

44th MEMBERS CONVENTION, DISTRICT 105W BUSINESS SESSION TO BE HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2019 AT THE AZTEC HOTEL AND SPA, ASTEC WEST, ALMONDSBURY, BRISTOL BS32 4TS.

As this is the final convention of our District 105W, before the re-districting proposals approved at our Multiple District Convention in Blackpool in May 2017 and subsequently endorsed by the International Board of Directors later that year are implemented, there will be no elections for District Governor or Vice District Governors for 2019-20. These elections for the new Districts have already taken place at the Extraordinary Conventions held in September 2018. However following the Convention Call and Invitation for Resolutions issued to Clubs in August this year, the following resolution has been received and was endorsed by District Cabinet at their meeting on 18 November 2018.

Resolution proposed by the trustees of the Mervyn Bennett Memorial Trust

This convention endorses the decision of the trustees of the Mervyn Bennett Memorial Trust to wind up the Trust, as it has now outlived its purpose since it was formed in 1981 and that its assets, after deduction of any costs in winding it up, be divided equally according to the number of Clubs which make up the present District 105W. Each such portion shall either be paid directly to a Lions Club:

- (i) if they are a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) or will become one by 30 June 2019, or
- (ii) to their Charitable Trust when they are not a CIO, but have a separate Charitable Trust, or
- (iii) in the case of a Club being neither a CIO nor having a Charitable Trust, then to be paid by the Trustees directly to a Charitable Purpose or to a Registered Charity nominated by such Lions Club, provided that such Charitable Purpose or Charity is within the territorial area covered by the present District 105W.

Explanatory note

The Trust has two purposes:

- (i) to provide grants to Clubs for emergency relief (though not as first providers) – such assistance can usually be met by a Lions Clubs International Fund (LCIF) emergency grant.
- (ii) to provide interest free loans to Clubs in order to hasten the completion of a project, where, because of the time it takes to raise the amount required, the project has to be delayed.

Despite efforts to publicise the Trust, it has been many years since the Trustees have made any grants or loans. At the present time, Clubs are generally and perhaps wisely, reluctant to borrow money, even when it is interest free and generally LCIF grants and local community fund raising will cover emergencies.

The Trust Deed restricts the trustees to using the funds for “such charitable purpose or purposes according to the laws of England and Wales in and within the area from time to time comprising the territorial area of District 105W (as now constituted) of Lions Clubs International”. For this reason the trustees feel that the money in the Trust should be retained by the Clubs currently within District 105W and for charitable purposes within the present District 105W and that the above resolution represents the fairest way of distributing the Trust’s assets.

Constitutional Note

To be enacted this resolution will require a simple majority of those delegates present at Convention who exercise the right to vote.

The closing date for any amendment to this resolution will be Thursday 31 January 2019 and must be sent to the District Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer:

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Any proposed amendment must be duly proposed by the Club making the proposal and seconded by another Club. Any amendment received after the above date cannot be considered.

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