

Redistricting Options District I

District I acknowledge the need to redistrict the 9 Districts. The problem arises with the notion that whole districts merge without consideration of the unique problems District I and District A would have to overcome. With the Cabinet of A voting not to merge with I it leaves us with few options.

A bit of History

District I comprises of 1115 Lions from Vancouver Island, adjacent islands and the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State.

Vancouver Island is approximately 350 miles long and a drive from Port Hardy in the north to Victoria takes about 7 hours. The Olympic Peninsula (Zone 1) adds another 50 miles and a 2-hour Ferry Ride. Even with these distances, and the problem of having a Ferry ride thrown in, we have managed to make it work. To include all the clubs we generally hold three Cabinet meetings , one in the North Island, one in the mid island and one in the South. When we hold the southern Cabinet meeting we will either have it in Victoria and Zone 1 (Olympic peninsula). The Zone 1 representatives will come over on the Coho ferry as foot passengers and local Lions meet them and drive them to the Cabinet meeting. Conversely if the meeting is held in Port Angeles the Canadian members will come over as foot passengers and be met by local Lions. This arrangement has worked well and we have excellent relationships between the U.S. and Canadian Lions.

Merging with District A

We feel this merger would be unworkable, with A and I merged we would have 50% of the Lions from I and 50% from A and the center of the new District would shift. A two hour ferry with waiting time would make it near impossible to attend Cabinets Meetings, Charter Nights and visitations. Zone 1 (Olympic Peninsula) would have to take a two hour ferry, an hour drive across greater Victoria, a second 2 hour ferry and another hour to the Lower Mainland (Vancouver). We would soon alienate our American colleagues.

We feel the Vancouver Clubs are mostly urban clubs while most of our clubs are rural in nature and culture. This option is unworkable for both A and I

A large portion of District A should be merging with District H, District B can quite easily merge with portions of H and C.1

Where can the 1115 Lions of District I find other Clubs to merge with?

Possible Solution.

One option is for us to merge with Zone G-3 Aberdeen to Willipa Harbor (260) as well as C-4 Bremerton-Silverdale (179). Other options could be merging with A-2 North Vancouver(152), Sunshine Coast A-6 (56)and A-4 Masset Haida Gwai(43). Although we would have some challenges with North Vancouver Clubs, they would be close to the Horseshoe Bay -Nanaimo ferry and arrangements can be made as we now do for the Olympic Peninsula Clubs. Haida Gwai Masset areas are so remote they would be in no worse a position in the MD then they are now.

District I	1115
G-3	260
C-4	179
A-2	152
A-6	56
A-4	43
h-7	137
Total	1942

This could work, as it sits now , the merger of District C and G produces a combined membership of 2400 (approx.) They could easily loose the 439 Lions from G-3 and C-4.

Good portions of C,G,B and H sit along the I-5 Corridor and a better alignment can be achieved.