

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



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**4th Council of Governors Meeting
Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, MI
February 27-28, 2016**

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Saturday, February 27, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, by Council Chair Linda Tate. Governors in attendance were: DG Tom Lanaville, SD 10; DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley, A1; A2 DG James Leach, Jr.; DG Peggy Allen, B1; DG Jeff Mayuiers, B2; DG 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: VDG Martha Brown, A1; VDG Dave Hill, B1; VDG Jim Farrell, 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, Jr. A2; VDG LuAnne Bullington, B1; VDG Barb Stutesman, B2; VDG Julie May, C1; VDG Brent Beracy, C2; VDG Jeff Hunt, D1; VDG Peggy Walls, E1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Linda Tate, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, PID Esther LaMothe and Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION-Faber, Dolehanty, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT

Due to a conflict, PDG David Eberlein was unable to report in person. A new, trimmed down survey was created as requested by the Council at the December meeting. PDG Eberlein sent the draft to LCI for review, who reported they were “on the right track.” The SP committee is looking into the cost and the requirements of using Survey Monkey as a means to distribute the survey to the membership. DG Faber reminded us on the importance of “buy-in” from every district to make the efforts of the committee a success. DG Jordan-Crowley expressed her concerns over the inconclusive survey results from last year’s attempt. She further stated that an organization cannot create a workable plan based on the low percentage of completed surveys returned to the committee. DG Dolehanty agrees that every business needs a strategic plan, and was under the impression the committee determined a focus on how to increase membership was to be the priority, and if so, what will be the steps toward this?

Council Chair Tate suggested to PDG Eberlein that he review the LCI survey that was sent to the membership for use as a guideline to customize a survey for our Michigan Lions, tying it into LCI’s overall strategic plan for the entire organization. PDG Tim Anderson, GMT Chair, has received and reviewed the LCI membership plan and that anything the committee develops should go hand-in-hand with LCI.

DG Faber asked that copies of the revised survey sent to the council by PDG Eberlein be made available at Saturday’s meeting. Discussion tabled until Saturday.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM –PDG Tim Anderson, Chair

Both MD 11 C2 and D2 report positive growth for the year: C2: +36; D2: +35. This is a critical time of year for membership growth. Districts D1 and D2 have New Club development plans in the works. As spring approaches people are looking to become involved in activities again, and joining Lions is a way to fulfill that need. All are encouraged to continue recruiting new members to keep up the great work being done in our state.

1st VDG's are to have their goals for the 2016-17 year turned in by March 31. PDG Tim has suggested that the Strategic Plan for the next two (2) years be based on their goals.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM –PDG Karen Routson, Chair

The Vice District Governors have now completed their Multiple District and Area training, and are finalizing their GLT & GMT goals, which are impressive! PDG Routson expressed confidence in their ability to govern us in the 2016-2017 year.

LCI has a training program designed for 2nd VDGs that has not been used so far. PDG Routson will research the materials provided by LCI and make a determination as to whether or not to incorporate it into her training sessions next year. The program is meant to replace the current approach of including 2nd VDGs in the 1st VDG training, but there is also an option of including them in both programs.

PDG Routson was recently invited to attend Area GLT/GMT training in Indianapolis, stating it was an intense 24 hours of travel and training.

Quarterly GLT reports will be done once again in March. They go to our Area GLT Leader and to LCI. DG's are asked to encourage your District GLT Coordinator to complete their quarterly reports and send copies to PDG Routson so the districts are recognized for their efforts.

Lastly, PDG Routson reported she will not renew as MD 11 GLT Coordinator when her term ends June 20, 2017. This advance notice will give others around the state the chance to apply next year, prior to May, 2017.

LCI UPDATES & CONVENTION PROTOCOL –PID Esther LaMothe

PID Esther reported LCI is looking to a new Strategic Plan which could include a new service project for the Centennial Celebration next year. The 1st VDGs were encouraged to speak with the International Directors at the International Convention in Japan in an effort to get ideas on which ID would be the best candidate to speak at next year's district convention. MD 11 and SD 10 will again each have a candidate for International Director going to Japan. PCC's Paul Hemeryck and Jenny Ware will represent the districts. Each must pay their travel expense, and will be reimbursed according to LCI General Reimbursement Policy if elected as International Director.

Presidential and Leadership Medals -International President Yamada has approved all of the nominees recommended by the Council for Presidential and Leadership Medals. The medals will be distributed to the Governors for presentation at their district conventions.

District Conventions – Now is the time to complete and submit speaker request forms to LCI. Handouts were provided with tips for caring for your guest speaker and a copy of the visitation request form, which can also be accessed from LCI’s website. This report must be completed by an ID or PID and sent to LCI.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CENTENNIAL PROJECT –DG Rock Wood

Governor Wood and his contact with the Lions of Mexico worked together to outline a project and submitted it for review by LCI. LCI has since rejected their submission stating they did not feel it would qualify for a grant at this time. Governor Wood posed the question: Do the 1st VDGs wish to continue to pursue the project in Mexico? DG Wood offered to continue to work with them, if they decide to move forward. CC-E Faber spoke with the VDGs during their training session and the majority expressed interest, and will hold a discussion at their May planning meeting.

Governor Dolehanty brought up the crisis the people of District D1 are faced with in Flint. DG Dolehanty saw the need and immediately applied for a disaster grant through LCI, which has been approved. The Multiple District 11-D1 Food and Water Fund will be used to assist Flint and the extended community. Governor Leach added that his District, 11 A2, saw the need and donated \$1,200.00 to the fund. DG Dolehanty was asked to send out the details of where to mail a donation to the Council.

Moving back to the discussion on how to proceed with the DG Centennial Project, 1st VDG Dave Hill said it will be on the agenda in May at which time a vote of the DGE’s will determine what course to take. Governor Allen said that her District has donated to the fund, but if the project is terminated, funds must be returned to the District. Governor Wood has been informed that the next grant meeting of LCIF will be held in April, and approval may not be given for this year. He doesn’t see the need to re-write the grant at this time unless the 1st VDG’s agree to proceed at their meeting.

PEACE POSTER MERIT AWARD –Council Chair Linda Tate

Northville Lions Club’s sponsored entry created by student Hamin Park has been chosen as a merit award winner in the 28th Annual LCI Peace Poster Contest. Miss Park was one of 400,000 students participating this year from 65 countries. Narrowed down to 129 posters, Hamin’s entry was one of 23 merit winners. She will receive \$500.00 from LCI, along with a certificate of merit. DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley will invite her to attend the MD-11 Convention to be recognized as both the State winner and Merit winner.

MOTION: Faber, Schroeder, to recess until 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Motion carried.

**Fourth Council of Governors Meeting
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Sunday, February 28, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Causeway Bay Hotel by Council Chair Linda Tate. Governors in attendance were: DG Tom Lanaville, SD 10; DG Sharon Jordan-Crowley, A1; A2 DG James Leach, Jr.; 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: VDG Martha Brown, A1; VDG Dave Hill, B1; VDG Jim Farrell, 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 LuAnne Bullington, B1; VDG Barb Stutesman, B2; VDG Julie May, C1; VDG Brent Beracy, C2; VDG Jeff Hunt, D1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Linda Tate, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, PID Esther LaMothe and Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

Council Chair Tate introduced 1st Vice District Governor Jim Farrell. VDG Farrell is the new 1stVDG appointed to replace VDG Scott Sinclair, who resigned due to health issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/WRITTEN REPORTS

MOTION - Dolehanty, Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the December 2015 Council meeting.

MOTION – Leach, Schroeder, to receive written reports as submitted. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

All accounts are operating within the budgets. \$35,000.00 was transferred out of the Pin account and into the newly created Governor’s Special Projects Fund. The Leadership Institute sustained a \$6,000.00 loss this year. Treasurer Hemeryck will go into greater detail during his report on the 2015 Leadership Institute.

The Lion Pride is doing very well and publication costs are reasonable. PID LaMothe questioned if the Publication Advisory committee has held discussions on whether to go electronic with the Lion Pride and do away with the cost of printing the publication. She recommended the incoming Council meet with the Publication Advisory and Information Technology committees to have a serious discussion on what direction the Lion Pride should take in the next 3-5 years.

Financial Technology Investments showed a recent loss of \$12,000.00 due to the down market, but fortunately our funds are in very conservative investment accounts and the losses are kept at a minimum. PCC Brian Shepard manages this account through his business.

MOTION –Faber, Dolehanty, to receive the report as submitted. Motion carried.

MD-11 STATE CONVENTION –PDG Bob Sturgis, Chair

Plans are going well for the convention in May and the theme is “Making Memories in Motown.” Room rate at the newly redecorated Wyndham Garden Hotel is \$79.00. The Sterling Heights Lions Club will host the Thursday, May 12 picnic at their clubhouse. Food will be catered by The Pantry restaurant. The clubhouse is large enough for our group, has overflow space outdoors and they have a licensed bar. Cost for the picnic: \$10.00. Friday, May 13, Leader Dog will provide a “sneak peek” tour of the Canine Development Center at 2:00 pm. There will be two breakout sessions on Saturday: Lion Laura Hunt will present on the PR Centennial Billboard Campaign and PDG Diane Wehby will present on the 100th Centennial Celebration. The Japan Travel Tips session will be led by PDG Dennis Lautzenheiser. We are pleased to have the Lions All State Band perform on Saturday evening during the reception.

The 2017 convention will be held at Great Wolfe Lodge. Bids are being accepted for the 2018 convention, and all are welcome to submit the name of a hotel to Wendy, who will forward the proposal onto the sales manager.

MICHIGAN FORUM REPORT –Wendy Burns, Executive Director

There were 315 total registrations this year. The White Cane Scholarship recipients were all present and recognized during the luncheon. Each has been awarded a \$3,000.00 scholarship with the money coming out of the Grace Lange account. The Michigan Forum teamed up once again with the Lions Hearing Center and provided a \$1000.00 scholarship to a deaf student. Selection was made by LHC Executive Director, Phil Wells, and Lions of MI will equally share the cost of the scholarship. There were a total of 16 breakout session and 19 exhibitors.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, Co-Chair

The Institute was well attended this year, and all three offerings were nearly to capacity. The budget took an unexpected hit, causing a loss of approximately \$6,000.00. One of the unexpected expenses came from the MacMullen Center for the 10 cancellations received. They have not charged for cancellations in the past. All attendees received the Lions Club Handbook as part of their registration.

LCI has changed their grant rules and will no longer pay for Masters and Graduate Institutes. Additionally, there must be proof of 47 minimum attendees for the overall institute which there was, and we will qualify to receive the full grant this year. Governors are encouraged to recommend the institute to new member to keep our numbers at the minimum required by LCI to continue receiving the grant. Next year’s date is scheduled for November 11, 12, 13, 2016. Only five (5) Districts sent in financial support this year. All are asked to make a \$300.00 donation, which will in turn allow a District to send one (1) attendee to the Institute.

MOTION –Faber, Dolehanty, to accept the Leadership Institute report. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT –Wendy Burns, Executive Director

Thank you notes were received from Lions Bear Lake Camp for donations received in Memory of Jim Leach, Sr. and Lion Gene Davis. The DG’s received state flags to represent their International Guest speakers at their District Conventions, with the exception of two in need of Georgia flags, which are on order. Those planning to attend the convention in Japan received 25 complimentary 2016 pins to take with them. Each Governor also received 2016-2017 blazer

crests, to be presented at the District Conventions to the incoming DG and VDG's. Name badges for DG's, 1st & 2nd DG's will be ordered through the state office as soon as a list of names and partner names is completed.

An assignment list will be sent to the DG's outlining areas of need to sign up for. Each Governor will be asked to oversee a piece of the convention. Council Chair Tate will act as host during the Saturday evening Awards Banquet, and Vice Council Chair Faber will moderate the Business Session.

YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT –Lion Eileen Delaney, Chair

Host homes are needed for up to ten (10) students for 3-6 weeks during the months of July and August. They come with some knowledge of the English language, their own health insurance, spending money and a desire to learn about the American way of life. Let Lion Eileen know of your interest and availability to place a student in your home this summer.

LIONS ALL STATE BAND –PDG David Bennett, ASB Chair and Jason Russell, Band Director.

There are 47 student band members participating in the trip to Japan this year. The cost of the trip is \$4,995.00 and students are raising funds and receiving support from local clubs.

They have been asked to lead the flag ceremony for the 2017 100th Celebration in Chicago next year, an impressive honor. Director Jason Russell has been working with the band for years, but this will be his first official year as Director, replacing the now retired Roger Wyersburg. Jason is excited to continue the legacy and has exciting ideas for the band as they move into their 36th year.

Plans are in the works to get approval from the Districts to make the LMASB a State Project. It may not happen until next year, but wheels are in motion. Also in the works are plans to form a Leo Club within the band. This idea has been approved by LCI, and Leo Chair Terry Walters will be working on this with LMASB committee member, Lion John Messner.

Old Business -

LIONS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION

The Lions of MI Foundation has requested a grant from LCIF in the amount of \$48,687.72 to provide one half of the total project cost to obtain six fully equipped KidSight trailers and six new hand-held vision screening devices. The Governors were all in agreement to support this proposal, and did so via email voting. A formal vote of the Council of Governors was taken.

MOTION –Jordan-Crowley, Gingerich, to support the \$48,687.72 grant request by Lions of Michigan Foundation for the purchase of KidSight Trailers. Motion carried.

The Governors discussed the need for financial support in Flint. It was decided money from the newly created special projects fund would be put to good use in Flint.

MOTION –Schroeder, Dolehanty, to donate \$2,500.00 from the Governors Special Project Fund to District 11-D1 Flint Food & Water fund. Motion carried: Nine (9) support in favor; 0 opposed. Absent: Governor Rock Wood.

STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY

Governors were handed out the survey updated by the SP committee and were asked to take the time to personally complete the survey and provide feedback to the committee. The discussion on how to proceed has been tabled until the May meeting, and will be on the agenda for further review.

MOTION –Gingerich, seconded, to adjourn the meeting Motion carried.