



## **C. History and Contents of the Manual**

The working Group named below was appointed by the European Councils of Bournemouth 2006, Bucharest 2007, Cannes 2008 & Tampere 2009 to review the Standing Orders the Rules of Procedure and to give consideration to a European Steering Committee that will act as an Advisory body.

- Past International Director Phil Nathan – Chairman
- International Director Per Christensen – Secretary
- International Director Enrico Cesarotti – Member
- Past International Director Miklos Horvath – Member
- Past Council Chairman Jean-Claude Aufrere – Member
- Past District Governor Klaus Letzgus – Member
- Assisted by Europa Forum Archivist and Advisor Past Council Chairman Jouko Ruissalo

This final document was accepted by the European Council at the Europa Forum of Bologna 2010 and now becomes the working "Rules of Procedure Document" incorporating the Standing Orders and all Appendices A – I.

As a consequence of the first meeting of the European Steering Committee, Past International Director Phil Nathan, International Director Per Christensen, Past International Director Miklos Horvath were requested to review the Bologna document, assisted by Europa Forum Archivist and Advisor Past Council Chairman Jouko Ruissalo.

Subsequent amendments were proposed by MD 106 and accepted by the European Council of Maastricht 2011.

Further amendments were proposed by MD103 (Thoms Kuti Contest), MD105 (Young Ambassador procedures, entitlement of support), MD111 (Accountants expenses) and accepted by the European Council of Maastricht 2011.

The "Maastricht" document superseded all previous editions of the Rules of Procedure incorporating the Standing Orders and all appendices A-I, until Europa Forum Istanbul 2013 where the following proposals were accepted by European Council 2.

Further alterations to rules occurred by proposals from MD111, accepted by EC2 in Istanbul 2013:

**Page 2. Definition of Forum President contained within the Glossary of Definition** They must reside within the Host Country, and it is recommended that they should have participated in at least three previous Forums within the last five years.

**Page 7. Article 6.7 Paragraph 3**

Committees are encouraged to organize workshops in other official languages or the language of the host country to attract a more diverse Lions audience from the multicultural constitutional area of Europe. There will be no extra cost burden to the host country.

**Pages 12 and 15. Appendix D: Model Calendar**

Altering Friday through Sunday to numbered days which makes the choice optional.



**The Istanbul document superseded all previous editions of the Rules of Procedure incorporating the Standing Orders and all appendices A-I, until Europa Forum Birmingham 2014 where the following proposals were accepted by European Council 2.** Alterations to rules occurred by proposals from District 124, MD 105 & MD11.

**Page 22. Appendix I (3 proposals).**

The A&A, as secretary of The Long-Range Planning Committee Europe, in a non-voting position. (In the event that the A&A should attain the position of International Director whilst holding the A&A office, the dual positions shall have no vote).

The current Europa Forum 'Steering Committee' be renamed 'The Long-Range Planning Committee Europe'.

The formation of a new Area 3, consisting of MD111 alone as with the current Areas 4 & 5. Reformat the Areas and increase 7 to 8.

**The Birmingham document superseded all previous editions of the Rules of Procedure incorporating the Standing Orders and all appendices A-I, until Europa Forum Augsburg 2015 where the following proposal was accepted by European Council 2.**

MD101 Changed rules in Appendix I to enable the LRPCE to elect a Vice-Chairperson as prescribed within.

The working Group was charged with a review and "spring clean" of the ROP that had been in current form for several years now. The following met in the UK:

Past International Director Phil Nathan – Chairman

International Director Per Christensen – Secretary

Past International Director Miklos Horvath – Member

Assisted by Europa Forum Archivist and Advisor Past Council Chairman Jouko Ruissalo.

**The Augsburg document superseded all previous editions of the Rules of Procedure incorporating the Standing Orders and all appendices A-I, until Europa Forum Sofia 2016 where the following proposals were accepted by European Council 2**

MD111 to rename the European Young Ambassador Award to "Bert Mason Ambassador Award".  
MD111 for payment for a copy of the "Bert Mason Young Ambassador Competition" Trophy as a permanent keepsake each year.

MD111 to raise the prize money for the European Music Competition to 10,000 Euro.

MD111 to establish a permanent "WASH" work group for the Europa Forum \*it is suggested the LRPCE assume responsibility.

MD106 to remove the Advisory Committee. MD106 to remove the position of Europa Forum 2nd VP.



**The Sofia document superseded all previous editions of the Rules of Procedure incorporating the Standing Orders and all appendices A-I, until Europa Forum Montreux 2017 where the following proposals were accepted by European Council 2.**

District 133 Ireland becomes a new member Country. 29 voting Delegates give a Unanimous Green decision – **Yes** – Proposal Carried.

EF A&A Election, successful candidate PID Phil Nathan MD105.

EF Accountant Election, successful candidate PCC Peter Brandenburg MD110.

MD112 & MD118 (with the inclusion of a Council accepted small amendment from MD108).

Proposed the formation of a standing **Refugee Relief Committee**: In recognition of the growing desire of Lions in Europe and elsewhere to bring aid and sustenance to the ever-increasing number of refugees in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Long-Range Planning Committee of Lions Clubs International, this European Council resolves to establish a Standing Committee of the Europa Forum.

Regular meetings of the committee shall be held during each Europa Forum, each All-Africa Conference and each ISAAME Conference. Online conferences shall be held as necessary. Expenses shall be met personally by members of the committee but may be sponsored by the member's Multiple District or District. 29 voting Delegates give a majority Green decision for **Yes – Proposal Carried**.

MD105 & MD111 Propose the formation of a Permanent EU Privacy Protection Working Group (2 resolutions merged together).

The new European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect on 24 May 2018, replacing the hitherto-valid national statutory arrangements.

LCI requires an officially recognized Working Group to represent the European Lions on the issue of handling the upcoming questions relating to the transfer of Member data to the USA.

The Working Group shall be mandated with preparing a joint proposal for a solution which shall be voted on by the European Council and submitted to LCI upon ratification.

If represented, the home member country of each Working Group member will be responsible for the costs of travel, accommodation, and subsistence for two meetings per year in Europe.

29 voting Delegates give a Unanimous Green decision – **Yes – Proposal Carried**.

**\*\*MD111 Proposal Regarding an Amendment to the Rules of Procedure for the Europa Forum – Optimization of Timing.**

Article VI No 6.1 of the Rules of Procedure for the Europa Forum be amended as follows:

*"The three-day Forum shall be held annually in the period from September 15 to November 15, in each case from Friday through Sunday. The dates to be approved – at least two years in advance – by the Association's International President."*

Appendices C and D of the Rules of Procedure shall be amended accordingly.

29 voting Delegates give a majority Green decision for **Yes – Proposal Carried 23 - 6**.

**\*\*THIS RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED BY AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DURING EC1 IN SKOPJE 2018.**

**This document was Updated June 2017 – Phil Nathan PID. Agreed by A&A Jouko Ruisallo PID and then May 2018 by A&A Phil Nathan PID.**

**\*\*To amend an error in 2017 it was agreed with MD111 to correct the previous wording of the resolution then proposed and carried, concerning the Timing of Europa Forum annually. See ARTICLE V1: Organization.**

**ARTICLE VI: Organization**

**\*\*6.1)** The three-day Forum shall be held annually in the period from the last full week in October through the first full week in November, in each case, from Friday through Sunday.



The dates to be approved - at least two years in advance - by the Association's International President. (Also see LCI Board Policy Manual Chapter XX111).

**The Montreux document superseded all previous editions of the Rules of Procedure incorporating the Standing Orders and all appendices A-I, until Europa Forum Skopje 2018 where the following proposals were accepted by European Council 2.**

In the European Council 2 meeting 32 Member Country voting delegates were recorded and registered.

**Resolution 1 Proposed by MD105:** A full revision of the "Rules of Procedure" as now dated January 2018. (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous**, subsequently to also include decisions of Skopje Forum.

**Resolution 2 & 3:** An amalgamation of 2 like proposals to a joint proposal of MD105/MD111. It is concerning Rules of Procedure for the Euro Africa Committee, the committee in existence since 1976 formally submits 7 subheadings as agreed during the committee meeting during the Forum of Montreux. (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Resolution 4:** A bid with relevant supporting information and material submitted from single District 126 Croatia to Host Europa Forum 2021 in Zagreb. (see text in full) **31 YES – 1 Abstention.**

**Resolution 5:** An application with relevant supporting information and material submitted from Provisional Zone of the Republic of Serbia to become a Member Country of Europa Forum: (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Resolution 6: An Emergency Resolution: For Transparency:** A Proposal from LRPCE to be included under Appendix I. The committee to have responsibility of the suggested International Director rotation list for Europe. Changes to the suggested list to be submitted and accepted by the committee via EF A&A. (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Resolution 7: An Emergency Resolution: A Proposal from LRPCE:** To follow on from Article V1 6.7 last paragraph. Europa Forum is a non-political gathering of European Lions and global Lions friends. Respect for this intention is requested from all candidates seeking elected office.

The use of posters, signs, banners, and similar campaign material shall not be permitted.

**32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Resolution 8:** A Motion from the Alliance for Children in Street Situation seminar seeking European Council recognition for the importance of the UN's General Comment No.21 (2017) on Children in Street Situations, recommending that Clubs invite their governments to implement. (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Resolution 9:** A Motion from the EU Privacy Protection Working Group was produced after much discussion. The European Council commissions the existing EU Privacy Protection Group to organize the procedure of having a Lead European Data Protection Authority for consultation and communication with the Group and LCI. The benefit will be a future harmonized procedure for the transfer of personal membership data valid in every country of the Europa forum. Further, the European Council commissions the EU Privacy Protection Group to conduct a study, open to active participation of LCI, on a European standardized membership management system. The system must be designed as a European project under European law. The system in question must ensure that the exchange of information with Lions Clubs International Headquarters at all times complies with the general EU data protection regulation. The result of the study shall be presented during the Europa Forum 2019 in Tallinn for further considerations "provided that":

1. The conduct of such investigation shall have no financial cost or implication for any Multiple District, Sub-District, Single District or undistricted area within the Europa Forum, and



2. There is no obligation, expressed or implied, on any Multiple District, Sub-District, Single District or undistricted area within the Europa Forum to adopt the recommendations of such investigation, nor to contribute to any costs incurred by the adoption of all or any such recommendations. **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Thereafter, there were 4 Motions from Seminars or Committee's**

**Motion 1**, from Refugee Relief Committee Opening Session. The session implores the European Council to make a motion to request LCI and LCIF to re-establish the Refugee Relief Fund of LCIF discontinued in 2017. (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Motion 2**, from the Cyber – Bullying Seminar. European Council to Recommend to MD, D, Undistricted Clubs and Leo Clubs, to stimulate debate about bullying among youth during their meetings, introduce programs and dedicated services, offer to co-operate with schools in their area and implement Lions Quest programs (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Motion 3**, Representatives of the Thomas Kuti Competition voted to re-elect Ingo Brookman as Chairman for a further 3 years. (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**Motion 4**, Seminar: Code of Ethics: Basis for Lions Awareness and Empathy. (see text in full) **32 YES – Unanimous.**

**The Skopje document superseded all previous editions of the Rules of Procedure incorporating the Standing Orders and all appendices A-I, until Europa Forum Tallinn 2019 where the following proposals were accepted by European Council 2.**

**In the European Council 2 meeting 27 initially attended and finally 29 Member Country voting delegates were recorded and registered. As a consequence of a successful proposal Appendix J is now added.**

**\*Minutes of Skopje Accepted 28 Green 1 No.**

**\*Accounts of Skopje were not presented by the EF Accountant; they are to be resubmitted to member Countries for final approval due to the cancellation of Thessaloniki.**

**Resolution 1 Proposed by MD 111:** Replacement of Art. VII para. 7.3 as follows:

The members of the Europa Forum are recommended by resolution of the National Convention to request each Lions member to support the financing of the Europa Forum with a contribution of €0.50 per annum. This amount shall be paid into a special account of the particular district or multi-district. The President of the Europa Forum may draw from the account up to a certain level as set by the financial plan at an equivalent rate from each multi-district and district on the approval of the Treasurer of the Forum. This shall not apply to those districts that do not participate in full, regularly, or at all in the budget surcharge scheme.

**Resolution 1 Failed 10 Green 18 Red 1 White.**

**Resolution 2 Proposed by MD111:**

Replacement of Art. V para. 5.6 in the Rules of Procedure as follows:

The selection of a member of the Europa Forum and a venue for holding a Europa Forum up to 5 years in advance according to the directive in Appendix B.

The following conditions for application apply:

- Documentary evidence that the National Convention of the member has passed a resolution to approve the application.
- Documentary evidence that the National Convention has approved the collection of a contribution of at least €12.00 per Lions member to finance the Forum.
- Presentation of a detailed financial plan while observing the accounting information according to Appendix G of the Rules.



- Documentary evidence of the organizer's specifications as set in the Appendix B of the directive.
- Endorsement from the current Supervisory Committee.
- Endorsement from the Long-Range Planning Committee Europe.
- Endorsement from a selection committee appointed by the European Council comprising the current Chair of the Supervisory Committee, the Advisor and Archivist (A&A), and the Chair of the Supervisory Committee from the last two Europa Forums, and local due diligence on possibilities and conditions for the application by the selection committee.

## **Replacement of Appendix B paras 1.1 and 1.2 as follows:**

### **1. Accommodation in hotels**

Documentation of sufficient hotel capacity, including a suitable headquarters hotel Information on prices for single and double-bed hotel rooms at the time of application. Early booking options using the Web sub-portal provided by the Host Committee.

### **2. Airport**

Information on International flights to the nearest airport with available transfer services. Information on European cities with direct connections to the airport. Information on the distance between the airport and the venue and hotels.

**Resolution 2 Failed 9 Green 19 Red 1 White.**

### **Resolution 3 Proposed by MD111:**

Amendment to Art. IV of the Rules of Procedure with para. 4.4.4 as follows:

4.4.4) The President of the Europa Forum shall consult with the International Director appointed by the International President and acting as the Chair of the Supervisory Committee in all fundamental matters such as selection of conference venues, schedules, duration and cost of the opening and closing ceremonies, and organizing and counting votes at meetings of the European Council. If the two should fail to reach an agreement in any particular case, the Chair of the Supervisory Committee shall decide, and may at his or her discretion call on the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee Europe for advice.

Resolution 3 - Permission requested to withdraw this resolution **Unanimous: 27 Green 0 Red 0 White.**

### **Resolution 4 Proposed by MD111:**

The European Council passes a resolution on the procedural rules as included in the Appendix for the European Lions WaSH Working Group. Refer to Appendix J for full text.

Resolution 4 **Accepted 28 Green 1 No Vote.**

### **Emergency Resolution Proposed by MD114:**

Invitation to the Europa Forum 2022 in Klagenfurt / Austria Thursday, October 28th to Sunday, October 30th.

Austrian Lions are pleased to host you in the wonderful landscape of the southern Federal State Carinthia. The famous Lake Wörthersee and the Alpe-Adria-Region are waiting for you. Enjoy the hospitality in the three-countries-meeting point Austria-Slovenia-Italy!

Emergency Resolution **Accepted Unanimously 29 Green.**



## **Recommendation from GDPR Working Group:**

Commission the GDPR Group to continue their work as on the resolution of Skopje 2018 to report to the Europa Forum 2020.

This proposal from the Working Group was **Accepted 28 Green 1 Red**.

Recommendation from Market of Ideas - PDG Franco Marchesani – MD 108 Italy TACKLING DIABETES ... WITH THE NOSE TOO SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION.

Hypoglycemia is a common side effect of intensive insulin management amongst patients with type 1 and 2 diabetes.

It can be very distressing and puts diabetics at risk of serious neurological and cardiovascular complications especially when they missed the early warning signs of impending blood glucose changes (N.J. Rooney et al., 2019).

For people living with diabetes, having a reliable tool which can signal dangerous highs and lows is key. Over time, patients with type 1 and 2 diabetes become unaware of the signs and symptoms of Hypo: Hypo - unawareness leads to morbidity and, eventually, death.

Diabetics, who take insulin, live in constant fear of the risk of losing consciousness because of low blood sugar.

Devices, called Continuous Glucose Monitors (CGMs) can alert wearers to dropping levels, but not everyone has access to them. And even among those who have such a choice, there are a few who prefer a furrer and friendlier alert option: a service dog specially trained to alert owners when their blood sugar reaches dangerously low levels can be of great benefit.

Owing to a specific and very specialized training, these new "lifesaving dogs" are able to give diabetics warning signals, enabling them to report in advance on the insurgence of hypoglycemia or hyperglycemia, metabolic conditions harmful to patients in both the short and the long term.

Thanks to their sophisticated olfactory system, dogs can detect molecules anticipating malaise linked to one or the other of the above-mentioned pathological conditions.

Within this monitoring activity, the dog acts in conjunction with the electro-medical instruments currently in use.

An important goal of Service in the fight against diabetes, could be, therefore, that of supporting applied research aimed at identifying dogs' inclusion criteria and evidence-based training protocols with measurable results, through the employment of scientific teaching methods.

It would be important for Lions to get actively involved in offering real and practical help, both at national and international level, to the research in this field, which, while still in the initial of study and requiring in-depth implementations, has great potential for development on a large scale.

## **Recommendation:**

Given the novelty and the encouraging results of the method discussed, I would like to ask Lions European Council to recommend MD, D, Undistricted Clubs and Leo Clubs to

- a) Motivate clubs to explore in their meetings new ways of tackling diabetes.
- b) Include in their programs a dedicated service.
- c) Draw the attention of the young (type 1 and 2 diabetes electively affects young people) and of institutions in their own area, to broaden the scope of applied science in the field and support DAD's dedicated associations and families.

This proposal from the Market of Ideas working group was **Accepted 28 Green 1 White**.

Late paper submitted on subject of Lions for Europe by DG Cecile Heger MD111, Council was requested to vote whether to discuss at this Forum.

Request **Denied 7 Green 10 Red 10 White 2 No Vote**.



### **From the floor: A request from CC MD105:**

Asked Council's Permission to make a suggestion. Approval given by Majority of Green Cards. To form an EF Working Group (as per ROP) to discuss ideas for future financing of Forums. Findings to be presented to LRPCE and further presented to Thessaloniki. EC2 voted unanimously to discuss and then a further vote for a proposal for the formation of The Working Group -

**29 Green in favor.**

A&A suggested Working Party to consist of:

A&A, Accountant, Tallinn General Secretary, Current CC MD111 plus representation from a smaller country – to be determined. Proposal **Accepted 28 Green 1 Red.**

**In 2020 a unique situation took place, due to the Global effects of the Pandemic, the Forum had to be cancelled, however, there was no opportunity to discuss between the member countries, the changes of host countries where dates were already booked.**

**The EF A&A in tandem with LRPCE called for a virtual extraordinary meeting. The result of that meeting follows and is recorded for posterity.**

**As per European Council 2 - Tallinn:**

**At this meeting the subject of the Skopje accounts was presented by the EF accountant who confirmed that the EF A&A had insured that all Member Countries received the final Skopje accounts. These were mailed to all the member countries on 27th February 2020. No comments were received from any Member Country.**

**This leaves the question of firm profit being donated to a humanitarian action. The Member Countries that had donated to the voluntary contribution agreed to the donation being made to the Children's Cancer Unit in Skopje. The finalization of this payment remains open until confirmation is received by the Lions of Northern Macedonia are in agreement with the Host Committee recommendation.**

As mentioned above, the global COVID pandemic paralyzing the world did not permit to hold a regular Europa Forum in 2020, **a virtual event was arranged for 3/10/2020.**

All the already approved Forums were requested – and agreed - to be postponed one year, thus the **first – post-pandemic physical - Europa Forum was held in Thessaloniki in October 7-9, 2021.**

After the forced break, many resolutions were discussed and accepted.

### **European Council Meeting I decided about the resolutions, as follows:**

**Resolution No1** presented by Detlef Dietrich CC is unanimously accepted for discussion.

**Resolutions No2 & No3** presented by Reinhold Hocke PDG, Chair of WASH WG, with the permission of MD111 Germany, is unanimously accepted for discussion.

**Resolution No4** presented by Elien van Dille PID, with the permission of MD 112 Belgium and the **Amendment to Res. No4** presented by the Forum A&A Phil Nathan PID are unanimously accepted for discussion.





**Resolution No5** presented by the Forum A&A Phil Nathan PID is unanimously accepted for discussion.

**Resolution No6** presented by Nicole Miquel-Belaud ID with the permission of MD 103 France, is unanimously accepted for discussion.

**Resolutions No7,8,9,10 and the Emergency Resolutions No11 & No12** presented by the Forum A&A Phil Nathan PID are unanimously accepted for discussion.

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**Resolution No1** - Declaration "Lions for Europe" Mission Statement – a reconfirmation of our ideals German Lions expressed their commitment to European unity in the Declaration Lions for Europe (mission statement) in Lions Year 2018/19. The declaration was discussed at a workshop in a European form suitable for the member countries of the forum and adopted with some changes at Europa Forum (EF) 2019 in Tallinn. The official deadline for submitting the application was exceeded and the European Council EF 2019 was no longer able to pass the resolution sought by the workshop. The Secretary-General of EF 2019 had given his assurances that the item would automatically be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the European Council.

However, MD 111 has made some minor alterations to the wording in the declaration due to internal deliberations and is now lodging an official request to the European Council EF 2021 to pass the current declaration.

The discussion was about if the statement of the resolution has a political aspect or not.

The change proposed by MD108 Italy through Elena Appiani ID was not duly and timely submitted thus it is not accepted for discussion by the Forum President.

CC Detlef Dietrich(Germany) speaks in favor of the resolution, Svein Berntsen PID (Norway) needs further explanation for the decision taken by the Nordic Lions during their meeting on Thursday, Jørn Due CC (Denmark) explained his position and the position of the 5 Nordic countries to vote against the resolution and Philippe Gerondal PID (Belgium) made comments on the resolution.

Detlef Dietrich CC (Germany) seconds the comments.

**Resolution No1 is adopted with 15 Yes, 12 No, 1 abstention**

**Resolution No. 2 and Resolution 3** - New passages approved to the WaSH ROP

Resolution 2 - Annex C: Dealing with Information Exchange Management -PR and Website issues.

Resolution 3 - Annex D: A necessary addition to the objectives /mission of the WaSH.

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Resolution No. 4.:** redefinition of Host Country responsibilities of the Bert Mason Young Ambassador Award – an application made by MD112 Belgium.

Amendment to Resolution 4.: proposed by the LRPCE

The prizes will be awarded as follows and are required to be spent on their project:

1st prize: 3.000 EUR

2nd prize: 1.250 EUR

3rd prize: 750 EUR

Payment under the control of the Europa Forum Accountant and to the sponsoring Lions Club who will then administer the funds to the prize winners as appropriate.

**Adopted unanimously.**



**Resolution No. 5.:** authorization of the LRPCE to take appropriate action in extraordinary situations. Application made by the LRPCE: In the unlikely event that circumstances arise where Europe could find itself in a similar situation to the global pandemic in 2020, LRPCE requests the flexibility to take appropriate action for the benefit of the Lions of Europe, however it should advise member countries through their leadership regularly as circumstances change or develop.

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Resolution No. 6.:** candidacy of Bordeaux (MD103 France) to host the Europa Forum in 2024. The candidacy is presented by Nicole Miquel-Belaud ID through a video showing the candidate city of Bordeaux and promoting the EF 2024

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Resolution No. 7.:** The EF Accountant to be member of the LRPCE (see Appendix I) in a non voting position, Application made by the LRPCE

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Resolution No. 8.:** The EF Vice-President to be a member of the LRPCE (see Appendix I) in a non-voting position. Application made by the LRPCE.

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Resolution No. 9.:** To accept that the additional words 'in English' be added to the sentence of 7.2 (following the words) APPENDIX G in the Rules of Procedure. Application made by the LRPCE.

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Resolution No. 10:** That a Lion should not be receiving salaried payment for secretarial work which is normally undertaken voluntarily or professionally (In effect salaried payments to what would normally be a volunteer position becomes a cost to the other volunteer Lions of Europe directly from their registration fee. Rules of Procedure do, however, allow payment for secretarial services but it is assumed these to be professional ( See Appendix G page 21 Item 19 ROP).

Application made by LRPCE.

**Adopted unanimously.**

**Emergency Resolution No. 11.:** LRPCE courteously requests European Council to consider and approve the request from District 132 North Macedonia to relocate the surplus funds from Europa Forum 2018 Skopje and submits the following supporting papers:

Resolution Appendix 1- Accounts and report of the Europa Forum Accountant PCC Lion Peter Brandenburg

Resolution Appendix 2- The statement of the current District Cabinet from District 132 concerning their support of Resolution 10 and why

Resolution Appendix 3- The statement from District 132 North Macedonia for the reasoning of the change of beneficiary to the original request

Resolution Appendix 4- An analysis of best usage and why regarding the surplus funds

**Adopted unanimously.**



**Emergency Resolution No. 12.:** In the event of uncertainty or lack of clarity with host country accounts submitted to the Europa Forum Accountant.

The Accountant shall request LRPCE enlist the support of Lions Clubs International to implement an investigation, if appropriate.

The authority of the Europa Forum Accountant is limited. If accepted, the result of this Resolution will sit within STANDING ORDERS APPENDIX A and become Number 9.

**Adopted unanimously.**

The Minutes of EC of Europa Forum 2019 in Tallinn **are unanimously approved.** Forum President EF 2019 Kalle Elster PID thanks the Lions leaders and delegates for the approval and declares the EF 2019 closed.

The EF Accountant Peter Brandenburg PCC asks the delegates if there are any questions or comments to the reports which were presented at the EC I. There are no questions or comments.

**The EFA report for EF 2018 in Skopje is unanimously approved.**

**The EFA report for EF 2019 in Tallinn is unanimously approved.**

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**The Europa Forum 2022 was organized from, October 27 to 29, 2022, in the Hotel Westin, in Zagreb Croatia.**

The Forum President received the following valid proposals for resolution:

**Proposal & Resolution No.1 :** Approval of the minutes of the EF 2021 Thessaloniki.

**The proposal was unanimously adopted**

**Proposal & Resolution No. 2.:** Moving of the Report of the Accountant of EF 2021 Thessaloniki to the European Council meeting in EF Klagenfurt in 2023 due to regrettable passing away of Forum Accountant PCC Peter Brandenburg,

**The proposal was unanimously adopted**

**Proposal No.3.:** Candidacy of MD 103 France for PDG Jean Paul Feldmann for the office of Forum Accountant. When Forum President PDG Melcic has invited the candidate of MD 103 France for the Forum Accountant, PDG Jean Paul Feldman to present himself, the candidate refused it. Still, the candidacy remained valid. The candidacy has later been cancelled.

**Proposal No. 4.:** Candidacy of MD 108 Italy for PID Roberto Fresia for the office of Forum Accountant

**Proposal No. 5.:** Candidacy of MD 111 Germany for PID Daniel ISENRIK for the office of Forum Accountant

**Resolution No. 3.:** Election of EF Accountant

PID Roberto Fresia: 14 votes

PID Daniel Isenrich: 18 votes

**PID Daniel Isenrich has been elected to be the Europa Forum Accountant for the next 5-years' mandate.**



**Proposal No. 6.:** Candidacy of MD 105 MD 105 British Isles for PID Phil Nathan for Forum Archivist and Advisor

**Proposal No. 7.:** Candidacy of D 119 Hungary for PID Miklos Horvath for Forum Archivist and Advisor

**Resolution No. 4.:** Election of the Archivist & Advisor

PID Phil Nathan: 13 votes

PID Miklos Horvath: 19 votes

**PID Miklos Horvath has been elected to be the Europa Forum Archivist and Advisor for the next 5 years' mandate.**

**Emergency Resolution No.1** – proposed by LRPCE, EF Cancellation Policy

The Long Range Planning Committee Europe submits an Emergency Resolution for adopting the proposed Europa Forum Cancellation Policy into the Rules of Procedure, as follows:

Cancellation Policy Guidelines:

30 days prior to the Forum: 100% refund

15 days prior to the Forum: 20% refund

15 days or less before the Forum: no refund

In the unusual situation of an unexpected cancellation, consideration will be given, and a decision made about repayment by the Forum President based on the situation of the Forum Financials and after consultation with the EF Accountant. As per the RoP, the final decision will remain with the Forum President.

Any such cancellation must be claimed within one (1) month after the Europa Forum supported by relevant information.

The claim request must be directed in writing to the Forum President directly.

**The proposal was unanimously adopted**

**Emergency Resolution No. 2** – proposed by LRPCE, Amendment to Appendix I of EF ROP – responsibilities of LRPCE

Numerous meetings of the LRPCE have been required following a member country withdrawing from an allotted slot. Many communications with some member countries have followed.

The LRPCE committee consists of many of the most experienced and elected leaders that have the future of Europe uppermost in their mind.

The Rotation list was accepted at Forum Montreux and carries through until 2031.

Inevitably circumstances change within member countries. LRPCE wishes to be able to react and resolve changes swiftly, fairly and professionally, informing all member countries of outcomes as swiftly as possible.

**Resolution proposed:**

Appendix I of ROP concerns the responsibilities of LRPCE:

(6) To act as an advisory body to identify suitable recommended rotation which would enable fair opportunity to the member countries for European International Director positions.

Subsequently by an emergency resolution, unanimously accepted, 32 - 0, at the Skopje Forum in 2018 it was further resolved that for transparency, The Long Range Planning Committee Europe (LRPCE), to have responsibility of the suggested International Director candidate rotation list for Europe.

The following words to be added and continue after the word Europe.

/// and when circumstances dictate, the elected voting members of LRPCE will meet (virtually) and adjust fairly with transparency, the rotation, to ensure that Europe has good strong and appropriate candidates for European continuity.///

**The proposal was unanimously adopted**



**Emergency Resolution No. 3** proposed by LRPCE to enable a fair opportunity to all member countries to offer to host a Europa Forum.

**Comments:**

PID Phil Nathan has presented the Emergency Resolution Proposal 3, proposed by Long Range Planning Committee of Europe.

**PID Walter Zemrosser, President of Europa Forum 2023:**

"Proposes that the Resolution should have validity immediately upon voting, and not as per July 1st, 2023, as it's voluntarily."

**PDG Andrea Stojkovski:**

"Support for the motion, with immediate validity"

**PID George Papas:**

"Support of the motion with immediate validity"

**PID Svein Berntsen:**

"If there is a new proposal, it should be discussed"

**PID Elien Van Dille:**

"is the contribution proposal per member country or per each member?"

**PID Phil Nathan:**

"It's per each member".

**PDG Drazen Melcic:**

"it's applying not only for small member countries but for all member countries. It will be added that it's meant for each member."

**PID Phil Nathan:**

"There was another topic, that members from smaller countries would suffer from visa costs."

**PDG Drazen Melcic:**

"The wording of the proposal should be amended that the resolution should be valid as per end of this Forum".

**Proposal for Adoption:**

Member countries are courteously invited to pay a voluntary contribution of Euro 0,50 – 1,00 annually.

This to be paid into a central fund (under the authority of the elected Europa Forum Accountant), who would control disbursements to the host committee appropriately (following a request from the Europa Forum President).

The funds would be used specifically to offset the Registration fee to a maximum of EUR 300,00 and the 1st 1.000 registrants.

The Registration fee would include necessary administration costs as per Article V11 – Financial Aspects contained within the Rules of Procedure.

28 votes "yes"

2 votes "no"

2 votes "abstained"

**The proposal was adopted**

**Resolution No. 5.:** District 133 Ireland – Bid to Host EF, Dublin 2025

**Comments:**

**PCC Fabian Rusch, MD 111 Germany:**

"The registration fee of 525,00€, + welcome party, + host party, + gala dinner = 750,00€, + accommodation, + travel costs. It's realistic but high costs. In Germany, thanks to host Lions contribution of 600.000€, participation fee is only 200,00€. The costs for the Europa Forum are in



general becoming much too high. E.g. Lions in eastern Europe claimed that average monthly incomes are about 700,00€, or less, so they can't attend. Asking the ID's to bring up this issue at the Board meeting, in order to achieve more solidary finance of the Europa Forum. If each of the European Lions contributed with 0,60€, it made possible for small countries to host the Forum."

**1stVDG Kevin Harty, D 133 Ireland:** "Fabian has already answered the questions raised. Obviously in Germany a sizable member contribution of 618.000€ out of 800.000€ total budget. As new SD 133 Ireland, we don't have such resources. We have carefully examined the costs and incomes, but will try to reduce the costs and increase alternative incomes and reduce the delegate registration costs. Still, asking the delegates to support the resolution."

**PID Andrea Stojkovski:**

"Very low participation from central and east Europe at Europa Forums. Additionally, in some countries there is a visa application charge of 200,00€ for the EU. Therefore it's difficult to attend, to motivate for attendance and to get the visa.

31 votes "yes"

1 vote "no"

**The proposal was adopted.**

**Resolution No. 6.:** MD111 Germany – Bid to Host EF, Karlsruhe 2026

**The proposal was unanimously adopted**

At the European Council meeting (discussion) and on European Council Meeting II., before the voting, the President of Europa Forum 2022 read the following statement, written in accordance with the all the 6 acting International Directors from CA4 Europe present at the Europa Forum:

"Welcome to our Europe Council discussion session. Before I begin, I would like to speak to you about a situation that has come to our attention in relation to our Rules and Procedures for candidates running for office at Europa Forum to include the position of Archivist & Adviser - I refer to Chapter 6.7 which states as follows.....Europa Forum is a non-political gathering of European Lions and global Lions friends. Respect for this intention is requested from all candidates seeking elected office. The use of posters, signs, banners and similar campaign material shall not be permitted. As you now see, it is not allowed for candidates to use any form of marketing material, and yet unfortunately it has been done. While we bring this to your attention at this time, and outline to you that this is not allowed in our Rules and Procedures, there are no consequences set out therein in the event of these Rules not being followed."

Although this declaration was not unequivocal and certain Parties did not agree on its relevance, there has not been any official protest to it at the European Council meetings.

**To be continued.....**