

**MINUTES**  
**MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**  
**Saturday, July 23, 2016**  
**Players Restaurant, Warrensburg, MO**

The first meeting of the 2016-2017 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Joe Foster at 10:10 a.m. He took a head count for lunch upstairs to be at 11:15.

Governor Bob Wilson gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Jack Lenk.

Governor Steve Wiechens led in singing "My Country Tis of Thee".

Council Chair Foster spoke about their time in Japan at the International Convention, and said he looks forward to working with the Governors this year.

**PROTOCOL** – Protocol was established for this meeting by PDG Ann Anderson.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2016-2017 PARLIAMENTARIAN** – DG Boettcher moved that PCC Terry Boettcher be appointed as the 2016-2017 Parliamentarian. Seconded by DG Carnes and passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER** – DG Carnes moved that IPDG John Deters be appointed Tail Twister for this meeting. Seconded by DG Lenk and passed.

**DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS** – DG Carnes moved that the Tail Twister funds be donated to Mid-South. Seconded by DG Wiechens and passed.

**ATTENDANCE** - Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors</u>
26-M1	Bob Wilson	John Preston	Reta House
26-M2	Jack Lenk		
26-M3	Steve Wiechens		
26-M4	Larry Boettcher	Ron Campbell	
26-M5	Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza		
26-M6	Lewis Carnes	Kevin Cantrell	
26-M7	Don Soph		

Council Chairperson IPDG Joe Foster, M2

Past International Director W. R. O'Riley, M4

Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2

Council Secretary-Treasurer/State Office Administrator Lion Brenda Weider, M7

M1: Lion Dave Baldwin, PDG Chris Clinton, PDG Lisa Clinton, PDG Casey Morris, IPDG Don Shelhammer, PDG Lana Wilson

M2: PDG Jim Bernhardt, PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion June Lenk, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion George Winkeler

M3: IPDG John Deters, Lion Carol Deters, PDG Freda McKee, Lion Betty Noland, PCC Don Noland

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Peggy Campbell, Lion Carole O'Riley

M5: PDG Jene Crook, IPCC Gary Curtis, Lion Janice Curtis, IPDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Cathy Rayfield, PDG Tom Rayfield

M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Phil Krebs, Lion Phyllis Krebs, Lion Jennie Mosher, PDG Stuart Payne

M7: Lion Amy Bell, PCC Jeff Hilke, Lion Wayne Weider

Guests: Exchange Students Lion Layla Özge Yediçam from Turkey, Lion Theresa Viehaus from Germany.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 28 & MAY 1, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING** – DG Boettcher moved that the minutes of April 28 & May 1, 2016 Council Meeting be approved. Seconded by DG Soph and passed.

**2015-2016 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING REPORT** – IPCC Gary Curtis reported that as of June 30, 2016, the balances were as follows:

**ASSETS**

• Cash in Checking	\$294,342.04
• Int'l Candidate CD	12,102.81
• Memorial Savings	562.06
• Hearing Savings	6,663.98
• Band Savings	<u>4,557.27</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$318,228.16</b>

**LIABILITIES & CAPITAL**

Tax Payables	\$ 911.44
Fund Balances	<u>317,316.72</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$318,228.16</b>

Council Chair Foster placed the report on file for audit.

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE** – PID W. R. O'Riley gave the report for PID Donal Knipp. PID Knipp congratulated all the District Governors on being elected in their districts. They are looking forward to working with the Governors as we move the ideals of Lionism forward; we are faced with a few problems but working together we can overcome them. He also thanked the Immediate Past District Governors for all they succeeded in this past year. At the International Convention in Japan Chancellor Bob Corlew of Tennessee was elected President of LCI, Naresh Aggarwal of India was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gudrun Yngvadottir of Iceland was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (first lady to ever be elected to an International Officer position), and Jung-Yeol Choi of Korea was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. So far the Centennial Service Challenge has benefited over 90 million people, and in 2016-17 this will bring us the Legacy Project Challenge. As of June 30, 2016 membership in MD 26 stood at 9,047 members. At this time we have 3 districts with fewer than 1,250 members. We have some work to do on retention of members. Everyone needs to get on board to make membership our number one priority. Speakers are lined up for all of the 2017 District Conventions. PID Knipp is still working on a speaker for the State Convention. PID O'Riley added that LCI has developed a new service framework consisting of five major platforms moving forward: Diabetes, Vision, Environment, Cancer and Hunger. LCI has also established "We Serve" as the presidential theme beginning with 2017-2018 and thereafter.

**GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** – PID O'Riley reported that the Great Plains Leadership Institute was also going on that weekend at Mount Mary College in Yankton, South Dakota. It is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor. As of earlier that week there were 54 Lions signed up to participate, with 18 of them from MD 26. There are five multiple districts involved in this Institute, and MD 26 had about one third of them this year. PDG Roger Unruh and Lion Pat Scott from MD 26 were joining other presenters.

**USA/CANADA FORUM** – CC Foster announced that the Forum will be held September 14-17 in Omaha, Nebraska.

**LCIF** – PCC Don Noland reported for PID Dr. Garrett. He distributed the LCIF pins to the Governors to be sold for \$20 each. PID Garrett had hoped to have last year's summary of financial efforts for MD 26 by the deadline for reports but it was not yet available. Several observations from this last year indicate to him a positive direction for LCIF in MD 26; he had received donations from clubs not previously listed so he hopes the total percentage of club donating will be up. He is still shooting for 100% participation. Personal letters were sent to all clubs again this year. The LCIF All Lions Luncheon at the State Convention has grown in attendance each year and plans are underway for next year's event at Tan-Tar-A. The district LCIF chairs

and District Governors are making a greater effort to spread the message of LCIF. LCIF furnishes many materials to help them in their club visits. Any ideas or thoughts are welcome. PID Dr. Garrett will be attending an LCIF training session in Baltimore on August 26 & 27 to see what other multiples are doing and with what success. PCC Noland explained for those who had not heard that PID Dr. Garrett had an eye problem at State Convention in Springfield, found out the next week that he had a detached retina, and has had two operations. Hopefully, things will look good at his follow-up in three months. Lion Boettcher added that it was announced at International Convention that the donations for contributing member pins are Melvin Jones eligible, effective July 1, 2016, and by buying one every year it will be added to your account.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE** – No report.

**STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE** – PCC Noland reported that they had a great time in Japan, with fourteen attending the Convention and fourteen participating in the Parade. He explained about the issue with the 2016 State Pin, which wasn't discovered until the State Convention in Springfield, that "Fukuoka" was misspelled. They felt it would be inappropriate for the Lions of Missouri to take pins to Japan with the host city misspelled. In the interest of time, he made an executive decision to have new pins made for the Governors to take to Japan. He and PDG Ron Jordan had lengthy discussions about who made the error, but in the end there was an additional charge of \$558.25 that the Committee had to incur for the pins to make it to Japan. Also, speaking of pins, he had the new 2017 State Pin for Chicago for sale that day for \$2.00 each, as well as caps for sale and pre-ordered shirts in. He did find out in Japan that LCI will be meeting at the McCormick Place in Chicago. The Missouri delegation will be in a hotel that is within walking distance to the convention center. His hope is that Missouri Lions will attend so we can have a good showing in Chicago. There is talk of getting a train together from Kansas City to St. Louis to Chicago. As far as his candidacy, he was asked to step back as he was traveling to Japan, which he had anticipated, but they were able to campaign while in Japan. He attended an informal meeting of all ten of the endorsed candidates from the United States, where only six were chosen, but he received positive remarks from the International family that everything looks good for next year. He is asking for the support of all Lions of Missouri. DG Carnes added that he and the other Governors appreciated what PCC Noland did to get the corrected pins for Japan because they felt it would have been an insult to take misspelled pins, and they were not blaming anyone for the issue. PCC Noland said that he checked the 2017 pins and "Chicago" is spelled correctly. He added that 95% of the Lions in the state of Missouri will never know about the misspelling and, according to PDG Ron Jordan, it made them more valuable. However, PCC Jeff Hilke felt the corrected pin would be more valuable because there are fewer of them. PCC Noland finished by telling a story about his campaign eyeglass cleaner that he hands out. (The eyeglass cleaner has PCC Noland's email address on it.) He had given one to a taxi driver while in Japan, and the driver told him he would use it every day. The next day PCC Noland received an email from the taxi driver thanking him for using his taxi the night before. CC Foster added that he really enjoyed campaigning with PCC Don and Lion Betty, and that he was able to get some really cool stuff when passing out these eyeglass cleaners.

**2017 STATE CONVENTION** – PCC Jeff Hilke reported that the 2017 State Convention will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach from May 4 – 7. The Committee is still making plans, and he promises a memorable convention. He reminded the Governors that the January Council Meeting must be moved up one week due to a conflict at Tan-Tar-A. They have had a huge Band Conference there the last weekend of January for many years and it takes the whole resort. Please make note on your calendars that the Council Meeting will be the third weekend in January, 2017. They will have the Convention website up and running soon so online registration will be available, and they will put a notice out on molions when it is up. PDG Debbie Cantrell asked if there would be an auction, and PCC Hilke said there would. If anyone has items to donate they can give them to him at any time.

**ALERT COMMITTEE** - No report.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMTEE** – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported on the propositions which were voted on at the State Convention in April.

1. A resolution to update the dues for campus clubs members throughout MD 26 – Passed
2. A resolution to recognize any annual functions or events organized by the GLT and/or GMT as approved state programs for the Lions of Missouri – Passed
3. A resolution to replace the phrase “Rules of Audit” with “General Reimbursement Policy” in the Constitution per LCI official wording – Passed
4. A resolution to replace the phrase “Rules of Audit” with “General Reimbursement Policy” in the By-Laws per LCI official wording – Passed
5. A resolution to replace term “Second Vice President” with “Third Vice President” in the Constitution to be in compliance with LCI – Passed
6. A resolution to replace term “Second Vice President” with “Third Vice President” in the By-Laws to be in compliance with LCI – Passed
7. A resolution to include wording about automatic updates to the Constitution to be in compliance with LCI - Passed
8. A resolution to include wording about automatic updates to the By-Laws to be in compliance with LCI – Passed.

The endorsement for PCC Don Noland as International Candidate from MD 26 – Passed.

She thanked the great Election Committee she had working on this at State Convention.

There were several issues that the Delegates to the International Convention voted on and all of the issues passed. Some of the approved issues may require changes to our MD 26 Constitution & By-Laws. A meeting of the Committee will be scheduled in August or September. As always, the Committee will review any requests for changes or clarifications that the Council may have throughout the year.

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE** – PDG Ann Anderson updated everyone on her report in the packet. She reported that it was hot that week for the players, but they all survived. There were some problems completing a roster for the Gold Team with only 17 players signed up a few days before camp started, but they got it done. There were problems that week with no hot water in the dorm, but the players and coaches did not complain, and they were eventually able to get that worked out. The coaches this year are awesome gentlemen, were great with the kids, and enjoyed the experience as much as the boys did. Saving Sight was not able to do a program for the boys that week, and this is a concern of hers because the game does raise money for Saving Sight. PDG Anderson said she understands the problem but feels it can be solved. They did have a great program at the banquet and she did appreciate that. The VA Home visit that the boys do each year is a favorite of hers. The boys spend time visiting with the veterans, they give them pins and they share ice cream with them. She mentioned that they had a great turnout and a wonderful speaker at the Banquet the night before. PDG Anderson was pleased to report that they have raised approximately \$9,000 more at that time than last year, due to the committee working together as a team and IPCC Gary Curtis raising funds to cover 19 football players! She thanked everyone who has supported this game.

**BAND COMMITTEE** – Since no one else from the Committee was present, CC Foster read the report submitted by Lion Greg Hall, who was unable to attend due to his hip replacement surgery. Lion Hall thanked everyone who attended the June 12 meeting, where there was much discussion about the future of the band committee, both pro and con, but all agree to leave the past behind us and move forward with renewed energy to have a great Lion program. Our challenge now is to select a new band director that will be with us for at least 3-5 years. Nominations may be sent to Lions Greg Hall, Nathan Gargus or Dick Lanoue, who will review, interview and recommend to the committee. The band committee must have your help to promote, recruit and ask each club throughout the state to support the band. If more clubs would donate \$50, \$100, \$500 or more, that would insure a greater number of students. The band committee will continue to work hard to help keep the cost as low as possible. We hope to have a budget proposal at the next meeting. However, we need your approval to get started so to have applications printed as soon as possible. First VDG John Preston asked what the qualifications were for a new band director. CC Foster suggested he get in touch with the three Lions on the committee who are accepting nominations. VDG Preston asked how this information could be disseminated to every club in the state. PDG Eugene Taylor said it could be addressed on the website.

*Break for Lunch – 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.*

**PIN TRADERS** – Written report. PCC Don Noland added that the Missouri Lions had ordered 1,500 of the 2017 Chicago pins, and he had some available that day for \$2.00 each.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** – PDG Eugene Taylor challenged the Governors to share with their IT chairs their hopes and dreams for what they want accomplished this year and when the committee can meet. The IT Committee is one of those committees that “if it ain’t broke, we don’t mess with it”. He cautioned that we have a very diverse group of people using our web page and don’t want to frighten anyone away by using whiz-bang effects. We also want to post only state events on the calendar. PID O’Riley complimented him on getting the new Governors involved, but asked that the home page be updated, such as membership numbers, numbers of locations around the world, etc.

**STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE** – PDG Eugene Taylor shared the report submitted by PDG Marvin Stuenkel in the packet. On behalf of the Lions State Office Committee, we would like to thank the Immediate Past District Governors for their support this past year of our state office staff. We would also like to especially thank Lion Brenda and her associates for their diligence and hard work in support of all of our state Lion members. We recognize the sometimes difficult tasks that come before the staff, as they work daily to faithfully support our statewide Lions and the many projects that our Lions perform to help serve our communities and those in need. As we enter a new year and its continuing challenges, the State Office Committee will work diligently toward both encouraging and supporting our professional office staff. With the approval of the current District Governors, this year’s State Office Committee will be chaired by PDG Ann Anderson who will be assisted by Lion Steve Duncan, PDG Eugene Taylor and PDG Marvin Stuenkel.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE** – PDG Lisa Clinton gave the report for Lion Toni Mahoney. Peace Poster kits are available from LCI for \$11.95 until October 1. The theme this year is A Celebration of Peace and it is for youths age 11-13. They are judged at club level with a winner forwarded to the District Governor by November 15. (It must be postmarked by November 15 or cannot be accepted.) The Governors will forward their winners to the Council Chair by December 1 and then the state winner is forwarded to LCI by December 15. (If it’s postmarked a day late they will not accept it.) Please let the Youth Committee know who the state winner is and the District they represent. PDG Clinton then introduced her two exchange students, Lion Theresa from Germany and Lion Layla from Turkey. The Camp accepted 12 youths but two had to cancel and one of those was replaced. The other opening was filled by a Missouri Leo Youth, Lauren Bernard. The others arrived on June 30 from Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain and Turkey, and one on July 4 from Taiwan. The host families were from M1, M2, M3 and M5, with one non-Lion family. The youths experienced American culture, Lions activities and improved on their English speaking. If you have never had the opportunity to participate please consider in the future. We learn more from them than they do from us. They were scheduled to leave their host families for Camp Brim Shire on July 24, returning to their host families on July 31 for their flights home on August 1. They had plans to travel to Columbia for a tour of Saving Sight, Ft. Leonard Wood for a tour and visit with international soldiers, and Jefferson City for tours of the State Capitol and Supreme Court. Many Lions support this program, but there are more Lions who are not aware of the opportunity our youths have to apply to attend a camp outside of Missouri, 118 camps in 42 countries. Please encourage District representatives to share information about these two programs with Lions at club and zone meetings. This is a state-wide program. PDG Clinton shared a story about meeting a young lady while they were riding the ducks in Branson. This young lady was extremely interested in becoming an exchange student, so she gave her contact information for the Branson-Hollister Lions Club. When asked, PDG Clinton said the age range for exchange students, according to LCI, is 16-21, but Missouri has narrowed it down to 17-20 for our camp.

**GMT** – PDG Debbie Cantrell reported that Missouri currently has 9,047 Lions, with 337 clubs. All districts, except M1, are reporting a loss. We as Lions have many opportunities to do wonderful things to change lives for people; we just need to offer that opportunity to another Lion prospect. We could get our membership back up to what it shows on our website if we just work together. President Corlew has agreed to recognize the first 100 clubs to charter prior to the USA/Canada Forum in September. It is a short period of time but not impossible. She asked the Governors if they would accept the challenge. If so, let her or

PID Donal Knipp know. We already know that every Alabama District Governor has pledged a new club. We also want to be mindful of the Lions we are losing all too frequently. Closing the back door has been a focus for the Missouri GMT Coordinators, who continue connecting with the individual clubs through the club membership chairs and Governor visits. All DG Membership Plans for all Missouri Districts are now in and approved by LCI. Congratulations Governors! Plans are being made for the 3<sup>rd</sup> GMT Summit for Missouri. She brought some items to share that can be used at fundraising events, registration tables, in clubhouses, etc. to spark conversation and invite questions. She ended with the quote "We rise by lifting others". Let's Lift up Lions and What Lions Do and we will rise.

**GLT** – Written report only.

**MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** – Lion Dave Baldwin reported on the Missouri Lions Facebook page, and said he is getting good response to it. He is experimenting with the organization of the page. Every week the different posts related to upcoming Lion Events/Fundraisers will be combined into one post toward the top of the page. The page will work both ways, with him pulling items from the districts to post on the state page, and districts and clubs pulling things from the state page. The Committee is going to make a push this year into the retail side of things if they can get our centennial logo out there, possibly on a beverage can. He reminded everyone to continue to brag with your local media and asked the M1 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG to tell everyone what she just received by pushing this with the local newspaper in West Plains. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Reta House explained that they received \$2,000 from Ozark Independent Living, who had funds available in their budget to donate to a non-profit who is helping members of the community. Lion Baldwin mentioned that he has a MODOT billboard he would like to put the centennial logo on but MODOT requires an additional fee to do this, even though it's a non-profit. They are looking into this and, hopefully, we could get some billboard exposure if we get creative about it.

**MISSOURI LION** – Lion Jennie Mosher reported that Issue #19 had gone out, but once again had to be split into two parts due to its size. PCC Kimberly Taylor posted it on the Missouri Lions website as well. For the first time, Lion Dave Baldwin also posted it on the Missouri Lions Facebook page, and we can now be considered as "Global". She thanked everyone who helped review it before it went out. When asked, she clarified upcoming dates for Mid-South.

**MID-SOUTH** – Lion Jennie Mosher gave the report for PDG Walt Hamer. On July 1, 2016, Mid-South kicked off its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. It began in the early 1940s and was started by the downtown Memphis Lions Club because they realized the need for a facility to provide service to individuals with "sight problems". She reminded everyone that their 24<sup>th</sup> annual "Give the Gifts" auction will be August 6. The live part of the auction needed big ticket items. The golf tournament was rescheduled for September 23. During the summer months their waiting list seems to grow and their donations seem to be lower. They hope that Lions will continue their efforts to give the gift. She had handouts available for distribution and spoke about their new awards.

**HEARING COMMITTEE** – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that the committee had met recently and elected new officers; she was elected as the State Chair. In looking over their budget the committee decided that they had done well enough the last few years that they can increase the number of hearing aids available per district to 4 sets. Their budget was submitted for Council approval.

**SIGHT COMMITTEE** – Written report only.

**SAVING SIGHT** – PDG Stuart Payne reported that Saving Sight's fiscal year ended June 30, but final program service numbers were still being calculated. They expect to see increasing levels of impact; program service data for June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016 is as follows:

- 2,764 surgical tissues provided for transplant
- 65,930 children screened through the KidSight program
- 3,788 children referred to see an eye care provider through KidSight
- 1,412 individuals screened for glaucoma

Saving Sight has launched its Circle of Sight monthly giving program, and he distributed brochures on this. Their goal in a few years is to screen every child in the state of Missouri in the KidSight program, and to do that they are going to need funds. Saving Sight continues to host both Lions and community volunteer groups at its Lions Volunteer Center in Columbia to help sort, clean, photograph and enter eyeglasses into the ReSpectacle database. New board members are: Lion Pat Martchink, Lion Mike Oldelehr, CC Joe Foster and VCC Larry Boettcher. New officers are: President PDG Stuart Payne, Vice President Lion Allen Lohsandt, Treasurer Lion Mike Oldelehr and Secretary Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark. The next Board meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Saving Sight's Kansas City office. There were questions and much discussion on how much of the donations are going to KidSight. It takes roughly \$10 each to screen children. To clarify, of the \$659,000 spent on KidSight, Lions donated 2% of that total, and 98% came from other sources. When asked, PDG Payne indicated that donations can be earmarked for KidSight or any other program. Donate St. Louis was also discussed, and the question was asked if the money donated for Saving Sight was being matched. PDG Payne said he would check into that.

**LIONS EYE MISSION** – No report.

**LBOMB** – Lion George Winkeler pointed out that there are still some facilities in the state of Missouri that are being operated by temporary managers, 4 in Kansas City, 1 in Springfield, 2 in Jefferson City and 2 in St. Louis. They would like to get these positions filled with blind or visually-impaired individuals. To explain their impact on the state of Missouri:

- They employ approximately 850 people.
- They have had gross sales of over \$37 million
- They have had net proceeds of over \$1.7 million
- Their total payroll is over \$29 million
- Last year they paid over \$4 million in social security, over \$2 million in federal taxes, right under \$1 million in state taxes and almost \$400,000 in local sales taxes
- They purchased over \$5 million in merchandise, over \$8,000 in equipment, \$116,000 in equipment repairs, and right under \$200,000 in facility remodeling

Last year throughout our Multiple District, they received donations totaling \$4,005, and with matching funds, they received a total of \$14,778.45. He asked for support from the districts so they can get more matching funds.

**WSB** – No report.

**LEADER DOGS** – Lion Phil Krebs reported MD 26 donations to the operational fund through the two-year period ending June 30, 2016 increased by over 33%. This was in addition to the funds pledged to the Canine Development Center campaign. Every Lion in the Multiple District should be proud of their participation in this campaign. Operational funds given in year ending 2014 totaled \$41,108, in 2015 - \$58,480 and through May in 2016 - \$51,241. Canine Development pledges or money given totaled \$46,586. Lions remain the most significant donor source for Leader Dogs. Thanks to Lions they have 255 new larger suites for the dogs in training, 7 puppy development pens, an expanded lobby with a puppy viewing area, and a state of the art veterinary clinic which includes 2 exam rooms, a surgery room, an ICU room, an x-ray room, an ultrasound room, and an endoscopy room.

**POLICY MANUAL COMMITTEE** – DG Don Soph read the Committee's recommendations for updates to the 2016-2017 Policy Manual:

Cover page

- date to 2016 - 17
- Update names to current CC and DG's
- Updated July 2016

- Dates changed to July 23 2016
- Strike January 30, 2016 to time to time
- Strike 2015 - 16

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- Point 3 - change annual audit to audit or review of the books
- After Mid Winter forum add (or other GLT/GMT state program)

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- strike and closest to their house.
- At end of section add add in most cases this is the meeting closest to your home.
- In parliamentary section add reimbursed for mileage, accommodation and meals based on LCI reimbursement policy
- Strike giving reasonable notice and add with 15 days notice
- Item 3 under council add 2 sentence Note: Due to a scheduling conflict with the Hotel the January 2017 meeting will be held the 3rd weekend in January.

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- seating chart - move parliamentary seated to the left of the CC, the VCC and ACS/T move to the left
- In district governor seating, the table of governors to the left of the council chair M4 is moved and M5 and M6 are moved further down the table. M3 moves to the table on right

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- Last point in first section of points Annual function or event or program organized by MD 26 GLT and/or GMT

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- In receiving packet, after vice district governors, add parliamentary.
- Strike the s in international directors
- Add Third paragraph - The agenda package will be made available on the Missouri Lions state web site in advance of the meeting

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- Strike the 2nd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section C.

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- Section A: Change Public Relations to Marketing Communications
- Section C, paragraph 1: Change Public Relations to marketing communications
- Section C, paragraph 2 (2 times): Change Public Relations to marketing communications

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- Hats with Lions logos may be worn with MD 26 distinctive business or smart casual attire
- Smart casual in fist section, under men add no shorts
- First table Formal for men add black in front of cummerbund and vest

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- Change dates to 2016 - 17
- Smart casual: before black add approved purple polo shirt in men and women
- Smart casual: before black add purple polo shirt with the council approved logo and lettering. Both for men and women
- Business: add purple in front of sports jacket. Men and women
- Adult companion: make identical to smart casual

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- in MD 26 Conv. Banquet section: \* about ID/PID add unless seated at the head table.
- In MD 26 Conv. Banquets in PDG's: add \*\* can choose to wear a different color of tie and vest or cummerbund, unless seated at the head table.
- International Convention - Plenary sessions/Int show - create separate international show table. Change DG's and DG's elect and adult companion both men and women change to smart casual
- Create an international convention training sessions section: add DGE's can choose by majority vote to wear their smart casual uniform during training

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- International convention - parade section: DG's can choose by majority vote to wear their smart casual uniform during the parade
- International convention - parade section: DGE's can choose by majority to wear their smart casual uniform during the parade.

**PERSONNEL MANUAL COMMITTEE** – DG Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza reported that the Committee had met and found that several items needed to be updated. Because it has not been updated for quite awhile they will need more time for further review. At that time they did recommend that mileage, meals and hotel accommodations be brought up to LCI's standards. DG Larry Boettcher asked for clarification, if they were referring to Section 502 Travel Expense, specifically for Lion Brenda Weider. He asked if what they were planning to do was to change it to \$75.00 for hotel room charges, and they replied yes. DG Boettcher stated that as an employee it should be her actual expenses. It is different than what volunteers abide by. As an example, if his company asked him to travel for business and were only going to pay him \$75 when he was required to stay in a \$400 hotel room, they technically cannot do that. CC Foster read from the Policy Manual *“Reasonable actual expenses incurred in travel for the council meetings shall be budgeted and paid from MD 26 administrative funds. Travel expense is to be cleared in advance through the council chairperson. The council must approve any expenses in advance for the secretary/treasurer's attendance at any international convention.”* When asked, Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher stated that the two manuals must match, but also, DG Larry Boettcher had a valid point that we're talking about an employee who is required to be at the Council Meetings to take the minutes. This is more of a business thing than the volunteer side. He suggested that this needs to be deeply thought about a little more. PDG Ann Anderson added that at the budget meeting this was brought up and was budgeted as “actual expenses”. DG Lewis Carnes stated that at the budget meeting the Governors were not privy to the Policy Manual when they made some of the decisions that day. That is the reason there have been some reductions and cuts to this Personnel Manual. If it needs to go to a closed session then so be it because they were not privy to this manual. CC Foster recommended to the Governors that at that point they needed to adopt the Personnel

Manual, have a meeting to go through it all, and then it could be changed and voted on at the next Council Meeting.

**2016-2017 HEARING COMMITTEE BUDGET** – DG Boettcher moved to accept the Hearing Committee’s budget proposal as submitted. Seconded by DG Soph and passed.

**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS** – DG Soph moved to receive the committee reports. Seconded by DG Wilson and passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**QUALITY LION AWARDS** – None.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES** – CC Foster noted the positions that need to sign one of these annual statements: Council Chair, Council Secretary-Treasurer, All Governors, State Athletic Chair, State Band Chair, State Convention Chair, State Hearing Chair, International Candidate Fund Chair, State GLT Chair, State LBOMB Chair, State Marketing Communications Chair, Missouri Lion Editor, State Sight Chair, State Youth Chair

**DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS FROM STATE CONVENTION** – DG Malkmus-Espinoza moved that ballots from State Convention be destroyed. Seconded by DG Lenk and passed.

**BLUE & GOLD POLO SHIRTS** – PCC Don Noland announced that if anyone wanted the blue & gold polo shirts to see him, and he can order them if the sizes needed are not available at the State Office.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MEETING WITH LION HAL GRIFFIN, LCI GMT AREA LEADER** - CC Foster reported that he was contacted by MD 26 GMT Chair, PDG Debbie Cantrell, who was contacted by our LCI GMT Area Leader Lion Hal Griffin. He is asking to come to Missouri to give us new information from LCI. The Governors agreed in their work session that they were going to take ownership of this. They are asking that the seated Governors, the First Vice District Governors, and the GMT leaders for the state are present for this, and anyone else is welcome. This meeting is going to happen after the October Council Meeting and will last for an hour and a half to two hours. It will probably be held in the same room as the Council Meeting. PDG Debbie Cantrell does need to be out of town on business that weekend, but she is working with Lion Griffin to get the information together. DG Boettcher expressed his concern that Lion Griffin has not given us more information on what it is he wants to present. He wondered how they can get their First Vice District Governors and GMT Chairs excited to be there when they cannot tell them what it is about. CC Foster indicated that he would send a personal invitation to Lion Griffin to be here in October.

**PARADE UNIFORMS** – DG Boettcher reported that when the Policy Manual Committee went through the Manual, one of the items the Governors need to decide on is the parade uniform. The all white uniform has not changed in a very long time, and it was felt that it is time to move forward with something new. Instead of the current Governors making a decision, he proposed that a subcommittee be created to look into this and bring back to the Policy Manual Committee (DGs Bob Wilson, Jack Lenk and Don Soph) a recommendation that they can then bring to the Council of Governors Meeting in October. His fear is that if this is not done by October, there is no way there will be enough time to get everything ordered and distributed before the Convention in Chicago. He suggested that a committee of at least 4 or 5 Lions be created: A seated First Vice District Governor, a Second Vice District Governor, a representative of the State & International Convention Committee, a member of the Policy Manual Committee or a seated Governor, and one other Lion. CC Foster encouraged everyone who had any input on this issue to contact the chosen subcommittee. PID W. R. O’Riley asked that the committee, when chosen, be shown on the website. After much discussion, the Parliamentarian clarified that an ad hoc committee must consist of a

representative from each of the districts. DG Larry Boettcher moved to create an ad hoc committee to review the parade uniform and to report back to the Policy Manual Committee before the October Council Meeting so that it can be discussed and potentially voted on for the change of the parade uniform. The committee would consist of:

- M1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Reta House
- M2 – Lion George Winkeler
- M3 – IPDG John Deters
- M4 – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ron Campbell
- M5 – PDG Jene Crook
- M6 – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Kevin Cantrell
- M7 – DG Don Soph

Seconded by DG Lenk and passed.

**INVESTMENTS** – CC Foster reported that he has been looking into the possibility of investing some of the Missouri Lions reserve funds. It was his understanding that the Governors would like to have someone come to the October Council Meeting to present some information on this, and the Governors confirmed. CC Foster indicated that he would have someone attend in October and will allow 15 minutes on the agenda for this. He asked that anyone who may have questions to have them ready in October so a decision could be made on whether or not to move forward with this issue.

**BAND TRIP** – CC Foster reported that by then everyone knew the band trip failed this year. There are several reasons floating around why it failed, but reality is that a decision needs to be made about what needs to be done for the band program in the future. He indicated that he was asked during a work session conference call to call LCI and find out how much it would cost to acquire a band in Chicago to represent the state of Missouri in the parade at next year's International Convention. He did contact LCI, and a representative of the Host Committee called him back. He told him that the figures for the band in 2017 are not in yet. However, he was involved when the International Convention was held in Chicago in 2007 and at that time the smaller bands cost \$1,000 and the larger bands cost \$1,500. His recommendation to CC Foster was that the bands would probably cost \$1,500 to \$2,500 with a \$3,000 cap. By doing this, the state of Missouri would choose the songs that they play, and Missouri would not have to worry about getting them there or feeding them. He or the Governors would contact the Host Committee, who would put us in touch with a band. We would deal directly with the band and would give them a donation. The band would march behind us in the parade, and then they would go home. CC Foster had shared this information with the Governors. He understands that we have had a band program for many years, and he has served on the Band Committee this year. He tried to communicate with the committee as much as he could; he has tried to remain neutral in this situation. He had tried as Governor to get someone in his district to serve on the committee but could not achieve that. It is a very difficult position to get filled. He indicated that the Council needed to make a decision. At that point, there was no band director, no band application, but there were a few clubs that had left their money on account to carry over for Chicago and a few students who wanted to be in the band next year. He asked the Governors, without having any information at that point (the Committee had been asked to have an application in place by July but did not) and it being the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Chicago, what they wanted to achieve. Did they want to take a chance on building a band? He reminded everyone that 70¢ of their annual dues goes to the Band program, for a total of over \$6,000 per year. He also stated that the Band Committee has over \$30,000 in the bank, and a new set of \$10,000 drums.

DG Carnes moved that LCI be contacted to have them furnish a band for Missouri for Chicago and the cap we put on donation of \$5,000, to include sashes for them to wear and a new banner for them to carry that will represent the state of Missouri. Seconded by DG Lenk.

Lion Christine Dugan asked if the reason we could not form a band ourselves was because of the money. DG Carnes responded that for the last two years the excuse given by the Band Committee was that they would not start the program any earlier than October or November, and they have to get \$1,100 per student, and the parents cannot afford \$1,100 per student to go to band camp and the trip, in addition to spending money. Lion Dugan then asked, if the Committee has over \$30,000 in the bank, why can't the Missouri

Lions just pay their way; why do they have to have \$1,100 of their own? If we're going to pay for someone else to do our band, why can't we just pay for our kids in Missouri to do our band? Someone explained that it would cost the Missouri Lions \$20,000 - \$30,000 to send a whole band from here. DG Carnes added that the Band Committee explained at their last meeting that the transportation costs had gone up, and since that meeting he had looked into them taking a train to Chicago for \$182 each round trip from St. Louis to Chicago. He went into other costs the Band Committee had stated, such as \$12 per day to feed each student, bus stops at veterans homes along the way, pay the bus driver if he works over so many hours per day, etc. These are additional costs that are needed if taking a bus instead of a train. He said the Band Committee told them at their meeting in June that this is the way they have done it and they were not going to change.

Lion Betty Noland asked how many members would be in a band that is hired in Chicago, and she asked how many members we have had in our band the last three years. CC Foster explained that a band hired in Chicago would range from 50 members to 150 members, depending on which size is chosen. LCI assured him that Missouri would not be embarrassed by any band that is available there. He added that one thing he needs to check on is if any prize money would go to Missouri Lions or if it would go to the band itself.

PDG Tom Rayfield asked if the largest problem the Band Committee has had was getting enough students to form a band. CC Foster explained that getting students is one of the problems, but that continuing to compare us to the Mississippi Band needs to stop. The Mississippi Band had 140-150 members in their band in Japan, and they had 900 try out. Part of the difference is the way theirs is designed and set up. We in Missouri need to focus on why we did not have a band this year, some will say it is cost, some will say nobody wants to do it.... IPDG Bruce Dugan said there are a lot of factors involved. Kids today are a lot busier with many activities going on, cost is a big issue. Other states, such as Mississippi, are set up differently than ours, they're funded by a trust. PCC Don Noland corrected him that they are NOT funded by a trust; in Japan the students of the Mississippi band paid \$4,200 each to go on that trip. It was also stated that it is a full-year program, not just two weeks.

PDG Ann Anderson commented that most in the room are youth oriented, but when it comes to the 100 Year Celebration so close to Missouri we need a good showing from Missouri and our band. We need a 100-plus member band for a great showing. PID O'Riley added that we also need to remember we have an International Candidate going to Chicago. PDG Anderson said we need to put on a good show, and she felt that what was presented is the best bet for the Lions of Missouri for THIS year. PDG Eugene Taylor questioned why we couldn't pay a local existing Missouri band \$3,000 to represent us. Sure, we can rent a band from wherever we go, but we could also use an actual Missouri band, and they could check into raising the rest of the money for the trip on their own. He stressed that since we seem to have a problem building a band from scratch, we need to look at all the options.

CC Foster reminded everyone that a motion and a second were on the floor. DG Boettcher asked why the cap isn't increased to the actual amount received in dues money. DG Carnes explained that his motion was for \$5,000 based on the figures CC Foster was given and just adding a couple of thousand to it. CC Foster explained that if it becomes an issue the amount could be revisited in the future. A vote was taken and the motion passed. CC Foster indicated that he would contact the Band Committee about this decision and asked the Governors to get with their Band chairs to focus on an idea for the following year, find a band director, etc. IPDG John Deters urged the Governors to really promote this band during their club visits because we do need a good showing for the 100 Year Celebration with our International Candidate. Lion Cathy Rayfield asked if there would be an ad hoc committee appointed to work on the banner and sashes. CC Foster indicated they would ask the Band Committee to come up with some ideas to bring to the October Council Meeting. If there are any issues with that he will get with the Council of Governors to go forward, or, actually this might fall under the Marketing Communications Committee. PDG Freda McKee asked about communicating with school band directors; CC Foster explained that every school band director has received a letter about our band every year in the past. PDG Jene Crook added that the Band Committee has had a booth every year at the Missouri Music Educators Conference.

**APPOINT 2016-2017 MD PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON** – DG Lenk moved that PDG Ann Anderson be named the 2016-2017 MD Protocol Chairperson. Seconded by DG Boettcher and passed.

**APPOINT 2016-2017 DGES & SPOUSES' SEMINARS CHAIRPERSONS** – DG Soph moved that PDG Tom Rayfield and Lion Betty Knipp be appointed to these positions. Seconded by DG Wilson and passed.

**APPOINT 2016-2017 STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE** – DG Boettcher moved that the State Office Committee appointees be: PDG Ann Anderson, Lion Steve Duncan, PDG Eugene Taylor and PDG Marvin Stuenkel. Seconded by DG Lenk and passed.

**APPOINT 2016-2017 MISSOURI LION EDITOR** – DG Wiechens moved that Lion Jennie Mosher be appointed as 2016-2017 Missouri Lion Editor. Seconded by DG Boettcher and passed.

**APPROVE AUDITOR FOR 2015-2016 YEAR ENDING FINANCIAL STATEMENT** – DG Wilson moved to approve Graves & Associates for the financial review of the year ending 2015-2016. Seconded by DG Lenk and passed.

**APPROVE DEPOSITORY FOR ALL FUNDS** – DG Soph moved to approve the depository for all funds. DG Soph amended his motion and moved that the depository for all funds be Jefferson Bank. Seconded by DG Carnes and passed.

**APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET** – DG Boettcher moved to approve the Administrative Council Budget as worked on in the June budget meeting. Seconded by DG Wilson and passed.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES AND SPEAKERS** – CC Foster read the list as follows:

26-M1	Feb 24-26	ID Bruce Beck
26-M2	Mar 24-26	PID Mark Hintzman
26-M3	Mar 24-26	PID Larry Johnson
26-M4	Mar 17-19	ID Sam Lindsey
26-M5	Mar 24-26	PID Mike Molenda
26-M6	Mar 10-12	ID Joyce Middleton
26-M7	Mar 10-12	ID Alan Lundgren

**SITE FOR OCTOBER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING** – 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Ron Campbell reported that they are getting bids at the present time and should be able to make a recommendation at the October Council Meeting.

**APPROVE DESTRUCTION OF OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS (ONE YEAR, LEAVING PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS)** – DG Lenk moved to destroy one year of old financial records, leaving five previous years. Seconded by DG Wiechens and passed.

**RESOLUTION OF NEW BANK SIGNATURES** – DG Lenk moved that the following be signers on the checking account for this year: CC Joe Foster, DG Larry Boettcher, DG Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza and Lion Brenda Weider. Seconded by DG Wilson and passed.

**POLICY MANUAL RECOMMENDATIONS** – DG Boettcher moved to adopt the Policy Manual with the changes as stated. Seconded by DG Soph and passed.

**PERSONNEL MANUAL** – DG Boettcher moved to adopt the Personnel Manual as stated. Seconded by DG Malkmus-Espinoza. Passed with a vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay (DG Carnes). Passed.

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS** – CC Foster read the list of those requiring special dispensation to stay on a committee longer than 6 out of 8 consecutive years. Ballots were handed out to the Governors for voting. The votes were counted and Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher announced the results:

- M1 – PDG Tom Steinbach – Hearing - FAILED
- M1 – PDG Lisa Clinton – Youth - PASSED
- M2 – PDG Eugene Taylor – Information Technology - FAILED
- M2 – PCC Al Blumenberg – Long Range Planning - FAILED
- M3 – Lion Charles Callier – Constitution & By-Laws - FAILED
- M3 – PCC Pat Porterfield – Youth - PASSED
- M4 – Lion Greg Hall – Band - FAILED
- M5 – Lion David Salmon – ALERT - FAILED
- M5 – PCC Leo Bauerle – Long Range Planning – PASSED

DG Boettcher moved to have the ballots for the dispensation vote destroyed. Seconded by DG Wiechens and passed.

**FLEECE VEST** - PDG Jene Crook modeled a fleece vest the Convention Committee is considering selling for approximately \$35.

**TAIL TWISTER** – IPDG John Deters collected a total of \$100 in fines for Mid-South.

**REMINDERS** – CC Foster reminded the Governors of the time for them to be at the Football Game for introductions, and he reminded those who needed to sign for the Conflict of Interest Policy to do so after the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** – October 29, 2016 – Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark, MO

**ADJOURNMENT** – 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lion Brenda Weider*

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator