

FOURTH COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, May 15, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.
Double Tree Hotel –CENTENNIAL ROOM
Holland, MI

The final meeting of the 2014-2015 Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chair Jim Pettinato. Governors present were: DG Bill Rowe, SD 10; DG Martin Malone, A1; DG Tom Hill, A2; DG Vicki Lautzenheiser, B1; DG Marsha Brown, B2; DG Diane Wehby, C1; DG Dennis Poirier, D1; DG Whitey Simon, D2; DG Peter Conarty, E1; DG Barb Durflinger, E2. DGE's present were: DGE Tom Lanaville, SD 10; DGE Sharon Jordan-Crowley, A1; DGE James Leach, Jr., A2; DGE Peggy Allen, B1; DGE Jeff Mayiuers, B2; DGE Russ Amidon, C2; DGE Leo Dolehanty, D1; DGE Justin Faber, D2; DGE Pam Schroeder, E1; DGE Bob Gingerich, E2. 2nd VDG's in attendance were: VDG Martha Brown, A1; VDG Lloyd Foster, C1; VDG Ron Gibson, 11 E1; 2nd VDG-Elect Terry Treppa, A2; Also present were Council Chair Jim Pettinato, Council Chair-Elect Linda Tate, PID Bill Hansen, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Welcome and introductions were made around the room.

MOTION: Hill, Simon, to approve the March 2015 Council of Governors minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION: Poirier, Conarty, to move approval of Written Reports to the end of the meeting. Motion carried.

GLT Report -PDG Karen Routson

Dates have been announced for next year's institutes. Emerging Lions Leadership Institute Denver March 26-28, 2016; Advanced Lions Leadership Institute Chicago, November 14-16, 2015; Faculty Development Institute Chicago, November 13-16 2015.

Lions University – this is ongoing. It's a learning program hosted by the USA/Canada Forum and includes very well done webinars. Material was sent regarding LU last November. You can find complete information on the USA/Canada Forum website. Upcoming training in Michigan includes the USA/Canada Forum, Grand Rapids, September 17-19, 2015; Michigan Lions Leadership Institute Higgins Lake November 13-15, 2015; Michigan Forum Lansing February 28, 2016.

District Officer Training / Club Officer Training – Many districts have already completed their training, either at district conventions or in stand-alone events. PDG Routson attended the 11-B2 training and sat in on some excellent sessions. They had not only officer-specific sessions, but also speakers on a number of topics useful to all officers.

Vice District Governor Training – the preliminary plans are laid out for each of the four days. Based on suggestions from last year's participants, there will be less lecture and more participant discussions.

GMT Report –IPDG Timothy Anderson

To date, MD 11 is up by 24 members with 29 drops. Three clubs have chartered 78 new members.

A2 reported +11 with 48 over last year.

B2 stands at +2 with 6 less drops.

D2 reported +74, with -49 drops.

E2 is -5 over last year.

Three/four Districts have stated they are working on new clubs, which IPDG Anderson stressed should be a main focus in 2015-16. All of the hard work in the Districts is appreciated!

New GMT requirements from LCI include the addition to a Club Success Chair and a Club Growth Chair. PDG David Eberlein has been selected as the Club Success Chair, and PDG Jake Dasho as the Club Growth Chair. Club Success & Club Growth are the preferred terminology over the use of “Membership.”

LCIF Report -PDG Connie Shelton, State Coordinator

PDG Shelton presented an overview of the programs LCIF offers. Many grants are available through LCIF, including Standard Grants and Disaster Grants. LCIF has all of the details and appropriate forms posted on their website. District Coordinators are able to track club donations on LCI’s website and will be able to keep the Governors informed on what is happening within their district.

If a club turns in their charter, they need to consider where to apply any funds remaining in an account with LCIF. Money may be donated to the district, and a letter must be sent to LCIF in advance notifying them of their desire to transfer funds. Money may also be transferred “in memory” as long as a person or club is clearly identified in a letter to LCIF.

LCIF will celebrate their 50th Anniversary during LCI’s Centennial, in 2017.

PDG Shelton will end her term on June 30, 2015. Any nominations for LCIF State Coordinator shall be given to PDG Shelton who will then present the nominations to LCIF. At this time there are three (3) who have submitted their letter of intent: PDG John Morgan, A1; CC Jim Pettinato, A2; PDG Bill Erickson, D1. PDG Shelton has offered to serve the coming year as a co-chair to the State Coordinator’s position. Further discussion will be held at the DGE meeting this afternoon.

Strategic Planning Report -PDG David Eberlein, Chair

PDG Eberlein reported on the efforts of the SP Committee over the past year. This year, the Governor’s approved the Mission and Vision Statement as follows:

Mission Statement

The Lions of Michigan will support the mission of Lions International and will serve Michigan communities, support Lions district, state, and international projects and promote membership, leadership, and training at all levels.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Lions of Michigan is to serve the needs of people in our communities, preserve sight and hearing through our existing state projects, new state projects, and partnerships with other organizations in the state of Michigan.

A survey was sent to the membership in January and the information received has been categorized as an action item or a non-action item. Low response to the survey has resulted in the decision to reach out to the membership through an on-line survey, hoping for better results this way. (Only 33 surveys were returned.) Each State Committee Chair was asked to complete an Action Plan with goals for their committee included in their plan, with ten (10) responses. After review and discussion of the action/non-action items, the committee made recommendations on the items listed in the handout. They are as follows:

The committee has successfully accomplished three (3) items they were tasked to do: Create an *Action Plan, Mission and Vision statement; Statement of Core Values* for the Lions of Michigan.

The Lions of Michigan share the same Core Values as the Lions around the world, as stated on LCI’s website:

• Integrity – Is uprightness in character and honesty with the condition of being unimpaired and the state of being undivided. Lions Clubs International insists on the highest standards of personal and professional integrity. • Accountability – We must be answerable or responsible, legally or morally. We are expected to honor commitments and have the capacity to discern right from wrong, and to take individual responsibility for all actions and outcomes. Lions Clubs International has no tolerance for ethical violations. • Teamwork – Is an action or effort by a group to achieve a common end which encourages innovation, creativity and positive results. Included in that action or effort would be to practice leadership to train, inspire and promote full participation and individual development, including open and effective communication and interaction. • Excellence – Is the state of excelling or of superiority in a trait or quality. We are dedicated to fair treatment, mutual respect, diversity, and trust. We challenge each other to improve our services, our processes, and ourselves. We strive together to serve our membership, our communities, and help our Association achieve its goals. PDG Eberlein asked for support of the Core Values.

MOTION: Poirier, Malone, to support the Statement of Core Values for the Lions of Michigan as presented by PDG Eberlein. Motion carried.

The SP committee members will contact the State Chairs who have not turned in and Action Plan, and will continue addressing the suggestions made by PCC John Johnson while he served as SP Committee Chair.

Discussion was held on the recommendations from the committee as a result of the 33 surveys that have been collected. PDG Eberlein asked for a motion on the Action Plan and recommendations, providing a direction for the committee as to how to move forward.

MOTION: Malone; Brown, to table the Action Plan and Recommendations until the District Governor-Elects have been provided the survey findings and Action Plan/Recommendation results and bring it to a vote at the July 31-August 1, 2015 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

LCI Convention Report –PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser, Chair

To date there are 79 Lions and guests registered for the convention in Hawaii. Seven (7) are from SD 10 and 72 from MD 11. The hospitality room will be located at the Waikiki Beach Marriott, the designated Michigan hotel, for use as a check-in point for messages, rest stop, etc. Food will not be provided but you are free to bring in your own snacks.

The parade will step off at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Jun 27. The Lions All State Band will lead the parade ahead of Arizona, returning to the Michigan group to march in the parade. Ribbons will be handed out at lineup. New, pole banners have been purchased for easier visibility as they will be held up high, as opposed to carried low by those marching in the parade. Volunteers will be needed to carry ID Esther LaMothe's banner.

The Caucus will take place Monday, June 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Lili'u Theater Room 310. This is your opportunity to meet all of the candidates. With two I.D. candidates from Michigan, volunteers may be needed to hand out promotional materials for both PCC's Paul Hemeryck and Jenny Ware.

Michigan Night will be held at Germaine's Luau, and the \$80.00 fee includes all expenses. The bus will pick up at the Marriott and Hilton beginning at 4:30 p.m. There are 54 pre-registered Lions and guests.

MOTION: Durflinger, Wehby, to approve the purchase of four (4) additional vinyl banners. Motion carried.

Lions All State Band Review – IPCC Brian Shepard

With upcoming changes in the leadership of the Lions All State Band, IPCC Brian Shepard gave an overview of the past history of the band. From the year 1978-2001, an ad-hoc committee oversaw the operations of the band. The Council of Governors were tasked with approving all budgets and expenditures and worked very closely with the ASB Director. In 2002 the LMASB became a separate 501© 3 and the CoG became the Board of Directors. This allowed corporations to make tax-deductible contributions.

In 2005 the Council of Governors determined it was time to bring on a volunteer CEO to manage the operations of the band, and a CEO was brought on. All of the finances are managed by the Lions of MI Executive Director. Caro Uhlemann-Short is the current CEO, and she will be resigning at the end of 2015. CEO Short has recommended Becky Dahlke as her replacement to the LMASB Board of Directors. Becky has assisted with the band this past year.

With limited say or control over the LMASB, IPCC Shepard feels the need for the Council to re-establish expectations of the band with their Board of Directors, Band Director and incoming CEO.

MD-11 State Convention Report -PDG Bob Sturgis, Chair

The pre-convention picnic held on Thursday evening was another success this year. The Holland Lions Club prepared the cook-out for approximately 90 attendees, and an enjoyable evening was spent at Kollen Park.

2016 is the site of next year's convention, May 13-14, Amerilodge Hotel. This was formerly known as the Best Western Plus, Sterling Heights. Several hotels have provided proposals for the site of the 2017, and the Convention Planning Committee has selected their top three:

The Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
Holiday Inn, Big Rapids
Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City

MOTION: Brown, Jordan-Crowley, to hold the 2017 MD-11 State Convention at Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, MI. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

As a follow-up to the May Council of Governors meeting, a correction was made in the GMT account crediting the purchase of the Safari pins. This expense has been moved to the pin account.

The operating expenses, revenue and fund balances show little or no change from last period. Expenditures were made from the Hearing Fund to support the Hearing Scholarship in partnership with the Lions Hearing Center. A \$1,000.00 scholarship was presented to a student with a hearing impairment on behalf of Lions of MI and Lions Hearing Center. Each organization contributed \$500.00. Another expense from the account went toward the fee to hire a deaf interpreter for the MI Forum. This is an example of how funds are used.

During the first meeting of the Council of Governors in August, time will be dedicated on Friday evening to review budget and existing accounts. The Governors will have the opportunity to make changes or current accounts, move funds from inactive accounts, etc. Time will be spent reviewing the financial reports provided at each Council meeting to ensure better understanding of the accounting system as presented.

Leadership Institute Grant Update – PCC Paul Hemeryck, Co-Chair

At this time, the Grant from LCI has been submitted but no response has been received from LCI. The Leadership Institute has done very well in the past with managing the funds and foresees no problems financially, if we were to be denied a grant by LCI.

November 13-15, 2015 is the date of the Leadership Institute, held annually at MacMullen Center, Higgins Lake.

Written Reports:

- USA/Canada Grand Forum Report
- Leo Day at the USA/Canada Forum

New Business:

DG Appreciation Dinners are scheduled for the following:
October 9, 2015 A2 - Century Club
October 10, 2015 D2 - TBD
September 27, 2015 - Atrium, Bay City
August 22, 2015 – Midland Country Club
September 26, 2015 – SD 10, Gwinn VFW
E2 – TBD
B2 – TBD
B1/C1 no appreciation dinners planned

Old Business:

Executive Director Salary/Benefits Package Review

The Council of Governors, along with Council Chair Pettinato and Treasurer Hemeryck, went into Executive Session to complete salary and benefits review of the Executive Director. The process was a continuation from the March 1 Council of Governors meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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