

May 30, 2020

To: All Lions of District 24-I

Re: District 24-I 2020 Election Results

After reviewing the opinion received from LCI Legal, the final report from the District 24-I Elections Chairman, comments from the District 24-I Constitution & By-Laws Chairman, and affirmation from the District 24-I Parliamentarian, there seems to be multiple opinions on what a majority vote indicates. Since there is no definitive articles concerning mail-in votes and write-in items, I must look at this from a perspective of appropriate and transparent response of a "Reasonable Man". Under these conditions I must disallow the votes for 2nd VDG to allow for full transparency. Therefore, the office of 2nd Vice District Governor remains vacant.

The process for filling an officer vacancy is clearly defined in the Lions of Virginia Constitution & By-Laws under Article V, Section 2. Per the instructions provided under this Article, I will consult with the incoming Cabinet the procedure and process for filling the vacancy.

Please accept my sincere apology for any confusion surrounding the recent elections. To my knowledge, this is the first time we have had to deal with write-in votes during the election process. I feel my decision is a fair and reasonable conclusion, based on what it would appear to an outsider looking in on our organization.

IN addition I have requested those concerned with the Constitution and elections to make the appropriate changes in the Constitution so such an event will not create a case of confusion or misconceptions in the future but will be clearly spelled out.

This is a very extraordinarily time of social distancing, causing the Lions of Virginia to cancel our State Convention, Club Meetings and other activities. Please continue to practice a safe and healthy routine until the current situation subsides.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Scott Durbin, DGE 24I