

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



"We Serve"

**3rd Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Gateway Center
Grand Blanc, MI
December 1-2, 2017**

2017-2018
3rd Council of Governors Meeting
Friday-Saturday, December 1-2, 2017
Holiday Inn – Grand Blanc, Michigan

The third meeting of the 2017-2018 Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chair Peggy Allen at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc, MI. Governors in attendance were: DG Jim Whalen, SD 10; DG Terry Treppa, A1; DG John Bingham, Jr., A2; DG LuAnne Bullington, B1; DG Barb Stutesman, B2; DG Julie May, C1; DG Brent Beracy, C2; DG Jeff Hunt, D1; DG Fred Sullivan, D2; DG Peggy Walls, E1; DG Bob Gingerich, E2. 1st Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Mike Kobasic, SD 10; VDG Shirley Kelly, A1; VDG Jack Patton, A2; VDG Roger Spriggs, B1; VDG Fran Grabowski, B2; VDG Greg Wehby, Leader Dog Riley, C1; DG Joe Bogar, D1; DG Jack Kriete, D2; VDG Al Roeseler, E1. 2nd Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Bruce LaBelle, SD 10; VDG Norris Turner, A1; Michael Scott, 11 B1; VDG Paul Hodge, C1; VDG Steve VanTol, D1; VDG Don Spinks, D2; VDG Jackie Glazier, E1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Peggy Allen, State Treasurer PCC Paul Hemeryck, PDG Jeff Mayuiers, GLT Chair; Lion Lula Gardfrey, GMT Chair; IPCC Justin Faber, GST Chair; Council Chair Elect Barry Allen and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting began with the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and song.

The 1st VDGs held interviews earlier in the afternoon for the 2018-2019 Council Chair. There were four (4) highly qualified and talented candidates and after several rounds of voting, PDG Barry Allen was elected to serve as Council Chair. Council Chair Peggy Allen introduced Council Chair-Elect Barry Allen to the Council.

MOTION: Beracy, Stutesman, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

MOTION: Gingerich, Beracy, to approve the minutes of the October 2017 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION: Beracy, Stutesman, to approve the Written Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

GMT REPORT –Lion Lula Gardfrey, Chair

There was an increase in membership in October, but there has been a greater loss of members for the same period, leaving membership at (159) through October. Two Districts are over 1,250 and two are over 1,000. All Governors are asked to determine what can be done to turn this around and recruit new members. Suggestions that have had proven successes are:

CEP (Club Excellence Program)

Community Analysis

ID areas that would support a new club and begin the planning efforts

Work closely with clubs considering closing

The District GMT and GST committees will meet in January at the State Office to decide how best to assist the Districts in achieving their goals for the 2nd half of the year.

There is a Family and Women's Symposium scheduled for May 12, 2018 in Sterling Heights, presented by the GMT committee on behalf of the Lions Clubs of Michigan. The program is titled "Where Do We Go from Here? Planning for the Unexpected" and will include topics on legal strategies for trusts and wills; investment planning; insurance benefits for short and long term care; Lionism. Cost is \$25.00 and any money raised after expenses are paid will be donated to Pediatric Cancer.

Lion Gardfrey presented a proposed budget of \$2,165.00. Lion Gardfrey and asked the Governors for a motion in support of the Symposium.

MOTION: Hunt, Stutesman, to support the Family & Women Symposium. Motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT –Lion Laura Hunt

As approved at the October Council of Governors meeting, the yard signs were ordered and are available for pickup at the close of the meeting on Saturday. The bright yellow with blue lettering sign states: **A Proud Lion Lives Here**. It also includes the LCI logo and www.100 Years.com website address. Each Governor will receive 50 signs to hand out within their District. More can be ordered and ready for pick up at the MI Forum in February.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND –Susan Daniels, CEO, Melissa Weisse, CPO

A recent tragedy resulting in the death of a Leader Dog in the hands of a client (the LD got loose and was later found deceased) resulted in a rash of negative letters sent to Lions Clubs throughout the state. It was determined that the grief-stricken puppy-raiser was behind the letter writing campaign, which caused great concern among the many Lions who were privy to these letters.

Legal action has been taken by Leader Dog and the person has been ordered to retract statements made as part of the settlement agreement. A full retraction letter will be made available as soon as it is received.

Governor Bingham, Jr. commended Lions Susan and Melissa for the respectful way in which they explained the incident, and by not naming the accuser. VDG Jack Kriete asked if LD has noticed a decline in donations. Lion Susan stated that some clubs have decided to withhold funds until the retraction letter is sent. A few corporate sponsors received the letters, as well as clubs/organizations in WI, IL and IN.

LD State and District Chairs have been informed as to how they should answer any questions that may be asked of them. Leader Dog will continue to monitor the situation and keep Lions of Michigan informed of any change in current status.

Lion Melissa Weisse highlighted the Top Dog Clubs, Puppy Sponsor Program, Puppy Prison Program, and their new marketing and community team, which includes a new branding program. Their updated mission, vision and values statement: In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion. There will be a new look to their brand, but the same passion remains.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING-PDG Jeff Mayuiers, GLT Chair

The 3rd VDG training session was held earlier in the day, and PDG Jeff informed the council he has just received “training guidelines” from LCI. The good news is that his training has covered 5 of the 8 suggested core-curriculums. PID Jama Wahl has praised Michigan VDGs as well-trained leaders.

LCI has approved funding in the amount of \$1,675 toward training expenses. PDG Jeff reminded Governors that their District GLT coordinators should be working as a team with the GMT and GST coordinators. There will be a combined meeting on January 27 at the State Office of the GAT.

Tail Twister fines were collected in the amount of \$53.00. Meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

2017-2018

**3rd Council of Governors Meeting
Saturday, December 2, 2017
Holiday Inn – Grand Blanc, Michigan**

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Peggy Allen at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Grand Blanc, MI. Governors in attendance were: DG Jim Whalen, SD 10; DG Terry Treppa, A1; DG John Bingham, Jr., A2; DG LuAnne Bullington, B1; DG Barb Stutesman, B2; DG Julie May, C1; DG Brent Beracy, C2; DG Jeff Hunt, D1; DG Fred Sullivan, D2; DG Peggy Walls, E1; DG Bob Gingerich, E2. 1st Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Mike Kobasic, SD 10; VDG Shirley Kelly, A1; VDG Jack Patton, A2; VDG Roger Spriggs, B1; VDG Fran Grabowski, B2; VDG Greg Wehby, Leader Dog Riley, C1; DG Joe Bogar, D1; DG Jack Kriete, D2; VDG Al Roeseler, E1. 2nd Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Bruce LaBelle, SD 10; VDG Norris Turner, A1; Michael Scott, 11 B1; VDG Steve VanTol, D1; VDG Jackie Glazier, E1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Peggy Allen, State Treasurer PCC Paul Hemeryck, PDG Jeff Mayuiers, GLT Chair, Lion Lula Gardfrey, GMT Chair, IPCC Justin Faber, GST Chair, Council Chair Elect Barry Allen and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

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FINANCIAL REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, Treasurer

Due to declining membership over the past few years, account balances in the operating account are lower than normal and a transfer of \$18,000.00 was made from the investment account. Another \$20,000.00 will be transferred in January. The investment account balance is

approximately \$150,000.00 just for this purpose. Dues are not sustaining our expenses any longer. As a result of a favorable market, our investment account could show an increase by the end of December.

When asked what type of dues increase we would need to impose to bring up our operating accounting, Treasurer Paul suggested \$2-\$3, which is out of the question. The solution to the problem is to increase and retain membership and keep an eye on spending.

A detailed review of the Lions of Michigan and Lion Pride account was provided by Treasurer Hemeryck. All account balances are normal for this time period, which went through October 31.

MOTION: Bingham, Jr., Treppa, to receive the financial report and place it on file. Motion carried.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, Co-Chair

PCC Hemeryck provided a list of past and current LI attendees who have participated in all courses. This year's Institute was another successful event, with favorable feedback from participant surveys. PDG Jerry Stephens, SD 10, filled in for ID Jenny Ware and did a great job.

The Master's program was well received and the addition of the new PhD program went well. Participants of the PhD class were asked to critique the overall institute and provide suggestions to the speakers on ways to improve upon the courses offered. This program will be repeated.

Small changes will be made to encourage attendance, such as earlier registration. Applications will be available in July of 2018, giving more time to spread the word to clubs and promote early registration.

This was the first time in 19 years the Institute was not financially supported by LCI with a grant. \$7,500.00 is the maximum amount of the grant. No word yet, on whether there will be grant money for 2018.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT –PDG Bill Simpson

New, lightweight, moisture-wicking shirts will be made available for the 2018 International Convention in Las Vegas. The red shirt will not have embroidered stars on the sleeves, and will have the outline of Michigan on the back with the addition of a bridge between the Upper and Lower Peninsula. VDG Joe Bogar announced the DG-Elects will be wearing their yellow council shirts in the parade. A bucket-hat design with a wider brim than a ball-cap was also shown and will be purchased as an alternate hat style.

MOTION: Gingerich, Treppa, to adopt the red, lightweight moisture-wicking shirt with Michigan design on the back. Motion carried.

There were 300 in attendance at Michigan Night in Chicago. PDG Simpson anticipates approximately 100 this year at the Tournament of Kings at the Excalibur Hotel. Bussing is not available, but it is a short distance from the MGM and Luxor.

A budget was provided for the 2018 Convention projected expenses.

Chair: June 28 – July 4th

Airfare: GRR to LAS, round trip	\$700.00
Hotel: 6 days @ \$488 + 108 = \$596 + \$80.00 tax	\$675.75
Meals: 6 days @ 75.00/day	\$450.00
Taxi/Airport shuttle	\$100.00
Tips	\$150.00
Miscellaneous expenses	\$1000.00
Convention registration, chair	\$150.00
Hotel deposit, chair	\$200.00
Forum display table & ad	\$100.00
Individual District advertising	\$250.00
Copies	\$100.00
Parade flag handouts	\$450.00
Registration reimbursement (working members of committee at convention, 1 person per district 11 x \$150.00)	\$1650.00
Lions Hospitality Room, water and soda (Water & soda @ \$5.28 each X 100 = \$528.00 x 4 days = \$2112.00)	\$3000.00
Michigan Night rebate to encourage participation: First 100 @ \$20.00 discount per person (final ticket price @ \$45/person)	\$2000.00
	Expenses: \$10,975.75
Estimated income from Lions dues	- \$5000.00
Proposed expenses less income:	\$ 5975.75

MOTION: Hunt, Treppa, to approve the proposed 2018 LCI Convention budget as presented.
Motion carried.

Convention registrations are now being accepted at LCI. The fee has increased by \$25.00 for 2018. LCI offers great opportunities to see the world by traveling to the annual convention. The Parade will begin earlier than usual in an effort to avoid the heat. Banners that hang from a pole will be utilized in the parade and at the Plenary sessions for easier recognition of Michigan Lions line-up and seating.

MICHIGAN FORUM REPORT –Lion Wendy Burns

The committee has finalized the breakout session for the Forum, which will be held in Grand Rapids at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Feb. 16-17, 2018. Ann Guzdial of Special Olympics will give the Keynote Address during the luncheon. The registration materials are prepared and will be mailed out mid-December. White Cane Scholarship applications are due by December 31, and once again three qualified applicants will be awarded a \$3,000.00 prize from the Grace Lang Fund.

There will be a large group service project on Friday night, and GST Chair IPCC Justin Faber will oversee this project. IPCC Faber provided details that the GST committee has approved. First aid kits will be assembled and donated to the Special Olympic Volunteers and Coaches. Items were broken down by Districts, and each District is asked to supply up to 1,000 items, setting a goal to package up 1,000 first aid kits.

All Governors are asked to volunteer as room moderator, conduct speaker introductions, assist with registration or the White Cane room, etc. VDGs will also assist as needed.

Lion Wendy also reminded the Council of our partnership with Sam's Club. Collection boxes were distributed last February at the Council of Governors meeting, and Lions are responsible for collection of overflowing boxes within the hearing and eyeglass department.

LEO COMMITTEE STATE CHAIR – Council Chair Peggy Allen

Due to ongoing health problems, PDG Betsy Farrell has asked to step away from the position of State Chair. Lion Amy Anderson, 11 B-2, has been offered and accepted the position. Lion Amy is a member of the Edwardsburg Lions Club and is a School Principal. She has been very active with the Edwardsburg Leo Club.

MOTION: Treppa, Sullivan, to accept Lion Amy Anderson's nomination as the Leo Committee State Chair. Motion accepted.

MD 11 CONVENTION REPORT –PDG Bob Sturgis, Chair

The committee has met regularly each month to plan details of the convention. The kick-off picnic will be held at Lions Bear Lake Camp, showcasing our State Project to 1st VDG Gudrun and many Lions and guests who may never have visited in the past. We are working to find affordable bussing to shuttle attendees from Grand Blanc to Bear Lake. The committee has asked for each Governor to provide a gift for the silent auction, if possible.

There will be four breakout sessions at the convention. Two will be held on Saturday, which has been the tradition, and this year the committee decided to hold two sessions on Friday, providing educational opportunities for those arriving early.

PDG Bob again reminded Governors they are always welcome to hold their District Convention during the MD 11 Convention to help reduce costs. This may appeal to the smaller Districts

holding one-day meetings. All were encouraged to book rooms at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, even if the location is in your back yard. This will help ensure we meet our overnight room requirements, as outlined in our contract with the hotel. Krista Mayhew, Sales Manager at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, will provide a guided tour of the hotel before the luncheon break today for anyone wishing to review the meeting and convention space.

The 2019 MD 11 Convention will be at the Centerpoint Marriott, Pontiac, and the room rate is \$79.00.

LCI AWARDS – Council Chair Peggy Allen

LCI Awards were distributed to IPCC Justin Faber, in recognition of his leadership as Council Chair, 2016-2017. Districts D1, D2 and E2 were also awarded the District Achievement Patch in recognition of 50% participation in at least two Service Projects last year as part of the Centennial Service Challenge.

PEACE POSTER AND ESSAY JUDGING

Judging took place during the luncheon break, and the winning poster was from District 11 A1. The winning Essay was from District 11 B1. Both winners will be awarded a \$300.00 prize from the Lions of Michigan.

OLD BUSINESS

VDG Steve VanTol informed all that the deadline for inclusion on the Lions of Michigan Foundation calendar has been extended to the end of December. You must submit your information to Chad McCann as soon as possible.

MD 11 POLICY MANUAL –DGs Beracy and Hunt

Lion Ed Weessies submitted a report on behalf of the Constitution & By Law Committee, requesting a nomination of PCC Dick DeLong as Co-Chair of the committee.

MOTION: Bingham Jr., Treppa, to support the nomination of PCC Dick DeLong as Co-Chair of the committee. Motion carried.

Lion Ed also asked for a motion to remove the language from the Rules Committee which states: *“The committee shall make their recommendations on amendments to the Council of Governors”* The purpose of the C&BL committee is not to make recommendations to the Council of Governors.

MOTION: Bullington, Sullivan, to remove *“The committee shall make their recommendations on amendments to the Council of Governors.”* Motion carried.

At the October Council of Governors meeting, it was pointed out that under the Liaison Committee description there is reference to a candidate running for International Director which states: *“A Lion who is a member of this committee shall be replaced by his District Governor when he/she announces his/her intention to seek endorsement for the office of International Director or International Vice President. In addition, any such candidate shall step down as chairperson or member of any multiple district committees.”*

DGs Beracy and Hunt asked the Council for a motion to reword the language to state: *“When there is more than one (1) Lion seeking endorsement for International Director or International Vice President, all candidates shall step down as chairperson or member of any multiple district committees.”*

Discussion followed the proposal. DG May felt this would provide a “safety net” for those wishing to remain as Chairperson of a committee on the chance that they would not immediately be nominated for the position of ID. DG Bingham, Jr., stated he felt this was a blatant attempt to flaunt the rule as outlined in the MD 11 Policy Manual, and showed a lack of integrity on the part of the current candidate. DG Beracy felt the change would allow our Lions to be the best, serving on committees as leaders and not needing to give up a State Chairman position to campaign for ID when only one candidate is running. DG Treppa pointed out the Constitution and By Laws govern us; the MD 11 Policy Manual is fluid to allow for change when a situation presents itself. CC Allen pointed out that traditionally, if there is a seated ID in the State, LCI does not place them back-to-back, and the IPCC Justin Faber –the candidate in question –would be asked to step back and return in 2019 to Milan, Italy. At that time, his term as GST Chairman would be completed.

MOTION: Bullington, Treppa, to reword the language to state: When there is more than one (1) Lion seeking endorsement for International Director or International Vice President, all candidates shall step down as chairperson or member of any multiple district committees. By a show of hand the motion passed, six (6) in favor; four (4) opposed. SD 10 abstained. Those opposed: Walls, May, Bingham, Jr., Stutesman.

GST REPORT –IPCC Justin Faber

IPCC Justin stated the importance of recording service project on MyLCI and sharing your project with other clubs/Lions. The FB page will assist in sharing your project with others. IPCC Justin plans to look into a phone app that would link to LCI and allow a Lion to personally track their volunteer hours, which may inspire a personal challenge to the individual.

Group Service Projects will take place at the MD 11 Convention as well as during the forum. Chris Tackas or the Mason’s organization would like to pursue a partnership with Lions on a Public Service Project.

IPCC Justin reported on the Legislative efforts: Knights of Columbus have been added to HB 4160, now Public Act 112, without an issue. No further legislative efforts are required.

Tail Twister fines were collected in the amount of \$53.00. The total amount of money collected throughout the year will be donated after the May Council of Governors meeting to the organization of the Council’s choosing.

The meeting went into closed session for the Governors, to allow voting to take place on the LCI Presidential and Leadership Awards and the S.A. Dodge Award. All others were dismissed from the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Wendy Burns, Executive Director