

2026 Proposed Bylaws Amendment #1

The District 4-L4 Bylaws currently provide that a convention tax may be levied on each member in two semiannual payments. These funds are to ensure that the convention account has startup funds. Budget and Finance would like to change the “MAY” to “SHALL” to ensure funds are billed and collected. Further to clarify where funds are deposited correctly by changing “special account” to “convention account” and updating methods of payment for convention costs to include Bank Debit Card and Electronic Means and adding in approval by DG.

ARTICLE VII Convention Fund Section 1

1. CONVENTION FUND TAX. In lieu of or in addition to a district convention registration fee, an annual district convention fund tax of \$2.00 may be levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, in two (2) semiannual payments as follows: \$1.00 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$1.00 per club member on March tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of said tax to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of September and March, respectively. Any club which is chartered or reorganized in the current fiscal year shall collect and pay said convention tax for said fiscal year on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of its organization, as the case may be. This tax shall be collected from the clubs by, and be remitted to, the cabinet secretary or cabinet-treasurer (or secretary-treasurer), who shall deposit the monies so collected in a special account in a bank or other depository chosen by the district governor. The funds so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district conventions and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor.

The Proposed Amendment would be as follows: *(changes in bold italics)*

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