An estimate of such costs shall be prepared and submitted by the Host to the Cabinet for approval. No expenditure shall be incurred by the Host until approved in writing by Cabinet.

Section 4. SPECIAL CONVENTION

Replace

.... two-thirds vote of the district cabinet

.... a two-thirds majority of the entire District Cabinet

(To conform with identical wording in Article VI, Section 4)

Insert new subsections:

Section 5 RESOLUTIONS and NOMINATIONS

Sub Section 1

- (a) All proposed resolutions shall be received in writing by the appointed officer on or before the closing date stated in the Convention Call.
- (b) It shall be a good and sufficient reason for the Cabinet not to accept any proposed resolution or any proposed amendment if they are of the opinion that it would waste the time, or otherwise inconvenience the proceedings, of the forthcoming Convention or if the substance of such proposed resolution or proposed amendment has been voted upon at either of the two immediately preceding Conventions.
- (c) The officer shall have the power to re-draft any proposed resolution or any proposed amendment if in his opinion such re-drafting is necessary in the interests of clarity or for any other good and proper reason.
- (d) In the event of any non-acceptance or re-drafting of any proposed resolution or proposed amendment, the officer shall liaise with the Secretary of the Club submitting the same as soon as is practicable after receipt of the same and having regard to the time limit established. The original proposer retains the right to withdraw the proposal if re-drafting changes the original purpose of the resolution.

Sub Section 2

- (a) The Governor shall have power to accept an emergency resolution or amendment at Convention if, in his opinion, such resolution or amendment could not have reasonably been submitted in writing to the officer appointed on or before the date stipulated.
- (b) Such emergency resolution or amendment shall only be presented for consideration with the approval of Convention.

Sub Section 3

- (a) All proposed nominations for the offices of Governor, First Vice Governor and Second Vice Governor for the ensuing Year and, when appropriate, all proposed nominations for International Office, shall be received by the appointed officer in writing on or before the closing date stipulated in the Convention Call.
- (b) If no such proposed nominations have been received by the closing date stipulated nominations may be presented from the floor at Convention.

Sub Section 4

- (a) All invitations extended to act as Host for Convention to be held within the District two years hence shall be received by the appointed officer in writing on or before the closing date stated in the Convention Call.
- (b) Such invitations shall be investigated from all viewpoints commensurate with the generally accepted requirements of a Convention and shall be subject to Cabinet approval.
- (c) If no invitation to host a subsequent Convention is received by the date stipulated, invitations may be presented from the floor to Convention and may be accepted, but will be subject to Cabinet approval at their next meeting.

- (d) If there should be no acceptable invitations whatsoever, it shall be the duty of the next succeeding Cabinet to arrange the venue of the appropriate Convention at such place within the District and at such time and by such means as it shall decide.
- (e) The Host shall submit to Cabinet for approval, the estimated costs and the proposed charges to be made for the various social activities to be held in conjunction with Convention.
 - (i) Neither the Host nor Cabinet shall seek to approve charges that will result in a forecast surplus or a deficit on these activities.
 - (ii) In the event that any surplus is realised on these activities in any year the District Treasurer shall hold such in reserve to offset any loss incurred at a future or previous Convention.
 - (iii) In the event that any deficit is incurred on these activities the same shall be borne by District. However, if it is demonstrated by Cabinet that information had been deliberately or negligently withheld by the Host or the Convention Committee appointed by the Governor when making their financial submissions to Cabinet, the deficit shall be borne by the Host or the said District Convention Committee as appropriate.
 - (iv) Any activity proposed to be held at Convention involving the raising of funds from those in attendance shall be at the discretion of the Governor or Cabinet. All net proceeds therefrom shall be for the benefit of District funds and shall not be for any other purpose unless specifically authorised by the Governor or Cabinet.

Sub Section 5

All proposed resolutions, nominations and invitations accepted for consideration at Convention shall be circulated to every Club Secretary at least 60 days prior to the date for the holding of Convention by the Appointed Officer

Sub Section 6

On receipt of the proposed resolutions any Club wishing to submit proposed amendments thereto shall submit the same in writing to the appointed officer at least 3 (three) weeks prior to the date set for Convention

Sub Section 7

All proposed amendments to resolutions to be considered at Convention shall be circulated to each Club Secretary at least 7 days prior to Convention by the Appointed Officer. Alternatively copies thereof shall be distributed to all Delegates (or their Alternates as the case may be) on Registration at Convention.

Section 6 OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING CONVENTION

Sub Section 1

- (a) Every Club should be represented at Convention.
- (b) If no quorum is present at the time any vote of the delegates is to be taken, the respective session shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Governor.

Sub Section 2

The Governor shall preside at all sessions of the Convention. In his absence the First Vice Governor shall preside; failing this the Second Vice Governor shall preside; failing this the Immediate Past Governor shall preside. In the event of the non-availability of any of the foregoing persons the most recent Past Governor available shall preside.

Sub Section 3

The affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any matter shall signify the approval of Convention save that on any matter the Presiding Officer shall judge to be a constitutional matter.

Sub Section 4

- (a) At the commencement of the business session of each Convention the Presiding Officer shall invoke the latest version of District 105SC Convention Standing Orders, as appended to this Constitution.
- (b) Convention may suspend all or part of Standing Orders by a majority decision of registered voting delegates present who exercise their right to vote, at any time during the business of Convention.

Sub Section 5

Within 60 (sixty) days of the close of Convention the District Secretary shall transmit a copy of the complete minutes thereof to the Association's International Office, all Cabinet members, and to every Club Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII

Dispute Resolution Procedure

Add new Section:

Section 2. CLUB DISPUTES

All disputes arising between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the club, or any officer on the board of the club, relative to membership, or the interpretation, breach of, or application of the club's constitution and by-laws, or the expulsion of any member from the club, or any other internal Lions club matter whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, shall be resolved in accordance with the Club Dispute Resolution Procedures established by the International Board of Directors. In accordance with Paragraph 2 of these procedures, the filing fee set by this District as an administrative fee shall be the UK equivalent of US \$250 at the date the dispute is received by the District Governor.

ARTICLE IX Amendments Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE Add at the end: save for the provisions of Section 2 below.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE II

District Nominations, Elections and Appointments

Sections 2 and 3 DG and VDG ELECTION PROCEDURES

Replace

"... shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration"

With

"... shall be allowed a maximum of eight minutes presentation time. During that time, as many people as the candidate wishes, including the candidate, may speak on the candidate's behalf. During the presentation, the Nominee must be formally proposed and seconded for office by different Clubs".

Section 4 BALLOT

Replace

If, on the first ballot, no candidate receives a majority, the candidate or tied candidates receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority. In case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

With

If, on the first ballot, no candidate receives a majority, the process known as the single transferable vote will be used to determine the successful candidate.

ARTICLE III

Duties of District Officers/Cabinet

Section 4(b)(1)

Add:

Within 15 (fifteen) days of the cabinet meeting, transmit a copy of the complete minutes thereof to all Cabinet members.

Section 11(f)

Replace

"Audit" with "Independent Examination"

ARTICLE IV

District Committees

Section 1

Replace

In the second sentence replace 'shall' with 'should' so that it reads:

"At a date, time and place called by the zone chairperson, this committee should hold a first meeting within ninety (90) days....."

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 3. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY MAIL

Delete:

", facsimile transmission, or cable"

Section 4. REGIONS AND ZONES

(a) Organisational

Add:

Such changes should be drafted by the incoming Governor with the intention of taking effect when he/she comes into Office. Before making any changes to existing arrangements, Governor Elect (with the approval of the Governor), shall consult the Clubs that are likely to be affected, informing them of the reasons for the change.

ARTICLE VI District Convention

Section 2. OFFICIAL CALL Add:

The notice shall include details of the procedure for nominating persons for the posts of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and invitations to host the Convention two years hence and the closing date for receipt of such information. The notice shall also include details of the procedure for proposing resolutions to Convention and the closing date for receipt of same.

Delete Section 9 District Convention Committees

ARTICLE VII Convention Fund

Remove Section 1 Convention Fund Tax

Renumber "Remaining Funds" from Section 2 to read Section 1. Renumber "Remaining Funds" from Section 3 to read Section 2.

ARTICLE VIII
District Administrative Fund

Remove both Section 1 and Section 2

Insert new Sections:

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 shall be 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 June 30th and December 31st respectively. Said subscriptions shall be paid to the District Treasurer by each club in the district and 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 cheques drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the District Governor.

- (a) Any member being a student as is defined by Lions Clubs International on the 1st July in any year shall pay a per capita levy equal to one half (1/2) of the capita levy set in accordance with Section 1 above.
- (b) Payment of Multiple District subscriptions shall be as laid down by the Multiple District Constitution.
- (c) The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a supplementary charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10) per Club, on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.

Section 2 DISTRICT FUNDS, PROPERTY AND LIABILITY

- (a) The District Treasurer shall open such bank or building society accounts with Trustee Status as the Cabinet shall from time to time approve (in which shall be lodged all moneys and funds received on behalf of the District).
- (b) All withdrawals from such accounts shall be on the authority signed by any two of the following persons: The District Governor, the District Treasurer and the District Secretary.
- (c) The Governor and the District Treasurer and the District Secretary shall jointly, but subject to the ratification of Cabinet at its first meeting in the fiscal year, have management and control over the property and funds and of all budgetary matters of the District and its Committees (if any). No obligation may be approved or made which would result in a deficit in the total funds of the District at any time.
- (d) No person shall commit the District to expenditure in excess of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£250) in any one transaction without the prior approval of the Cabinet. For all expenditure where the sum is above that figure including District events, a budget must be submitted by the organiser/purchaser first to the Finance Committee for review before being presented for Cabinet approval.

Section 3 OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES

- (a) A contribution towards appropriate out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out their duties may be claimed by, and paid to, Cabinet members provided that these have been duly authorised by the Governor and/or Cabinet. These expenses shall be payable in line with the latest "District Guidelines for District Officer Claims". These Guidelines shall from time to time be reviewed by the District Cabinet and be available to District Officers from the District Website.
- (b) Mileage Rates payable to District Officers in the course of their District duties shall be the same as those payable to a Multiple District Officer unless otherwise decided by the Cabinet.

Section 4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- (a) Each Year the Immediate Past Governor, or the most recent Past District Governor available, (acting as Chairman), First Vice Governor, Second Vice Governor, District Secretary and District Treasurer shall be the Permanent Finance Committee of the District.
- (b) The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all aspects of Financial, Budgetary and Audit matters affecting District funds and shall report to and advise the District Cabinet periodically thereon.
- (c) The Committee, subject to Cabinet approval, shall have power to co-opt up to two further Active Lions with specialist knowledge in such matters to serve in the Year.

Section 5. REMAINING FUNDS.

In any fiscal year, any balance remaining in the district administrative fund after payment of all district administrative expenses in that year shall remain in said district administrative fund and become available for future district administrative expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or otherwise budgeted for payment of such expenses. The same shall apply to any balance remaining in any other funds held by the district, with the proviso that they be used for the purposes originally designated.

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous

Remove Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5

Renumber Section 2 to Section 1 with the word 'knowingly' inserted before the words 'incur obligations'.

Add a new Section 2:

Section 2. AUDIT OR REVIEW OF BOOKS.

- (a) Persuant to Article II, Section 11(f) above, 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.
- (b) A copy of the Financial Statements so audited, together with a copy of the audit report therein, shall be circulated to every Club Secretary by January 31st preceding the Convention.
- (c) The Governor, or Cabinet, may at any time call for an interim audit of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District together with an audit report thereon.

Renumber Sections 6 and 7 to Sections 3 and 4

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE

Add at the end:

save for the provisions of Section 2 below.

REMOVE ALL EXHIBITS & INSERT NEW APPENDIX:

APPENDIX I

CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS

These standing orders refer solely to the conduct of the business session(s) of the District Convention. They shall be appended to, but not form part of, the District Constitution

1. CHAIRMAN

- (a) The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.
- (b) The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his Club and if at any time he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion he shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

2. SPEAKERS

- (a) On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume his seat.
- (b) Any person wishing to speak on any report/resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club, and address the Chair.
- (c) With the exception of the provision for the Chairman in accordance with Clause 1(b) above, a member of Cabinet speaking on any report/resolution/ amendment or other matter of business shall be deemed to be representing his personal views unless he states otherwise.
- (d) Unless Convention decides otherwise, only the Chairman, and the mover of a resolution in exercising his right of reply, shall speak more than once on any report/resolution/amendment.

3. RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- (a) Resolutions/amendments shall only be moved by:
 - (i) Nominees on behalf of Cabinet; or SEP
 - (ii) A member on behalf of the Club submitting the resolution/amendment.
- (b) Resolutions/amendments will be seconded by a member on behalf of a Club other than in Clause 3(a)(ii) above.
- (c) Resolutions shall be taken as read without being formally read into the record.
- (d) If no member is present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Resolutions Officer in writing before the commencement of the Convention of the names of a mover and seconder each from other separate Clubs, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn unless Convention shall otherwise decide. With this one exception no resolution/amendment may be withdrawn after the Convention Call has been issued and Clubs have been notified of the proposed resolution/amendment, without the consent of Convention.
- (e) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there has been an amendment submitted to that resolution then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution.
- (f) Each resolution/amendment shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention, and no more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time.
- (g) No person shall move more than one amendment to any resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution.
- (h) Where appropriate, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant District Officer's report.

4. TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES

- (a) The mover of a resolution / amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put their case, and after doing so shall formally move the resolution / amendment. The seconder will second the resolution / amendment without being called to the rostrum and may exercise the right to speak in debate by catching the Chairman's eye. At the conclusion of the debate, and before a vote is taken on a resolution, only the mover of the resolution shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised, and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose. They will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments.
- (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 3(e) above when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.
- (c) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 4(a) each speaker in general debate will be limited to one minute and must direct their comments directly to the report/resolution/amendment under discussion.
- (d) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with the approval of Convention.

5 VOTING

- (a) The Voting on any report/resolution/amendment on general business shall be by a show of Delegate Cards of those present and voting. The Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by 20 (twenty) or more registered delegates, the votes shall be counted.
- (b) Any elections of candidates for office shall be by secret written ballot and such elections shall be carried out by the method commonly called the "Single Transferable Vote" or "Preferential Voting" or the "Alternative Vote."
- (c) In the event of a tie following a show of hands or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

6. MOTION PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS

Any person, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceeds to next business, and if this proposal be seconded the Chairman shall put the matter to Convention after discussion and the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

7. POINT OF ORDER OR QUESTION

Any person may at any time ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

8. IMPLEMENTATION OF, AND AMENDMENTS TO, STANDING ORDERS

- (a) These Standing Orders shall take full force and effect following adoption by a duly proposed resolution accepted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.
- (b) These Standing Orders can only be amended by a duly proposed resolution adopted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.

NOTES ATTACHING TO, BUT NOT FORMING PART OF, DISTRICT 105SC CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS

District 105SC Constitution includes, inter alia, the following provisions relating to District Conventions:

1. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- (a) The Governor shall have power to accept an emergency resolution or amendment at Convention if, in his opinion, such resolution or amendment could not have reasonably been submitted in writing to the officer appointed on or before the date stipulated.
- (b) Such emergency resolution or amendment shall only be presented for consideration with the approval of Convention.

2. QUORUM SEP

- (a) The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention.
- (b) If no quorum is present the session shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Governor.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Convention may suspend all or part of Standing Orders by a majority decision of registered voting delegates present who exercise their right to vote, at any time during the business of Convention.

4. CONVENTION BUSINESS

The District Governor shall arrange the order of business for the district convention and may during Convention, have discretion to change the order of business to effect the efficient transaction of business, save that, the timing of any vote shall not be brought forward.

5. RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Except as otherwise provided in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, the District 105SC 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.

6. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- (a) The credentials committee shall be composed of the District Governor, as chairperson, the cabinet secretary/treasurer and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the District Governor; 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 the day prior (normally between 2pm and 6pm) or on the day of the District Convention.
- (c) The number of certified delegates shall be announced to the convention prior to the commencement of voting and updates provided at appropriate times through convention until the closure of the certification process.

7. NOMINATIONS

- (a) Not less than 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 committee 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.
- (b) Any Candidate may withdraw from the contest at any time prior to the issuance of the final report of the nominations committee.

(c) Nominations for the offices of District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governor and such other offices to be filled by the convention shall be limited to a maximum of eight minutes presentation time. During that time, as many people as the candidate wishes, including the candidate, may speak on the candidate's behalf. During the presentation, the Nominee must be formally proposed and seconded for office by different Clubs".

8. REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES. SEP.

- (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.

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 preparation of elections materials, vote tabulation, and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots. The committee's decision shall be final and binding.
- (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.

10. VOTING

- (a) Voting will take place at a predetermined location and time.
- (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 delegate shall indicate his/her vote by placing a mark in the appropriate location by the name of the candidate of his/her choice. The mark must be placed in the proper location to constitute a valid vote. Any ballot containing votes for more than the specified number of offices or persons 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 and Second Vice District Governor following the procedure defined in By-Law Article II Section 4. 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 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.

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