

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR- ELECT
SPECIAL PLANNING SESSION
Friday, May 19, 2017
Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City**

The special meeting of the District Governor's Elect was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Council Chair-Elect Peggy Allen. Those in attendance were: DGE's Terry Treppa, 11 A1; John Bingham, Jr. 11 A2; LuAnne Bullington, 11 B1; Barb Stutesman, 11 B2; Julie May, 11 C1; Brent Beracy, 11 C2; Jeff Hunt, 11 D1; Peggy Walls, 11 E1; Bob Gingerich, 11 E2. 1st Vice Governor-Elects in attendance were: Fran Grabowski, 11 B2.; Joe Bogar, 11 D1; Al Roeseler, 11 E1; Gordon Harris, 11 E2; 2nd DGEs in attendance were: Norris Turner, 11 A1; Jackie Glazier, 11 E1; Bruce LaBelle, SD 10. Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

MOTION: Gingerich, Bullington, to approve the proposed agenda of the May 19 meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Centennial Celebration Committee – PDG Diane Wehby, Chair

The celebration continues into 2018, giving Lions plenty of opportunity to participate in the Centennial Service Challenge. To date, over 1,000,000 people have been served. The focus continues to be on the four areas of service: Protecting our Environment, Relieving Hunger, Sharing the Vision and Engaging our Youth. Two new areas of service have been added: Pediatric Cancer and Diabetes.

The importance of electronic data reporting was covered by PDG Diane. Three years ago, 38% of clubs reported club activities on-line. That percentage has increased to 65%! Reports need to be provided to LCI on a regular basis. PDG Diane can assist any club needing direction with on-line reporting.

There is a 14% increase in clubs who have qualified for the 4-Diamond banner patch.

Make plans at the club level to increase awareness of Pediatric Cancer and Diabetes using the tools provided on LCIs website.

GMT Report – Lion Lula Gardfrey, Chair

The focus this year is to work together towards accomplishing our goals. Lion Lula asked that Club Health Assessment Reports from each district be sent to her. A training meeting will be held in the near future for all GMT District Coordinators and will be an important first-step in planning for the year. The date will be announced and the location will be at the state office in Lansing. Future meetings will be held in January and May.

GLT Report – PDG Jeff Mayuiers, Chair

Training for VDGs will continue to be held on the Friday of the Council of Governors meeting, beginning with the first meeting on August 4 at the Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids.

All 1st and 2nd VDGs are invited to attend the training sessions. A schedule was provided for each session topic to be covered during training. PDG Jeff is working with PID Brian Sheehan and DGE Terry Treppa to create a topic on “the cost of moving up.” This will allow future leaders a glimpse into the expense-side of becoming a DG.

Global Service is a new team position which will become part of GLT/GMT. The position description has not been released by LCI at this time, but DGEs will conduct GST interviews in preparation of the 2017 -2018 year.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM INTERVIEWS

DGE John Bingham, Jr. asked the DGEs their opinion on allowing a fourth candidate for the position of GST to be interviewed with the other three candidates.

MOTION: Bullington, Treppa, to allow an additional candidate for the position of GST to be interviewed.

Following discussion, it was decided to allow for additional candidates to interview would require publication in the Lion Pride for complete fairness. Motion withdrawn.

Interviews were conducted with three candidates vying for the position. CC Justin Faber, PDG Diane Wheby, PCC Don Brown. After a ballot vote, CC Justin Faber was announced as the new CST State Chair, 2017-2020.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The DGEs reviewed the list of current and outgoing committee chairs.

Little activity was held the past few years on both the Hearing/Speech and IT committees. DGE Terry Treppa will speak to the current Hearing/Speech chair and inquire about their intentions. Due to absence related to illness, Lion Wendy will ask DGE Fred Sullivan to speak with current IT chair on his intentions as committee chair.

MOTION: Stutesman, Bingham, Jr., to retain the following State Chairpersons:

PDG Terry Walters, Leo Committee
Lion Noreen Boes, Publication Advisory Committee
Lion Eileen Delaney, Lions Youth Exchange Committee
PCC Frank Cunningham, Leader Dogs for the Blind

By a show of hands, motion carried. E2 – absent.

Discussion was held regarding the White Cane Chair.

MOTION: Bingham, Jr., Bullington, to appoint Lion Bill Stevens to the position of White Cane State Chair. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the continuance of the Strategic Planning committee. Strategic Planning is taking place within the GLT/GMT/GST Committee umbrella.

MOTION: Bingham, Jr., Bullington, to suspend the Strategic Planning committee.
Motion carried.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Vice Council Chair

DGE Bullington nominated DGE Bingham, Jr. to the position of Vice Council Chair.
DGE Peggy Walls nominated DGE Jeff Hunt to the position of Vice Council Chair.
DGE Jeff Hunt nominated DGE Terry Treppa to the position of Vice Council Chair.

By vote of paper ballot, DGE Jeff Hunt was elected to the position of Vice Council Chair.

Council Chaplin

MOTION: Bingham, Jr., Gingerich, to elect DGE Terry Treppa to the position of Council Chaplin. Motion carried.

Sergeant-at-Arms

MOTION: Bullington, Bingham, Jr., to elect DGE Brent Beracy to the position of Council Sergeant-at-Arms. Motion carried.

Tail Twister

MOTION: Treppa, Hunt, to elect DGE John Bingham, Jr. to the position of Council Tail Twister. Motion carried.

Song Leader

DGE Bob Gingerich was appointed to the position of Song Leader.

2019 MD 11 State Convention Report – PDG Bob Sturgis, Chair

PDG Sturgis stated there were plenty of hotel options for the 2019 convention. The committee will make recommendations for the top three to present to the council at the August meeting. Proposals include:

- Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids
- Wyndham Gardens, Ann Arbor
- Marriott Auburn Hills
- Great Wolf Lodge
- Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn

Other options to look into: Sault St. Marie casino; Dearborn DoubleTree; Mackinac Island; Park Place, Traverse City.

Districts with small turnout for their convention can consider holding their convention in conjunction with the MD 11 Convention. The Holiday Inn Gateway Center, site of the 2018 MD 11 Convention, affords the perfect opportunity due to abundant space and a Courtyard by Marriott Hotel on-property. With a few of the Districts turning toward one-day “drive-in” conventions, this might be an alternate solution.

Winter Camp for the Blind

For 44 years, Winter Camp for the Blind has provided a mid-winter camp experience for blind and visually impaired adults. Due to a critical lack of funding, camp may not be able to continue on the tradition so many have come to enjoy. A nominal fee is charged to the camper, but the bulk of the financial support comes from the Parade of Checks donations from **MD 11-B1** only. Your help is needed in promoting financial support to the clubs in your district. \$3,000.00 is needed to ensure that the cost of the 2018 camp is covered. Please help by reaching out to Lions, foundations and corporations for financial support. Contact Lion Roger Bosse, Camp Administrator, rogerbosse@att.net or PDG Barry Allen, barryallen@aol.com or VDG Roger Spriggs, gbroger@aol.com for further information.

POLICY MANUAL REVIEW

DGEs Hunt and Beracy were appointed to review and receive any changes or updates to the MD 11 Policy Manual. All are asked to read through the manual and note any changes for consideration. The PM will then be discussed and revised during the August CoG meeting.

2018 STATE PIN

Lion Wendy will be working on a design for review at the August meeting. DGE Peggy Walls' son has assisted with the artwork in the past, and has been contacted for ideas and design.

MOTION: Bingham, Jr., Walls, to destroy all ballots. Motion carried.

MOTION: Bingham, Jr., Bullington to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.