

Report of the Strategic Planning Committee to the June, 2023 COG

PCC John Kirry, Chair

As we approach the end of our current Lions year I am pleased to report that our five newly created districts, renamed Districts L-I-O-N-S, are progressing toward consolidation as approved by The International Board of Directors in October, 2022.

The three-year long consolidation of our nine smaller districts into five larger districts officially takes place on July 11, 2023, immediately after the close of the Lions International Convention in Boston. While the MD19 Strategic Planning Committee has created numerous blueprint documents to be used in consolidation, the district merger committees now take on the larger responsibility of moving forward and implementing the many detailed interactions of the merger plan.

While our committee fully supports new ideas and new proposals, there is a point that needs clarification with regard to new Zone Designations: The MD19 policy manual (ARTICLE BL VI, Section 5—DISTRICTS AND ZONES) stipulates that. **“Zones shall be designated by District, and by a number assigned within that District.”**

To clarify, this simply means that Zones shall be designated as in our previous manner, such as L-5, I-2, O-4, N-3 and S-6 etc. No other designations shall be approved.

It is my honor to have worked the past three years with members of the MD19 Strategic Planning Committee, the Council of Governors and many focused leaders in MD19 to help implement this historic change for our Multiple District. The members of our committee now stand ready to assist each district merger committee in every way possible as new challenges and opportunities arise.

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