

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



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**Official Minutes
Second Council Meeting
October 9-10, 2015
Big Rapids, MI**

**Lions of Michigan
MD 11 Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Big Rapids, MI
Friday, October 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Big Rapids, MI, by Council Chair Linda Tate. Governors present were Those in attendance were: DG Tom Lanaville, SD 10; DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley, A1; DG Peggy Allen, B1; DG Jeff Mayuiers, B2; DG Russ Amidon, C2; DG Leo Dolehanty, D1; DG Justin Faber, D2; DG Pam Schroeder, E1; DG Bob Gingerich, E2; **First Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Martha Brown, A1; VDG Dave Hill, B1; VDG Scott Sinclair, B2; VDG Lloyd Foster, C1; VDG Ken Ridalls, C2; VDG Tom Hardt, D1; VDG Dave Wineman, D2; VDG Ron Gibson, E1; **Second Vice District Governors** in attendance were: VDG Terry Treppa, A1; VDG John Bingham, A2; VDG LuAnne Bullington, B1; VDG Barb Stutesman, B2; VDG Julie May, C1; VDG Jeff Hunt, D1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Linda Tate, Past International Director Dennis Cobler, and Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

2015-2016 COUNCIL MEETING RULES

Past meeting rules were reviewed and it was determined no changes were necessary. Tail twister fines collected this year will be divided evenly among the State Projects.

USA/CANADA GRAND FORUM RE-CAP

All present who attended the recent USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids provided comments and feedback. Overall, it was a positive experience expressed by not only Michigan Lions who attended but by the planning committee, as well. A graduation ceremony was held for over 150 students who completed the on-line Lions University course, and DG Peggy Allen was proud to be recognized as one of the graduates. New this year was a complimentary Lions Club Handbook, a step-by-step guidebook which is a resource for Lions Clubs.

A \$5,000.00 check has been received by the State Office from the USA/Canada Forum. This check will be used toward a registration rebate of \$50.00 to each registered volunteer who worked during the Forum. PCC John Johnson will provide a list to Wendy Burns, Executive Director, and Lion Wendy will mail out the refunds.

LIAISON REPORT –PID DENNIS COBLER

During the 2016 LCI-Convention in Japan, elections will take place for the 2016-2017 officers, which will include election of a 3rd Vice President. Running unopposed at this time are 2nd Vice Presidential Candidate, PID Gudrun Yngvadottir, MD109 –Iceland; 3rd Vice Presidential Candidate PID Jung-Yul Choi, Busan, Republic of Korea. Candidate's resumes were emailed in September by PID Esther LaMothe for review. PID Cobler suggested the Council could put an endorsement to a vote now, or wait until the December Council of Governors meeting.

PCC's Jenny Ware, SD10, and Paul Hemeryck will remain candidates for the 2016 LCI-Convention in Japan.

MOTION: Jordan-Crowley, Dolehanty, to endorse 2nd Vice Presidential candidate PID Gudrun Yngvadottir, and 3rd Vice Presidential Candidate PID Jung-Yul Choi. 7 (seven) yes, 1 opposed, 2 absent. Motion carried.

Lion Wendy will provide a letter of endorsement to PID Esther LaMothe to be sent to LCI.

MD-11 POLICY MANUAL

Final updates were made to the MD-11 Policy Manual as outlined by the Governors at the August Council meeting and copies were emailed in advance for review.

MOTION: Dolehanty, Amidon, to accept the changes as proposed at the August 1, 2016 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

TAIL TWISTER DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley collected on fines imposed.

MOTION: Jordan-Crowley, Gingerich, to recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 10. Motion carried.

**Lions of Michigan
MD 11 Council of Governors Meeting
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Big Rapids, MI
Saturday, October 10, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, Big Rapids, MI, by Council Chair Linda Tate. Governors present were Those in attendance were: DG Tom Lanaville, SD 10; DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley, A1; James Leach, Jr., A2; DG Peggy Allen, B1; DG Jeff Mayuiers, B2; Rock Wood, C1; DG Russ Amidon, C2; DG Leo Dolehanty, D1; DG Justin Faber, D2; DG Pam Schroeder, E1; DG Bob Gingerich, E2; **First Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Martha Brown, A1; VDG Dave Hill, B1; VDG Scott Sinclair, B2; VDG Lloyd Foster, C1; VDG Ken Ridalls, C2; VDG Tom Hardt, D1; VDG Dave Wineman, D2; VDG Ron Gibson, E1; **Second Vice District Governors** in attendance were: VDG Terry Treppa, A1; VDG John Bingham, A2; VDG LuAnne Bullington, B1; VDG Barb Stutesman, B2; VDG Julie May, C1; VDG Jeff Hunt, D1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Linda Tate, Past International Director Dennis Cobler, and Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

MOTION: Faber, Jordan-Crowley, to approve the October Council of Governors agenda as presented.

DG Allen requested the formation of a pin review committee be added under new business.

MOTION: Faber, Jordan-Crowley, to approve the amended October Council of Governors agenda with the addition of Pin Review Committee added under New Business. Motion carried.

DG's Allen and Leach, Jr. to be appointed to the Pin Review committee

APPROVAL OF JULY/AUGUST 2015 COUNCIL MINUTES

MOTION: Schroeder, Faber, to approve minutes of the July/August Council of Governors meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WRITTEN REPORTS

MOTION: Faber, Mayuiers, to approved Leader Dogs for the Blind and Leos Written Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM – PDG KAREN ROUTSON, COORDINATOR

On August 22 PDG Karen Routson and Wendy Burns, Executive Director, co-hosted training for MD 11 Committee Chairpersons and District Chairs. Thirteen people attended.

Two from Michigan were accepted in the FDI Class in Chicag: PDG Barry Allen and IPDG Diane Wehby. There is a proposal to hold an Area 1C “mini-FDI” and would include Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. PDG Routson will provide information as it comes in.

In addition to FDI training, PDG Karen would like to begin an informal discussion program for Lions interested in facilitating training. Some have expressed interest in being trainers, but need coaching on how to prepare for the role. The discussion group would encourage sharing ideas, practice sessions, and pointers.

ALLI session will be held in Chicago this November, and a number around the state will be attending.

All vacant VDG positions are now filled. There are two Acting First VDG's and two Acting Second VDG's. All are finishing up their qualification requirements for LCI and will be elected as soon as they are completed.

The VDG's have completed half of this year's Michigan-based VDG training. A grant was received for 1st VDG training. This will assist in reimbursement for hotel and meal costs to the VDG's.

LCI has updated many of its club officer training materials and Zone Chair materials, and Governors are asked to encourage your GLT District Coordinator to use those materials.

Topics covered at the Friday training session included the following.

Review the pre-assignment book

Goal setting: general; membership and leadership specifics

Decision making

GLT, GMT, CEP review

Building Your Team

Goal setting for districts and multiple district

Strategic planning

Preparation for December: Council Chair selection considerations

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS – LION ED WEESSIES, STATE CHAIRPERSON

Lion Weessies has been working with LCI to obtain all C & BL updates in a word format that can be sent to the Governors for use in their Districts. All new policies go into effect July 1, 2016, and Districts are encouraged to adopt these policies as their own.

Updates to the Rules of the MD 11 State Convention have been recommended by the C & BL Committee. Lion Weessies has asked for a motion to accept the rules as presented:

RULES OF THE 2016 MD 11 CONVENTION

1. Order of Business: Except as herein otherwise provided, the “Order of Business” shall be in the order of convention events printed in the official program, a copy of which has been furnished to each certified delegate and alternate.

2. Deviation from the Order of Business: Deviation from the “Order of Business” as adopted by this convention shall occur only when authorized by 2/3 majority of the delegates duly assembled.

3. First “Order of Business”: Following the call to order of the convention and the usual opening ceremonies, the first “Order of Business” shall be the report of the Rules Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Rules have been adopted.

4. Second “Order of Business”: The second “Order of Business” shall be the report of the Credentials Committee. No further business shall be transacted until the Credentials Committee shall have certified the number of delegates registered at the convention.

5. Parliamentary Procedure: Except where otherwise herein provided, the Newly Revised Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern matters of Parliamentary Procedure.

6. Quorum: A quorum for any duly scheduled meeting of this convention shall consist of fifty (50%) the registered delegates certified to the convention by the Credentials Committee and present at such meetings.

7. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws:

Amendments: Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 11 shall be in resolution form as prescribed in the Constitution and By-Laws. Discussion on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be limited to one (1) three-minute speaker “for” and one (1) three-minute speaker “against,” with two (2) additional speakers “for” and two (2) additional speakers “against,” at two (2) minutes each for a total time not to exceed fourteen (14) minutes on any one amendment. **No written statements concerning proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws or any Lions seeking an endorsement for International Director or International Vice President, other than what has been prepared by the staff of Multiple District 11 at the direction of the Council of**

Governors, shall be distributed at the entrance to or within the room where the business session is being held or where the casting of ballots is performed. This includes campaign materials (buttons, shirts, banners and posters EXCEPT during an authorized demonstration for a candidate.

VOTING: Any vote pertaining to amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be by written ballot. Ballot preparation and voting procedures shall be the responsibility of the Elections Committee.

8. Limitation on Speakers:

Each speaker discussing an **internal convention** matter shall be limited to three (3) minutes, but permission to continue for not longer than an additional three (3) minutes may be granted by majority consent of the delegates present. This limitation shall not apply to addresses or reports listed in the official program.

Presentations by endorsed projects of the Multiple District shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes and ten (10) minutes for none endorsed projects.

Endorsement of Candidates for International Office: Nominating speeches shall be limited to three (3) minutes, seconding speeches to two (2) minutes; limit of two seconding speakers for each candidate. Demonstrations for each candidate and/or remarks by the candidate shall be limited to five (5) minutes upon their nomination. After nominations and demonstrations for candidates for International Office have been presented, equal time shall be allocated on the convention floor for those who wish to make a presentation on behalf of “no endorsement.”

9. Prohibition: Partisan politics or sectarian religion controversy or debate shall be prohibited during sessions of the convention.

10. Additional Guidelines: Adoption of these Rules, including the hours of meeting as set forth in the official program, imposes upon both the presiding officers and the delegates at the convention the duty to begin and close the sessions of this convention at the prescribed times. It is, therefore, the expressed sense of the assembled delegates of the convention that none of their number shall congregate or loiter in the lobbies, anterooms, or at any other places outside of the Convention Hall during any time announced for the regular sessions of the convention, and that each delegate shall be in the place provided for delegates in the Convention Hall at the time of convening, and that each delegate shall remain in attendance until recess or adjournment of the session, unless excused by the Sergeants At Arms.

11. Duties of the Sergeants At Arms: The Sergeants at Arms are authorized and instructed to enforce the Rules as herein set forth by the presiding officer of each session.

12. Suspension of the Rules: Suspension of the Rules may be made by 2/3 majority of the delegates assembled.

MOTION: Leach, Jr., Schroeder, to accept the amended rules as presented for the 2016 MD-11 State Convention. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the previous Council of Governors meeting it was suggest that an Ad Hoc Financial Advisory Committee be formed. The committee is to be made up of the State Treasurer, current Council Chair and past two Council Chairs.

MOTION: Faber, Gingerich, to approve an Ad-Hoc Financial Advisory Committee through 6-30-16. The 2016-2017 Council of Governors shall approve or change the Ad Hoc committee to a permanent committee, as recommended by the Council.

VDG Bowerman stated that placement in the Policy Manual creates a permanent plan in place. Lion Weessies stated that it could be a policy in the Policy Manual, as opposed to a permanent committee if it were included in the Constitution and By Laws.

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

S.A. DODGE, PRESIDENTIAL & LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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. Each Governor may submit one nomination. It is a non-repetitive award—recipients may receive only one. Names are not listed on the nomination forms so nominees are judged on the basis of their service to Lionism at the multiple district and/or international level. November 20, 2015, is the deadline to submit nominations to the state office.

President Yamada sent out a letter outlining his criteria for Presidential and Leadership Medals. Governors may nominate one Lion for the Presidential Medal and two for the Leadership Medal. A list of past recipients will be resent to all. All awards are only presented once per Lion. November 20th is the deadline for nominations to be received in the State Office.

DETROIT METRO CVB –GUEST DAN DOYLE, NATIONAL SALES MANAGER

The Detroit Metro CVB has asked support from the Council of Governors in their attempt to submit an application to LCI for consideration of the 2021 International Convention. A power point presentation lauding Detroit as “America’s Great Comeback City” proved just that. Highlights of infrastructure, and the sports and entertainment district, as well as plenty of hotel space and a proven parade route make Detroit an excellent choice.

MOTION: Leach, Jr., Allen, to endorse the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau efforts to submit a proposal for the 2021 LCI Convention. Motion carried.

Wendy will draft a letter of support to be submitted to Mr. Doyle.

MD 11 STATE CONVENTION –LION WENDY BURNS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2016 Convention in Sterling Heights will be held May 13-14, 2016. There will be an activity once again on Thursday evening, May 12, offering the opportunity for Lions and guest to gather and meet one-on-one with our International guest speaker. A speaker has not yet been secured, and PID Esther LaMothe is working on this.

The planning committee has approved the theme of “Motown” and will incorporate this throughout the convention with music, costume, themed food and good times. New this year is a request for sponsors to help not only off-set rising costs, but to enable the planning committee to enhance the convention experience. Lion Wendy encouraged the Governors to help promote attendance at the convention by “Sending One.” If each club in the state had one member attend the convention, we would more than double our registration.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST/ESSAY CONTEST

Rules for the Peace Poster Contest are posted on LCI's website. They include restrictions on the age of contestants and the size of their artwork. Only one entry is allowed per student. The use of lettering or numbering on the poster is not allowed. Entries may not be laminated, and nothing may be glued or stapled to the artwork. The winning Peace Poster from each district in MD 11 will be judged at the December Council of Governors meeting. At this time, judging will also take place for the Essay Contest. The winner of each will receive a \$300.00 cash prize from the Lions of Michigan.

STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT

Due to a family emergency, PDG Dave Eberline was unable to attend the meeting and instead, submitted a report for review by the Council.

Recommendations– Redistrict

Comments: Encourage DG's to discuss Redistricting at upcoming Cabinet meetings; involve all clubs in the process. Look into partial redistricting, with smaller Districts merging with another District

Finance Committee needs to be established to address all funds and to simplify financial reporting.

✓ **Completed**

All standing Committees, suggested to meet “In Person” at least once a year as necessary.

✓ **Non-issue**

Leadership Training should include Immediate Past Council Chair Duties, involving the Council of Governors Advisory Committee.

✓ **Non-issue**

Leadership Institute Committee – More information on LOM web site. Maybe a page on the institute.

✓ **State Office Website (info already included)**

Leo Committee – Keep districts advised of former Leo's over the age of 18. List to be used as possible Leo advisers if not Lions members.

✓ Districts with Leos would already have this information

International Convention Committee should be comprised of all eleven 1st Vice District Governors. They will all be attending the convention, they already meet 4 times a year for training and this could be incorporated into it. They are already at the Council of Governors meetings and the sitting Council has just been there, when the travel is to a destination out of country there are more District Governor Elect's than “lay Lions”, this impacts them the most, they arrive 3 days ahead of the delegates and it would save the MD \$3000 a year. (With a Lion, not involved with being a District Governor, as chairperson to assure continuity)

✓ Needs clarification

Comments: Encourage DG's to discuss Redistricting at upcoming Cabinet meetings. Involve all clubs in the redistricting discussions, as this effects clubs who may need to consider how they will be effected if they own equipment, a clubhouse, etc. Look into partial redistricting, with smaller Districts merging with another District. Consider moving from 10 (ten) Districts down to 6 (six). Strategic Planning goal should be focused on MEMBERSHIP, and how to increase membership. Clubs cannot grow if a club president is not interested in promoting membership. Club presidents need to be on board and motivated to grow their club.

An informal survey was taken to get a sense of how the Districts feel at this time in regards to redistricting: 6 DG's stated they would take the suggestion back to their Districts for discussion at a Cabinet meeting; 2 firmly stated no to the subject; one felt their District had not changed their mind from the 2012 vote on redistricting; one DG reconfirmed that not all Districts would need to merge, and the entire state should not be forced into it.

PDG Eberline will be invited to address the Council at the December meeting in Lansing.

LCIF Report –PDG BILL ERICKSON, STATE CHAIR

LCIF will celebrate 50 years of service in 2018. To date, \$1 billion has been raised to benefit people worldwide. There is a goal to raise %50 million by the LCIF 50th Anniversary.

Lions Club contributions count towards the Melvin Jones Fellowship, but individuals may also contribute towards a MJF by donating \$1000, with a minimum amount of \$100 per payment, over a 5 year period. You can also become a contributing member through the Contributing Member program. For as little as \$20 you can get a LCIF sustaining member bronze pin. There are also silver pins for \$50 and Gold for \$100.

FINANCIAL REPORT – STATE TREASURE PAUL HEMERYCK (teleconference)

Treasurer Hemeryck reported that the annual independent audit has been completed by Mr. Robert Heemer, CPA. A full report will be given at the December Council of Governors meeting.

Financial reports through the end of September were provided. All financial accounts, revenues and expenses are normal for this time of year, which is not typically a high-activity period. PDG Hemeryck explained the difference between dues receivable, deferred dues, and pro-rated dues.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE –PCC PAUL HEMERYCK, CO-CHAIR

To date there are 75 registered for the Leadership Institute in November. Acceptance letters will be mailed out the week of October 19. As a reminder, each District is allowed to send one person to the Leadership Institute with a donation of \$300.00. All meals and two nights lodging are included in the registration fee of \$175.00. Registration is down a little due to the LCI FDI training the same weekend, but it is expected that we will be at capacity (100 attendees) by November.

The remainder of our grant money was sent by LCI, which was \$3,750.00. The LI continues to receive approval for the grant, based on our quality program.

There will be a focus on *Strategic Planning for Clubs* and *How to Run Effective Meetings*, which all clubs can benefit from. A list of current and past attendees will be sent out to all DG's, which can be used as a leadership recruitment tool.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT –LION LAURA HUNT, STATE CHAIR

In 2014 the PR Committee looked into applying for a PR Grant available through LCI. This year, the PR Grant has fallen under the category of "Centennial Grant" and the PR committee is in asking for Council approval to submit a \$15,000.00 Centennial PR Grant application to LCI. Modeled after District 11 A-1's successful billboard campaign last year, the committee is looking for support of a state-wide billboard campaign.

The committee has identified 3 goals for this campaign:

1. Increase awareness of Lions and of what we do.
2. Increase our membership so that we may serve more.
3. Increase donations to Lions so that we may serve more.

The campaign will have 3 components:

Freeway billboards, smaller community billboards, and durable fliers for distribution to churches, libraries, businesses, etc...The proposed design for the billboards includes the International Centennial logo along with social media icons. The fliers will also include a spot for specific club contact information.

Billboard Campaigns are a way to make a big impact state-wide; outdoor advertising will raise our organizational profile and deliver results. Poster ads will put the Lions message right in front potential members and the public at large.

The grant requires 20% matching funds which we intend to raise by asking each District to provide a minimum of \$100 per club. Any club contributing \$200 or more will receive a banner patch. In this way, we expect to raise sufficient funds even if we were to only get 60 or 70%

participation by the clubs. There are 420 clubs in MI so we will have sufficient resources. All funds will be disbursed directly through the Lions of Michigan State Office.

MOTION: Dolehanty, Jordan-Crowley, to support the Public Relations Committee efforts in obtaining a Centennial Grant and the PR Media Campaign. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – SPECIAL STATE CENTENNIAL PROJECT, DG ROCK WOOD

Governor Wood has been working with LCIF on details and paperwork involved in grant application. Each District in SD 10 and MD 11 will be asked to raise \$3,000.00, and will be asked to request each club to donate \$100.00 to this project.

At this time, the project will be in partnership with the Lions of Mexico and is designated to help children. The project will take place in Mexico. Updates will be provided at the next Council of Governors meeting, if not sooner via email notification.

The Council expressed appreciation to DG Rock for his efforts to extend service from the Lions of Michigan to the Lions of Mexico.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – IPDG DIANE WEHBY, STATE COORDINATOR

IPDG Wehby stated that DG Wood's efforts do not overlap with the PR Centennial Grant, but falls under the International Assistance Grant program. LCI will hold training for the Centennial coordinators the second week of January and information will be sent out as she receives updates. District Coordinators are still needed for several Districts. For those already in place, a stipend is offered in the amount of \$250.00 by LCI to help off-set any meeting expenses a district may have. Applications must be received by LCI not later than October 15, 2015. The committee is appointed to serve until 6-20-2018.

NEW BUSINESS

DG Allen recommended a committee be formed to look into the excess funds remaining in the pin account. Pin sales have dwindled over the years, and money in this account could be transferred to more active accounts. The newly formed committee would make recommendations to the Governors as to where funds would be put to the best use.

MOTION: Amidon, Wood, to appoint DG's Leach Jr., Allen, to oversee the pin account and make recommendations to the Council of Governors. Motion carried.

VDG Terry Treppa announced the 1st VDG's will meet to select their Council Chair for the year 2016-2017 at the December meeting. They will also have a meeting with the 2nd VDG's during the December Council of Governors meeting.

The Tail Twister doled out fines and collected a total of \$194.00 for the weekend.

MOTION: Lanaville, Faber, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.