

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



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**1st Council of Governors Meeting
Causeway Bay Hotel
Lansing Michigan
August 5-6, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Chair Justin Faber. **District Governors** in attendance were: Matt Doney, SD 10; Martha Brown, A1; Patti Barr, A2; Dave Hill, B1; Jim Farrell, B2; Lloyd Foster, C1; Ken Ridalls, C2; Thomas Hardt, D1; Dave Wineman, D2; Ron Gibson, E1, Carol Athan, E2. **1st Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Terry Treppa, A1; John Bingham, Jr., A2; LuAnne Bullington, B1; Barb Stutesman, B2; Julie May, C1; Brent Beracy, C2; Jeff Hunt, D1; Peggy Walls, E1; Thom Seymour, E2. **2nd Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Shirley Kelly, A1; Roger Spriggs, B1; Greg Wehby, C1; Michael Golden, C2; Joe Bogar, D1; Al Roeseler, E1. Also in attendance: ID Jenny Ware, PID Esther LaMothe, PID Bill Hansen, Council Chair Justin Faber, State Treasurer, Paul Hemeryck and Executive Director, Wendy Burns.

MOTION: Ridalls, Brown, to add “Attorney General’s Position” to the end of Friday’s agenda and approve amended agenda. Motion carried.

Liaison Report -ID Jenny Ware

ID Jenny Ware expressed her gratitude for support of her campaign from the Lions of Michigan. She was honored to move forward as an International Director in Japan.

The budget approved at the May, 2016 meeting came in under budget by approximately \$2,000.00. Receipts have been turned into Executive Director Wendy Burns and reimbursement has been made.

ID Jenny will assist all Governors in selection and confirmation of speakers for the 2016-2017 District Conventions, as well as SD 10 and MD 11 State Convention speakers. All Governors were encouraged to meet with the IDs during designated “meet-and-greet” times during the upcoming USA/Canada Forum.

GLT Report – PDG Karen Routson

PDG Routson’s 3-year term as GLT Coordinator will end June 30, 2017. LCI has indicated they prefer the incoming MD GLT Coordinator be a graduate of FDI. There will be an FDI training session, held in Houston, TX this coming November. Application deadline is August 28 and to date only one application has been received.

The selection process will go as follows: DGs will set an application deadline, with applications to be sent to Executive Director Wendy Burns and PDG Routson. DGs and 1st VDGs will be provided with copies for review prior to the candidate review date. On a date set by the District Governors, candidates will present a “training session” as part of the interview process. Seated Governors will select the candidate to serve 2017-2020. PDG Karen is willing to work with the incoming coordinator if desired.

MOTION: Barr, Hardt, to conduct MD 11 GLT Coordinator interviews on December 2, 2016, during the Council of Governors meeting in Lansing. Motion carried.

MOTION: Hardt, Foster, to set a November 2, 2016 deadline for the applications to be sent to the State office. Motion carried.

There was discussion over the interview process, and whether to appoint the new coordinator at the time of interviews or at the February CoG meeting. Governor Ken Ridalls suggested the new GLT coordinator may wish to attend the February training, and suggested making the decision immediately following the December interviews.

MOTION: Hardt, Barr, to appoint the 2017-2020 MD 11 GLT Coordinator immediately following the December 2, 2016 interviews. Motion carried.

GMT Report – PDG Tim Anderson

PDG Anderson reported that Districts B2, C2 and D2 closed out the year with positive membership numbers. Two-year strategic plans were approved by LCI and the GMT committee is working on creating the State plan, which will be completed soon.

Platinum and purple membership ribbons have replaced the gold and purple ribbons, in recognition of the 100th Celebration. Ribbons were handed out to all Governors.

GMT teams are nearly completed in every district. The team consists of Club Success, Club Growth, Family & Women. PDG Anderson is now the LCI New Club Development Consultant for SD 10 & MD 11, as appointed by LCI. If your district would like assistance in New Club Development, the request must go through LCI and they will approve it. Workshops are geared toward developing new clubs, not new club members.

Training will be held for District GMT chairs at a yet to be determined date. Remember: Retention is the key to our success! The only way to achieve this goal of increasing membership is to go out and ask.

Centennial Celebration – PDG Diane Wehby

PDG Wehby reminded us that we will never pass this way again as Lions. To be a part of our 100th year is a milestone few organizations achieve, and we are honored to be a part of the celebration. The opportunity to meet President Corlew at the end of September as he travels through Michigan on the Centennial bus will be a highlight.

August 15 is the deadline to request Centennial Celebration funds from LCI. DGs must submit a simple form to LCI to receive \$250.00 towards your celebration. This is a “gift” from LCI that you will want to take advantage of! Return completed forms to PDG Diane.

District Governors were challenged to grow our Centennial Service by reporting club and district activity to boost the goal of providing 100 Million Acts of Service world-wide.

Centennial Bus Tour – PID Esther LaMothe

President Corlew will be touring several states in the Centennial Bus and Michigan is on the list of stops to be made. He will be arriving in Detroit with an overnight at the DoubleTree by Hilton, located downtown on Thursday, September 28; Jackson on Friday, September 29 with a lunch stop scheduled at Baker College. From there, he will travel to Eversight; Lawton Lions Clubhouse (B2); and St. Joseph for dinner and an overnight stay. All are invited to visit any of the stops. Plans are still in the works and details will be provided as they are confirmed. A

registration form was provided for lunch at Baker College in Jackson on Sept. 29. A form is forthcoming to attend dinner in St. Joseph.

Prospective new members and new Leos will be inducted by President Corlew.

Committee Chair Selection Review – Council Chair Justin Faber

At the DG-E planning session in May the Governor-Elects selected State Committee Chairs for terms that were to expire June 30, 2016. A listing of these committees and terms were sent in advance for review. One committee in particular did not have a nominee in place. At the time of the planning meeting, two names were presented for consideration for the position of International Convention Chair.

Governor Martha Brown felt there was an unfair advantage in the voting process, due to the fact that two candidates were nominated to the position with only one candidate present to speak on his own behalf.

Council Chair Faber reviewed the language in the MD 11 Policy manual with Lion Ed Weessies, Constitution & By-Laws Chair.

Article IX Section 2-a. Each standing committee shall consist of one member from each district, appointed by the Governor of each district of Multiple District 11. The Council shall annually designate a member of each committee as Chairperson of such committee, with the exception of GMT and GLT Committees. The Council, by majority vote, shall have the right to remove the Chairperson of any committee. A committee member may be removed by the Governor of his district.

It was noted that term limits are also listed in the Policy Manual.

MOTION: DG Brown, to remove the chairperson of the International Convention committee and open the nominations to all who wish to apply.

Motion died for lack of support. DG Ridalls suggested the Policy Manual be re-written to clearly state the policy on elections to avoid future misunderstandings.

Attorney General Bill Schuette – Council Chair Justin Faber

The Attorney General's office has issued an opinion on existing law prohibiting organizations from standing in the street to collect donations. This new ruling also states citizens can not impede the flow of traffic. For Lions Clubs as well as other organizations across the state, this will create a loss of donation dollars from their treasury.

The Council discussed ways in which to respond most effectively to the law, and it was decided a press release stating the Lions of Michigan's position on this new law would be best.

MOTION: Barr, Hardt, to respond the Attorney General and Legislation on how the current law will impact Lions Clubs across the state. Council Chair Faber and Executive Director Burns will be appointed to draft the press release. Motion carried.

Tail Twister fines were collected by DG Marty Brown.

Ridalls, Hill to recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 6. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m.

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Saturday, August 6, 2016
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Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Council Chair Justin Faber. **District Governors** in attendance were: Matt Doney, SD 10; Martha Brown, A1; Patti Barr, A2; Dave Hill, B1; Jim Farrell, B2; Lloyd Foster, C1; Ken Ridalls, C2; Thomas Hardt, D1; Dave Wineman, D2; Ron Gibson, E1, Carol Athan, E2. **1st Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Terry Treppa, A1; John Bingham, Jr., A2; LuAnne Bullington, B1; Barb Stutesman, B2; Julie May, C1; Brent Beracy, C2; Jeff Hunt, D1; Peggy Walls, E1; Thom Seymour, E2. **2nd Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Shirley Kelly, A1; Jack Patton, A2; Roger Spriggs, B1; Greg Wehby, C1; Michael Golden, C2; Joe Bogar, D1; Jack Kriete, D2; Al Roeseler, E1. Also in attendance: ID Jenny Ware, PID Esther LaMothe, PID Bill Hansen, Council Chair Justin Faber, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck and Executive Director Wendy Burns.

MOTION: Hardt, Athan, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

MOTION: Barr, Farrell, to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2016 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

Leadership Institute Report –PID Bill Hansen/PCC Paul Hemeryck, Co-Chairs

LCI President Corlew's theme: *New Mountains to Climb*, will be incorporated throughout the Leadership Institute program this year. The date is set for November 11-13, 2016 at the R.A. MacMullan Center, Higgins Lake, Michigan.

Districts are asked again this year to support the LI by making a donation of \$300.00 per District, and in return each District will be allowed to send one attendee, typically the 1st or 2nd VDG. The Master's Program will be offered by invitation only. Max for each group is 12 participants for the Master's, 60 participants for the Leadership and 25 participants for the Graduate program. No refunds allowed after November 1, due to policy changes at the MacMullan Center.

Financial Report –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

Treasurer Hemeryck provided financial statements via email in advance of the meeting for review, and hard copies were made available to all.

It was noted that the Public Relations & Centennial account was combined to show all money in the PR account. Both accounts received grant money from LCI, and the money will be reallocated to show two accounts.

There was a small increase in the financial investments during the past quarter, but the account is still down in funds over last year. The Lion Pride continues to do well with a growth of \$1,798.00. Dues projections were \$104, 624.00 based upon membership of 10,829.

Based upon the International Convention Committees plans for the 2017 LCI Convention, a budget will be determined. There is an expected increase in attendance due to the centennial

which may create an increase the budget. DG Foster asked if there was money budgeted for the Executive Director to attend the LCI Convention, and it was explained there was not due to the guidelines set in MD 11 Policy Manual. The Executive Director is allowed to attend the USA/Canada Forum only. DG Foster recommended using funds allowed toward the 2016 USA/Canada Forum toward fees for the ED to attend the 2017 LCI Convention as the ED does not plan to attend the USA/Canada Forum this year.

MOTION: Foster, Barr, to transfer budgeted funds for travel for the Executive Director from the 2016 USA/Canada Forum for use toward the 2017 International Convention expenses, allowing the Executive Director to attend the Centennial Celebration. Motion carried.

MOTION: Ridalls, Athan, to receive the financial reports of the accounts and budget with the exception of the 2016-17 International Convention budget. Motion carried.

MD 11 State Convention –PDG Bob Sturgis, Chair

PDG Sturgis reviewed the recent convention held in Sterling Heights. From the Thursday night picnic to the Saturday evening banquet, the event was a success. The Wyndham Garden Sterling Heights offered a spacious facility and hotel staff were extremely accommodating. 100 Lions and guest attended the picnic at the SH Lions Clubhouse , marking our fourth year of this successful event. Registration totals were down this year. Friday night attendance: 164; Saturday Awards Breakfast: 162; Saturday Banquet: 185. Sponsorships in the amount of \$1600.00 helped to off-set the cost of the band and decorations this year.

The business, education and fun continue in 2017 at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. Room rate of \$89.00 includes a water park pass for each registered guest.

2018: Proposals were slow to come in, which is why the committee was not prepared to present the top three (3) site choices for 2018. PDG Bob and Wendy visited hotels and met with sales staff and presented five (5) options for the MD 11 State Planning committee to select from. The committee recommended the following three (3) hotels for the Council to vote on:

Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn	\$79.00/room	\$750/facility fee
Wyndham Garden Ann Arbor	\$79.00/room	Facility fee waived
Holiday Inn Gateway Center	\$79.00/room	Facility fee waived
Grand Blanc		

MOTION: Hardt, Barr, to hold the 2018 MD 11 State Convention at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc, MI, May 18-19, 2018. Motion carried.

As stated in the past, PDG Bob once again reminded the Governors of their option to hold their District Convention jointly with the MD Convention. Most have already planned for 2017 conventions, which makes 2018 the next opportunity for Districts with smaller conventions the chance to reduce fees and share meeting space.

Lions International Convention –PDG Bill Simpson

Next year’s date is June 30-July 4, 2017. The convention will be held at the McCormick Place, Chicago. Registration forms for were handed out to all.

Parade: Suggestions for the parade were to continue using the smaller banners for ease of transport and walking with in the lengthy parade; participation by Leader Dogs and the Lions

airplanes, as well as Lion Bill Bradfield's motorcycle group. Lion Bill Bradfield is organizing a Centennial Ride for Diabetes, which will end in Chicago.

Michigan Hotel: The designated hotel for Michigan Delegates is the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place

Michigan Night: PDG Bill will be working with the committee on location for the Michigan Night dinner.

Constitution & By-Laws Report –Lion Ed Weessies

Lion Weessies reported no changes from LCI at the recent International Convention and no mandate for clubs to adopt the Standard Form.

Lions of MI All State Band – Becky Dahlke, CEO

40 band-members had a very successful trip to Japan, taking 2nd place in the band competition. They marched in the parade and held performances at the Hiroshima Peace Park and a local school for girls. This was the first year for band Director Jason Russell and assistant's Kristy Dodge and Jessica Gardner and all did an excellent job. A tentative itinerary is in place for Chicago 2017. Final arrangements will be made after a site visit later this month. Cost is estimated to be \$1595.00 per student. The goal for 2017's Centennial Celebration is to have a 100-member band participate in the convention.

Public Relations Report –Lion Laura Hunt

As agreed upon at the May Council of Governors meeting, the Centennial PR Campaign has expanded to include radio, TV and digital media. Over 100 clubs have sent **\$13,000.00** in donations toward the campaign, which has already received the \$15,000.00 in grant money from LCIF. The goal is to increase this amount to \$40,000.00 to make this campaign successful. Lion Laura is working diligently on obtaining bids from outdoor billboard companies, coming up with design ideas and working with the committee and 1st VDGs to help promote the campaign. Flyers which will resemble the message on the billboards will be ready by the first of the year and every club will have access to the document, enabling them to customize the flyer to their club.

When completed, the sample will be published in the Lion Pride.

LEO Report –PDG Terry Walters

There are now 30 Leo clubs in Michigan, and PDG Walters asked the assistance of all to continue to encourage and develop Leo Clubs throughout your District. The goal is to eventually host a State Leo Convention.

The Leo Committee is working on chartering a bus to take the Leo members to the LCI-Con in Chicago. The bus would leave on Friday, June 30 and return Sunday July 2. Cost includes hotel and transportation: \$395/Leo; \$500/Adult. Lion Terry stated he must reserve the bus by 9/25/16 to receive this rate, based upon 30 riders.

Policy Manual Updates – DGs Jim Farrell & Dave Hill

The following updates, changes/additions were suggested to the DGs for review:

Council Chair Selection Process – Item 6:

6) All First Vice District Governors shall be notified by the State Office of the date, time, and place that the Council Chair selection will be conducted. A First Vice District Governor who is unable to be physically present at the appointed date and time of the Council Chair selection will waive the right to vote. However, a First Vice District Governor who is unable to be physically present for the Council Chair interviews may participate via conference call, *however, will not be permitted to vote.*

MOTION: Hill/Barr to add language stating “however will not be permitted to vote” to Item 6 under Council Chair Selection Process.

Discussion: DG Wineman questioned if a proxy vote was acceptable for a video conference. Lion Weessies will contact LCI for answers. Motion withdrawn.

Page 6 -Term Limits on Committee Chairs: Confirm that the language corresponds with the Constitution and By-Laws.

Page 9 –International Convention: No change

Page 14 –MD 11 Convention:

The Convention Chair and the Executive Director shall conduct an inspection trip during the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Update to include: *as deemed necessary when there is the need to conduct more than one trip to meet with hotel staff.*

LCIF Report – PDG Connie Shelton

PDG Shelton reported on behalf of PDG Bill Erickson, who has been ill. PDG Connie and PDG Bill have worked together this past year, due to illness, as co-chairs of the committee. PDG Connie asked the Governors to appoint her as co-chair to the committee.

MOTION: Hill, Athan, to appoint PDG Connie Shelton as Co-Chair of the LCIF Committee with PDG Bill Erickson. Motion carried.

\$116,238.50 was donated by MD 11 to LCIF in 2015-2016. 216 of 391 clubs participated. That is 55.24% and leaves us room to grow. 4 Districts were acknowledged for their better than 65% participation. A2 led the way with 88.1%, D1: 79.49%, 11B2: 71.79% and 11E2: 68.57%.

Lion Connie asked all DGs to provide her with any changes to committee members within their districts. Training will be held in Baltimore on August 27. This year, LCIF will celebrate 50 years of Service. Currently only 55% of the districts are contributing to LCIF, but lack of participation could be due to lack of reporting. Be sure you are reporting correctly to LCIF. Donor List: Individuals can transfer their personal donated funds to their club or district. Clubs who are folding can transfer their funds to another club or district, as well.

A new Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of support: \$20, \$50, and \$100 donors will receive a bronze, silver or gold Contributing Member lapel pin. Lion Connie provided everyone with a bronze pin.

Old Business:

PDG Dave Eberlein has been the Strategic Planning Chair for the past two years, and the committee has worked diligently on creating and submitting a survey to the membership asking their input on current and future issues and needs as they relate to Lions of Michigan. With very

little feedback from the survey, the process has stalled. Lion Dave asked the Governors for guidance as to the direction they would like to see the SP Committee move toward.

DG Gibson asked if LCI has a strategic plan in place for the districts, and if so, to review the guidelines and report to the council. CC Faber suggested putting together a draft of 2-3 action plans for review at the October Council of Governors meeting. DG Wineman stated the Council needs to have a reason for a strategic plan: if there isn't a concrete reason, it's a waste of the committee's time and we need to use PDG Eberlein's talents wisely.

MOTION: Farrell, Ridalls, to suspend the Strategic Planning Committee until deemed necessary. Motion carried.

1st VDG Jeff Hunt was appointed to work together with PDG Eberlein on the 2017-18 Governors Goals, giving the 2017-18 Governors a jump-start to the goal-setting process prior to their year as Governor.

GOVERNORS' GOALS - DGs Hart & Gibson

DG Hardt and Gibson were tasked with determining the 2016-17 Governors' Goals, and to look into what the Governors can do to leave their mark, as a council. Suggestions were to partner with a Chicago, IL, club and assist with the 100th Celebration; partner with a club in Japan and assist in earthquake clean-up; provide each club with the Lions Club Handbook; stock a school library; purchase new band uniforms for the LMASB.

PID Esther LaMothe stated new uniforms would be an investment in our youth and could classify as a Centennial grant through LCI. Information is needed on the potential cost, design, etc. It was suggested that once the correct information is obtained as to what the specifics are for new uniforms, three proposals should be received for review. Up to \$5,000.00 can be used from the Governors' Special Projects Fund.

MOTION: Farrell, Hill, to finance new uniforms for the LMASB as the 2016-2017 Governors' Goal.

Discussion regarding cost, design, number of uniforms and grant money was discussed. It was suggested that design ideas be brought before the council for consideration prior to ordering uniforms. DG Hardt suggested he and DG Gibson look into grant options through LCI and other resources before committing to the purchase. DG Lloyd felt the vote should be tabled until the October CoG meeting.

MOTION: Hardt, Foster, to postpone the motion to finance new uniforms for the LMASB until the October 7-8, 2016 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

Congratulations to both PDG Faber for receiving the Gold Award and to DG Foster for receiving the Dignity award.

Tail Twister fines were collected by VDG Terry Treppa.

Motion adjourned at 4:00 p.m.