

## **Proxy**

The district sends a credential/proxy form to each club president and vice president education in the district in advance of a district council meeting for use in the event either, or both, cannot attend the meeting. You may include this form in the District Newsletter or in the mailing announcing the meeting. The credential/proxy form must contain all of the following:

- District number
- Description of event
- Date and location of meeting
- Space for club name and number
- Space for name of club representative or proxy holder
- Space for signature of authorization of club officer and office held
- The date the credential/proxy is signed

## **Who can be a proxy holder?**

Either the club president or the club vice president education may designate, in writing, any active member in good standing of the club to act as a proxy or proxies and cast one or both of the club's ballots at the district council meeting. If one of those officers is not at the meeting and has not designated, in writing, an active member of the club to act as proxy or proxies of the club at any council meeting, the other officer in attendance may cast two votes. The intent is to assure that every club will be able to cast two votes. No other proxies are valid at any such meeting.

In the event one of those officers is not in attendance at the meeting and has not designated a proxy:

- The officer or proxy holder in attendance must be deemed to hold the proxy of the other and may therefore cast two votes at the meeting.

- This assures that every club will be represented by two votes.
- No other proxies are valid at a district council meeting.
- District leaders must be in attendance to cast a vote.

## **Determining the validity of a proxy:**

To be valid at a district council meeting, a proxy must:

- Contain all of the elements described above
- Be delivered personally, by mail, by fax, by email, by electronic transmission or by other reasonable means to the club member who will hold the proxy
- Be presented by the proxy holder in paper form (i.e. printed email) to the credentials desk. If the proxy does not bear a handwritten signature, it must have the typed name of the club officer(s) giving the proxy or some other indication that the club officer(s) authorized the proxy to be given.

A proxy that complies with these requirements is treated as valid so long as the credentials desk has no reason to believe that the proxy was not authorized. In addition, the following rules must be observed:

- A proxy holder cannot transfer or assign a proxy to someone else.
- A valid proxy delivered to the proxy holder is revoked only if the club officer who gave the proxy destroys the proxy, cancels the proxy in writing, issues another proxy authorized at a later date or actually attends the district council meeting.