

OPEN LETTER to the Members of the International Board of Directors. Legal Division, Nominations Committee, Statutes and By-Laws Committee.

Subject: Candidacy of PID Fabricio de Oliveira

In this note, we declare that the candidacy of PID Fabricio de Oliveira to the 3rd International Vice Presidency does not comply with LCI REGULATORY requirements, for the reasons and facts that we express below.

PID Fabricio de Oliveira sent to the Executive Leaders of LCI a note withdrawing his candidacy for the 3rd International Vice Presidency on **March 12, 2021**.

According to ID Rodolfo Espinal, that letter caused "*a convulsion between the members of the Executive Committee and the Political Committee of our organization*" (we do not know of the existence of a "**Political Committee**" in LCI), causing that "**President Choi and the General Administrator of LCI, PPI Frank Moore**", according to the words of ID Espinal, call him to confirm said **resignation**. Therefore, the Association immediately **became aware of said note**, and from then on the candidacy of PID Fabricio became formally non-existent, NULL. If a candidate decides to withdraw his candidacy, he does not need to be accepted by any authority, neither Division, nor Committee. In his note he argued serious health problems, about which we will not comment.

The two International Directors of Area 3 took steps so that this note was ignored, when it was already known of its recipients. ID Espinal was very upset that the note was known, expressing: "**for the convenience of the organization it should have remained among some**". For what reasons should this note be hidden, in the knowledge "among a few"? The ID Espinal should know that in our Association there should be no secret documents, LCI is an open and transparent organization, and there is nothing to hide.

Was it intended that the note be ignored so that the candidacy would not be void, as well as prevent the endorsement of his Multiple District from being void? Was this action taken to prevent **the regulatory processing of the Note?**

Copy of textual expressions of the two Directors: ID Espinal: "... **we communicate with all the members of the Executive Committee and the Political Committee informing them of what happened, and asking them to ignore the resignation correspondence that Fabricio sent them**". Note from ID Marciano Silvestre and five PIDs from the PID Fabricio campaign team, addressed to Lions and Leos in Brazil: "... **Lion Fabrício's letter, addressed to LCI, requesting the cancellation of his candidacy for the third vice president of our Association, must be ignored**". We believe it is unnecessary to comment on the seriousness of these documents.

All this happened during the month of March, before the PID Fabrício decided to run again in this election, which occurred **after the regulatory deadline**. According to what the LCI Legal Division has expressed in an e-mail on May 7, 2021, the note in which he desists from withdrawing his candidacy arrived at LCI on April 8, **therefore out of the regulatory deadline that would be until March 27, three months before the Convention**.

The note of PID Fabricio, of such high importance (nothing less than the candidacy of what is ultimately the highest position in LCI), could not be ignored, not only with regard to his resignation, as it also contains expressions extremely serious that the members of

the Board of Directors must consider and respond, since it directly involves them: "**Now we are going to have a virtual Convention in 2021, with three months to go, in which I certainly have a guaranteed election, like you have affirmed and I have conviction**". When the PID Fabricio says "you", he is referring to the members of the International Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors have been asked to provide explanations and the corresponding rectification, but they have not responded.

To reactivate his candidacy, PID Fabricio should have declared it within the regulatory period of 90 days "before the date of the International Convention in which the candidate will be presented for voting", that is, before March 28.

In the LCI By-Laws (which we must always respect), in Article II, Section 6, Subparagraph (a), it is established, with respect to the Nominations Committee, that it must "a) Receive, in writing, the list of names of all the candidates whose endorsement certifications have been sent to and approved by the General Legal Advisor of this Association and who are free of objections".

The date for the LCI Legal Advisor to receive the documentation for the position of International Vice President **expired on March 28, 2021**. The candidatures that the Legal Advisor must communicate to the Nominating Committee are those that meet the requirements by that date. On that date, the candidacy of PID Fabricio de Oliveira was already withdrawn by his own decision, and this is what must be reported to the Nominations Committee. The note from PID Oliveira in which he would have desisted from withdrawing his candidacy arrived outside the regulatory deadline, and for this reason, it cannot be considered by the Legal Division and the Nominations Committee.

By virtue of all the above and in accordance with the documented facts and the Lions Clubs International By-Laws, **we declare that the candidacy of PID Fabricio de Oliveira does not comply with the regulatory requirements to attend the vote for the position of 3rd International Vice President in this next 2021 Convention.**

Being June 24, 2021, and awaiting the pertinent resolutions adjusted to our Statute, By-Laws and Ethical standards, we subscribe,

Leonistically,

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