

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



**1st Council of Governors Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, MI
August 3-4, 2018**

2018-2019 1st Meeting of the Council of Governors
Friday, August 3, 2018
Thornapple Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

The first 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 Mike Kobasic, SD 10; DG Shirley Kelly, A1; DG Jack Patton, A2; DG Roger Spriggs, B1; DG Fran Grabowski, B2; DG Greg Wehby, C1; DG Michael Golden, C2; 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 Becky Hamilton, C2; VDG Steven VanTol, D1; VDG Don Spinks, D2; VDG Jackie Glazier, E1. 2nd 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; VDG Harold DeMott, 11 D1; VDG Sami Makhoul, D2; VDG Bill Koch, E1. 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 and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: Kriete, Kelly, to add to the proposed agenda Youth Exchange Camp Award under new business. Motion carried.

MOTION: Kriete, Bogar, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018 Council of Governors and District Governor Elect meetings. Motion carried.

MOTION: To receive the Written Reports as presented. Motion carried.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT –PDG Jeff Mayuiers

The first training of the Vice District Governors took place earlier in the day, and is one (1) of four (4) scheduled trainings. The guidelines for topics covered are provided by LCI. A breakdown of scheduled topics was provided to all.

LCI offers Leadership Development Funding program reimbursement. PDG Mayuiers will apply for the funding using the same process as last year's requirements by LCI.

A budget outline for 2018-2019 was sent to the District Governors and State Treasurer for review. Per the MD 11 Policy Manual, up to \$75.00 is reimbursed to 1st Vice District Governors for three (3) training sessions. PDG Mayuiers proposed the 2nd VDGs who attend trainings are reimbursed up to \$75.00 lodging for three (3) training dates, to help off-set the cost and encourage attendance.

MOTION: Grabowski, Patton, to approve up to \$75.00 general reimbursement for one (1) night's hotel stay for training meetings attended by 2nd Vice District Governors. Motion carried.

PID Esther LaMothe reminded the 1st Vice District Governors of training to be held in February at the "Q Center" near Chicago, IL.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM REPORT –Lion Lula Gardfrey

Lion Gardfrey reported that IPCC Peggy Allen has accepted the position of chairperson for the GMT Family & Women sub-committee. Lion Susan Eisenhardt is now the District A2 GMT.

A teleconference meeting was held on July 7 with members of the GMT. It was made clear that many were experiencing similar problems: Extension (new clubs); Satisfaction (retention); Growth (new members). The committee will explore LCI resources and proven activities that have resulted in positive outcomes. Showing ways to achieve member satisfaction, developing an orientation program for seasoned members, utilizing the Club/Business Liaison program letter or hosting an open house for new members were all options discussed to incorporate into the districts.

A *Think Tank* committee was formed to help bring together different levels of experience and Lion service. Three (3) areas of interest were considered:

- CHEAT SHEET – "Your Next Step"
(Develop a guide for campus club graduates)
- Specialty/Branch Club Challenge
(Governor's challenge for district growth)
- Read to a Child program
(A new avenue for membership growth)

A teleconference meeting scheduled for August 15, at which time they will decide on which goal/goals to pursue.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM REPORT –PCC Justin Faber

The team had an exciting and successful first year and remains active in the districts. In addition to the MI Forum and MD 11 Convention service projects, many districts held a service project during their own conventions. GST Chairs are doing a fine job of reporting service to LCI. PCC Faber has reached out to the Mason's organization for input on a joint-service project. He will report back to the council when he hears from them.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, Co-Chair

The mailing went out from the State Office in late July to club Presidents and Secretary's. A few changes will be made to the Master's and PhD programs, and attendees will be strongly encouraged to "use what you've learned" by taking part in addressing a cabinet meeting, club meeting, etc., implementing what was taught at the Leadership Institute. The LI committee is considering training geared toward the District Governors, as well.

Personal letters of invitation were sent to a small group for the PhD class. This is a smaller target group, with a focus on leadership development. They will observe the other classes and give feedback to the LI committee

Districts are asked to donate \$300.00 to the Leadership Institute, and in turn are allowed to send one attendee free of charge. PCC Hemeryck asked everyone who has attended in the past to encourage others to attend, especially new Lions. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow Lions, build relationships and learn.

LCI has awarded a \$3,500.00 grant to the Leadership Institute again this year.

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS REPORT –Lion Ed Weessies, Chair

At a previous council meeting it was recommended that each committee chair appoint a vice-committee chairperson as means to have a knowledgeable committee member available to step in during an emergency, or to be considered as a replacement when a chairperson has completed their term. Lion Weessies asked the Governors to approve the appointment of PCC Dick DeLong as Vice-Chair of the Constitution and By Laws Committee.

MOTION: Grabowski, Bogar, to appoint PCC Dick DeLong as Vice Chair of the Constitution and By Laws Committee. Motion carried.

The following mandate was approved by the International Board of Directors at their April, 2018 meeting:

1. If a district governor wishes to change the structure of her/his regions and/or zones they must be presented to the voting cabinet for approval. Previously it was at the governor's discretion.
2. The Dispute Resolution process has been removed from the Constitution and placed in the International Policy Manual. This is Article VII in the Constitution. This was also in the Standard Form Constitution and By Laws for club. The International Board has mandated that the Dispute Resolution process be removed from the Constitutions of multiple and single districts and clubs.

The members of the Multiple District Constitution and By Laws committee will be notified and asked to notify the clubs in their respective districts.

COMMUNICATIONS –Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

2018 Pins – DGs each have 25 pins to sell. Return unsold pins as needed. Cost \$3.00/pin; \$75/bag. This helps us get the pins out to the membership.

2019 Pin –Anyone wishing to submit a design for Milan may do so. We will vote on a design at the October meeting to enable production before the plants in China close down for Chinese New Year.

LION PRIDE –Lion Lindy Wineman is assisting with the graphic design until Kaylyn is acclimated enough to take it over. Council Chair Allen asked the Council to give Lion Lindy

Wineman a big round of applause for her work on the Pride, and asked this be reflected in the minutes.

2019 MD 11 Convention –Auburn Marriott. This will be a kick-off to celebrating Michigan Lions 100 Year Anniversary. Leader Dog has agreed to hold the Thursday evening at their facility – LD will be celebrating 80 years and is excited for this opportunity. The convention planning committee looks forward to showcasing another State Project in this way. We had approximately 125 Lions and guests at Bear Lake Camp in May for the picnic.

An overview of the upcoming council meetings included: October: We will detail the MD 11 Convention and the DG role at the pre-meeting on Friday, October 5. December: Voting will be held on the S.A. Dodge and nominations for the LCI Presidential/Leadership Awards. February: Michigan Forum followed by the Council of Governors meeting Saturday-Sunday. May: Final Council meeting held on Friday morning only.

Tail Twister DG Roger Spriggs went to work collecting money for Eversight.

Meeting recessed at 8:20 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018
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The meeting of the Council of Governors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 4, by Council Chair Barry Allen. Governors in attendance were: DG Mike Kobasic, SD 10; DG Shirley Kelly, A1; DG Jack Patton, A2; DG Roger Spriggs, B1; DG Fran Grabowski, B2; DG Greg Wehby, C1; DG Michael Golden, C2; 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 Becky Hamilton, C2; VDG Steven VanTol, D1; VDG Don Spinks, D2; VDG Jackie Glazier, E1. 2nd Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Joe Maki, SD 10; VDG Leo Schaefer, 11 A2; VDG Julie Mayuiers, 11 B2; VDG Harold DeMott, 11 D1; VDG Sami Makhoul, D2; VDG Bill Koch, E1. 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; PID John Walker; PID Gary Anderson, IPCC Peggy Allen and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting began with invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of all attendees.

LEO CONVENTION – VDG Steven VanTol

The Western Leos Club members of MD 11 D1 will hold a state-wide Leo Convention at the Leader Dog facility in Rochester on Saturday, November 10. Lion Debra VanTol is helping to coordinate this event, and has asked for a donation of the 2018 State Pin as well as contributions

from each District to help off-set registration costs. Attempts were made to contact Lion Amy Anderson, State Chair of the Leo Committee, but at this time it has not been presented to Lion Anderson. The Council felt as State Chair, her involvement and/or input was necessary, and Lion Wendy Burns will also try to make contact with Lion Amy.

AWARD PRESENTATION – IPCC Peggy Allen, PID Esther LaMothe

A very surprised Lion Lula Gardfrey was presented with a Lions International Presidential Medal, in recognition of her work with the Global Membership Team.

LIAISON REPORT –PID Esther LaMothe

ALLI Institute will be held in Manitoba, Quebec, November 9-11. ELLI will be held in Chicago November 3-5. Both are excellent leadership/training opportunities for club members to attend. ELLI is designed for Lions who have not yet held the position of President.

IPID Jenny Ware will be working with Governors to retain your LCI guest speaker at your conventions in the spring. Seated Directors will be selected first, then PIDs. Attending the USA/Canada Forum is a great opportunity to meet the IDs personally, and get a feel for who you may want to invite to your convention.

IPCC Justin Faber was asked to “step-back” by the leadership in Las Vegas, and asked to return in Milan. Lion Justin was well received by the board and people he met in Las Vegas. He remains our endorsed candidate and it is important to invite him to your conventions as a guest, helping to ease the burden of cost to him. It is expensive to run for the position of ID. Plan to have IPCC Faber interact with your speaker, and remember to speak highly of our Michigan candidate.

PID Dr. Patti Hill is running for the position of 3rd LCI Vice President, and is endorsed by the LCI board and officers as the candidate of choice. PID LaMothe asked the Council to endorse PID Hill as their candidate, as well. PID Hill will be on the ballot in Milan, Italy.

MOTION: Roeseler, Kriete, to endorse PID Dr. Patricia Hill for the position of LCI 3rd Vice President, 2019-2020. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

Treasurer Hemeryck will complete the draft of the proposed budget after the meeting and will have it ready for review at the October Council of Governors meeting. Any budget considerations must be turned into him as soon as possible.

Interest earned on investments made over the years has helped offset the loss of funds collected in state office dues, due to loss of membership dollars. The operating costs include the administrative fees, council and committee, international convention and MD 11 convention. The Restricted Funds indicated are specified for certain accounts, such as the Grace Lang account. Restricted means funds are designated and cannot be moved into other funds. All funds are normal at this time. The International Convention fund may look like there is a lot of

money in it, but the expenses from July/August (wrapping up the convention) are not included, yet.

The Lion Pride is a separate account. The publication is doing well and showing a profit of \$3,400.00.

Projected income for 2018-2019 was reviewed. A summary of membership dating to 2014 showed the decline in membership from a financial viewpoint. Over the past five (5) years we have had a loss of \$38,070.00 in revenue due to member drops. Losses over the next five (5) years show a dangerous low. Our last dues increase was 15-20 years ago, and it may be time for another. At some point it will need to be addressed: cut expenses or raise dues.

We can start by taking action now with small goals, for example: Each club increases by 1 member, and we could have 500 new members by the end of the year. Treasurer Hemeryck handed out a list of the membership by district. He will forward all financial reports electronically to the Governors.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDACY UPDATE –PCC Justin Faber

As reported by PID LaMothe, IPCC Justin was not seated but will go to Milan next year in hopes of being placed on the ballot. He was notified ahead of arriving, but forged ahead and campaigned, meeting with the Executive Committee and other ID candidates. As part of the process, he was given time to address the group and willingly agreed to “step-back” as suggested, and promised to return next year. He looks forward to attending District Conventions in the spring.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT –PDG Bill Simpson, Chair

The convention in Las Vegas was one of the best, as far as programs and speakers. The Michigan Hospitality Room was held in the Luxor Hotel, while convention headquarters were in the MGM, making the travel back and forth an inconvenience if you were not staying at the Luxor. This may have resulted in lower attendance at the Hospitality Room this year. Parade gear was made available along with soft drinks and bottled water. 130 Michigan Lions and guests registered to attend this year; 76 participated in the Michigan Night activities held at the Tournament of Kings.

Transporting items to Milan will be expensive if shipping via UPS or through the mail. PDG Simpson has purchased a suitcase that holds the banner and poles for identifying Michigan in the parade line-up. This will eliminate the shipping expense, as it will become part of the luggage with a possible nominal fee for an extra bag charge when flying.

It is a nine (9) hour flight to Milan, with airfare cost approximately \$1,800.00. Italy is six (6) hours ahead of us, time-wise. The Crowne Plaza Milano City Center is the Michigan Delegates hotel, which is located three (3) miles from the convention center. The DGE hotel is the Ata Hotel, just a little over three (3) miles. Any pre or post tours you may have interest in should be booked ASAP, as they fill quickly. PDG Bill is looking into Michigan Night options. A

Hospitality Room will be determined based upon how many Michigan Lions attend the convention.

EVERSIGHT REPORT –PCC Don Brown, Chair

7,915 people received a second chance at sight thanks to donors! With over 2,000 donors, there is no longer a wait time for cornea transplant recipients. Over 60,000 licensed Michigan drivers are now on the registry.

86 recipients could not afford to pay for the transplant. Lion donations helped to pay, eliminating the financial burden for the recipient.

Lions started the Eyebank and 51% of the board is made up of Lion members. Michigan is still the strongest arm of the overall organization, Eversight. Governors are asked to encourage your District Chairperson to be active and to participate in Eversight committee meetings.

DEFENSE AGAINST DIABETES –Lion Roger Blackwell, Chair

The D.A.D LCIF Grant committee has held regular meetings with the steering committee to move the grant forward. They hope to complete the application by August 15, and will continue to meet as often as necessary. Upcoming meetings will focus on district input and finalize in time to submit to LCIF for feedback by October 9. It is expected the committee will hear back from LCIF in January, 2019. If we raise \$62,500 from all eleven (11) districts, the state stands to receive \$187,500.00 from LCIF, bringing the total to \$250,000.00.

Needed from the Districts: A commitment from each District will need to be recorded in the minutes of a cabinet meeting and a commitment letter signed by the DG Treasurer and Secretary will need to be sent to Lion Roger. In addition, a letter from the District Governor showing support is also required by LCIF. Letters of support from area hospitals or organizations your district has worked with will also help to strengthen the grant application.

VDG Michael Scott, Jr., is working to develop a website dedicated to the MI Lion Defense Against Diabetes. B1 is holding diabetic screenings in conjunction with their KidSight screenings, with a diabetic nurse on-hand to administer the test and provide information.

Next steps: Each District is to provide a rough draft of their program outline to the committee by Aug. 15. There will be a teleconference call for each District to review and revise as needed the rough draft. Final draft must be in to Lion Bill Bradfield and Roger Blackwell by September 10.

The committee is working diligently to make this grant a reality.

LCIF REPORT –PDG Connie Shelton, Chair

At the recent training for District LCIF Coordinators, Michigan was represented by six (6) members of the committee in Chicago, along with PDG Shelton and PIDS Ware and LaMothe. Goals have been set for the LCIG Capital Campaign 100:

100% participation of all clubs

Annual donation of any dollar amount

Make a donation to LCIF each year

Model Clubs to participate in Campaign 100

Try to have a minimum of 2 Model Clubs per District

Encourage Lion members to make personal donations (PDG, DGs, VDGs)

Monthly pledge; annual pledge; distribute pledge forms

Encourage those who have already donated to add to their existing account to receive a MJF award (\$1,000.00 donation)

Look for Corporate Donors

Don't stress! This is a 3-year campaign goal. Stay enthused and keep positive!

Michigan alone has received close to \$27 million in grants from LCIF. Recently, a \$47,000 Standard Matching Grant for Sight was received, with two pending from Bear Lake and Eversight. Complete grant history is available from PDG Shelton.

USA/CANADA FORUM REPORT –Lion Cheryl Anderson, Chair

There are 1,763 Lions and guests registered for Columbus. The Strides Walk is scheduled for Thursday morning, September 20 at 11:30. Registration fee includes lunch. Community volunteer opportunities are available and can be found on the website. Some may require a fee. Lion Cheryl is overseeing the Forum store and is in need of volunteers to help sell merchandise. The large group service project will take place again this year, and will involve putting together hospital kits for kids and delivering to a local hospital.

The Forum is casual dress, with an opening “tailgate” party on Thursday evening. Wear your favorite team gear! President Yngvadottier will be one of the keynote speakers at this event. Next year: Spokane, Washington, September 19-21, 2019.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –PDG Ray Robins, Chair

The MD11 IT Committee has been dormant for several years. PDG Robins questioned if the Council felt there is still a need for this committee, and if so, how to determine what that role should be. Below is a quick summary of some information about IT at the LCI level and the Multiple District level.

LCI EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Miami, Florida, USA April 6-9, 2018:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

10. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend Article IV, Section 1 of the International By-Laws to amend the standing committees of the International Board of Directors to include a Technology Committee.

The measure was accepted at the 2018 LCI Convention.

LCI “CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS STANDARD MULTIPLE DISTRICT”

Form LA-5, there is no reference to an IT committee. Just that Multiple Districts are allowed to establish committees as deemed necessary. (ARTICLE IV, Section 4. OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES)

From the Multiple District 11 Manual of Operational Rules, Procedures & Policies (Also known as the Policy Manual) Update July, 2018. This section was not part of the previous version of the Policy Manual.

Information Technology Committee - The Information Technology Division plans, organizes and controls and maintains the overall activities of computer equipment throughout the entire organization. This division also handles all membership reports and is responsible for maintaining all member, club, chairperson and officer records. This committee’s responsibility is to assist clubs in the submission of required reports and advise them on the use of any newly developed technology by LCI to do so.”

This statement is almost a word for word copy of LCI description of their **Information Technology Division**. Based on the above information there is really very little on what the role of a District or Multiple District IT Committee’s or its responsibilities are. PDG Ray sent an email to the Governors on how to proceed with the committee and his thoughts on what direction to take it, but had little feedback. The DGs will add-in the updated IT committee directive when updating the MD 11 Policy Manual at this meeting.

MD 11 POLICY MANUAL REVIEW/UPDATE –DGs Bogar, Grabowski

Overview: A page-by-page review of the MD 11 PM was conducted. Minor edits were made to spelling errors. All reference to Family & Women will be changed to New Voices. Information Technology committee directive shall be updated to new description provided by PDG Robins, Chair. Childhood Cancer has been added to the MD Committees. State Projects now includes five (5) with the addition of Lions of MI All State Band. In light of our upcoming Michigan Lions 100th Centennial, 2019-2020, it was agreed to change Lions Centennial Coordinator to MD Centennial Coordinator.

Under AWARDS, the following changes are suggested: Instead of using a coded identification number for the S.A. Dodge nominees, names will appear on the candidate application. It was also suggested that a seated Governor may not nominate a spouse for the S.A. Dodge award until they have been off of the Council for two (2) years.

MOTION: Bogar, Kriete, to approve all changes, updates and additions to the MD 11 Policy Manual. Motion carried.

LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP REPORT –PDGs Jack Becher, Jim Leach, Jr.

Lions Bear Lake Camp opened in 2000 and is financially supported by Lions, Lioness and Leos throughout Michigan. Donations from Clubs in MD 11 contributed \$120,000.00 to help the

camp offer free and reduced rates for special needs campers. 19 of 21 Board members are Lions.

Camp Director, Lion Dennis Tomkins, will be retiring in December, 2020. A staff person will be hired to work with Lion Dennis well in advance of his leaving.

The Board of Directors of BLC has launched a campaign to raise funds for much needed repairs, replacements and major improvements to camp. This will be a major fundraising campaign, with the first few items on the list – re-roofing dining hall, Director's residence, nature center, art building and replacing air conditioning in the Lodge- add up to just over \$100,000.00. Several grant options are being researched.

PDGs Leach and Becker informed the Governors that this announcement of the fundraising campaign would be the first step in kicking off the campaign. Watch for information to come, and encourage your clubs to make direct contributions to Lions Bear Lake Camp.

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award recognizes and honors those Lions who go above and beyond their duties as YCE Chairpersons. All district and multiple district Youth Camp and Exchange chairpersons are eligible for the Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award. A request was made to submit a nomination form to LCI.

MOTION: Bogar, Grabowski, to submit a nomination form to LCI for the Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award, MD 11. Motion carried.

SD 10 DISASTER GRANT

VDG Bruce LaBelle reported SD 10 received financial assistance from both LCIF and Lions of Michigan Foundation after devastating floods in Houghton County. LCIF provided \$10,000.00, and LMF provided a \$5,000 grant. Lions clubs from MD 11 and SD10 also donated \$1,650 to assist in the purchase of dehumidifiers, box fans, shovels, rakes, brooms and much more. Another \$3,600.00 has recently been received from various donors, as well. SD 10 expressed appreciation to the Lions of MI Foundation for their quick response, and to all of the clubs who came to their aid.

Tail Twister fines were collected with the total proceeds of \$110.00 going to Eversight.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

UPDATED 8/16/18