

# **Lions International**

## **Multiple District 11**

**(Lower Michigan)**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting  
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre  
Flint, Michigan  
November 30-December 1, 2018**

**3rd Meeting of the 2018-2019 Council of Governors  
Friday, November 30, 2018  
Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Flint, MI**

The third meeting of the 2018-2019 Council of Governors was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council Chair Barry Allen. Governors in attendance were: DG Shirley Kelly, A1; DG Jack Patton, A2; DG Roger Spriggs, B1; DG Fran Grabowski, B2; DG Greg Wehby, C1; DG Joe Bogar, D1; DG Jack Kriete, D2; DG Al Roeseler, E1; DG Gordon Harris, E2;. 1st Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Bruce LaBelle, SD 10; VDG Norris Turner, A1; VDG Scott Barry, A2; VDG Michael Scott, Jr., B1; VDG John Postelli, B2; DG Paul Hodge, C1; VDG Steven VanTol, D1; VDG Don Spinks, D2; VDG Jackie Glazier, E1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Joe Maki, SD 10; VDG David Wilbert, A1; VDG Leo Schaefer, 11 A2; VDG Julie Mayuiers, 11 B2; Kurt Stromlund, C2. Also in attendance: Council Chair Barry Allen, State Treasurer PCC Paul Hemeryck, PDG Jeff Mayuiers, GLT Chair; Lion Lula Gardfrey, GMT Chair; PCC Justin Faber, GST Chair; PID Esther LaMothe, IPCC Peggy Allen; PDG Jeff Hunt, PCC Jim Pettinato; Lion Amy Anderson and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Bogar, Patton, to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried

**LEO REPORT –Lion Amy Anderson, Chair**

At the October CoG meeting the Governor’s approved Lion Amy’s idea for a Leo Drive-In Day at the Michigan Forum. She presented her event, “Wild About Leos” which includes bus transportation for members in B2; an “Escape Room” for attendees, as well as session speakers/workshops and a service project.

Meeting attendance by the Leo committee members has been lacking, and Lion Amy asked the Governors to please remind their district committee chair that they are also on the state Leo committee. Lion Amy also asked anyone with access to empty eyeglass cases to please bring them to the Forum for the Leo members to use as first aid kits for their service project.

**INTRODUCTION OF 2019-2020 COUNCIL CHAIR**

At the VDG training session earlier in the afternoon, the First Vice Governors interviewed six (6) candidates for Council Chair. PDG Jeff Hunt was approved and introduced to the Council by PCC Peggy Allen as the newly elected 2019-2020 MD 11 Council Chairperson.

**LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP –PCC Jim Pettinato**

The fundraising drive for BLC has successfully met their first goal of raising \$100,000.00 for a matching grant from LCIF. There will be an official announcement and kick-off of the Capitol Campaign at the Michigan Forum in February. The committee will begin making club visits to promote the campaign.

The Lions of Michigan Bear Lake Camp committee will meet on Saturday, January 12, 2019 and all members of the council are welcome to attend. Executive Director Dennis Tomkins will be retiring at the end of next year, and two people will be hired to replace him. Lions Dennis will work with the new Camp Manager and Executive Director throughout the year to ensure a

smooth transition. A new Food Service Manager will handle all kitchen services. At the recent board meeting it was reported that 472 campers utilized the camp for a total of 2,047 camper days. Off-season use totaled 2,929 camper days; there were 1,984 hours of use for the Challenge course involving 299 participants from 13 different groups.

Members from three Lions clubs provided meals during the visually impaired/blind camp, as well as assistance from one Lioness club. With help from the clubs, the camp saves money on paid staff.

A summary of annual donations was provided, breaking down the Lions donations per district. Governors were asked to review and edit the list. Zone Chairs are asked to assist in encouraging clubs to donate to the camp's Capital Campaign.

### **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING –PDG Jeff Mayuiers**

The Vice District Governor's wrapped up training #3 which covered Protocol & Dress; Leading a Meeting; Parliamentary Procedure; Constitution & By Laws and Campaign 100. Following training, interviews of six (6) candidates for Council Chair were held. 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs vote on the Council Chair for their DG year. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs were invited to sit in on the process to prepare them for next year's interview process. February's training will include awards, recognition and volunteers.

In October, District 11 E2 invited PDG Jeff to lead a Guiding Lions program. PDG Jeff was surprised and pleased that the entire district turned out for the training, leading to an outstanding event and a great concept for other districts to try.

LCI has approved training reimbursement for the District GAT members. Each District is allowed \$250.00 for training purposes – last year, 40% of the money from LCI went unclaimed. PDG Jeff encouraged the Governors to have their District GAT apply for funds.

Accepted to FDI in Reno, NV: Lion Shirley Kelly, PDGs Jim Leach, Jr. and PDG Terry Treppa.

### **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT –Lion Lula Gardfrey**

For the current period each District is reporting a loss in membership. The District GMTs have a plan for their District to raise membership, and are continually working to achieve this goal.

**A1** – Achieved a +1 net growth for the quarter.

**A2** – Achieved a +6 net growth for the quarter.

**B1** - GMT developmental plan was completed and submitted to LCI.

Activities:

Battle Creek - Two meetings was held with Borgess Hospital Diabetes personnel (looking to start a new club)

U of M – Held meetings with school officers and participated in the Festifall recruitment; contact information received for appropriately 90 potential members.

EMU – Eaglefest recruitment – contact information received for approximately 100 potential members; a total of 8 new members have been recruited.

Jackson – A Community Needs Assessment to be conducted for a diabetes specialty club

**B2** -An Exit Survey was created to analyze the reasons members left the clubs.

A campus club, branch club and a Hispanic Club are in the preliminary stages of

recruitment. A disaster grant was secured for the flooding that occurred along the Kalamazoo River in the township of Comstock.

**C1**-October is Membership month; many clubs have planned activities to promote growth: Information nights, club promotional brochures and local advertising.

**C2** - International recruiter (PDG Art Druin) to give a new club development workshop in October. Owosso Lions information night was held; 5 interested people attended. Currently 10 persons have paid their charter fees. The first meeting was held in October.

**E1**

The DGMT developed a list of suggestions to indicate where to look and how to attract new members. This list is shared at club visits.

**E2** Achieved a +10 net growth for the quarter.

Concerns: As of October two (2) key positions are still open within District 11E2: 1st and 2nd District Governors. Member satisfaction is still a major concern and gaining the trust of neglected clubs. Lioness Club - Discussions will be held to encourage them to become a Lions Club.

The ‘**WHATS NEXT?**’ flyer was developed to appeal to Leos, All State Band Members or campus members who want to continue serving the community after turning 18 or graduating. This informational flyer gives options to continue volunteerism as a Lion. We are asking *you* (Governors) to have the flyer given to each Leo advisor and Campus Leader. The message given by the district leadership should be a strong invitation of *Welcome. Welcome* to the new Lions and their new ideas as they continue to Serve.

**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM – PCC Justin Faber**

The GST is finalizing a group project for the Michigan Forum. They hope to benefit Project KidSight this year, are considering activity bags to hand out during screenings. With the inclusion of Single District 10, this will once again be a state-wide service project. Anyone participating can submit service hours to LCI. The committee has a goal of filling 3,000 bags.

The GST committee will also be submitting a regular feature article in the Lion Pride which will highlight service projects that clubs can incorporate. At the Michigan Forum, they will provide a breakout session on “100 Projects for Any Size Club.”

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

Snow fell during the Leadership Institute this year but it did not interrupt the weekend plans in any way. There were 49 participants in the Leadership Institute; 15 in the Graduate Institute and 7 in the Master’s Program. Evaluations from all programs were reviewed. The Leadership Institute was praised by attendees and the presenters did an excellent job. The committee will work to continually make improvements. There are plans to hold a PhD course again next year.

All required forms are being finalized and sent to LCI as the follow up to their grant. PID Bill Hansen has decided after 20 years with the LI to step down as Co-Chair. IPID Jenny Ware has accepted the role as Co-Chair, which will make this a Lions of Michigan program – not just a program of the Multiple District 11.

Next year’s date is set for November 8-10, 2019. There will be an early promotion to get all of the registration materials out by April, allowing the DGs and VDGs to promote the Institute

throughout their district. A list of past participants will be sent out to the DGs and VDGs. This will be helpful when looking for district leaders.

**WHY ARE WE MD 11 and SD 10?** This bit of trivia was provided by DG Joe Bogar. Single District 10 was the 10<sup>th</sup> to form a Lions Club. Marquette will celebrate 100 years in 1919 as the first Lions Club in the state. MD 11 was the 11<sup>th</sup> to form a club, and Grand Rapids was the location of the second Lions Club in the state, formed in 1919.

TailTwister fines were collected and it was agreed that all fine money would go to Lions Bear Lake Camp.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**3rd Meeting of the 2018-2019 Council of Governors  
Saturday, December 1, 2018  
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The meeting opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2018 MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Bogar, Kriete, to approve the minutes of the October 2018 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

**MOTION:** Kriete, Grabowski, to receive written reports as presented. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer Hemeryck provided all with copies of his report, which included: Statement of Revenue, Expenses & Fund Balances; Income Statement for Lions of MI and Lion Pride; Balance Sheet for Lions of MI and Lion Pride. Reports were for July 1-October 21, 2018.

Items noted: A transfer will be made from the restricted account to the Liaison account to cover receipts submitted by IPID Jenny Ware for the USA/Canada Forum. Leadership Institute shows and ending balance of \$39,592.47. This will change once the bills to be paid start coming in and a more accurate account balance will show up in the February reports.

Governor Jack Kriete questioned the Pin account inventory and asked how it could be reduced. Treasure Paul explained the older pins can be written off and that a portion of the inventory has been given away in the past as a hand out during the International Parade and to Leo members. Older pins are sold at a reduced price during the MI Forum and MD 11 Convention. Adjustments to inventory can be made at year-end in June.

The State Office shows a loss, but this will be adjusted when the year-end dividends in the Lions investment accounts are deposited. There was a transfer of funds into our operating account in November to off-set the loss.

Lion Pride continues to do well. Council Chair Barry Allen noted he has been editing and updating the mailing list to reduce the postage charged for undeliverable mail. A question on going digital to further reduce postage was raised. CC Allen will bring this up with the District Editors Advisory Committee once again, as it has been investigated in the past. As always, the Lion Pride is available in full color on the Lions of MI website.

Lions Dues Structure Allocation and Analysis: Where our dues money goes.

Administration	\$7.61
Council/Committee/Treas	1.25
MD 11 Convention	.24
Restricted Fund	.50
International Convention	<u>.40</u>

**TOTAL: \$10.00**

Single District 10 pays dues per member in the amount of \$2.58. Fee charged members of MD 11 for the Lion Pride: \$4.50/annually

With the loss of membership comes the loss of income at \$10/member. Projections through 2023 show a substantial decrease of membership/income. Raising dues needs to be seriously considered.

**MOTION:** Grabowski, Kriete, to receive the Treasures report as presented. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Bogar, Kelly, to transfer \$1,000.00 from the restricted account to the Liaison account. Motion carried.

Governor Wehby proposed there be a serious discussion on cutting expenses. Governor Harris suggested changing the way the organization does business, much like any business would do when faced with financial difficulty. CC Allen is working to develop a strategic plan with the Strategic Planning Chair, PDG Dave Eberlein, and the Governors to ensure our continued success. The committee is working on this and will be prepared to give a presentation to the council soon.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT –PDG Ray Robins, Chair**

PDG Robins has been working diligently to enhance our state’s ability to connect via video conferencing. He has purchased a webcam to experiment with various web conferencing programs and has found ZOOM video conferencing to best meet our needs. It requires a subscriber fee of \$14.99. Zoom can be set up anywhere by anyone if they have access to the internet and know how to use the system. Many of our Lions have already used Zoom in their

business life. PDG Ray will have the webcam set up for demos on his computer during lunch for anyone interested in a tutorial. He also asked that funding be approved for the IT budget in the amount of \$500.00.

**MOTION:** Bogar, Wehby, to budget up to \$500.00 for the Information Technology committee. Motion carried.

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

The committee met Nov. 3 and was able to check a lot of the planning off the list. We'll be in Auburn Hills at the Marriott in 2019. The theme will be Wild, Wild West, and we have secured The Gobies Band for the Friday night entertainment. Leader Dogs for the Blind will host the picnic on Thursday evening, showcasing one of our five (5) State Projects. Our LCI guest speaker will be 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Brian Sheehan and his wife Lion Laurie. Breakout sessions will include topics on Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, and Campaign 100.

2020 Convention bids are coming in very slowly. Right now we have a proposal from the DoubleTree in Holland that fits our budget but you are welcome to make suggestions. Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti sent a proposal, but it is out of our budget. Traverse City area hotels are locked into a contract with an annual soccer tournament on our requested weekend, so no options there. PDG Bob and Executive Director Wendy will continue to seek out qualified hotels. As always, combining a smaller district convention with the state convention is an option for 2020.

### **MICHIGAN FORUM REPORT –Executive Director Wendy Burns**

Sixteen breakout sessions will be offered at the MI Forum February 23. PDG Ronnie Martin, LCI New Club Development Specialist will travel from Texas and provide a breakout session and Keynote Address. The theme, *Strengthening our Future*, is designed to provide tools that every Lion can benefit from. Sessions range from “Hi, I’m new here, where do I go?” to “Keeping members motivated and engaged.”

Governors and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governors are asked to assist in speaker introductions and a sign-up sheet was passed around. There will be a committee meeting combined with a pot luck on Friday, Feb. 22, 5:00 pm at the hotel. DGs and VDGs who will be making introductions are asked to participate as final instructions and last minute details are reviewed. The Forum committee will host the Hospitality Room on Friday night.

Please note: The February Council of Governors meeting begins on Saturday evening, Feb. 23, 7:00 p.m. and resumes on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. VDG training will be held on Friday, Feb. 22 at the usual start time.

## LCIF REPORT –PDG Connie Shelton

- Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded **more than \$ one billion in service grants in its 50-year history** and 100% of donations go to support LCIF grant programs.
- Not only that, but LCIF has also earned a four-star rating for seven consecutive years by Charity Navigator.
- This means that it outperforms most other charities in America, and that your dollars are being used for their intended purposes—supporting global humanitarian projects. Lions should be proud of such great accomplishments.
- LCIF article in Lions Pride (November) & Campaign 100 flyers & Pledge cards on table for taking
- MICHIGAN GRANTS totaling:
  - 92 grants since 1990 totals \$2,622,446
  - Different kinds of Grants are available – JUST ASK & APPLY FOR THEM
  - Examples:
    - Leader Dogs for the Blind (Since 2008 \$139,732 ) & (11A2-- \$100,00 in 2015 Training facility) & (11D1--\$75,000 in 2016 renovations)
    - Lions Bear Lake Camp (working on a Grant for Renovations)
    - Eversight (Michigan Eye Bank) (**\$10,805 in August**)
    - Michigan Foundation – Kidsight Screenings (\$48,688 in 2016 and **\$47,000 in 2018**)
    - District Kidsight Cameras – (2015--11B1 -- \$10,670) (2014-- 11C1 -- \$10,224) (2012 --11D2 -- \$4655.00)
    - Tornado & Disaster Grants (11E1 -- **\$10,000 in September**)
      - (11E1 – Community Recovery \$18,500 2014)
    - Habitat for Humanity in several Districts
    - Eye Glass Missions & Hearing Missions (11C2--Mission to Latvia 2012)
- **District & Community Humanitarian Grant (new)**



- District must have contributed \$10,000 + (I believe there are 4 Districts which qualified but I have asked Donor Assistance to verify)
- Local Club must have given \$5,000+
- Must submit application for approval of your proposed project
- 15% of your “unrestricted” donation goes to your use in an approved humanitarian project. Also, they are accumulative for 15 years. Must make qualified donations.
- I will have more information available at the Michigan Forum in February
- 3 Model Clubs (Novi (11A2); Manchester (11B1); & Martin (11C1))
- Let’s breakdown the numbers to DONATE:
  - Take # of members reported at end of 2017-2018 year (20)
  - Multiple # of members by \$250 times 3 year pledge
    - $20 * \$250 = \$5,000 * 3 = \$15,00$
  - Subtract amount of total Club donations given in 2017-2018 as reported to LCIF
    - $\$15,000 - \$2,000 = \$13,000$
  - Subtract CURRENT member donations/pledges
    - $\$13,000 - \$2,000 = \$11,000$
  - Divide balance by “5” years that you are given to pay your Pledge
    - $\$11,000 \text{ divide by } 5 = \$2,200 \text{ per year}$
    - $\$2,200 \text{ divide by } 20 \text{ members} = \$110 \text{ divide by } 12 \text{ months} = \$9.16 \text{ per month per member}$  OR
  - Plan Fundraisers to cover the pledge
  - **It’s a small amount to give up for the greater reward**

If Clubs can’t donate as a “Model” club, ask for any amount. Refer to Flyer “What can \$100 do”.....

- LCI & LCIF are giving recognitions and pins depending on level of donation
- Clubs must give a minimum of \$25 for District to be 100%
- Each Club Member must give a minimum of \$20 for their Club to be 100%
- District 11 B2 and District 11C1 are close to being an 100% Districts with each Club in District making a Donation!!!!!!!!!!

We had a very productive Committee meeting recently and the District Coordinators voiced their concerns and plans. This information was relayed to LCIF. Campaign 100 is new and LCIF is working out the quirks. I am planning

on presenting a Break-out session at the Michigan Forum in February and will possibly have a representative from LCIF to be present for questions & answers regarding Campaign 100. I'm hoping that each District will encourage their membership to attend to clarify any concerns.

**You can do some things by yourself – but you can accomplish so much more when working as a “TEAM”.** Thank you for supporting LCIF in the past and I look forward to your support of “Campaign 100” in the future.

There are now three (3) Model Clubs in MD 11: Novi, Manchester and Martin. SD 10 has one Model Club, of which IPID Jenny Ware is a member of.

#### **CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS UPDATE – Submitted by Lion Ed Weessies, Chair**

After reviewing the proposed amendment dealing with the audit/review of funds, Lion Ed Weessies question the need for a By Laws amendment. After securing a copy of the 2018-2019 LA 5 FINAL Standard Form Multiple District Constitution and By Laws from LCI Legal wherein it was determined there is no need to present this as amendment to the Lions of Michigan.

On pages 18 and 19, By Laws, Article IX – Miscellaneous, Section 3 – Audits or Reviews. “The Council of Governors shall provide for an annual or more frequent **audit or review** of the books and accounts of the Multiple District. A copy of LA- 5 FINAL was reviewed by the Constitution and By Laws committee and it was determined that changes from Lions Clubs International are to be made automatic, it is suggested that the Council of Governors acknowledge the above wording and direct staff to make the change in the current By Laws of Multiple District 11.

#### **ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR ID –Submitted by IPID Jenny Ware, Liaison Chair**

An update to the MD 11 Policy Manual was proposed by IPDG Jenny Ware to include “travel companion” to the existing language regarding endorsed candidates:

Transportation to and from the International Convention will be budgeted for the candidate, the candidate's spouse/*travel companion in, accordance with LCI guidelines for Travel Companions*, and the candidate's Campaign Manager. Reimbursement will be in accordance with the following guidelines:

The candidate and spouse/*travel companion* shall not use complimentary flights because Lions International will reimburse an elected candidate and spouse for their return trip from the convention.

**MOTION:** Grabowski, Kriete, to accept the Liaison Committee’s recommendation to add “travel companion” to the existing Endorsed Candidate for International Director language in the MD 11 Policy Manual. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

PCC Justin Faber serves as State Chairperson for Project KidSight. The committee is working to orchestrate a training day on Friday, Feb. 22 before the Michigan Forum. Currently, everyone assisting in screenings will be required to submit to a criminal background check. The cost of this will be taken care of by the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

Governor Shirley Kelly asked if there will be similar training for hearing screenings. PCC Faber suggested contacting Lion Chad McCann, Executive Director of the Lions of Michigan Foundation.

The meeting concluded with collection of TailTwister fines and DGs were asked to remain for closed session to select the recipients of the S.A. Dodge, Leadership and Presidential awards.

**MOTION:** Grabowski, Patton, to adjourn the meeting and enter into closed session. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director