

# **Lions International**

## **Multiple District 11**

**(Lower Michigan)**



**"We Serve"**

**2nd Council of Governors Meeting  
Quality Suites Hotel  
St. Ignace, MI  
October 7-8, 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting**  
**Friday, October 7, 2016**  
**Quality Inn, St. Ignace**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council Chair Justin Faber. **District Governors** in attendance were: Matt Doney, SD 10; Martha Brown, A1; Patti Barr, A2; Dave Hill, B1; Jim Farrell, B2; Lloyd Foster, C1; Ken Ridalls, C2; Thomas Hardt, D1; Dave Wineman, D2; Ron Gibson, E1, Carol Athan, E2. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Terry Treppa, A1; John Bingham, Jr., A2; LuAnne Bullington, B1; Barb Stutesman, B2; Julie May, C1; Brent Beracy, C2; Jeff Hunt, D1; Fred Sullivan, D2; Peggy Walls, E1; Thom Seymour, E2. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors** in attendance were: Jim Whalen, SD 10; Shirley Kelly, A1; Roger Spriggs, B1; Fran Grabowski, B2; Jack Kriete, D2; Al Roeseler, E1. Also in attendance: ID Jenny Ware, Council Chair Justin Faber and Executive Director, Wendy Burns.

The meeting opened with the invocation, pledge of allegiance and song.

MOTION: Athan, Hardt, to accept the minutes of the August 6-7 meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION: Foster, Athan, to receive the Written Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

A discussion on the recent USA/Canada Forum held in Omaha ensued. Those who attended the Forum gave praise for the programs, major projects, speakers and food.

**LIAISON REPORT –INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JENNY WARE**

ID Ware announced PID Judge Townsend's confirmation as speaker at the MD 11 State Convention in May, 2017. PID Townsend has also been nominated for the position of 3rd Vice President, to be elected in Chicago at the LCI Convention next July. ID Jenny asked the council for an endorsement of PID Townsend.

MOTION: Foster, Ridalls, to endorse as candidate for LCI 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, PID Haynes Townsend, to be elected at the LCI Convention in Chicago, IL., 2017. Motion carried.

ID Jenny brought along with her the Centennial Banner to be signed by all in attendance. The banner will be stitched together with others from around the world, with the completed banner displayed at the International Convention.

Centennial Bus Tour-IP Bob Corlew toured the southern part of Michigan, traveling on the impressive Centennial Bus. ID Ware was honored to travel with him and attend the receptions held in Detroit, Jackson, Paw Paw and St. Joseph. President Corlew also visited Eversight and Leader Dogs for the Blind during his brief visit. Over 200 Lions were on-hand to greet him during his travels, and many new Lions and Leos were inducted.

### **GLT REPORT –PDG KAREN ROUTSON**

An advertisement was placed in the recent Lion Pride for the position of GLT Coordinator. One application has been received thus far. The candidates for this position will be voted on at the December council meeting.

LCI has made funds available for VDG training again this year. They have also established a new operating budget for GLT District and MD Coordinators. Funds are available for expenses not covered by the VDG or Zone Chair training funds.

VDG Training was held at an earlier time today. PDG Routson stated she has not yet received directives for this year's training program, and has been customizing the program as she's done in the past.

PDG Routson offered to facilitate workshops throughout MD-11 until mid-May, 2017.

### **GMT REPORT –PDG Tim Anderson (Written Report submitted)**

We started the year holding strong in July and August normally months that our membership will slip some due to late reporting, Our September membership gains and losses were about normal

Currently we have 3 Districts in the positive (A1, A2, B1) and 3 in single digits (C1, C2, D1) so  
**WAY TO GO!**

Our Constitutional Area has a new person in charge of the GMT this year her name is Carlie Gonzalez she is the same person who reviewed and approved your DG Goals last spring and her plans for the GMT this year is to use your plans to develop on them and help you succeed. I sent your District GMT a copy of your Goals about 6 weeks ago and asked them to develop a plan for your district based off your ideas then to send that plan to me so I could review and share it with the other districts.

Only 1 GMT of the 10, District D2 sent me a plan based off their DGs goals. On September 24th I held a GMT meeting at the State Office and again asked ALL of the GMT district coordinators to please bring with them the plan they created from their DG's Goals and again ONLY D2's GMT Coordinator brought their district plan. I know some of the GMT's are new but it's important to get moving on this.

Retention was a topic at the meeting that kept coming up. We need to keep our current membership engaged, happy, and active so they want to go out and "ASK" new members to join, attend meetings and remain a Lion member. New Growth will work when members are invested.

### **GOVERNORS SPECIAL CENTENNIAL PROJECT –PDGs GIBSON, HARDT**

DG Gibson met with LMASB Director Becky Dahlke and band Director Jason Russell on September 10 to discuss the proposal of new uniforms for the band. Samples of the current uniform were displayed for the council, and consist of a blue polo shirt with the LMASB logo and navy blue shorts. Currently, each student purchases their own uniform which costs approximately \$50.00.

Jason indicated that a full uniform, such as the one worn by the Mississippi band, runs \$700.00 per uniform. He indicated that the scoring by judges at International Parade gives very little consideration to the uniform being worn. Scores are based primarily on music and marching.

He indicated that new travel cases for the band equipment is more of a priority than new uniforms, which would get minimal use. He is to get prices on these and send them to us. New harnesses are also needed for those band members who carry larger instruments, such as drums. Jason will get prices on those also. Director Russel supplied a list of equipment needs with pricing which totaled approximately \$15,000.00.

DG Hardt asked to Governors for a motion to proceed.

MOTION: Hardt, Athan, to pursue the financing of new Lions All State Band uniforms through grant assistance and to spend \$2,500.00 of the Governors Special Project Fund to help fund the efforts. Motion carried.

DG Ridalls suggested applying for a grant through the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund. DG Farrell expressed appreciation to both DG Gibson and DG Hardt for their work on helping the Governors move forward on their goal for the year.

DG Hardt made a motion for the Governors to develop a district-wide scholarship fund and to transfer \$2,500.00 from the Governors Special Fund as seed money. This could become the Governors Legacy Project, with money added to it from future Governors.

After some discussion it was determined this proposal needed more detail and an advisory committee was formed with DGs Hardt, Gibson, and VDGs Hunt and Treppa appointed to the committee.

The Governor's Special Project fund was established by the 2015-16 Governors. \$25,000 was transferred from the Pin Account as seed money for this fund, which is a restricted account and may only be used as decided by current Governors.

DG Hardt withdrew his motion, allowing for further research by the committee.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Lion Wendy Burns**

**MI Forum highlights:** Committee will meet on October 17 to decide on session topics and keynote speaker. Governors will be asked to assist as room moderators, introducing speakers and assisting as needed. Chair Linda Tate will address the council at the December meeting.

**State Convention:** PID Judge Haynes Townsend will be the International Guest speaker. Room reservations are now being accepted at Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City. There will be a kick-off picnic Thursday evening, and PID Townsend will make every effort to attend.

**Leo of the Year:** Awarded to Leo Sydnee Gifford, 11 B1.

**Peace Poster/Essay Contest:** Bring poster/essays to the December meeting for judging on Friday evening. The council agreed to donate \$300.00 to each of the contest winners.

**Donation:** A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 matching funds was sent to the American Diabetes Assoc. in Grand Rapids, MI, as approved at the August Council meeting.

**December Hospitality Room:** The Grand Rapids CVB will host our hospitality in December.  
**White Cane Scholarship:** Applications for 2017 are available on the website. Please forward throughout your district. Deadline to submit is December 1, 2016.

**TAIL TWISTER FINES –DG Martha Brown, Tail Twister**

Fines collected through the year will be equally donated to the 4 State Projects.

MOTION, Wineman, Barr, to recess the meeting until 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting  
Saturday, October 8, 2016  
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**FINANCIAL REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer**

Treasurer Hemeryck reported via teleconference call. Financial statements were sent in advance of the meeting for review. PCC Paul stated all accounts are in good shape and are typical for the first few months of the Lion calendar year. Dues collected for the first-half of the year are allocated over a 6-month period.

MOTION: Hill, Gibson, to receive the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

**LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE –PCC Paul Hemeryck, Co-Chair**

As of this date, there is still room to accept participants in both the Leadership and Graduate programs. The Master's program is limited to 13 participants. Maximum attendance in each program is: 13-Masters; 60-Leadership; 20-Graduate.

Governors were reminded that for every \$300.00 donated by the District, one member could attend at no cost.

MOTION: Farrell, Athan, to receive the Leadership Institute report as presented. Motion carried.

**LIONS OF MICHIGAN LEGACY MONUMENT –Lion Bill Bradfield**

Lion Bill approached the Council with the idea of a legacy monument to be presented to LCI for display in the corporate headquarters in Oak Brook, IL. A prototype of the monument was on display. At the top was a removable ‘100’ which could be removed and replaced with 125, 150, etc. The construction will be handled by Lion Bill, and is made of metal. A time capsule could also be incorporated. Finished size will be a 4 foot high column which will stand on a 5’x5’ base, with the number 100 on the top. Display location will be indoors, possibly LCI’s lobby area, to protect from the elements.

Lion Wendy asked if the completed project could be displayed on a movable cart in the International Parade alongside the Michigan delegation, and Lion Bill said that would be possible.

MOTION: Hardt, Ridalls, to support the Lions Legacy Project presentation to LCI, by Lion Bill Bradfield. Motion carried.

**CENTENNIAL PR/MEDIA CAMPAIGN –Lion Laura Hunt, PR Chair**

Approximately \$13,000.00 has been donated by Lions to the Centennial PR/Media Campaign. All of the State Projects have been asked of their interest in contributing to the fund. Leader Dog has sent in a check for \$1500.00 and Eversight is expected to follow suit. The goal is to raise \$40,000.00. Work is beginning on the website to add a domain name with a link to the project. Each club making a \$200.00 donation will receive a banner patch, designed and created by Lion Deborah Love-Peel, A1. Lion Deborah is donating proceeds from the cost of the patches to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Fund. Radio PSA’s will be created and VDG Barb Stutesman is assisting with this side of the media campaign. Flyers will be available after the first of January for club use. A listing of the billboard locations has been created and is available for review. The placement was determined by the professionals at Out Front Media, who specialize in the determination based on traffic.

MOTION: Athan, Barr, to accept the PR/Media report. Motion carried.

**CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS REPORT –Lion Ed Weessies, Chair**

Lion Ed Weessies, Constitution and By-Laws Chair, noted there were no changes to the Standard Form for Multiple Districts. He researched teleconference voting as requested at the last meeting, and this is acceptable. Lion Ed presented a draft of a policy in regards to Committee Vice-Chairs.

**COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSONS**

A vice chairperson of each committee shall be authorized to assist the chairperson and to provide continuity and a smooth flow of committee operations should the chairperson be unable to conduct meetings as a result of illness, injury, replacement, resignation or become deceased. This position will offer said individual an opportunity to learn how the committee operates, its obligations and its authority. A vice chairperson may be chosen by the committee chairperson and

said appointment be confirmed by the Council of Governors. The appointment of a vice chairperson is in no way a guarantee that said individual will be appointed chairperson of the committee should there become a vacancy in the position of chairperson.

Council Chair Faber asked if the Policy Manual Review committee wished to add this statement into the Policy Manual. DG Farrell will discuss this and any other additions and present at the December Council of Governors meeting. DG Gibson thanked Lion Ed for his guidance and knowledge of the Constitution and By-Laws, and for the support he provides.

### **DISTRICT EDITOR REPORT –PDG Peter Conarty, Chair**

At the May council meeting, PDG Pete asked the council to consider a merger of the District Editor Committee with the Publication Advisory Committee. The reason for the merger stems from the fact that many of the same Lions serve on both committees. It has been requested they combine their efforts and become the District Editors Advisory Committee. Lion Ed Weessies drafted a proposed amendment for review:

#### **The 2016-2017 Council of Governors proposes the following:**

Combine the District Editors Committee and the Publication Advisory Committee. The rationale for this action is that in almost all cases the sub-district members representing these committees are one in the same or that some districts are not being represented on the Publication Advisory Committee.

“Whereas the members of the District Editors Committee and the Publication Advisory Committee are, in most cases, the same person, and;

Whereas, the Publication Advisory Committee has not been represented by all Districts, now;

Therefore be it resolved that the By Laws of Multiple District 11, Article IX, Section 1-a be amended as follows: That number 11 (Publication Advisory Committee) and number 12 (District Editors Committee) be combined into a new number 11 “District Editor’s Advisory Committee “and that the rest of Section 1-a be renumbered accordingly.”

MOTION: Farrell, Foster, to approve the proposed amendment with the addition of the committee title, District Editors Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

The Proposed Amendment will be voted upon by the delegates at the MD 11 State Convention held in May during the business session.

PDG Pete has been doing ongoing research in regards to digitization of the Lion Pride. He has been in touch with LCI and other states that offer a digital magazine. All have stated the most challenging part of a digital publication is keeping current the email addresses for the distribution. Michigan sends nearly 12,000 members and VIPs the Pride in the mail. Obtaining updated emails will be an on-going project for the state office.

Motion: Barr, Foster to accept both the Constitution and By Laws, District Editor report. Motion carried.

### **AWARDS NOMINATION REVIEW**

ID Ware and Council Chair Faber gave an overview of the awards nomination process. All Leadership, Presidential and SA Dodge nominations need to be submitted to the state office by November 18. Lion Wendy will forward on all Leadership and Presidential nominations to ID Ware, who will submit to President Corlew for consideration. SA Dodge nominations should be submitted anonymously. All

nominations will be sent to each of the Governors for review and will be voted upon at the December Council meeting.

**DISTRICT RE-ORGANIZATION –DG Ron Gibson**

A letter was received by DG Ron regarding an exploratory meeting to discuss a possible merger of District 11 E1 and 11 E2. Both Districts are below 1,250 members, with 33 counties represented between the two. DG Ron is not asking for a vote from the Governors, but has asked Lion Weessies to explore with LCI what a merger would entail. Lion Ed reported a merger is no different than redistricting, and would take up to three years to finalize. DG Carol Athan said she has not had positive feedback from the membership of 11 E2 on this suggestion.

ID Ware, SD 10, understands the hurdles that come with large districts whose clubs are spread out. If travel is the issue, utilize the VDGs to break up the area for visitation. Zone meetings do count as an official visit, which may lessen the travel time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council Chair Faber has discussed the AG’s position on Traffic Code with Senator Pavlo, who informed him the only way to change the opinion barring solicitation from city streets is through legislation or to sue the State of MI. He also contacted a consultant for information on services a consulting firm would offer, as well as cost to us. The consulting firm has been asked to submit a proposal for review at the December meeting. During the USA/Canada Forum, CC Faber spoke with a person from LCI legal department who offered assistance to Michigan, once a direction is determined.

For the time being, the code enforcement seems to be decided on a city-by-city basis. CC Faber will invite his contact to speak to the council in December.

Tail Twister fines were collected by DG Marty Brown.

Motion to adjourn, Hill, Barr. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**MOTION: Hardt, Athan, to pursue the financing of new Lions All State Band uniforms through grant assistance and to spend \$2,500.00 of the Governors Special Project Fund to help fund the efforts. Motion carried**

**Was this motion for the band uniforms or for the equipment that was preferred by the All State Band?**

**PR/Media Campaign Laura has to wait for buy-in from the state projects before the artwork for posters and billboards can begin. She is anticipating that buy-in by early 2017. Posters for the clubs should be available shortly thereafter. (Not Jan. 1)**