

HISTORY OF RE-DISTRICTING IN SRI LANKA.

1. Lionism was introduced to Sri Lanka in 1958 with the formation of the Lions Club of Colombo (now referred to as “Colombo Host”), as a club in District 305S India which was extending the philosophy of Lionism to Sri Lanka.
2. Subsequently we were granted the status of an independent District 306 Sri Lanka.
3. A single District 306 having become eligible under the provisions of Article V11 Section 03 (**Article V111 Section 03**) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, it was proposed that it becomes a Multiple District, comprising of two Sub Districts to be known as District 306A and 306B and at its Annual District Convention on 14th of May 1977, approved such a re-districting proposal, which was approved by the International Board of Directors and became effective at the Annual District Convention in 1978 of the District 306.
4. The accredited delegates of the 1st Multiple District Convention held on 13th May 1978 adopted the Multiple District Constitution and Bylaws and the Constitutions of the two Sub Districts 306A and 306B, which became effective at the close of this Convention.
5. Multiple District Sri Lanka having become eligible under the provisions of Article V11: Section 03 (**Article V111 Section 03**) of the Constitutional Bylaws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, to further re-district the said Multiple District 306 proposed to become a Multiple District, comprising of three (3) Sub Districts to be called and known as District 306 A, District 306B and District 306C.
6. The International Board of Directors having approved such re-districting proposal, it became effective under the provisions of Article V11: Section 03 (**Article V111 Section 03**) of the Constitution of Bylaws, International Association of Lion Clubs at the close of the Multiple District Annual Convention in 1989 and the delegates from Clubs of the respective sub Districts elected District Governors and adopted their respective Constitutions and Bylaws at meetings held in conjunction with Multiple District Convention of MD 306 held on 28th May 1989.
7. MD 306 having become eligible under the provisions of Article 11: Section 03 (**Article V111 Section 03**) of the Constitutional and Bylaws of the International Association of Bylaws to further re-District Multiple District 306, it was proposed to become a Multiple District consisting of six (06) Sub Districts to be known as District 306A1, District 306A2, District 306 B1, 306 B2, District 306 C1 and District 306 C2.
8. The International Board of Directors having approved such a re-districting proposal, it became effective under the provisions of Article 11: Section 03 (**Article V111 Section 03**) of the Constitutional Bylaws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, at the close of the International Convention in 2004 and the delegates from Clubs of the respective Sub Districts elected District Governors and adopted their respective Constitutions Bylaws at meetings held in conjunction with Multiple District Convention of Multiple District 306 held on 13th March 2005.
9. The accreted delegates of the 27th Multiple District Convention assembled in Colombo on 13th March 2005 by Resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution Bylaws repealed the Constitution adopted at the 11th Multiple District Convention and adopted a new Multiple District Constitution Bylaws effective by the close of the International Convention in 2005.

NEED FOR RE-DISTRICTING

1. Article VIII: Section 03 of the International Bylaws permits the re-districting of single or multiple districts when it becomes too large to be administered effectively, provided each proposed sub-district must have the minimum of 35 clubs with 1200 members in good standing, prior to the Board Meeting for which it is considered and sustain the Membership strength during the time where re-districting takes place.
2. A map clearly defining the proposed boundary lines or changes in boundary lines for each district should be submitted with the proposal. The proposed districts should be established in a way that allows for efficient district management and minimal travel and administrative costs. As you are aware presently most District Governors have to travel long distances to make their official visits to their clubs and also to participate in Major Service Projects. As a result, they spend a lot of unproductive time on the road, which can be avoided if there is a rational re-districting of the Multiple District 306.
3. The Multiple District MD 306 Sri Lanka having exceeded a total number of 18,000 members which has been sustained for a number of years and exceeded a total number of 600 clubs cannot be effectively and efficiently managed under the present six (06) sub districts, when most of the sub districts have more than 2000 members each and a few exceed 3000 to 3500 in membership with over 100 clubs each.
4. In order to manage such a large Multiple District, we are of the view that it should be divided into 12 new districts with distinctive boundaries, in a way that allows for efficient and effective district management and minimal travel and administrative costs.
5. The Multiple District redistricting committee after many discussions with official representatives of stake holders of all six Districts have decided to submit the attached proposal consisting of 12 sub districts with distinctive boundaries for consideration of the Conventions of the 06 existing sub districts and formal approval obtained for this proposal at the District Conventions in 2024 (2023/2024) and at the Multiple Convention of MD 306 Multiple Convention of 2024 (2023/2024) as required by the International Board of Directors.
6. A copy of the approved proposal which must include a full and clear description of the proposed districts by clearly defining the territories for each proposed district by official geographic boundaries, list of clubs to be allocated to each proposed area on a clearly marked map.
7. It is also required that verification of the full proposal was circulated to each club in the sub districts of the Multiple District, no later than 30 days prior to the Convention for which the vote was taken.
8. Must also indicate how the Multiple / Sub Districts will be better served through re districting, including a detailed plan that outlines goals and action plans to support membership growth, leadership development and club support initiatives.
9. We are submitting such a proposal for consideration of each sub district 306 A1, 306 A2, 306B1, 306 B2, 306 C1, 306 C2 in the Multiple District MD 306 and recommend that this proposal should be approved by the 06 sub-Districts Convention and the Multiple District 306 Convention scheduled to be held in the year 2024.