



QUESTIONS and ANSWERS ABOUT REDISTRICING

District and Club Administration Division

1. A single district wishes to become a multiple district by dividing into two or more sub-districts. Who must approve the redistricting before it is submitted to the International Board of Directors?

Answer: The delegates at the district's convention.

2. A multiple district wishes to add one or more sub-districts or redistrict one or more of its existing sub-districts. Who must approve the redistricting before it is submitted to the International Board of Directors?

Answer: Delegates at the multiple district convention and the delegates at the convention of the redistricting sub-district(s). However, approval by the convention of the redistricting sub-district(s) is not required if the membership of the sub-district(s) is below 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing.

3. A multiple district wishes to merge its sub-districts and become a single district. Who must approve the redistricting before it is submitted to the International Board of Directors?

Answer: The merger is considered redistricting and therefore redistricting procedures apply. The delegates at the multiple district convention and the delegates at the convention of the redistricting sub-district(s) must approve the proposal. However, approval at the convention of the redistricting sub-district(s) is not required if the membership of the sub-district(s) is below 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing.

4. One or more sub-district(s) within a multiple district, which includes one or more states or countries, wish to separate from the multiple district and become a single or multiple district in their country. Who must approve the redistricting before it is submitted to the International Board of Directors?

Answer: The separation of one or more sub-district(s) in one of the countries in a multiple district is considered redistricting and therefore redistricting procedures apply. The delegates at the multiple district convention and the delegates at the convention of the redistricting sub-district(s) must approve the proposal. However, approval at the convention of the redistricting sub-district(s) is not required if the membership of the sub-district(s) is below 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing.

5. What records and date determine if a sub-district has 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing?

Answer: The official cumulative membership report for the month during which the sub-district convention is held.

6. Can sub-district(s) with less than 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing vote on the redistricting proposal?

Answer: The sub-district(s) may vote on the proposal at the sub-district convention. However, the vote is not required for the proposal to advance to the International Board of Directors and would not be considered by the board.

Delegates of clubs in the sub-district(s) with less than 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing would be entitled to vote on the redistricting proposal at the multiple district convention.

7. If one or more of the redistricting sub-district(s) eligible to vote on a redistricting proposal reject the proposal does the multiple district convention vote on the proposal.

Answer: No. Article VIII, Section 3 of the international by-laws, requires the redistricting sub-district(s) **and** the multiple district convention approve the proposal.

8. One of the sub-districts of the multiple district is not impacted by the redistricting proposal. Is the sub-district required to vote on the proposal at its sub-district convention?

Answer: The sub-district may conduct a vote on the proposal at the sub-district convention. However, the vote is not required for the proposal to advance to the International Board of Directors and would not be considered by the board.

The delegates of clubs in the sub-district would be entitled to vote on the redistricting proposal at the multiple district convention

9. Can a sub-district conduct a special convention for the purpose of voting upon a redistricting proposal?

Answer: Yes, provided the sub-districts constitution and by-laws provide for the special convention. Another option is for the delegates from the sub-districts to vote on the redistricting proposal as a sub-district at the site of the multiple district convention and prior to the redistricting vote at the multiple district convention.

10 .Is a merger of two or more sub-districts considered redistricting?

Answer: Yes.

11. What is a common time-line for redistricting?

Answer: Most redistricting takes two years. The first year the multiple or single district develops the proposal and obtains the necessary approvals for the proposal. The second year, the International Board of Directors reviews the proposal.

12. What is the effective date of a redistricting proposal approved by the International Board of Directors?

Answer: All approved redistricting proposals take effect at the adjournment of the next international convention.

13. What are the minimum requirements of new proposed sub-districts defined in a redistricting plan?

Answer: All proposed new sub-districts must have at least 35 clubs and 1,250 members in good standing.

14. Are there fees associated with redistricting?

Answer: Yes. A redistricting fee of US\$500 is required only if the results of the redistricting increases the number of sub-districts in a single or multiple district.

15. Do clubs involved in redistricting have any financial obligations?

Answer: Yes. Clubs shall have no outstanding balance over 90 days at the time the redistricting proposal is submitted to International Headquarters.

16. Do redistricting sub-district(s) have any financial obligations?

Answer: Yes. All accounts of any single or sub-district(s) shall be paid in full by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the proposal is submitted.

17. Is there a deadline for submitting redistricting proposals?

Answer: All redistricting proposals must be submitted to International Headquarters by August 15.

18. What redistricting documents must a single or multiple district submit to International Headquarters?

Answer: The single or multiple district must submit the following:

- a. A certified copy of the minutes of the respective convention of the redistricting single district or sub-district(s) as well as multiple district convention which approved the proposal.
- b. A list of names, identification numbers, and total membership of the clubs, which will comprise each proposed new sub-district. Each proposed new sub-district must have the minimum of 35 clubs with 1,250 members in good standing.
- c. A map which clearly define the proposed boundary lines or changes in boundary lines.
- d. Payment of US\$500 as a redistricting fee, which will be waived if the result of redistricting reduces the number of districts.

19. How is the number designation of proposed new sub-district(s) determined?

Answer: The single or multiple district proposes the number designation of the proposed new sub-districts for consideration. When a proposal divides an existing sub-district, the number designation of one of the new sub-district(s) should be the same of the original sub-district, if possible. The board of directors makes the final decision on the district designations.

20. When does the new approved sub-district(s) elect a governor and vice district governor?

Answer: The delegates from the clubs of the approved new sub-district(s) can elect their governor and vice district governor at a special meeting for this purpose in conjunction with the multiple district convention. Read question number 21 for additional information.

21. If a sub-district is divided through redistricting, what Lion is eligible to stand for election as governor of a approved new sub-district(s)?

Answer: The current vice district governor stands for election in the approved new sub-district where his/her club is placed. The other district elects a governor according to Article IX, Section 4 (d) of the international by-laws. Both proposed new districts elect a vice district governor according to Article IX, Section 6 (b) of the international by-laws.

22. How many votes are required to approve a redistricting proposal at the sub-district and multiple district conventions?

Answer: Generally, a majority vote of delegates present is necessary to pass a resolution, unless the sub-district and multiple district constitution or convention rules provide otherwise.

If the redistricting proposal is presented as a constitutional amendment, then the amendment procedures of the sub-district and multiple district apply.

23. How does a redistricting sub-district disperse its administrative funds?

Answer: The sub-district cabinet decides how the funds will be distributed. Options to consider are: 1) give money back to clubs in the sub-district, 2) designate the funds to the new districts and according to the placement of the clubs in the new districts, or 3) designate funds to sub-district project.

This information also applies to two or more sub-districts merging into one sub-district.

24. Which department should be contacted if there are further questions?

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