

February 12, 2024

Report from MD19 Election Chairperson for February 16th, 2024 Council Meeting

Dear Council Chairperson Steve, Vice Council Chairperson Patty and fellow Lions Leaders,

The Voting of MD19 Constitution & Bylaws and the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Selection Procedure for Canadian Lions Clubs were accomplished at the MD19 Annual Convention on October 14, 2024 and both resolutions were passed.

Below are the voting rates for the MD19 Constitution and Bylaws voting -

District L	13% (25/183 eligible votes)
District I	11% (14/122 eligible votes)
District O	27% (46/168 eligible votes)
District N	15% (31/206 eligible votes)
District S	6% (10/154 eligible votes)

47% of the Canadian Lions Clubs voted on October 14th.

To my opinion, physical voting cannot represent the consensus of the Lions clubs of the 5 districts. Compared with the February voting by Election Buddy, the lowest rate was 24% and the highest rate was 50% which was more realistic and time saving.

During the one and a half days voting session at the Convention, I wish to bring to your attention of the following:

- 1) Hard to look for volunteers to work at the voting table.
- 2) The voting session was too long and truly wasted the volunteers time sitting at the voting tables missing out the opportunities to attend the programs.
- 3) There were lions that came and casted the vote on behalf of their clubs but they had no idea about what they were voting for ahead of time. They might not be the official delegates from the club.
- 4) Volunteers had no experience and therefore I had to stay for the entire voting session missing out the Council Meeting and Memorial Service.

I must reiterate that evidence showed Election Buddy is a future trend if we want to take the voting/election seriously to reflect the voices of the lions. If Election Buddy is applied, each club's delegates should be identified in advance and access code and password should be emailed to individual directly to avoid proxy voting.

This is my 3rd year as MD19 Election Chairperson, and I learned a lot from there. Thanks to Vice Council Chairperson Patty invited me to be the 4th year Election Chairperson and I accepted. A Co-Chairperson would be helpful because he/she can be the future Election Chairperson to replace me for the 5th year.

Respectfully submitted by
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MD19 Election Chairperson