

June 8, 2023

Report from MD19 Election Chairperson for June 17th, 2023 Council Meeting

Dear Council Chairperson Lyndon and fellow Lions Leaders,

My apology that I am not able to attend the meeting physically due to my parents health condition. I am not comfortable to leave them alone for 2 days.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to Council Chairperson Lyndon's trust to invite me to be the Election Chairperson for the 2nd year and thanks to Council Chairperson Elect Steve to keep me for the 3rd year. This is a valuable experience to me to have such opportunity to get to know MD19 administration better.

In February 2023 a special meeting was held to confirm the eligibility of the 3 Vice Council Chairperson candidates to be voted on the Election Buddy. Conclusion was that only one candidate who had met all the criteria and was qualified to be on the Ballot. The main issue was the requirement for the candidate to have the Zone endorsement as per MD19 Policy Manual stated. There was a shortfall for some of the Districts that there was no Zone Chairperson within the candidate's jurisdiction and therefore the candidate was not able to get the endorsement.

I would recommend to have that requirement on MD19 Policy Manual to be reviewed and revised if necessary to ensure that future candidates would have their opportunities to be endorsed.

MD19 Council Chairperson Steve Noble and Vice Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White for 2023-2024 were duly elected with majority votes on June 7th at 5 pm. by the Election Buddy. There were 911 voters this time and 33% voting rate.

If Election Buddy system would be used in the future Council and Vice Council Chairpersons Election or any other District election, I strongly recommend to have the notification of access codes and passwords to be emailed directly to the delegate email addresses. Both Executive Director Peter and me received emails from club presidents that they have no knowledge of this Election from the club secretaries. Information did not transmitted effectively enough to boost the voting rate.

Besides, I do think that the notification should be emailed to both club presidents and secretaries instead just to the club secretaries.

This is my report. Thanks.

Respectfully submitted by
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