

**5th COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
FALLING TIMBERS ROOM  
FRIDAY, MAY 19**

The 2016-2017 Council of Governors met for their fifth and final meeting. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Justin Faber at 9:00 a.m. District Governors in attendance were: DG Martha Brown, A1; DG Patti Barr, A2; DG Dave Hill, B1; DG Jim Farrell, B2; DG Lloyd Foster, C1; DG Ken Ridalls, C2; DG Ron Gibson, E1; DG Carol Athan, E2 and DG Matt Doney, SD 10. 1<sup>st</sup> 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; VDG Bob Gingerich, E2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Shirley Kelly, A1; VDG Roger Spriggs, B1; VDG Fran Grabowski, B2; VDG Greg Wehby, C1; VDG Joe Bogar, D1; VDG Jack Kriete, D2. Also in attendance: Council Chair Justin Faber, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, PIDs Dennis Cobler, Esther LaMothe, Gary Anderson; Council Chair-Elect Peggy Allen, Executive Director Wendy Burns and special guest speaker, PID Judge Haynes Townsend.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance, invocation and song. Welcome and introduction of special guests and PID Judge Haynes Townsend followed. News quickly spread on Thursday evening of the passing of Governor Tom Hardt, 11 D1. Council Chair Justin Faber honored Governor Tom with a moment of silence, followed by shared memories from the Council.

Council Chair Faber asked for review and discussion of the Youth Exchange as a separate report provided by Chair Eileen Delaney; Move the 2021 USA/Canada Forum discussion after the Legislative Update.

**MOTION:** Athan, Barr, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Foster, Barr, to approve the minutes of the February, 2017 Council of Governors meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Ridalls/Foster, to approve written reports. Motion carried.

**Youth Exchange Report** –Submitted by Lion Eileen Delaney, Chair.

Lion Eileen has been working to coordinate a Lions Youth Exchange Camp, August 3-6, 2017, at the Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind Camp in Grand Rapids.

This would be the first such LYE Camp in Michigan. Many international countries already hold camps for incoming exchange students. With the low number of foreign students coming to Michigan this year, Lion Eileen has opened up the camp to include Michigan Leo members, as well. OUB Camp can only accommodate 25 campers, and it is hoped there will be availability next year at Lions Bear Lake Camp, in Lapeer.

The cost to run the camp is estimated to be \$1,900.00. Students will pay a fee to attend, but start-up money is needed to pay for the facility and food. Lion Delaney asks the council for approval of \$1,900.00 from the Youth Exchange account to be used for this purpose.

Treasurer Paul Hemeryck was asked if the funds were available, and he reported that there is \$20,000.00 in the Youth Exchange budget that could be used, which poses no shortfall to the fund.

**MOTION:** Ridalls, Foster, to approve the request of \$1,900.00 from the Youth Exchange account to be used for operating expenses of the Michigan Youth Exchange Camp. Motion carried.

**GLT Report** –PDG Karen Routson, District Coordinator

PDG Karen reminded all that quarterly reports are coming due soon. She added what a privilege it has been to serve this Council and the Lions of Michigan these past three (3) years. PDG Karen turned the report over to incoming GLT District Coordinator, Jeff Mayuiers. The Council thanked Lion Karen for her expert training and professionalism.

PDG Jeff Mayuiers will become the GLT District Coordinator on July 1, 2017- June 30, 2020. An agenda of the training session topics was provided as follows:

**August 4 – Grand Rapids**

- 🌀 Let's get acquainted
- 🌀 Open forum "Can you explain this to me?"
- 🌀 The cost of moving up
- 🌀 LCI Resources – Who do I call or email? LCI Headquarters/District Contacts
- 🌀 The value of the Web – PR – Facebook
- 🌀 LCI Reports – Expense Reports
- 🌀 International Presidents Theme/Goals
- 🌀 Review calendars - timelines

**October 6 – St. Ignace**

- 🌀 Leadership styles
- 🌀 Bridging the Gap....OLDER members/younger members
- 🌀 Succession planning
- 🌀 The function of the COG's
- 🌀 GLT-GMT-GST
- 🌀 Guiding Lions – Club Quality Initiatives
- 🌀 This club needs help.....

**December 1 - Flint**

- 🌀 The value of Protocol
- 🌀 Constitution & By-Laws

- 🌟 Building your team
- 🌟 Committees – LCIF – Lions of Michigan Service Foundation – Leader Dogs – Eversight
  - The value of committees
- 🌟 Awards/Recognition

### **February 16 – Grand Rapids**

- 🌟 Public speaking – New Member Induction – Installation of Club Officers
- 🌟 Finance & Budgets
- 🌟 Goal setting
- 🌟 Motivating others
- 🌟 Leadership development
- 🌟 Membership – Membership Retention
  - Branch Clubs – Campus Clubs – Leo Clubs

### **GMT Report –PDG Tim Anderson**

PDG Anderson congratulated the Governors on the great accomplishments so far this year. The biggest challenge begins now when we face June end-of-the-year drops. The new member fee increase begins July 1 and will cost \$10.00 for incoming new members starting then. This may be incentive enough to push those considering membership to join by June 30, helping to boost our numbers.

LCI made changes to the GMT program this year, asking Governors what you want to see happen and to follow your plan for the District. The program also added more training and more active guidance in our role as GMT coordinators. In the form of webinars, quarterly reports, Lions University classes and more.

<b>Total</b>					<b>Gain/Loss</b>				
<b>Membership</b>					<b>May 15-16</b>	<b>-148</b>	<b>16-17</b>	<b>-107</b>	
<b>May 15-16</b>	<b>10,991</b>		<b>16-17</b>	<b>10,724</b>	<b>Just +41</b>	<b>over last year</b>	<b>at this time</b>		

	<b>May 15-16</b>		<b>May 16-17</b>		
A1	935	-45	944	55	+100 over last year
A2	1,473	13	1,434	-21	-34 over last year
B1	973	-19	1,040	80	+99 over last year
B2	1,037	20	1,004	-23	-43 over last year
C1	989	-36	907	-50	-24 over last year
C2	895	41	894	16	-25 over last year
D1	1,248	-40	1,178	-58	-18 over last year
D2	1,261	23	1,271	-2	-25 over last year
E1	1,131	-70	1,112	-12	+58 over last year
E2	1,049	-35	936	-92	-57 over last year

PDG Lion Tim Anderson  
MD11 Global Membership Team Coordinator  
LCI New Club Development Consultant  
"New Mountains to Climb"

Lion Lula Gardfrey was introduced as our elected GMT District Coordinator for 2017-2020. Lion Lula will give an overview of the year during the DGE planning meeting, to be held this afternoon.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT –PDG Bill Simpson**

To date, Michigan has the 5<sup>th</sup> largest US delegation with 306 MD 11 and SD 10 registered Lions. There are 110 Lions and guest signed up to attend Michigan Night at Tommy Guns Dinner Theater, to be held on Sunday, July 2. Council is asked to wear Council shirt and khaki pants to this event. The parade assembly is in the “pink” area on West Wacker Dr., and line-up starts at 9:30 a.m. Watch for the “Michigan” banner to help identify us. We are 143 in the line-up. You must wear the “official” Lions of Michigan parade uniform: Red, white, blue star shirt; navy pants or capris for the ladies; black shoes and optional white hat.

Overall convention registration is up over previous year. LCI hoped for 35,000.00, but with restrictions placed on travel visas and delayed clearance for travelers; the number is closer to 31,000. LCI hopes to have approximately 3,000 on-site registrations!

**FINANCIAL REPORT – PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer**

Treasurer Paul will give a report to the membership during the Business Session on Saturday. Statement of Revenue, Expense and Fund Balance were provided for review. PCC Paul stated the reports show normal activity in the accounts for the year-end. Noted was the large amount of money in the State Convention account which is money received from registrations and donations. Invoices will come in June/July and the amount will be greatly reduced.

A decline in membership equals a loss in revenue, and the Governors are doing a good job to maintain and raise membership.

If the proposal to reduce the Lion Pride subscription fee for student members is passed, there will be a revenue change to the Pride account, but it should not greatly reduce funds. The current annual fee is \$2.50. The proposal is to reduce the fee by half to \$1.25 annually. Dues are sent out twice per year.

**MOTION:** Hill, Ridalls, to receive the financial report as presented.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Lion Matt Sowash, MLC**

Michigan Lions held a Legislative reception at the state Capitol on May 2. Approximately 40 Lions were in attendance and were able to connect with over 60 legislators during the reception. The reception gave us the opportunity to educate legislatures on House Bill 4160 that do not serve on the Transportation committee, and many conversations were held asking for support of HB 4160.

HB 4160 addresses the ban on roadway fundraising. In April, the 14-person House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee listened to testimony on the legislation and Council Chair Justin Faber was able to address the committee and answer any questions they may have. On May 18, the full house voted on the legislation and it was passed, 105-2. A great step on the path to the Governor's office!

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration and will be referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. Sen. Tom Casperson – a Lion member – chairs the committee.

The goal is to get the bill to Governor Rick Snyder's desk by June 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. Lion Matt will keep the Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee informed of all proceedings.

Lion Matt will present this report on Saturday during the Business Session.

#### **MD 11 CONVENTION REPORT – PDG Bob Sturgis, Chair**

There were nearly 100 Lions and guests in attendance at the picnic, in spite of the cold and rain. PID Judge Haynes and Lion Donna Townsend arrived in time to join those gathered and to become acquainted with our members.

The 2018 MD 11 Convention will be in Flint at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center. As mentioned before, there is a companion hotel directly behind the Holiday Inn, a Marriott, which may serve as an overflow hotel. This also allows the perfect opportunity for Districts considering combining their convention with the MD 11 Convention. With at least two Districts moving to one-day conventions, they may want to look into the cost-savings of joining forces.

This year's convention is packed full. The addition of an off-site tour to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park and Winery tour was a popular event. The 33-passenger bus is at capacity. This year we received \$2,400.00 in sponsorship money – up over the \$1,600.00 collected last year. Items for the Silent Auction are rolling in and we are scrambling to find display space, due to the

generosity of many. The hotel rooms filled by the first of April, and we have an off-site motel with 12 rooms that is at capacity with Lions. Due to the state-wide soccer tournament in town, we were unable to find additional rooms. Registration as of Wednesday was at 219 for Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests.

2019 proposals are still under review, and you are asked to let Lion Wendy know if you'd like her to submit a proposal to a specific hotel. The hope is for the planning committee to review proposals and make a selection to present to the Council in August.

### **2021 USA/CANADA FORUM**

At the December Council of Governors meeting, the Governors were asked by the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau to approve submission of a proposal to bid on the 2021 USA/CANADA FORUM. The motion to approve the bid was passed. There is a very detailed and lengthy inspection process, which involves inspection of facilities and venues and the City of Detroit will pay several thousand dollars to host the USA/Canada Forum committee. PID Gary Anderson is on the site-visitation team and wanted to stress the fact that if Detroit is selected Michigan Lions will need to be there to help coordinate the Forum which required hundreds of volunteers and manpower in Grand Rapids in 2015. Attendance at the site visitation would show support and give Lions a glimpse into the process.

PID Anderson asked the council if this was what they wanted when they approved the submission of a proposal by the Detroit CVB? The response from the DGs and VDGs was in support of the decision made in December, and a committee led by VDG Terry Treppa, 11 A1, will be formed to attend the site visitation when it is held in Detroit.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The lease agreement from the Lions of Michigan Foundation will renew in 2018. Lion Chad McCann, Executive Director, LMF, has asked that the Governors vote on the new lease agreement, which states, in part, the following:

This lease shall be for 3 (three) years, beginning at 12:01 AM on July 1, 2018 and continuing until June 30, 2021 at 12:00 PM. The LESSEE shall pay \$525 per month for the term hereof, on or about the 1st day of each month beginning July 1, 2018. \$200 of the LESSEE's monthly rent shall be deposited in a separate Building and Grounds Improvement Fund managed by the LESSOR and shall be matched by a monthly \$200 contribution from the LESSOR.

**MOTION:** Hill, Athan, to enter into a new lease agreement beginning July 1, 2018. Motion carried 10-0 by a verbal vote. Absent: DG Dave Wineman.

PID Townsend was invited to say a few words. He introduced his wife, Lion Donna. Lion Donna became the first female Lion in Georgia 30 years ago. He recognized PID Esther LaMothe as a friend and mentor. PID Townsend is impressed by our legislative efforts and encouraged Lions to engage fellow club members, keeping them active and remaining Lions.

PID Townsend is running for 3<sup>rd</sup>-Vice President in Chicago. At this time he is running unopposed and looks forward to serving the Lions of the World.

Tail Twister fines collected to date total \$200.00 Governor Martha Brown reminded the Council that money collected will be divided between the four State Projects and to give generously!

MOTION: Barr, Hill, to adjourn the 5<sup>th</sup> and final meeting of the 2016-2017 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted by : Wendy Burns, Executive Director