

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



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**Official Minutes
First Council Meeting
August 2-3, 2013
Lansing, Michigan**

**Lions of Michigan
MD 11 Council of Governors Meeting
Lansing, Michigan
Friday, August 2, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER – At exactly 7:00 p.m. the first meeting of the 2013-2014 Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chair Brian Shepard. Governors present were: DG Jerry Stephens, SD10; DG Evelyn Cooper, 11 A1; DG John Kontos, 11 A2; DG Barry Allen, 11 B1; DG Betsy Farrell, 11 B2; DG Doug Schneider, 11 C1; DG David Boes, 11 C2; DG Jake Dasho, 11 D1; DG Wesley Wagester, 11 D2; DG Tim Anderson, 11 E1; DG Gus Malmberg, 11 E2; 1st VDG's present were: VDG Martin Malone, 11 A1; VDG Tom Hill, 11 A2; VDG Marsha Brown, 11 B2; VDG Diane Wehby, 11 C1; VDG Dennis Poirier, 11 D1; VDG Whitey Simon, 11 D2; VDG Peter Conarty, 11 E1; 2nd VDG's present were: VDG Sharon Jordan-Crowley, 11 A1; VDG Leo Dolehanty, 11 D1; CC Brian Shepard; State Treasurer, Paul Hemeryck; ID Esther LaMothe; PID Bill Hansen; PDG Keith Cregar; Lion Ed Weessies; Executive Director, Wendy Burns. Guests present were: IPDG Jim Pettinato, 11 A2; IPCC Don Brown

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by DG Allen, followed by the invocation by DG Malmberg.

Motion: Anderson, Cooper, to approve the proposed agenda for Friday, August 2, 2013.
Motion carried.

Global Membership Team Report –PDG Keith Cregar, State GMT Chair

The GMT committee met four (4) times in 2012-2013 to set goals, research ways in which to motivate clubs, recruit and maintain members. The challenge the committee is faced with in the coming year remains the same: How to keep current members active and involved? Recruiting new members is ongoing, but if they don't become involved we will continue losing members.

The Health Assessment is as follows: In 2012-2013 we gained 1,015 new members, but lost 1,325 members for a total loss to MD 11 of 310 Lions. Three districts are strong as we enter into the new year, and we need to see the others strengthen or we will be forced to face the issue of redistricting. PDG Keith informed the Council the next GMT meeting will be held at the State Office on 9/14/13, 10:00 a.m.

Council Chair Brian Shepard introduced the new format for the 2013-14 Council of Governor's meetings, which was agreed upon at the planning meeting held in May. In an effort to inform everyone on the multiple resources available by outside associations, the following four (4) guest speakers gave presentations:

Marcy Colton, Executive Director, Deaf CAN
Kristin Dart, Board Chairman, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services
Phil Wells, Director, Lions Hearing Center of Michigan
Karen Reish, Library of Michigan, *Michigan READ's* Program

Mary Colton, Executive Director, Deaf Community Advocacy Network

DEAF C.A.N.! is a non-profit Organization established in 1981 to provide services to the thousands of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people living in our area. DEAF C.A.N.! offers direct client services to individuals and families, as well as community education and information for professional groups. DEAF C.A.N.! provides a full array of services to the Deaf & Hard of Hearing communities in southeastern Michigan. DEAF C.A.N.! is partially supported by generous donations from individuals, community organizations, corporations and foundations. The staff of seven (7) are all American Sign Language skilled and provide interpretation services to hospitals, courts, colleges, etc.

Kristin Dart, Board Chairman/Deb Atwood, Business Manager, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

There are 187,000 + in Kent County alone with hearing loss. The DHHS offer interpretation services and have over 40 certified interpreters available for services to those in need.

The Awareness and Distribution Assistance for Persons with Technology (ADAPT) program targets individuals who need specialized equipment for their homes and daily living, tools to live with hearing loss, and/or those who are 60 years old with low income and reside in Kent County that may need funding assistance.

Community Relations program offers several services: American Sign Language classes, employment training, presentations & in-service training and deaf empowerment workshops.

Deaf and hard of hearing kids in West Michigan are important to us. We want to ensure they have basic tools to become independent young adults. KidSigns offers the following:

- PARENT & CHILD SIGN LANGUAGE TUTORING
- KIDS KAMP (SUMMER)
- SIGNING SANTA (WINTER)
- SKILL BUILDING ACTIVITIES (YEAR-ROUND)

Lions can help by attending the Silent Celebration, Deaf Picnic, provide physical and financial help at the event and assist with the Teen Deaf Camp, which will be an added service in 2014. It was suggested they contact Lions Bear Lake Camp Director, Dennis Tomkins, for information on camp services and availability.

Lion Phil Wells, Executive Director, Lions Hearing Center

The Lions Hearing Center of Michigan is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide comprehensive, state of the art hearing related services to individuals and communities through screening, diagnosis, treatment, education and research, regardless of the ability to pay. Discounts on hearing aids are offered to Lion members.

Programs offered include:

- Newborn Hearing Care Program
- Deaf Children and their Parents Program
- Children and Youth Screening Program
- Senior Outreach Program
- Hearing Aid Assistance Program
- Research
- Education & Awareness

- Scholarships for the Deaf

Karen Reish, Library of Michigan, Michigan Reads!

Target generously sponsors *Michigan Reads!* One State, One Children’s Book program. The program is in its 9th year of promoting reading as a means to turn your child into a lifelong reader. Reading to children increases attention span, improves listening skills and develops vocabulary. 5,500 kits (which include a complete program guide) will be mailed out to every K-2 school building and public library in the state. Partnering with *Michigan Reads!* will give Lions the opportunity to become actively involved in LCI’s Reading Action Program.

Governors Review: 2013 International Convention –District Governors

The District Governors gave individual comments on their experience in Hamburg, Germany. The comments ranged from “first-class experience” “friendly, wonderful connections with Lions around the world” “excellent training” “felt well prepared for our role as DG” to “our Michigan International Director, Esther LaMothe, was a highlight!”

DG Evelyn Cooper was moved by the International Convention Parade – it reminded her of watching the Olympics, and said the DG’s all learned by exchanging ideas with other Lions.

DG Allen commented that it was interesting to hear that Lions around the world experience similar membership problems as the Lions in Michigan.

The “Lions of Michigan” parade banner was too long, and the IC committee will review options and investigate how to make Michigan Lions marching in the parade more visible. ID LaMothe expressed appreciation to all for the support and hard work throughout the convention.

Meeting recessed at 9:40 p.m.

**MD 11 Council of Governors Meeting
Lansing, Michigan
Saturday, August 2, 2013**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Council Chair Brian Shepard. Governors present were: DG Jerry Stephens, SD10; DG Evelyn Cooper, 11 A1; DG John Kontos, 11 A2; DG Barry Allen, 11 B1; DG Betsy Farrell, 11 B2; DG Doug Schneider, 11 C1; DG David Boes, 11 C2; DG Jake Dasho, 11 D1; DG Wesley Wagester, 11 D2; DG Tim Anderson, 11 E1; DG Gus Malmberg, 11 E2; 1st VDG’s present were: VDG Martin Malone, 11 A1; VDG Tom Hill, 11 A2; VDG Vicki Lautzenheiser, 11 B1; VDG Marsha Brown, 11 B2; VDG Diane Wehby, 11 C1; VDG Dennis Poirier, 11 D1; VDG Whitey Simon, 11 D2; VDG Peter Conarty, 11 E1; 2nd VDG’s present were: VDG Sharon Jordan-Crowley, 11 A1; VDG Leo Dolehanty, 11 D1; CC Brian Shepard; State Treasurer, Paul Hemeryck; ID Esther LaMothe; PID Bill Hansen; Lion Ed Weessies; Lion Deb Kreitner; Lion Bruce Bronson; PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser; Roger Weyersburg; PDG Bob Sturgis; Lion Kimberly Thiede; Executive Director, Wendy Burns. Guests present were: IPDG Jim Pettinato, 11 A2; IPCC Don Brown

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by DG Wagester, followed by the invocation by DG Malmberg.

Approval of Proposed Agenda:

Motion: Cooper, Wagester, to approve the agenda with the following addition: “Heart of a Lion” award to be added under New Business; Wagester to include proposal under New Business. Motion Carried.

DG Anderson informed the council the order of the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were in reverse, and should be in order of “God” first then “country” for future meetings. Meetings will now begin with the invocation first.

Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2013 Council of Governors Meeting:

Motion: Kontos, Schneider, correction to the on the agenda of the May minutes. Date to read “May 17” and move to receive the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion: Allen, Farrell, to remove jackets during meeting. Motion carried.

Council Meeting Rules:

Council dress code: Council dress shall be enforced during council meetings. The dress code will not be enforced during hospitality time at the close of the meetings.

Be respectful of guests making presentations. Guest speakers deserve our time and attention.

1st VDG’s will be allowed to speak by raising their hand to address the Council Chair. This change in tradition is to eliminate unnecessary chatter during meetings, created by a VDG requesting permission from their DG to speak.

CC Shepard confirmed business casual dress consists of polo’s or council shirt, kakis. When guests are invited to make presentations to the council, we need to dress professionally and make our best impression.

Policy Manual Review/Update:

Motion: Dasho, Farrell, to change qualification of Council Chair to read: A PDG cannot run for Council Chair if that person is currently serving as GLT Coordinator and should be out of office a minimum of two (2) years.

Lion Ed Weessies was asked to assist in the wording of the proposal for the Policy Manual update.

ID LaMothe felt the council was making a huge change to the Policy Manual without enough thought and discussion. The initial change regarding the Council Chair qualifications came about when LCI made the decision that a District Governor would no longer be appointed Council Chair while serving as Governor. At that time, a focus group was formed to review and revise the rules as needed. ID LaMothe would like to suggest a group made up of 2-3 PDG’s, Governors or PCC’s spend time on the entire Policy Manual, come up with recommendations on updates or changes and bring it back to the council.

PID Hansen added current policy was changed approximately six (6) years ago after PID Gary Anderson served as DG and Council Chair simultaneously, and the new policy stated a DG must wait one year before serving as Council Chair. PID Hansen suggested including GMT Coordinator along with GLT Coordinator.

DG Boes clarified this by no means implies the GLT Coordinator is not qualified to serve as Council Chair.

Motion was withdrawn by DG Dasho and DG Farrell.

A committee will be formed to review the current Council Chair qualifications and Policy Manual and will consist of the following: DG Dasho, Chair; DG’s Farrell, Cooper, Boes and Anderson.

Section III Council of Governors Meeting Dates: Change year from 2013 to 2014 on both March and May dates.

Section VIII Item 9-B: Change item “6” to item “8.”

Section XI Conflict-of-Interest: Second line, change from “MD1” to MD 11.

Section III Parade Uniform: Change from “navy trousers” to kakis trouser. Motion tabled.

Section II Committee Terms: Remove 2 or 3-year term limitation from the PM with the exception of GLT and GMT, LCIF. Include LCIF under GLT, GMT, Leos, Lions Quest and Leader Dog.

Motion: Allen, Malmberg, to have the newly formed Policy Manual Review committee review changes and report back to the council. Motion carried.

An item for inclusion CC Shepard would like for the council to consider is that of submission of bills to the state office. LCI has a deadline to submit bills to their accounting department by the 20th of the month. By including this in the MD 11 Policy Manual, it would ensure proper recording of bills to the monthly reports.

Motion: Malmberg, Kontos, to add to the Policy Manual that all expense claims must be submitted by the 20th of the following month. Motion carried.

All State Band Report –Roger Weyersburg, Band Director

A short video of the ASB performance on LCI Parade Day was viewed.

Following 6 days of rehearsal over a period of 6 months which included a 3 day band camp at Adrian College, the band and its instructional staff began the journey to Berlin.

Germans love music and will stop, listen, and enjoy good performances when and wherever they occur. The students and staff were very appreciative of the audiences and performed with emotion and excellence in response to their presence. Our concerts at the residence for the blind and residence for the elderly were truly emotional experiences. "We Serve" with their gifts and talents of music were evident throughout the tour, and the message of Lionism was proclaimed and witnessed daily. The Lions of MI All State Band took home the 2nd Place Award in the band competition.

Finances for the year are close to budget. The ensemble had 46 members, 5 instructors, CEO Caro Uhlman-Short, and the videographer. In March 2012 the decision to cancel the South Korea tour was made due to safety concerns. Most all donations were transferred (some were returned) to the 2013 Germany tour year, which gave us a head start. All 2012 band members were invited to participate in Germany.

Lions' donation income came in at \$45,799, between the 2 years. Our 2013 goal was \$36,499. The overage is a great addition to our saving. We also received a last minute performance fee from Lions International of \$2,000.00 and \$800.00 award for 2nd place in the parade category All State Band.

2014 TORONTO-The committee has a goal of a student representative in each district. There are vacancies in three (3) districts for State Committee members. Help spread the word to your local school's Band Directors in your district that auditions will be held on October 27th at Ovid Elsie HS (or by recording anytime). Registration is required!

The administrative account goal is: \$30,000 based on 60 students which equals to \$3,000 per district. We would like to show our appreciation to the districts who have reached their goal.

LMASB participants are expected to pay for their portion of the tour expense, which includes no administrative expenses. This year's tour cost of \$1,179 is an all-inclusive price for a 6-day tour, 3-day band camp, rehearsals and travel uniform.

How big is too big for the band? 125 students is a solid amount. Could an audition for students in the A1-A2 Districts? Yes, Director Weyersberg would be willing to conduct tryouts. Information is located on the Lions of MI website for the 2014 Toronto tour.

Midwest Breakfast –IPDG Jim Pettinato

Hosted by the 2012-2013 District Governors, the Midwest Breakfast in Hamburg, Germany, was a success. The DG's became involved in 2012 in anticipation of ID LaMothe's nomination to LCI's Board of Directors. 324 Lions and guests attended. The cost of this event was covered in full by the registration fee, and there is now a surplus for future efforts. Ohio Lions will host in 2014. Thank you IPDG's Dettling and Pettinato for handling promotions and registrations, and for all who helped contribute to the success of the Midwest Breakfast.

Treasurer's Report –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

Treasurer Hemeryck provided a summary of the preliminary financial reports. He covered in great detail the revenues, expenses, fund balances, etc. PDG Hemeryck reviewed the preliminary financial reports for the fiscal year 2013-14. He explained that year-end totals have not been finalized because there are still outstanding bills. Proposed budgets for 2013-14 for the State Office, Lion Pride Magazine and the Council/Committee/Treasurer Account were presented.

CC Shepard asked if the expenses for the 1st VDG's hotel expenses were included in the Council & Committee budget, approximately \$3,000.00. The accounts will be reviewed in greater detail before the October council meeting to see which accounts are inactive that money can be moved from. Treasurer Paul clarified the budget is only a guideline for use, and may be changed at any time.

We lost 310 members in 2012-13, which relates to a revenue loss of \$4,500.00. VDG Tom Hill asked if the current council needs to make a change in their budget and financing for the coming year. Treasurer Hemeryck advised we are ok for now, that our investment accounts are in good shape and he is keeping a watch on current accounts, as well as looking at obsolete accounts where money may be better used in other areas. Numerical trends in membership will always remain a challenge. In 2011-12 we were down 500 members.

Funds are strong and we are doing well. Designated funds can be moved as needed. Restricted accounts may not be used. The Lion Pride is strong as well, and continues to show a profit.

MD 11 State Convention –PDG Bob Sturgis, State Chair

There were 240 pre-registered attendees at the 2013 MD 11 Convention in Shippshewana, Indiana. New this year was the addition of a Thursday night picnic as a means to provide networking with guest speaker, ID Stacey Jones, and allow Lions to spend time together with friends. 105 Lions and guests attended this first-time event. Shippshewana was an excellent venue for our convention, and the feedback has been very positive.

Preliminary preparations are underway in Battle Creek. Guest speaker will be IPIP Wayne Madden. Hotel rate is \$79.00 and there will be two parking lots available for use at no charge. Public parking fees are \$5.00/day. The MD 11 State Convention Planning Committee will meet in October to decide upon theme, entertainment ideas, menu pricing, etc.

PDG Sturgis and Wendy Burns, Executive Director, made arrangements for a site tour at the Double Tree, Holland. This will be another excellent choice for the State Convention in 2015, as the community is full of opportunities and offers sight-seeing for attendees. The Double Tree is drafting the contract and will send it to Wendy for review shortly. The Sales Manager was very willing to work within our budget.

Some criticism was heard regarding lack of breakout sessions. This was feedback given to a DG and came from newer Lions attending the convention for the first time. The committee's decision to hold one (1) breakout session and the I.C. Travel session were based on the fact that all of the Districts provide educational type breakouts, and the State Convention would become a repeat of what had been done within the Districts.

DG Boes felt the session on travel to the International Convention was an excellent resource and the committee should continue this session.

Concern was raised that some feel the MD 11 State Convention is for the PDG's, and the committee should look into ways to dispel this impression. In the past there was a PDG Banquet which has since been eliminated, in an effort to make everyone feel included. PDG Sturgis pointed out that having achieved the status of a District Governor should be looked upon as a goal for Lions and the "white coats" at the convention should be a positive, not a negative.

DG Schneider pointed out no matter how much we try to make change and create an all-inclusive, Lion friendly event, there are still going to be members who will never attend a convention. DG Cooper suggested the committee consider a seating chart for the banquet, rather than open seating. DG Dasho recalled in the past there was always a PDG hosting a table, and maybe we should go back to that format.

Lions of Michigan Forum –Lion Kimberly Thiede, State Chair

The date for the Michigan Forum is set for February 14-15, 2014. At this time the location has not been determined. The committee will meet soon to create their action plan and begin planning the breakout sessions. All DG's will be asked to assist and assignments will be handed out to you early. Suggestions for session topics are welcomed and encouraged.

VDG Wehby expressed concerns on the Forum date, as it falls upon Valentine's Day and President's weekend. This is not expected to be a concern. DG Kontos asked if there would be a price increase this year, and at this time none is expected.

Lions Leadership/Graduate Institute –PID Hansen, PCC Hemeryck, Co-Chairs

A list of past attendees was handed out to be used as a resource guide for DG's. The Club mailings are ready to be sent, and each district is encouraged to support the LI with a \$300.00 contribution. With each contribution, the District is allowed to send a 1st or 2nd VDG at no cost. Target audience for both programs is Lions interested in moving up the ranks.

Due to ID LaMothe's recent LCI Board appointment, she will be unable to participate this year, and the vacancy has been filled with the inclusion of CC Brian Shepard as one of the trainers. Topics covered include Member Retention and LCI Project Refresh. LCI continues to financially support the Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute with a \$7,500.00 grant. The Institute's high level of training makes this the leader in the country, of which the committee can be very proud of.

New to the Institute this year is the inclusion of a Master's program. This will be a small, test-pilot, consisting of 10-15 Lions. Feedback from this new program will serve as a guide in the development of future Master's offerings.

DG Kontos suggested if the committee is not familiar with the name on the application, they should contact the Governor in the appropriate district for a recommendation.

District Editor's Report –Lion Deb Kreitner, State Chair

The 2012-2013 Outstanding District Editor, Noreen Boes 11 C2 was recognized at the MD 11 State Convention. The criteria for this award was reviewed, and PDG James Leach Sr. proposed the name of the award be changed to the Granville Cutler Award. Lion Kreitner explained that District C-1 already has a very important award by the same name, and suggested we change the name of the award to honor the late PCC Roger LaMothe.

The District Editor's will again rent a table for the 2014 Michigan Forum and have a PowerPoint presentation including a copy of each of the District's newsletters, along with DE information, such as the PCC Roger LaMothe Award.

Lion Sue Miller provided information to the committee in regards to the Lion Pride being prepared in a word format for the blind. PCC Frank Cunningham will be sent the document and will forward onto his group contacts. This effort is being created to make the Pride accessible to all. Lion Bruce Bronson suggested that each District Editor share their District's newsletter with each other.

The District Governor's reporting schedule is as follows:

December	11 C1/11 C2	(Article due 11/15)
Jan/Feb	11 A1	(Article due 12/15)
March	11 E2	(Article due 2/15)
April/May	11 D2/11 B2	(Article due 3/15)
June	11B1	(Article due 5/15)
July/August	11 A2	(Article due 6/15)
Sept/Oct	11 E1	(Article due 8/15)
November	11 D1	(Article due 10/15)

You are asked to provide an editorial for the Lion Pride Magazine, as well as a feature highlight for your selected club-of-the-month. Please have the information to the State Office by the 15th of the month prior to your designated date. You may email your information to lions@lionsofmi.com

Publication Advisory Report –Lion Bruce Bronson, State Chair

Lion Bruce brought to our attention a Bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “Michigan Vehicle Code” regarding street fund raising activities. A club in D2 had issues this past year, when they were warned that if they continued to stand in the road accepting donations for White Cane week, they would receive a violation citation.

As a result of this incident, State Representative Terry Brown is backing an amendment to Bill1949 PA 300 entitled “Michigan Vehicle Code.”

International Convention –PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, State Chair

The convention in Germany was well attended by 80 Lions and spouses. The Michigan Night was a success, with 52 Michigander's enjoying dinner at the Blockbrau Brew House. Small American flags were purchased for a give-away item at the parade, along with surplus pins from past years in an effort to reduce the inventory. Both items were popular among the spectators along the parade route. 2,500 flags were purchased, with approximately 200 leftover.

A better means to identify Michigan in the parade, as well as letting Lions find the designated line-up area, will be researched. It was suggested a flag of Michigan on an expandable pole would resolve the problem. The committee will look into practical ways to transport such a flag as this.

The IC Committee will meet later in August to discuss activities for the 2014 International Convention in Toronto. Suggestions include a baseball game, theater night, the popular “Move & Pick” restaurant district, and a visit to the CN Tower, the world's tallest building and freestanding structure. Transportation expense to Toronto will be greatly reduced due to the close proximity to Michigan, and attendance is expected to be high next year. Early registration is before December 31, 2013, and the cost is \$100.00.

Liaison Update –Esther LaMothe, International Director

ID LaMothe will serve on LCI's Leadership Committee, along with the Women & Family Services Committee. The Women & Family Services Committee will target the countries of China and Eastern Europe, and ID LaMothe anticipates traveling to these locations. The first LCI Board Meeting will take place in Australia, home of LCI President Barry Palmer.

ID LaMothe requested a travel companion and her request has been approved by LCI President Palmer. Lion Linda Babcock will travel and attend all events with ID Esther.

All DG's were asked to provide district rosters and place ID Esther's name on their mailing lists. International Guests for 2013-2014 District Conventions are:

A1 TBD
B1 TBD
C2 TBD
SD10 TBD
C1/E1 PID Sid Scruggs, NC
A2 ID Dr. Hauser Weiler VA
B2 PIP Jimmy Ross, TX -Pending
D1 ID Harvey Whitley, NC
D2 ID Mike Molenda, MN
E2 ID Dr. Steven Tremaroli, NY
MD 11 IPIP Wayne Madden, Indiana

PDG Gary Babcock has finalized campaign expenses and is happy to report we came in under budget by \$4,185.00!

GLT Report –CC Brian Shepard, State Chair

Training was held Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, for the 1st & 2nd VDG's. Covered in the training were topics such as VDG Timeline; Leadership Quiz; Public Speaking Tips; New Member/Officer Installation; and LCI Reporting, to name a few.

Training for State Committee Chairs has been put on hold due to lack of available meeting space. In preparation for their year, a letter was sent to each State Chairperson requesting they create goals for themselves and an action plan to be submitted to CC Shepard.

LCI will hold 1st VDG training at the headquarters in Oakbrook, IL. February 7-8, 2014. CC Shepard suggested to the DG's they encourage their 1st VDG to conduct a Cabinet meeting for the experience of running a meeting and becoming familiar with the process.

DG Malmberg reminded the Governors of grant money available through LCI for GLT. The \$500.00 matching grant is available to the District's for training and must include at least one of the following: Zone Chair training, CEP facilitators, Guiding Lions. LCI's website has complete details of all available grants.

Communications –Wendy Burns, Executive Director

The Lions of Michigan website has a new, updated look thanks in large part to Sue Miller, who went through training with Smart Integrations to transfer over to Google Chrome, finding this to be less expensive in the long run to manage and far more user friendly than Network Solutions. Governors are asked to contact the office with any updates or suggestions for the new website.

The Novi Lions will be celebrating their 40-year Anniversary in September, and Keller Johnson-Thompson will be the guest of honor. Johnson-Thompson is the great grand-niece of Helen Keller. On PDG Doc Barr's suggestion, Wendy contacted her and arranged for an interview, which will be published in the upcoming issue of the Lion Pride.

Halo is a promotions company located in Lansing, and Lion Rob Horton has invited all DG's and guests to attend their annual "Promo Fest" which highlights hundreds if not thousands of

promo ideas. The date is Wednesday, Aug. 21, Eagle Eye Golf Course. Lunch is included in the free event.

Old Business:

DG Anderson provided an update on the Safari Pin, an award given to Lions who sponsor a new Lion. The pin has been completed and all DG's were given 100 pins for their District. The new pin is a replica of the pin awarded in the early 1960's.

Wooden Nickel: A "Wooden Nickel" was imprinted with the Lions Logo on one side and the words "One Good Deed" and a Facebook page address on the back. These two things are a perfect example of what the Lions emblem represents; the wooden nickel looking to our past and social media looking toward our future. By tying these two very different forms of advertising together we're hoping to catch the interest of all age groups and just maybe some attention! Press releases will be submitted and LCI has been in conversation with DG Anderson regarding the possibility of an article in the Lion Magazine.

Each Governor was given 250 wooden nickels to kick-off this campaign, which will begin September 1. Cost of the nickel is .11 apiece, which DG Anderson traded services for. CC Shepard reminded the council a PR Grant through LCI has been submitted to help off-set the cost of the nickel, and the Safari Pin costs go through the pin fund.

New Business:

With the new Lion year upon us and many new State Chairs holding meetings at the State Office, the need for a Building Use Policy is necessary for a guideline while using the space for meetings. Treasure Hemeryck reminded the council the building belongs to the Foundation, and the policy should have input from Executive Director, Chad McCann. Treasurer Hemeryck also pointed out we need to be cautious of others using the equipment and having access to the building pass-code, which allows you to enter without a key.

CC Shepard suggested Wendy and Chad work together to draft a policy to be reviewed at the October council meeting. Treasurer Hemeryck offered to assist.

VDG Conarty asked for an update on the 2012-13 Council's State Office landscape project. IPCC Brown told the council it is still in the planning stages with a September date tentatively scheduled. IPDG David Hacker is in the landscape/construction business and has taken the lead on this project. IPDG Hacker has discussed the plans with the Lions of MI Foundation, and has their support.

DG Anderson proposed creating a Social Media committee with a recommendation for a State Chair. Lion Laura Hunt, Bay City Lions, is the manager of their FB page and does an excellent job. She may be willing to assist or chair a committee. It was suggested an Ad-Hoc committee be formed to do some research on this. There would be no costs involved. Some districts have their IT person manage their Social Media page, raising the issue that not all districts would benefit from the addition of a State Committee to oversee this. DG Anderson feels recognizing Social Media as a committee may attract new (younger?) leaders into Lions.

Motion: Anderson, Kontos, to create a Social Media Ad-Hoc committee. Motion carried.

VDG Malone suggested approaching Lion Laura Hunt and ask if she is willing to chair a committee for a year on a trial basis and report back to the council.

Heart of a Lion Award:

Last year IPDG Hacker came up with the idea of an award to present to individuals who do outstanding work within their community. This award is open to Lions and non-Lions. Certificates were created last year, and signatures are needed from this year's Governors. All were asked to sign their names on a sheet of paper for DG Anderson to scan for use when a certificate is requested.

Council Meeting Space:

It was determined that the current meeting space does not adequately meet our needs. We are scheduled to meet again at the current location in December and March. CC Shepard asked the council to consider a move to a larger location.

Motion: Schneider, Malmberg, to have Lion Wendy Burns research alternate locations within the Lansing area for Council meetings to be held in December, 2013, and March, 2014. Motion carried.

IPCC Don Brown reported the Eye Bank fundraising cruise, in partnership with the Lions of MI Foundation, will be going on a cruise January 26-February 1, 2014. He encouraged us to spread the word and consider participating. The Eye Bank will also hold their "3rd Summer Celebration" at Fifth Third Ballpark, Comstock Park, August 16, 2013. Complimentary food and ballgame followed by fireworks.

DG Wagester discussed the bill to amend the 'Michigan Vehicle Code.' State Representative Terry Brown of the 84th District is working to amend the law, 1949 PA 300, by adding section 682d which is outlined as follows:

The People of the State of Michigan Enact:

- 1. SEC. 682D. (1) A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT MAY, BY RESOLUTION, AUTHORIZES EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS OF A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT FUND- RAISING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE IMPROVED PORTION OF A STREET OR HIGHWAY THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THAT LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT.**
- 2. A RESOLUTION ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL SPECIFY THE NAME OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND THE DATES AND TIMES WHEN AND THE LOCATIONS AT WHICH THOSE FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES CAN TAKE PLACE AND MAY SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR, AND LIMITATIONS ON, THE USE OF THE STREET OR HIGHWAY.**
- 3. THE PROHIBITIONS UNDER THIS ACT AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL STANDING, WALKING, OR OTHERWISE REMAINING WITHIN THE IMPROVED PORTION OF A STREET OR HIGHWAY DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CONDUCTING FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY A LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT UNDER THIS SECTION:**
- 4. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:**
- 5. (A)" CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ENTITY ORGANIZED UNDER SECTION 501C (3) OF THE FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.**
- 6. (B) "LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT" MEANS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING: (i) CITY OR VILLAGE.**
- 7. (ii) A COUNTY OR TOWNSHIP FOR THOSE AREAS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF A CITY OR VILLAGE**

What we are trying to amend is as follows:

R 28.1713 Rule 713 Pedestrians; soliciting ride, employment, or business in roadway prohibited: violation as civil infraction.

- (1) A person shall not stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment, or business from the occupant of any vehicle.
- (2) A person who violates this rule is responsible for a civil infraction.

Please contact your local representative to support this amendment. For further information contact PDG Dave Eberlein of Sebewaing Lions

VDG Wehby pointed out the current law does not prohibit sales on private property, such as a grocery store.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.
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