

## ONE PROPOSITION ON BALLOT

Delegates at the State Convention this year will have one proposition before them, which would place our Missouri Lions Constitution in compliance with an amendment adopted at the International Convention last year. It has been called the "ghost delegates" amendment. It would provide that the number of delegates and alternates a club would have at the Multiple District Convention would be based on the number of Lions in the club who have been members for a year and a day.

Here is the way the wording would be changed:

### Proposition No. 1

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT A NEW MEMBER MUST REMAIN IN THE CLUB FOR ONE YEAR AND A DAY BEFORE THAT MEMBER WILL BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE CLUB'S DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT AT THE DISTRICT AND MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VIII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 shall be amended to read as follows:

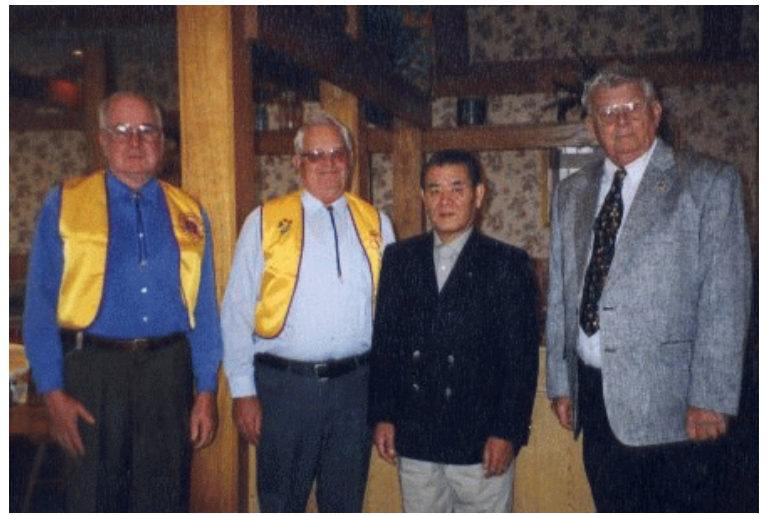
(a) Each chartered club in the Multiple District in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members of said club, or major fraction thereof, **who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club** as shown by the records of Lions International on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. A major fraction as referred to in this section shall be five or more members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article XIV, Section 5, of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Each chartered club in the District in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members of said club or major fraction thereof, **who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club**, as shown by the records of the District Governor on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. Each Past District Governor and current District Governor residing in that District may be entitled to be a delegate and to vote in the District Convention in addition to those delegates to which those clubs may be entitled as set forth herein or as determined by the District Constitution and By-Laws. Each such vote on any question can be cast only by a delegate present and in person at the Convention and no delegate shall cast more than one vote on each question.

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## SISTER CITY PROGRAM

Fair Grove LIONS Club President Ruby Mallard (center left), Secretary Albert Erb (left) and District 26H Senior Region Chairman Herb Smith (right) met with Mr. L Susumu Matsumura (center right) a chief officer in the Tomoe LIONS Club of Isesaki, Japan. Mr. Matsumura is visiting Springfield Missouri as part of a 12-member delegation in conjunction with the sister city program.

LION Matsumura visited with LIONS Mallard and Erb about their club goals and activities. The Isesaki and Fair Grove Clubs are similar in size, scope of activities, and their goals for the future. Each

club has a active membership in the thirties, meets twice monthly, sponsors various youth activities with the proceeds from fund raising activities and has a main priority of eye care for all people including glasses when there is a need.

LION Matsumura was presented with a Fair Grove cap, pin and vest by President Mallard. Senior Region Chairman Smith also presented LION Matsumura some pins along with one from his home club in Kimberling City. LION Matsumura also received a copy of the Fair Grove Heritage newspaper that contained a history of the Fair Grove LIONS club.

## THE CAMPAIGN

Remember seeing the start of an avalanche on television or in the movies? It starts with a small amount of snow going downhill gathering speed, force, and size until it reaches its resting place. It would be hard to compare our Second Vice President campaign to an avalanche, but we are seeing some similarities. As we visit clubs there is much interest and questions about it. The District Governors continue to promote it. At the January council meeting over 70 Lions attended the campaign luncheon for an update. The convention committee reports 100 Lions have already registered for the International Convention in Indianapolis. Plans are in process for the parade and reception at the convention. We just need you to participate in the International Convention to keep the momentum going. Missouri's determination to have a Second Vice President will be judged in part by the numbers we have at this convention. Let the Lions of the world see our Show Me state at its best.

It would not be wrong if you attended for your own personal reasons. To just get more knowledgeable and enthused about our organization. To get that uplift in spirit we all need from time to time. To meet up with old friends. For whatever your reasons it is so important for every Missouri Lion to be in attendance. See you in Indianapolis.

Yours in Lionism,  
PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett