

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



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**5th Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre
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CALL TO ORDER -The fifth and final meeting of the 2017-2018 Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chair Peggy Allen at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc, MI. Governors in attendance were: 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; DG Joe Bogar, D1; 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 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; VP Gudrun Yngvadottir, PID Esther LaMothe and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting began with the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and song. Council Chair Peggy Allen introduced our guest speaker, LCI 1st VP Gudrun Yngvadottir, Iceland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, WRITTEN REPORTS

MOTION - Bingham, Jr., Treppa, motion to approve the proposed agenda. Carried.

MOTION - Sullivan, Stutesman, motion to approve February minutes. Carried.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Written reports were received by All State Band, Eversight, Leader Dogs for the Blind, LCIF and Reading Action Plan committees and emailed in advance for review.

MOTION - Gingerich, Sullivan, motion to receive Written Reports. Carried.

GLT REPORT –PDG Jeff Mayuiers, Chair

Thirty (30) training modules were covered in the four (4) VDG training sessions held this year. LCI will provide new training guidelines for the 2018-2019 year, which will be covered with the VDGs during their day-long training sessions held the Friday of the scheduled Council meetings. PDG Mayuiers has applied to LCI for the Regional Training Grands. Funds will be used to reimburse hotel and travel expense for VDGs who attend training.

GMT REPORT –Lion Lula Gardfrey

930 new members were added to the membership totals of MD 11 as of April 30. There were 1,060 members dropped, which left a net loss of 130 members. Lion Gardfrey is planning to establish a group to serve as a “think tank” for membership brainstorming. The group will be tasked with ideas and suggestions on how to increase membership. A date has not been determined at this time, but a summer meeting is the goal. The District GMT members will meet

to review goals for the year, discuss current membership issues in their districts and look for resolutions to membership decline.

The Women's Symposium held in May at the Sterling Heights Lions Club was a success. 50 tickets were sold, the speakers all did very well and one new member was inducted. LCI approved the grant Lion Gardfrey applied for in the amount of \$2,000.00. After expenses are paid, any remaining funds will be donated to a pediatric cancer organization.

GST REPORT –IPCC Justin Faber

The turnout on Thursday at Bear Lake Camp for the service project was outstanding. Over 100 Lions helped to fill 600 backpacks for campers at Bear Lake Camp and Bay Cliff Camp, a project of SD 10. Each camp paid for the backpacks and all MD 11 districts, as well as SD 10, donated items to fill the packs with. Another great state-wide service project which we can be proud of.

Many of the districts held service projects during their District Conventions, which is an ideal way to get as many members involved as possible. Reporting service to LCI is crucial to receiving credit for people served within our state.

There will be an upcoming GST meeting to plan the coming year. DGEs were asked to provide any contact information on new team members if changes are made to the existing committee.

LCIF REPORT –PID Esther LaMothe

PID LaMothe is the Area 1-C Coordinator, covering Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and our upper peninsula. ID Jenny is Vice Chair of the North American campaign and PID Gary Anderson is working to gain grants and other funding so Michigan is well represented.

PDGs Connie Shelton, MD 11 A2, and Jerry Stephens, SD 10, have been selected to chair the statewide LCIF Campaign 100. If you are planning to go to LVCON this summer, please plan to attend one of the sessions on this new campaign. It is a very exciting time for our Foundation as we celebrate 50 years!

Each district is being asked to identify as many Model Clubs as possible. A Model Club commits to raising \$750 per member over the next 3 years. If you have a model club, please be sure to let PDGs Connie, Jerry or PID LaMothe know. Each district is being asked to raise \$250 per member over the next 3 years and this number is based upon the November 2017 membership numbers. You can get those on line at MyLCI or through your DG. That may sound like a lot but when you break it down to \$250/3 years, it's \$83.33 per year or \$6.94 per month.

Please provide contact information of your district chairperson to PID Esther as soon as possible.

MD-11 CONVENTION –PDG Bob Sturgis, Chair

PDG Sturgis recapped the picnic at Bear Lake Camp, which was an excellent turnout with approximately 125 in attendance. A bus was available for shuttling Lions to camp, and was full to capacity of 56. Lake Orion Lions Club-under the guidance of grill master PCC Jim Pettinato,

provided and cooked the food. Camp tours, the service project and fellowship with Lions made for the start of a great convention.

The 2019 MD 11 Convention will be held at the beautifully renovated Center Point Marriott, Auburn Hills. A room rate of \$79.00 has been guaranteed. If you have a hotel suggestion for 202, let PDG Bob or Lion Wendy know and they will send out the appropriate information for a proposal.

As discussed in the past, PDG Bob would like to look into ways to combine district conventions with the MD convention, and possibly the Michigan Forum. He is hoping to hold a meeting to discuss options and will include the MI Forum Chair, PIDs, MD 11 Convention Committee members and 2nd VDGs. Contact PDG Bob for further discussion.

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS REPORT –Lion Ed Weessies, Chair

There two proposals for the Delegates to vote on at the close of the Business Session on Saturday. 1.) Support of LMASB as a State Project; 2.) Endorse/No Endorsement of International Director Candidate IPCC Justin Faber. Ballots have been prepared and elections will be in the hands of DG Brent Beracy and his committee will count the ballots.

The committee reviewed and approved the Rules of the Convention which are posted in the handout booklet.

YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT –Lion Eileen Delaney, Chair

Last year Lion Delaney organized and held the first LYEP Camp with seven (7) Italian students attending. Area Leos and DG Brent Beracy assisted in this successful first year. In July we will again hold a camp with 18 students registered. Camp will be held in Otisville July 22-29. Cost per camper is \$100.00, and any donations will help to offset the cost to run the program. Leo members and volunteers are being sought. Contact Lion Eileen if you are able to out this year.

There is one Michigan student going to Finland for the Lions Youth Exchange program this year. Please encourage your district chairperson to attend committee meetings and promote the program to area schools.

MELVIN JONES INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL –PDG Lisa Alexander

PDG Alexander came from Missouri to share the story of the MJ International Memorial. She shared a video presentation and discussed future projects and goals for the “1,000 Vanguard.” This is a drive to generate 1,000 Lions to step forward and donate \$1,000.00 to become Vanguard, providing funding to the Lions World cultural Center at Fort Thomas. Funds will be used to purchase 200 acres of land adjacent to the existing Melvin Jones Memorial at Fort Thomas; rebuild and restore Fort Thomas as it originally existed when Melvin Jones was born and raised; build a pavilion to honor the Native Indian Nations of the Americas; and build additional pavilions displaying World of Lionism, Heritage Center of Humanitarians, and Heritage Hall of the Arts, Sciences, Industries and Agriculture. In addition, there will be a conference center, hotel and RV part for tourism and conference meetings.

Contributing Lions will be recognized with a diamond shaped gold pin with four red jewels, an engraved plaque and name engraved at the Center. Money donated does not go towards a MJ Fellowship.

PDG Alexander would be pleased to provide more information. Contact her at districtgovernorlisa@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

Detailed financial reports were provided and will be given to those in attendance at the Business Session on Saturday. Treasurer Hemeryck concentrated on the summary of accounts, stating we are doing well at this time with no major cash issues. Operating accounts and assets remain strong. Prior investments over the years have helped to support our operating expenses.

The Lion Pride is doing well and showing a \$2,402.00 profit, in spite of a drop in membership. The annual fee is \$4.25.

A membership graph beginning in June of 2006 and ending April of 2018 shows a steady decline in membership. Continued loss of members equates to a reduction in revenue. It is hoped our dividends will remain strong to compensate for revenue loss, but it is ever-changing.

MOTION –Hunt, Stutesman, to receive the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

In a show of grateful appreciation for the service provided by Treasurer Hemeryck, the Governors honored him with “no less than a 5 foot banner” expressing thanks and appreciation for his many years as State Treasurer. Lion Paul was then gifted with cases of yellow, blue, green and white copy paper, which will help keep him in supplies for future council meetings.

D.A.D. GRANT –PDG Ron Gibson, Lions Roger Blackwell and Bill Bradfield

At the February Council of Governors meeting a motion was approved to create a committee to explore a statewide diabetes grant from LCIF. A steering committee was formed and the group has met. Lion Bill Bradfield and PDG Ron Gibson were instrumental in obtaining a \$45,000.00 grant for District 11 E1, and the format they devised is what the committee has used to lay out a statewide plan. The project has been named Defense Against Diabetes: D.A.D.

Information packets provided include the MD 11 E-1 2017 Grant Summary as well as a letter of gratitude from LCIF, and appreciation letters from MI Governor Rick Snyder and Senator Gary Peters. LCI President Aggarwal extended an invitation to Lion Bill Bradfield to give a presentation at the LCI-Con.

The council was asked to support the new grant proposal created by the steering committee.

MOTION –Whereas the Lions of Michigan have the expertise to implement a very effective Diabetes program and have done so in the past, and whereas we are committed to continue our new focus on Diabetes, be it resolved that the Council of Governors of the Lions of Michigan go on record as supporting the efforts of our MD 11/SD 10 Diabetes Steering Committee in pursuing a Multi-District matching grant from LCIF in the upcoming Grant Cycle.

Support by Walls, Bingham, Jr. Motion carried.

The next step is to raise funds for the matching grant. Each district will be asked to receive club checks and send one check from their district to the state office.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT –PDG Bill Simpson

130 Lions from SD 10 and MD 11 have registered for the convention in Vegas. This is down considerably from last year. We will begin efforts to elect IPCC Justin Faber to the Board of Directors as ID Jenny Ware ends her term.

New, light weight shirts have been made available for the parade, and there are two hat options to choose from. Due to the heat, cooling towels will be sold to help those marching in the parade. All items will be for sale during the exhibit hours of the MD Convention.

The Michigan Hospitality Room will be located in the East Tower of the Luxor, Galleria Square. Open hours will be published as soon as the schedule is complete. There will be a variety of service projects to participate in during LCI-Con, but you must pre-register and a nominal fee of \$25 is charged for most. MI Night will be held on Sunday, July 1, at Tournament of Kings, located in the Excalibur Hotel. 60 tickets have been purchased in advance.

The Midwest Breakfast will be hosted by Illinois and held on Monday, July 2, 7:30 am. PDG Bill encouraged attendance to show support of ID Ware and IPCC Faber. Deadline to register is 6/25.

Take the Stage! is an opportunity for you to share your club success and tell everyone at the convention what worked for you: Service Projects, Environmental Projects, etc. Fill out a form on the LCI website and tell the world!

COMMUNICATIONS –Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

\$4,000.00 in sponsorship money has been received for this year's convention. 25 exhibitors will be participating and 225 Lions and guests have pre-registered. As PDG Sturgis stated, the picnic at Bear Lake could not have been better. 2019 we will kick-off Michigan Lions 100th year, and the committee will work on celebration details for 2019-2020. All were encouraged to "talk-up" the MD 11 Convention to club members and invite others to attend next year, in an effort to increase attendance. The committee has worked hard to provide quality breakout sessions and programs this year for all to enjoy.

After working with temporary help since April 1, a new Administrative Assistant has been hired and will begin work on June 4. Kaylyn Saterlee has served as an intern with Sparrow Hospital, recently graduated with her Bachelor's Degree from MSU and is taking on-line courses to receive her Master's.

Kevin Zelazny is completing his final steps toward his degree in Association Management at the State Office as an intern. He is here throughout the weekend, assisting in any capacity, and will spend some time working in the office, at KidSight events and visiting clubs. Kevin will graduate from CMU in December.

Lion Wendy has been asked to be a presenter at the USA/Canada Forum in Columbus for the session, "Talk Time for Association Executives." She suggested a session be held at last year's Forum, which it was, and as a result there is now a networking group with other ED's/State Secretary's from around the USA.

Governors were asked to provide their committee chairs and roster information ASAP for publication in the Who's Who. The goal is to have the roster completed by the August Council of Governors meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR

VP Gudrun referred to our convention theme, "Kicking Off a New Century of Service" and said that's exactly what we are doing as we move forward. Creating new specialty clubs such as the diabetes focused club is excellent marketing. It was stated we need to do our best to be our best. Take better care of our members as their experience is an important focus. Involve them. Appreciate them. Train them.

VP Gudrun encouraged the District Governor Elects to introduce new service projects and research new needs to address. She shared her President's Theme: Beyond the Horizon, encouraging us to have the courage to sail and explore new horizons. VP Gudrun applauded the work of the D.A.D. committee, and expressed her appreciation to PID Esther LaMothe for her enthusiastic and successful leadership for LCIF. VP Gudrun looks forward to making new friends in Michigan.

OLD BUSINESS

Award deadlines were discussed at the February meeting. DG Beracy is gathering information from LCI for the 2018-2019 year and will provide a list of award deadlines when the information becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS

Currently, there is an Ad-Hoc Pediatric Cancer Committee co-chaired by DGs Treppa and Bingham, Jr. The council agreed to make this a standing committee named Childhood Cancer. The DGEs will elect a chairperson at their afternoon meeting.

Tail Twister fines were collected by DG John Bingham, Jr. in the amount of \$48.00.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The Council Chair and District Governors remained for a brief, closed session meeting.

Respectfully submitted by: Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director