

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



"We Serve"

**Official Minutes
Second Council Meeting
October 4-5, 2013
West Branch, Michigan**

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
OCTOBER 4-5, 2013
WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN**

CALL TO ORDER – At exactly 7:00 p.m. the second 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 Bill Rowe, SD 10; 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 Whitey Simon, 11 D2; VDG Peter Conarty, 11 E1; 2nd VDG’s present were: VDG Leo Dolehanty, 11 D1; VDG Barb Durlinger, 11 E2; CC Brian Shepard; State Treasurer, Paul Hemeryck; PID Bill Hansen; Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

Meeting opened with Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made around the room.

CC Brian Shepard discussed the need to address a Strategic Plan for the Lions of Michigan. In past years the focus has been on the Redistricting Project, not an extensive Strategic Plan for the organization. The Governors were asked to define our mission statement and goals over the next 3-5 years through a brainstorming session.

CC Shepard would like to see the council present a Strategic Plan by the MD 11 State Convention in May. PCC John Johnson created an outline as a suggested guideline for the District Governor’s in December of 2012, after the decision was made by the 2012-2013 Council of Governors to discontinue the redistricting effort. Handouts of this outline were provided. (See below) CC Shepard offered PCC Johnson’s syllabus as a means to a starting point, enabling the council to pick and choose what they would like to see addressed.

1. What is included in a Strategic Plan?
 - a. Overview of Plan
 - b. Vision
 - c. Mission
 - d. Values
 - e. Three year goal (only one)
 - i. Objectives (to achieve goal) (not more than 4 or 5)
 - ii. Priorities (for each objective) (measurable steps)
 - iii. “We will have succeeded when...”

2. What will success look like in 2023?

3. Strategic brainstorming
 - a. Mission
 - i. What we do
 - ii. Why it is important
 - iii. What makes us different
 - b. Values
 - i. Our belief system
 - ii. How we do business
 - iii. How we treat each other
 - c. Achievements and Gaps in achievements (strengths and weaknesses)
 - d. Opportunities with a list of realities for each opportunity
 - e. Strategic Questions
 - i. Pillars of Organizational Performance
 1. Service
 2. People
 3. Quality
 4. Financial cost/efficiency
 5. Growth
 6. Community/partnerships

4. Strategic Planning Process
 - a. COG sets budget
 - b. SPC interviews and engages professional facilitator
 - c. SPC sets timeline in conjunction with facilitator
 - d. Facilitator and committee determine interview questions
 - e. Facilitator conducts interviews/focus groups to generate empirical data
 - f. Committee holds several half to one day facilitated discussions
 - g. Facilitator creates first draft of strategic plan for discussion by SPC
 - h. SPC meets to refine plan
 - i. Revised Strategic Plan presented to COG for adoption
 - j. Once COG adopts SP, SPC creates Action Plans for each priority
 - i. Action
 - ii. Owner (responsible individual)
 - iii. Deadline
 - k. Action Plans implemented and monitored for progress/revision at least annually by COG/SPC
 - l. Strategic Plan posted on MD 11 website

5. Possible specific MD 11 administrative strategic plan issues/ideas (actual ideas for discussion will be developed from the data gathered by the facilitator's interviews)
 - a. Shared common administrative mission, vision and values
 - b. Cost, structure and delivery of administrative services, not membership and retention
 - i. Print or electronic publication
 1. Lion Pride
 2. Who's Who

- 3. District Roster Books
- ii. I-Pad or similar device belonging to MD 11
 - 1. Each VDG and DG
 - 2. Each administrative staff
 - 3. Each MD 11 committee chair
- iii. Incorporation of entities
 - 1. Each District
 - 2. Each Club
- iv. Use of Social Media for communication and public relations
- v. Board Connect or other web portal to facilitate sharing information
- vi. Electronic Banking and transfer of dues and supplies payments
 - 1. Each District
 - 2. Each Club
- vii. How do we brand and position Lions to be the “go to” community service organization in each community?
- viii. Size and services State Office should provide
- ix. Own or lease office space
- x. Equipment or other capital expenditures
- xi. Staff support (if any) provided to MD 11 committees

6. Need buy in from current COG, 1st VDGs and 2nd VDGs to see process through

State Treasurer Hemeryck re-capped how this outline for a strategic plan came about in 2012. After the decision was made to abolish the redistricting effort, PCC Johnson, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, suggested hiring a consultant to assist in the planning process. After discussing average consultant fees similar to what Leader Dog and Michigan Eye Bank paid, the range could run as high as \$30,000.00. PCC Don Brown pointed out that the council was not dismissing PCC Johnson’s proposal, but that the Governors did not feel it was feasible for the Lions of Michigan at the time.

DG Malmberg asked if LCI would offer financial support for a consultant, and PID Hansen answered no, they do not.

There was a suggestion that we modify or adapt the Club Excellence Process as a plan, which would be a quick way to get this effort off the ground and running by working with an existing model. Many expressed that if CEP has the potential for use as a model, it should be researched.

Council Chair Shepard pointed out it is easier to continue on with the trend once a strategic plan is set in motion, creating a guide for future Governors to follow. As PCC Johnson has stated, a strategic plan becomes a document against which you measure progress. CC Shepard stated we need to look at three or four items on this list and take it to the Strategic Planning Committee and ask them to review and report back to the Governors. CC Shepard stressed need to support the committee’s efforts in working on a plan, letting them know their hard work is appreciated and not ignored.

Our leaders change every year, creating the potential for policy to also be changed. This poses a challenge for us if we are not all on board. DG Schneider suggested that Governor's as well as 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors should become a part of the Strategic Planning Committee and attend all meetings to stay informed and onboard.

PID Hansen offered this scenario:

Start with a Vision and Mission Statement for the Lions of Michigan.

Define our Core Values – What is important to us?

Governance – look at our board.

Once we are at this point, all decisions fall back to the Strategic Plan, asking “is this a part of our action plan?” An action plan defines what the steps are we want to take, how we will accomplish this, and what the results are.

Initial phase is typically a three-year plan, with annual review. Everything we do must support the Mission Statement.

CC Shepard asked the Governors for a vote on beginning the process of a Strategic Plan, and asked for a show of hands.

MOTION: Boes, Dasho, to begin the Strategic Planning Process by creating a Vision and Mission Statement for the Lions of Michigan State Office. Motion carried, 7-3.

MOTION: Schneider, Malmberg, to begin the process using the following first steps:

1. What is included in a Strategic Plan?
Three year goal (only one)
 - i. Objectives (to achieve goal) (not more than 4 or 5)
 - ii. Priorities (for each objective) (measurable steps)
 - iii. “We will have succeeded when...”

2. What will success look like?

Motion carried.

DG Anderson suggested taking the idea of utilizing the CEP plan to District Cabinet meetings for their input. DG Malmberg suggested polling clubs to see if there is a common concern throughout the state, and provide results of the poll to the Strategic Planning committee for input. DG Anderson stated we are in the early planning stages and it is too soon to take a plan back to the Districts. DG Kontos pointed out each District has an appointed person serving on the Strategic Planning committee, and we should utilize these committee members.

CC Shepard stated as a Council, we have agreed to support this and we are taking the first steps. We need to develop our plan and take it to PCC Johnson.

DG Malmberg brought up the survey created last year by IPDG Routson and IPDG Wood. This would be an excellent starting point to survey the membership. IPDG Routson will provide copies of the draft and CC Shepard will contact PCC Johnson and invite him to the December Council of Governors meeting.

Executive Director's Report

The next Council of Governors meeting is to be held at the Country Inn and Suites, Lansing. It was decided at the August meeting to research hotels in the Lansing area as the meeting space did not adequately accommodate our group. Lion Wendy received a proposal from the Lansing Ramada Inn for both the December and March meeting dates. The Ramada offers larger meeting and Hospitality Room space.

MOTION: Boes, Schneider, to move the December 2013 and March 2014 Council of Governors meetings to the Ramada Inn, Lansing, MI. Motion carried.

Lion Wendy will contact the Country Inn & Suites to cancel reservations for future dates.

The Salvation Army sent a request to the state office to host a food drive. Any food they receive from the local Lansing Food Bank must be paid for, and they are looking for ways to off-set costs. Lion Wendy asked the Council to consider a donation or food-drive as a holiday project.

MOTION: Malmberg, Allen, to adopt a food drive as a project of the Council of Governors for The Salvation Army. Motion carried.

MOTION: Schneider, Allen, to amend the motion to state: Proceeds of the October and December, 2013, Council of Governors Tail Twister fines to be donated toward the food drive. Motion carried.

Lion Wendy will invite a representative to attend the December Council meeting to pick up donations.

MD 11 POLICY MANUAL UPDATE:

DG Dasho reported on the changes the ad-hoc committee was asked to review. Their recommendations were as follows:

Page 16: Committee Terms

The recommendation was to leave as stated.

Page 19: Include: *Executive Director and State Treasurer shall alternate attendance at the USA/Canada Forum.*" (Omitted in current Policy Manual)

Council Chairperson Qualifications: Include as #4:

Applicant must be out of office as GLT or GMT Chairperson one full year.

MOTION: Dasho, Boes, to adopt the committee recommendations as outlined. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

CALL TO ORDER –Meeting was called to order by Council Chair Brian Shepard at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 5. 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 Bill Rowe, SD 10; 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 Leo Dolehanty, 11 D1; VDG Barb Durlinger, 11 E2; Council Chair Brian Shepard; State Treasurer, Paul Hemeryck; PID Bill Hansen, PID Gary Anderson; Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTE:

MOTION: Malmberg, Kontos, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION: Dasho, Allen, to approve the minutes of the August 2-3, 2013, meeting held in Lansing, MI, as corrected. Motion carried.

CC Shepard congratulated the following District’s for their recent net-gains: 11 A1, 11 D1 and 11 E1.

Michigan Eye Bank Report –PCC Don Brown, Chair

\$15,000.00 was awarded to Simon, Peterson, Jones Research, MSU, toward gene therapy. MI Eye Bank goals include 100% of District donations; 3.2 million are currently on the Donor Registry – work to increase this number to 4 million; increase number of Face Book friends to 2,000. It was also noted 2,000 corneal transplants were performed in Michigan this past year.

The MI Eye Bank recently created two new recognition awards for clubs to honor their members. They are:

Recognition of humanitarian work, a William “Doc” Barr Knights for Vision Fellowship is awarded to those who donate \$1,000 or more to the Michigan Eye-Bank, beginning July 1, 2013, or for people whom a donation was made by others. Knights for Vision Fellows receive an attractive gold lapel pin, certificate and a congratulatory letter.

The A. Charles Weir Sight Conservation Fellowship is a recognition opportunity for those who donate \$500 or more to the Michigan Eye-Bank in one fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2013, or for people whom a donation was made by others. Sight Conservation Fellows receive an attractive silver lapel pin, certificate and a congratulatory letter.

\$15,000.00 was awarded to Simon, Peterson, Jones Research, MSU, toward gene therapy. MI Eye Bank goals include 100% of District donations; 3.2 million are currently on the Donor Registry – work to increase this number to 4 million; increase number of Face Book friends to 2,000. It was also noted 2,000 corneal transplants were performed in Michigan this past year.

Bear Lake Camp Report –IPDG Jim Pettinato, Chair

At the recent committee meeting, the following goals were set for the year:

- Increased communication within the districts
- Encourage and promote a separate district fundraiser for Bear Lake Camp
- Increase club visits program by at least 25%
- Create a calendar of events for distribution to the districts

Committee member responsibilities:

- Distribution of information on Bear Lake Camp to each district
- Promotion of district fundraisers
- Encourage camp visitations
- Emphasize the Camp accreditation
- Increased communication

PDG Nancy Lampman was appointed Vice Chairperson in absence of Chairperson.

There were a total of 542 campers from each district in MD 11 and SD 10.

The climbing wall has been completed. Camp instructors must be certified to assist in the climbing wall.

PBS spent a day filming the campers and staff during the summer for a 15-minute segment called “A Wider World.” The program was televised locally in September, and can be viewed on the Lions of MI website.

Youth Exchange Report –Lion Deb VanTol, Chair

Lion Deb VanTol presented a promotional video created to educate and inform schools, parents, students and others on the Lions Youth Exchange Program. This video will be available on the Lions of MI website and can be used when promoting the program in your district. Committee members are challenged to visit three (3) new schools this year and promote the program. A mailing went out to all schools in the state, and was targeted toward foreign language teachers.

Lion VanTol has been in regular communication with the out-of-country Camp Coordinators via emails. There is a student currently interested in traveling to Israel, which may have safety concerns, and Lion Deb is looking to the council for guidance. CC Shepard recalled similar concerns with the All State Band students, but reminded all that students will not be sent to areas of high risk.

The issue of travel safety was discussed at length. DG Schneider suggested use of the Government’s website regarding safe travel into foreign countries, which is continually updated. LCI strongly supports the program and deems it safe.

MOTION: Schneider, Anderson, for the Youth Exchange Committee to research the current Youth Exchange Policy and Liabilities for changes or recommendations and report back to the Council of Governors in December.

Lion Peggy Allen pointed out the indemnity form which each student and their parent must sign is a legal document, holding LCI and Lions of Michigan harm-free.

Application and other important forms for acceptance in the program, including the Youth Exchange guide book, are located on the Lions of Michigan website.

Lion Susan Morley is on the committee and will be asked to Co-Chair with Lion Deb.

October Lions Membership Month –DG Tim Anderson

October 6-12, 2013, has been approved as Lions Membership Week in Michigan by the State of Michigan, and October is membership month. Lion Laura Hunt, Bay City, submitted paperwork detailing the work of Lions in the state to obtain a proclamation. Lions are encouraged to get out and promote membership. DG Anderson provided a list of numerous ways to promote membership which Lion Wendy will add to the website.

The Heart of a Lion award has been used within MD 11 E1 to recognize community leaders and members alike, and has been well received. LCI contacted the state office for information on the award, and was referred to DG Anderson for follow-up.

The 5,000 Good Deeds campaign has been highly successful, with over 17,000 views on the Face Book page in a 30-day time frame. DG Anderson was interviewed on a Las Vegas radio regarding the Good Deeds campaign.

Review of Award Process – PID Gary Anderson

ID Esther LaMothe is in Australia attending the LCI board meeting.

PID Anderson reviewed the criteria for the LCI Presidential Awards and Leadership Medals. Forms were handed out and should be completed thoroughly, clearly, and with attention to detail. Deadline to submit forms to the State Office is November 15. New this year is Region and Zone Chair awards. If President Palmer's quota is met each year, a Presidential Leadership Medal is an automatic award. DG's were encouraged to keep track of this in their district.

S.A. DODGE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Criteria for the S. A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award are listed in the MD 11 Policy Manual. The maximum number awarded each year is two. It is a non-repetitive award—recipients may receive only one. Each Governor may nominate one Lion. Names are not listed on the forms so nominees are judged on the basis of their service to Lionism at the multiple district and/or international level. November 15th is the deadline for submission of nominations.

LEADERSHIP AND PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS

Application forms and a letter outlining the criteria for Presidential and Leadership Medals were mailed to the DGs in July. A writeable PDF was also emailed to the Governors to simplify the process of completing the application forms. A list of past recipients was presented to the Governors. They were urged to avoid nominating previous recipients. Governors may nominate one Lion from their district for the

Presidential Medal and two for the Leadership Medal. November 15th is the deadline for nominations to be received in the State Office.

MD 11 has typically received 3-4 Presidential Medals and 7-8 Leadership Medals. At the USA/Canada Forum, Dream Achiever Awards were handed out. Silver Awards were presented to 11 E2, DG Anderson; 11 D2, DG Wagester; 11 D1, DG Dasho; 11 A1, DG Cooper.

It was also noted that the S.A. Dodge Awards will be voted on at the December Council of Governors meeting. Award criteria and application forms will be sent to the Governor's. In the past, a deadline has been set and a determination as to whether or not to accept applications past the deadline date.

MOTION: Malmberg, Allen: S.A. Dodge applications received after the November 15, 2013 deadline will not be accepted. Motion carried.

Applications **must** be emailed or postmarked by the deadline date.

Liaison Report PID Gary Anderson

ID Esther LaMothe is in Australia attending the LCI board meeting and sends her greetings.

In an unusual circumstance, two candidates are running for the office of LCI 2nd Vice President: PID Mike Butler, Texas and PID Robert Corlew, Tennessee. In an effort to inform those assembled of the qualifications of both candidates, PID Anderson presented the endorsed candidate, PID Bob Corlew, while PDG R.G. Barnum presented candidate PID Mike Butler.

M. P. "Mike" Butler, of Kerrville, Texas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 67th annual convention, held in San Francisco, California, USA, July 1984.

Past Director Mike is a member of the Kerrville Host Lions Club and a Lion since 1974. He has held numerous offices in the association, including district governor and multiple district treasurer. He served as chairperson of the Global Membership Team for 2008-09. Since 2010, PID Mike has served as an area leadership or membership coordinator.

For his efforts on behalf of the association, PID Mike has received the Master Key, the Extension Award, the District Governor's Extension Award, several International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by Lions Clubs International to its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

PID Mike and his wife, Lion Sheryl, are involved in their church and community. Sheryl is a member of the Kerrville Sunrise Lions Club. PID Mike has three children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is the owner and operator of a construction company.

Robert E. Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA, July 4 to July 8, 2011.

Past Director Corlew is chancellor for the State of Tennessee.

A member of the Murfreesboro Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chair.

He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Corlew has been active on various boards and in several community organizations, including Boy Scouts, Murfreesboro City Council, Red Cross, General Sessions Judge, Discovery House Museum board of directors, Recreation Commission and Water and Sewer Board.

Past Director Corlew and his wife, Dianne, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and one grandchild.

DG Boes asked how Michigan could be directly impacted by LCI if we chose not to endorse their candidate, PID Corlew. PID Anderson stated we are not affected in any way at all. LCI wants the best leadership for their board, and future Michigan candidates for LCI International Director will be very strong candidates supported by LCI.

CC Shepard asked if PID Mike Butler's name would need to be written in on the ballot, and the answer to that is no, he is a valid candidate and his name will appear on the ballot.

MOTION: Anderson, Schneider, to invite PID's Butler and Corlew to address the Council of Governors.

Discussion followed regarding repercussions to ID LaMothe if Michigan endorses PID Butler. PID Anderson explained in the long run it may hurt her chances of chairing a committee for LCI. DG Cooper asked about the possibility of PID Butler winning the election. PDG Barnum stated it was a very strong possibility, or he would not be before the Council having this discussion. DG Stephens asked if both candidates are endorsed by other states and the answer was yes, both have been endorsed by other states. DG Anderson felt inviting both candidates to attend an informational evening would give a good side-by-side comparison. DG Kontos asked PID Anderson and PDG Barnum what they stand to gain from a win, and the answer was nothing will be gained and only the best for the Lions of the world is what is being sought.

PDG Barnum gave two available dates for PID Butler to come to Michigan. PID Anderson will contact PID Corlew during the meeting break and ask his availability and report back to the council ASAP.

MOTION: Anderson, Schneider, to invite candidates for LCI 2nd Vice President PID Mike Butler and PID Bob Corlew to address the Council of Governors together. Motion carried.

CC Shepard suggests researching available space in Mt. Pleasant, MI, to hold the meeting, as this will be more centrally located for Lions to attend. All were in agreement on location and PDG Barnum will contact PDG John Monahan, Mt. Pleasant, to assist.

Due to the need of an early departure from DG Jake Dasho, Tail Twister fines were collected early. All fine money collected to go toward the Salvation Army food drive.

PID Anderson announced PID Corlew is available and willing to attend a meeting on November 22, 2013.

Lions Quest Report –PDG Harry Johnson, Chair

Lions Quest increases academic achievement, decreased problem behavior, and increase pro-social behavior. This LCI program began in 1984 and teaches skills in growing, grades K-5; skills for adolescence, grades 6-8; skills for action, grades 9-12. LCI offers grant assistance to help with financing the program. It has become a part of the curriculum in many school districts. In 85-86 Fraser Lions took on quest and it is now a required subject in their Middle School. DG Wagester asked if the program fits in with the Michigan Model and PDG Johnson stated it does. There are over 160 school teachers taking part in the program in Michigan.

Schools can customize the program for their school, and teachers may use training toward CEU credits. Training is conducted by Lions International's trained instructors, and Lions can attend any training at no cost to them, but training does not include supplies. Trainings are held in the state and there are one (1) and (3) three day training programs offered.

International Convention Report –PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, Chair

The LCI Convention date is July 4-8, 2014 and will be held in Toronto, Canada. The Michigan hotel is the Chelsea Eaton, located less than two miles from convention headquarters. PDG Harry Johnson has been elected as Vice Chair of the committee and will assist PDG Lautzenheiser in the planning and organization of the convention details for Michigan Lions.

The Hospitality Room will be improved upon this year, offering light snacks and will have a room host in attendance. The International parade will be held on Saturday, July 5, 2014. The International Show will be held in the evening. Parade attire for 2014 was voted on by the Council of Governors and will remain the same: Parade shirt, navy slacks, black shoes. A suggestion was made to ask all Michigan Lions to wear a blue shirt on one designated day. It would not have to be a "Lions" shirt. The purpose would be to identify the group as MICHIGAN LIONS. The give-away for the

parade this year was a small American flag, which was easy to transport and well received along the parade route. The committee agreed to provide flags for 2014. Michigan Night suggestions include: Ball Game; Theater performance; CN Tower tour and Medieval Theater (\$65.00); Dinner Cruise, approximately \$75.00.

PDG Lautzenheiser is looking for a retractable flag pole for use in identifying Michigan at the parade lineup. With so many parade participants at the line-up there is a need for more visibility.

DG Anderson asked if the date and information on the Midwest Breakfast are available. Ohio is in charge this year, and information has not yet been received.

LCIF Report –PDG Connie Shelton, Chair

PDG Shelton provided LCIF committee lists, District Health Assessment details through September 2013, and a complete listing of approved LCIF Grants benefiting Michigan from 1978- June of 2013. Nine (9) grants are available through LCIF. The area coordinators listed in the information provided by PDG Shelton are available in assisting with grant writing. 70% of all money donated goes back into the district through grants. The goal in the next five (5) years is to raise \$60 million through LCIF to assist funding throughout the world. We are Lions helping Lions serve, and the area coordinators are the link between LCIF and the local club. PDG Shelton asked for support of the LCIF Coordinators by the Governors.

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

To date 93 applications have been received for the three (3) programs offered. The newly added Master's Program is full with 10 participants. PID Anderson will be back this year as a presenter, and CC Shepard will be a new presenter this year. Session topics include Project Refresh; Membership; How Successful People Lead; and Courage to Change, to name a few. PID Hansen and PCC Hemeryck visited the MacMullen Center to check in with the staff coordinating the workshop and there are no changes to report on the facility. All are looking forward to another successful Leadership Institute.

LCI has provided financial support for all 14 Leadership Institutes held in Michigan to date. In return, districts are asked to show their support by paying a share of the costs. Each district is asked to donate \$300, which guarantees that their 1st Vice District Governor can attend at no charge.

Treasurer's Report –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

The audit results were emailed in advance to the District Governors. The audit report covers two corporations: Lions of Michigan and Lions of Michigan Publication. Mr. Heemer issued an unqualified opinion, indicating that the financial statements are correct in all material respects and records are kept in accordance with accepted accounting standards.

MOTION: Malmberg, Anderson, to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Hemeryck submitted financial reports in advance to the Governors, and the reports were reviewed in greater detail through August 31, 2013. Revenues and expenses are normal for this time of year, which is not typically a high-activity period.

A question was raised as to whether or not the state would incur costs relating to the 2015 USA/Canada Forum, which will be held in Grand Rapids. The LCI host committee seeks grants and donations to off-set costs, and Treasurer Hemeryck does not foresee any added expense to the state office.

Treasurer Hemeryck provided an article in the LION PRIDE regarding IRS rules and public money. Lions Clubs cannot take public money raised through a Lions event and use this money to pay membership dues in any way. If payment is made with said funds, a club could stand to lose its' charter.

MOTION: Kontos, Allen, to receive the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Written Reports:

Written Reports were sent in advance for review by the Governors. DG Anderson took issue with the GMT report, stating that the comments made in the minutes regarding the following statement: "Governors need to make membership #1 on their agenda: If the Lions of the state don't see anything from the DG's on membership as a number one priority, they won't be concerned about it. The GMT committee would like to see the Governors make this commitment to the Lions of the state." DG Anderson stated the decline of membership in the state should be everyone's priority. VDG Diane Wehby had requested that PDG Cregar, GMT Chair, amend the minutes.

MOTION: Boes, Wagester, to accept written reports as presented. Motion carried.

Peace Poster/Essay Contest

Peace posters and Essays should be brought to the December council meeting for judging during the Hospitality on Friday night. Last year the winners of the State contest were rewarded with a check. It was suggested by DG Cooper we donate \$200.00 to winners of each contest.

MOTION: Cooper, Dasho, to award a \$200.00 check to both the winners of the Peace Poster contest and Essay contest. Motion carried.

New Business

PDG John Morgan sent a letter to the Governors informing them on the future of raffles and holding Texas Hold'em events in Michigan. There will be a breakout session during the MI Forum to address the pending changes.

Lion Ed Weessies stated everyone must have a license to sell raffle items and must be on the Attorney General's approved list.

DG Dasho reported we raised \$115.00 in Tail Twister fines for the Salvation Army.

Camp T Annual clean-up will be held on October 18-19. The PDG Association will be cleaning and prepping for winter. All are invited to join.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.