

BACKGROUND TO MD19 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Council Chair John Kirry struck an ad-hoc to review the existing MD19 Constitution and By-laws and the MD19 Policy Manual to:

- to determine if the LCI Standard Multiple District Constitution and By-laws could be adopted as the framework for our documents,
- to identify areas of duplication in our documents,
- to identify articles in our Constitution that could be more appropriately placed in the By-laws or Policy Manual and
- to identify articles in our By-laws which could be more appropriately placed in our Policy Manual.

In the proposal, as submitted, every effort was made to follow these objectives. It should also be noted that it is not proposed to delete any articles of the existing Constitution and By-laws but rather it is proposed that some articles be moved to a more appropriate document. Throughout this draft, the sources of the articles are footnoted as to their original location.

A guiding principle of this proposal was

- to provide a Constitution which primarily defines the structure of our organization, describes its purpose, and define the duties and responsibilities of the officers and members, but does not prescribe specific procedures of operation,
- to provide a set of By-laws which establishes for the procedures essential operations of our MD19, and
- it is proposed that existing articles of our Constitution and By-laws deemed essential but not included in the Constitution or By-laws to our operations that these be placed in the Policy Manual