

COVID-19

Adelaide Convention and Other MD Activities -

1. Background

- a. Lions is monitoring the advice of government on controlling the spread of the COVID 19 Pandemic.
- b. This communication summarises current knowledge but bear in mind that information on the pandemic is changing rapidly. Lions members should carefully monitor government and health department communication and respond accordingly.

2. Communication

- a. Regular communication is critical to keep our Association strong.
- b. If normal, face-to-face meetings are not possible, embrace technology to keep looking after each other.
 - i. Telephone members regularly.
 - ii. Use internet-based teleconferencing.
 - iii. Use e-mail to make important decisions.
 - iv. If necessary to meet, meet outdoors in small groups, maintaining good hygiene and 'social-distancing' if needed.

3. Multiple District Convention Adelaide

- a. Regretfully the Multiple District Convention in Adelaide has been cancelled due to the restrictions on travel and public gatherings. The Adelaide Convention Organising Committee has done a fantastic job in planning for the Convention under difficult circumstances and we wish to pass on our gratitude to this amazing team. Thanks are also owed to the many Lions who have contributed to making this Convention a success. Pre-payments for hospitality functions and registrations will be refunded but please be patient for the Committee to process these returns.

The Convention cannot be rescheduled so Lions will need to contact accommodation providers and airlines to seek refunds and cancellation. Note that most airlines are permitting cancellation without costs, although this is on condition of re-booking later in the year.

When you are cancelling your accommodation booking, please ensure you contact the same agency for your booking. (E.g.: Hotel, Booking.com, Wotif, etc.

- b. **Notices of Motion:** - You will receive advice next week regarding the procedure for voting for Notices of Motion. Notices of Motion conducted in this way will be restricted to time-sensitive motions only, the remainder being reserved for the Multiple District Convention in Canberra in 2021.
- c. **International Director Candidate selection:** Advice will be provided next week regarding the procedure for this selection process.

4. Council Meeting and District Governor - Elect Meeting

- a. The Council has resolved to continue to plan for the Council Meeting and District Governor-elect training, in Adelaide.
- b. Council has taken the view that it is essential that governance continue effectively during this emergency.
- c. This decision is subject to review in respect of government direction regarding meetings and domestic travel restrictions.
- d. The National Office will communicate directly with District Governors and District Governors-elect regarding the arrangements.

5. Multiple District Committees and Programs

- a. Consistent with government advice, the Multiple District is cancelling all non-essential travel and meetings.
- b. **Youth of the Year Program:** - Unfortunately the Youth of the Year Program has been cancelled for 2020. The program has been affected by the various regulations around public gatherings and the concerns of individuals involved in the programs. Our thanks to all those that have competed at club and regional stages.
We look forward to welcoming young people to participate in 2021.
- c. **Leo of the Year Program:** - Unfortunately the Leo of the Year Program has been cancelled due to the uncertainty around travel restrictions and meetings.
We look forward to welcoming Leos to participate in 2021.

6. Club decision making

- a. Clubs may not be meeting in-person, but will need to make decisions including voting on various motions, electing office-bearers, etc.
- b. Legal Officer David Skinner has provided advice overleaf to assist.

I appreciate how difficult it is for everyone during this international emergency. It is more important than ever the Lions Clubs remain strong and resilient to help our communities recover when this crisis passes, as it will.

Please take the time to call your members, check on the welfare of others and of course, look after your own health and wellbeing.

The National Office team, the Council and Management Group is available to answer any questions you may have.

Best wishes



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CIRCULAR TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

Dear President,

As we are all aware, the possibility of Corona Virus infection has occasioned a temporary change of lifestyle for many people and communities, in consequence of which activities and functions are being postponed or abandoned.

Many Lions Clubs have reduced the number of their meetings pending the eradication of the virus, or otherwise altered their programs to protect health and wellbeing. That is both understandable and proper.

With an altered time- table, it is possible to overlook some matters of important significance to the Club. I write in relation to the election of the Officers and members of the Club Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 Lions year. It is, of course, essential that the usual election process take place within the usual time frame.

For that reason, I encourage all Clubs to arrange for the election process to occur as soon as possible. If it is not possible for a Club meeting to be held with all members present in person, the election process should take place by either a telephonic meeting or by way of postal voting or the delivery of emails. Postal voting is acceptable and should not be confused with proxy voting. The delivery of a member's vote by writing or email is acceptable. The conduct of a meeting by teleconference is acceptable.

Please be good enough to conduct the election process as soon as possible, if you have not already done so and advise the particulars of the incoming Club Executive and Membership Chairman in the usual manner.

Your co-operation and support would be much appreciated.

Legal Officer
PCC David Skinner OAM