



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
The International Association of Lions Clubs
District 105SE



50th Annual District Convention 6th February 2021

NOMINATIONS

For the Office of District Governor for the fiscal year 2021/2022

1st Vice District Governor Lion Steve Coe, nominated by Worthing Lions Club.

For the Office of 1st Vice District Governor for the fiscal year 2021/2022

2nd Vice District Governor Lion Rizvi Rawoof, nominated by Gillingham Lions Club

For the Office of 2nd Vice District Governor for the fiscal year 2021/2022

Lion Phil Bowman, nominated by Hythe and Romney Marsh Lions Club

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Lion Stephen Coe

Worthing Lions Club takes great pleasure in unanimously nominating Lion Stephen (Steve) Coe as candidate for the post of District Governor 2021 – 2022.

Steve qualified as an associate member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 1973 and was awarded a fellowship in 1985. He spent most of his life working for various local

authorities including Reading, Wandsworth, Adur and Worthing where his team was responsible for the management of its property portfolio.

His experience attending council committees and negotiating formal agreements has stood him in good stead when chairing Lions meetings and commenting on draft agreements for Worthing Lions festival activities and our charity shop. He retired from local authority service in 2011.

He was inducted into membership of Worthing Lions Club in April 2011 and joined as a result of the inspirational example of one of its senior members.

Since joining he has become a very active member of the Club and District, being Vice President in 2014, President in 2015, Zone 1C chairman in 2017 and Region Chairman in 2018.

At the Arundel Convention in 2019 Steve was elected as the 2nd Vice District Governor of District 105SE and at the Maidstone Convention last year was elected as the 1st Vice District Governor.

While Zone 1C Chairman he organised several zone activities including shuffleboard and skittles evenings in addition to regularly chairing Zone meetings. He also obtained the clubs consent to endorse the Sussex Squids Disabled Swimming Group as the year's Zone project. During his year as Region Chairman he visited every available club meeting within the area.

While 2nd Vice District Governor Steve attended many club meetings in addition to Cabinet, Forward Planning and Membership Committees. He was also the District's representative on the Multiple District Global Service Team Committee which met regularly at the Lions HQ in Birmingham.

As 1st Vice District Governor this year Steve has continued to attend various club meetings, both online and face to face, in addition to Membership, Cabinet and chairing Forward Planning Committee meetings.

During his period of office as President of Worthing Lions he arranged for visiting speakers to attend almost every club meeting to talk on topics which were predominantly relevant to Lions. Steve was grateful that no-one rejected his invitation to speak, underlining the support and goodwill that Lions have in our local communities. At the end of his Presidential year eleven new members had been inducted into the club.

Steve's wife, Anne-Marie was, until recently, the Assistant Head of a local primary and secondary school and was responsible for the pastoral care of all of the students. She is multi-lingual fluent in French, German and Italian and is very supportive of Steve's Lion activities.

Anne-Marie retired from teaching at the end of August this year and is studying psychotherapy and volunteering for the NSPCC. When our twin District 111MN in Germany recently held their online convention Anne -Marie translated the proceedings into English.

Steve has two daughters and two grandchildren and when not involved in Lions activities he loves anything to do with Formula 1. It is no surprise therefore that he organises the Classic Car Display at the Worthing Festival every July which attracts thousands of visitors every year. He also likes to take his Labrador 'Arnie' on frequent walks by the sea or in the countryside.

Worthing Lions Club therefore considers that Steve would be an excellent candidate for the office of District Governor of District 105SE in 2021/2022.



Lion Rizvi Rawoof

Members of Gillingham Lions Club are pleased to nominate their candidate Lion Rizvi Rawoof for the position of 1st Vice District Governor for the year 2021/2022

Lion Rizvi was invited to join the Lions Club of Beruwela Sri Lanka District 306A in the year 1989. He soon became the Treasurer, Secretary and President of that Club.

While he was working as a Project Manager in Puttalam he was transferred to the Puttalam Central Lions Club District 306B and was the Charter Chairman. Then while in Colombo he got himself transferred to the Lions Club of Colombo Metropolitan. Thereafter he joined the Lions Club of Gravesend in the year 2005 and finally when he moved to Gillingham he joined the Lions Club of Gillingham in 2010.

His continuity in membership achieved him to get his 30 year Chevron in 2019.

Lion Rizvi has been an active member throughout his Lionistic journey. His pet project is SightFirst where he was recognised by Governor Hussein Bhaila and was awarded the most outstanding District Chairman for Sight activities. He was also awarded the most outstanding Zone Chairman in the same District. He has been Region Chairman and Deputy Cabinet Secretary in 306B.

In November 2019 the United Nations Friendship Organisation of Sri Lanka – SUNFO, awarded to him as Goodwill Ambassador for Commonwealth by the Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

Lion Rizvi has been the president of Gillingham and, In the District 105SE, he has been a Zone Chair and a Multiple District Officer – Sight for 3 years. Lion Rizvi was awarded the Robin Blake Trophy by PDG. Phil Robinson for his overseas project “Restore Sight Sri Lanka.”

He has organised, co-ordinated and travelled on his own and completed 1550 Cataract surgeries to date. During his visit to Ghana Rizvi donated Intraocular Lenses to the Lions Club of Cape Coast and to the Lions Club of Kampala in Uganda.

Rizvi has attended International Conventions Brisbane in 1991 and Montreal in 1996. Europa Forum held in Macedonia in 2018.

Currently he is the 2nd VDG, District Service Chairman and one of the District Trustee.

Rizvi is educated in English medium as his 1st Language at St. Thomas' Prep, Zahira College Colombo, University of Sri Lanka and Post Graduate Institute of Management. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute London.

He has worked in the financial sector in Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Greece and in England. Currently he only works part-time as an Interpreter in Legal departments and as an Associate Hospital Manager for KMPT NHS-Trust. He is a Director of OPTIQUIP UK Ltd. He has been a sportsman having excelled in Judo and Rugby.

He is married to Dr. Habiba Rawoof, who is an Ophthalmologist by profession and currently Head of Clinical Applications for NHS-KCHFT. Habiba has helped Lions districts in 306 in Cataract surgeries and received an award of most Outstanding Citizen in Medicine at the Lions District 306A Convention.

They are blessed with one son Raiyan Rawoof who is a commercial Helicopter Pilot.

Rizvi is looking forward to support all members in District 105SE in years to come.



Lion Phil Bowman

The Lions Club of Hythe and Romney Marsh nominates Lion PDG Philip (Phil) Bowman for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor 2021/2022.

Phil was born in Chatham Kent, and he emigrated to Australia with his family in 1961. He married Michelle, has 2 sons and 2 grandsons.

He qualified as an Electrical Fitter and then worked in theatres for some time, and then spent eleven years in TV as Lighting Director for ADS 7, and the Adelaide Convention Centre for two years as Technical Supervisor.

In 1988, Phil moved to Brisbane and joined the Queensland Performing Arts Centre as Technical Manager Operations and Training for 8 years. In 1998, with Michelle, he moved to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia where he worked for 3 years as A/V and Training Manager at the Concert Hall in the Petronas Twin Towers.

On returning to Australia in the year 2000, he spent twelve years as General Manager for two audio visual companies winning more than \$30million of contracts. Michelle sadly passed away in October 2016 from a terminal disease.

Now retired, Phil spends his time in Kent with Jeanette and Lions.

Phil has been a Lion for 28 years and has been Club Vice President on six occasions, Club President four times, Zone Chairman, Completed ALLI Sydney 2016, District Disaster Relief

Coordinator, Sampson Flat Bushfire Recovery Chairman, District GMT Leader. He is a Certified Guiding Lion, was 2nd VDG, VDG and then District Governor MD 201C1 in 2018/2019. Having recently transferred to Hythe & Romney Marsh Club, he is their Club Membership Chairman and also 105SE Club Liaison, Region 3.

Phil has received a Melvin Jones Fellowship, James D Richardson Award and a Club Excellence Award.

Qualifications:

Graduate Certificate in Management

Advanced Diploma in Entertainment

Certificate 4 in Training and Assessment

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