

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, July 21, 2018
Players Restaurant, Warrensburg, MO

The first meeting of the 2018-2019 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Ron Campbell at 10:00 a.m.

Governor Reta House gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Joe Foster.

Governor Michael Sliger led in singing “My Country Tis of Thee”.

Council Chair Campbell welcomed everyone to the Council Meeting and All-Star Football Weekend. He asked for a headcount for lunch upstairs at Players Restaurant (50) and announced that we would be breaking at 11:15 for an hour and a half for lunch.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1st Vice District Governors</u>	<u>2nd Vice District Governors</u>
26-M1	Reta House	Rodney McConnell	Scott Sattler
26-M2	Joe Foster	George Winkeler	Sandee Marshall
26-M3	Michael Sliger	Susan Paden	
26-M4	Richard Warner	John Ross	
26-M5	Pat Scott	Jessica Troester	
26-M6	Walter Hamer		
26-M7	Mark Schaeperkoetter	Jeff Hilke	

Council Chairperson IPDG Ron Campbell, M4
 International Director Don Noland, M3
 Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7; W. R. O’Riley, M4
 Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2
 Council Secretary-Treasurer/State Office Administrator Lion Brenda Weider, M7
 M1: PDG Don Beckham, PDG Casey Morris, Lion Jennie Mosher, IPDG John Preston
 M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Leon Hove, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion Jennifer Winkeler
 M3: Lion Carol Deters, PDG Freda McKee, IPDG Bob Noellsch, Cheyenne Porterfield, PDG Lyn Porterfield, PCC Pat Porterfield
 M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, IPCC Larry Boettcher, Lion Peggy Campbell, PDG John Reese, Lion Kathy Reese
 M5: PDG Jene Crook, PCC Gary Curtis, PDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan, IPDG Greg Gilliam, Lion Julie Goetz, PDG Kenny Goetz, Lion Pat Mills, Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto (KidSight), Lion Joe Storms, Lion Aaron Troester
 M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, IPDG Kevin Cantrell, Lion Phil Krebs, Lion Phyllis Krebs & FLD Gudrun
 M7: Lion Amy Bell, PDG Don Soph, Lion Wayne Weider
 Guests: Tony Bavuso (Saving Sight), Exchange Student Eduard

TAIL TWISTER – DG Hamer moved that PDG Ann Anderson be appointed Tail Twister, seconded by DG Michael Sliger, M3. Motion passed.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG Hamer moved that the Tail Twister funds be donated to LCIF, seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter and motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF 2018-2019 PARLIAMENTARIAN – DG Foster moved that PCC Terry Boettcher be appointed as 2018-2019 Parliamentarian, seconded by DG Scott and motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF 2018-2019 MD PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON – DG Scott moved that PCC Gina Boettcher be appointed as the 2018-2019 MD Protocol Chairperson, seconded by DG Warner and motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF 2018-2019 DGE SEMINAR AND SPOUSES SEMINAR CHAIRPERSONS – DG Hamer moved that PDG Ann Anderson and Lion Betty Knipp be appointed as the 2018-2019 DGE Seminar Chairperson and Spouses Seminar Chairperson, seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter. DG Joe Foster Clarified that PDG Anderson would be the 2018-2019 DGE Seminar Chairperson and Lion Betty Knipp would be the 2018-2019 Spouses Seminar Chairperson. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF 2018-2019 STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – DG Schaeperkoetter moved that Lion Steve Duncan, PDG Marvin Stuenkel, PDG Ann Anderson and PDG Eugene Taylor be appointed to the 2018-2019 State Office Committee,. It was seconded by DG Warner and passed.

APPOINTMENT OF 2018-2019 MISSOURI LION EDITOR – DG House moved that Lion Faith Powers be appointed as the 2018-2019 Missouri Lion Editor, seconded by DG Sliger. Motion passed.

ESTABLISH PROTOCOL – PCC Gina Boettcher established Protocol for the meeting.

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING – DG House moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 Council Meeting. Seconded by DG Scott and passed.

2017-2018 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT – IPCC Larry Boettcher gave the year-end financial report for 2017-2018. The total Assets and Liabilities & Capital were \$333,079.73. The net income for the year in the Administrative Fund was \$4,546.69.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – International Director Don Noland brought greetings from International President Gudrun Yngvadottir. Her theme is Beyond the Horizon and she will raise her voice so those without a voice can be heard, and strive to close the gap between men and women in leadership roles in Lions Clubs. “New Voices” is the new initiative celebrating the contributions made by women as Lions Clubs International members, showcasing district parity and recognizing those that have demonstrated excellence in Service, Membership, Leadership and Marketing. All the Governors have received nomination forms, which must be completed by August 31 and submitted to LCI. With the new initiative there are three representatives in Constitutional Area 1 (the United States). We are privileged to have one of those three Area Speakers – PDG Debbie Cantrell. We are honored that she has been given this opportunity to speak on behalf of “New Voices”. ID Noland asked her to come forward and give more insight.

PDG Cantrell touched briefly on what will be going on with “New Voices”. The Area 1 Leader is IPID Joyce Middleton from Massachusetts, and the other two speakers of the Area 1 Team are PCC Mary Rynearson from California and PDG Linda Albrecht-Norby from Minnesota. They have been having some Skype meetings to make plans. The “New Voices” team in the entire world consists of 32 members. Taking the helm is International President Gudrun, with PID Sangeeta Jatia from India at the wheel of the overall team. They will be trying to close the gap between the men and women in leadership positions in our organization and they are going to try to get more women to come into the organization. This is the perfect time with our International President being a woman. They have the responsibility of planning and facilitating workshops, seminars and women’s symposiums at the district, multiple district and constitutional areas. They will be presenting a program at the USA/Canada Forum, and she would love to see some Missouri Lions at that session. She presented a list of things Lions can do to help:

- Join “New Voices” on Facebook.
- Seek and ask women to join your club.
- Find those leaders or ones that maybe don’t even realize they are leaders and ask them to come to a meeting.
- Listen to the “New Voices” not yet heard. Maybe someone in your club has a story to tell but has never been asked to share.
- The Governors will be asked to nominate four names. They don’t have to be women; they can be men who have encouraged women to go into leadership positions. Four people will win a trip to Milan for the Convention from the nominations.
- Watch for new webinars coming up.
- Contact her if you want to help with a workshop, etc.

PDG Cantrell’s Areas include E and F – Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. She hopes to make the Lions of Missouri very proud.

ID Noland summarized some highlights from the International Convention:

- Veteran program of waiving the initiation fee has been extended through 2021.
- Lioness bridging to Lions Clubs initiation fee is in effect through 2021.
- LCI web page update to be completed in the next few weeks.
- Club Quality Initiative LCI Forward workbook.
- LCIF Campaign 100 “Empowering Service” \$300 MILLION by 2021 - over \$54 Million raised at the close of the 2018 Las Vegas Convention.
- Membership – as of 6-24-18 – 1,453,236 – all-time record.
- Lions Clubs Certified Instructor Program has been initiated. Congratulations to VDG Jessie Troester for being certified!
- Leos are now recognized and can be shown on the clubs MMR.
- We now have two Leos on the International Board of Directors: Eleonora Fresia, 23 years old, from Italy and Kyle Boutilier, 19 years old from Canada. They are there to help appeal to the younger adults to become involved with LCI.
- International launching of the LCI campaign to prevent diabetes, education and awareness – how to conduct local screenings and services, can be assisted with the website.
- Bridge Vision working through Walmart - \$38 for single vision + Exam estimated \$60.

IPDG John Preston asked ID Noland about the possible requirement to be a Melvin Jones Fellow in order to become a District Governor. ID Noland replied that in many parts of the world it is a prerequisite for becoming a District Governor, and he is serving on a committee that has been challenged to determine how many Lions are Melvin Jones Fellows when they become Governors. It is not mandated at this point, but the Board will be looking at some statistics at the next Board Meeting.

USA/CANADA FORUM – ID Noland announced the Forum will be held September 20-23 in Columbus, Ohio, and will have 80+ seminars.

LCIF REPORT – ID Noland reported for PID Dr. Garrett, who could not be in attendance. What a great year the Lions of Missouri have made for 2017-2018. Final numbers may be adjusted but MD 26 had a 26% increase in total funds donated!

- M1 – District Coordinator Lion Jerry Reaves – 42% increase
- M2 – District Coordinator PDG Debbie Blumenberg - \$24,570 largest donated amount by district
- M3 – District Coordinator PDG John Clark – 41% increase
- M4 – District Coordinator DG Richard Warner – 27% increase
- M5 – District Coordinator PDG Jon Stabno – 21% increase
- M6 – District Coordinator PDG Craig Lehman – 26% increase
- M7 – District Coordinator PCC Jesse Hathcock – 36% increase

- MD 26 total - \$147,078 – An increase of \$37,838, for an average increase of 26%

In PID Dr. Garrett's report last year he set a goal of a 10% increase from 2016-2017 for MD 26 – obviously this goal turned out to be very conservative, but the Lions of MD 26 have more than doubled it! LCIF and the people that have been served thank you! We also now have 3 districts that show 100% of all clubs donating to LCIF: M1, M3, M5. The total of all clubs in MD 26 donating is now close to 50%. Three years ago we were stuck at 23 to 25%. Thank you to the District Coordinators, the 2017-2018 District Governors and all Lions for a successful year for LCIF. Your continuing efforts for LCIF has attracted many individuals in our association to our Multiple.

PIN TRADERS – First VDG Jeff Hilke reported on the upcoming Pin Swap in Branson – August 9-11. Everyone is welcome. The 2019 state pins have arrived, and they are now looking for ideas for the 2020 pin. It does not have to be artwork, even if it's just a concept please submit it and they can have a drawing done. He presented to ID Don Noland the first one of the 2019 state pin, which was designed in his honor. He described the pin with a mule wearing an orange jacket, wearing a towel with a Lions emblem over its arm and holding a pitcher, or a coffee pot. There is also a lion and a lioness sitting at a dinner table, which is actually a globe with a dot on Italy on it. The lion and lioness are eating spaghetti with a strand between them. The pin also says "We Serve" and MD 26. The pin was designed to honor ID Noland and they wanted him to have the first one. The pin had been kept secret until then, so after the presentation Lion Brenda had pins to distribute to the Director, Past Directors, Council Chair and Governors. PDG Jene Crook also had some available for purchase.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – PCC Gary Curtis announced that the All-Star Football Game would be played that evening at 7:00. He thought the speaker at the banquet the night before did a great job. The coaches of the two football teams were David Kirby of Monroe City and Tom Cox of Mt. Vernon. He had game tickets available to sell. He thanked the Athletic Committee for their hard work in putting this together.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PID Donal Knipp reported that the Institute would be held the following weekend in Maryville, Missouri. They had 55 registrants, 19 from Missouri. He stressed that we need to get more Lions from all of the participating multiple districts to attend, as it is one of the best leadership training in the United States, with ten seminars. It will help, not only with Lions, but with everything a person does in life. It is not that expensive, and there are scholarships available. PCC Al Blumenberg added that the Missouri Past District Governors Club has one scholarship per district available. He believes that the multiple district from Oklahoma will become part of Great Plains. IPDG Greg Gilliam and PDG Don Beckham from MD 26 were going to be presenters this year. Next year the Institute will be in Iowa. The Institute is currently being sponsored by MDs 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Jene Crook reported on the International Convention in Las Vegas, where Missouri had 82 registered. She said that it was a great convention, they did a lot of walking, and it was thrilling to watch the first woman International President be installed. The next International Convention will be in Milan, Italy, July 5-9, 2019. The next committee meeting will be in September in St. Joseph. She believed that the Policy Manual would be amended to establish the rotation of districts for State Conventions. They are trying to get our First International Vice President Choi to be our guest at our State Convention in St. Joseph, and Judge Haynes for 2020.

2018 STATE CONVENTION FINAL UPDATE – DG Joe Foster thanked everyone for attending the State Convention in St. Louis. They enjoyed hosting it and having everyone. He again recognized the VIP District M1 for the service project. About 2,800 pieces of food items were collected, along with cash donations (\$1,885 for Missouri School for the Blind and \$990 for Camp Brimshire so far – more still coming in the next month). In addition, the Brentwood Lions Club of District M2 donated six wheelchairs to Camp Brimshire. The project was a huge success. PCC Gina Boettcher reported that full registrations

for the convention totaled 199, registration only – 26, luncheon & registration – 16, banquet & registration – 12. They also had 7 luncheon only. The auction made about \$4,400. They did lose money on this convention – they will be issuing the state a check for less than \$2,000 for reimbursement. She recognized the Lions from M2 who helped with the Convention.

2019 STATE CONVENTION – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the 2019 State Convention will be held May 2-5, 2019 at the Stoney Creek Inn & Suites in St. Joseph. The host committee continues to meet monthly. She had registration brochures available and said that ten had already registered. The early bird prize is valued at over \$500, including a tablet, cooler, good drinks, etc. The cutoff date for the drawing is March 1, 2019. The committee is aggressively working on getting more clubs in District M4 involved with help and attendance. They are hoping to have some of them sponsor some of the extras that occur during the convention to help keep costs down.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report. PDG Debbie Cantrell did show a blanket with a large Lions logo on it that M6 is putting in their trailers. The cost was about \$25 each.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE - PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that all four of the propositions passed at the State Convention this year, and she will get the updated Constitution & By-Laws posted on the new website. She will also call the first meeting in the next 4-6 weeks so they can elect a new chairperson, since she is no longer on the committee.

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

BAND COMMITTEE – PDG Don Soph reported that the band they hired, the Sounds of Liberty Marching Band from Liberty High School in Henderson, NV, took second place in Division II. He wasn't there but heard they did a great job of interacting with the crowd. The Committee met in June and it was the consensus of the members there that the committee continue to hire bands three years in advance. They felt that a good sum to pay for 2019 in Milan is \$10,000 but nothing has been officially approved yet. They also came up with a range of \$6,000 - \$10,000 for 2020 and 2021. The committee is unsure on how to not tie future Councils' hands and is unsure how to recruit bands for future years without knowing how much they can pay them. The committee is requesting clarification on this from the Council. They are also requesting guidance, with the establishment of a three-year planning structure, on making appointment to the committee a three-year term. They realize this would require a constitutional change.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson said that the members thank you for their reappointments to the committee. They look forward to working together again and plan to meet this fall. She added that if there are any problems with the State Office to please contact one of them so they can look into it. They feel that our State Office is a very well-oiled machine and probably the most efficient you will find of any organization in the state.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Lion Amy Bell reported that the new website was launched in June. It now takes the District Governors and the IT District Chairs to keep the site fresh, along with the Global Action Team and other committees. Please share your information so that everyone in the state can access your resources. All updates should go through the IT District Chairs for each district until a formal update process is created.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO – IPDG Greg Gilliam reported that his handout included a timeline of what has happened as they work toward the MD Leo Chairperson position. They have also included the number of Leo Clubs in the state – 12, with approximately 160 Leos. It included a list of clubs, sorted by district, with the name of each club advisor, as well as a list of upcoming Leo events.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE - PCC Pat Porterfield reported that they had 11 youth visiting from 9 countries. They were being hosted by families in Districts M1, M2, M3 and M5. The

following day they were going to Camp Brimshire for a week, taking field trips and meeting several Lions clubs. She thanked the host families, and especially Lion Toni Mahoney and PCC John Yount for all of the work they do. She recognized all that were or had been a host in the past, as well as clubs and individuals who had donated time and/or money for this program. For the Leo Program, they are trying to find a way to gather Leos together across the state. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Peace Poster and Essay contests.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

GLT – PDG Ann Anderson began by thanking IPCC Larry Boettcher, PID Donal Knipp, PID Doc Garrett, Lion Carol Deters, PCC Kimberly & PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Jesse Hathcock and PCC John Anderson for their exceptional help with training of the District Governors-Elect, the First & Second Vice District Governors-Elect and the Cabinet Secretaries & Treasurers at the State Convention. This training cannot be done without all of the help and knowledge of our great leaders in MD 26. The necessary training was held and was received very well. She reported that a session was held that morning with the First and Second Vice District Governors and was very well attended. ID Noland and PIDs Knipp and O’Riley also joined them. The plan is to continue these sessions throughout the year and hope that ID Noland, when he’s in town, and the Past International Directors can continue to join in and keep them on the right track. The training modules have been released for the 2nd Vice District Governors, and the 1st Vice District Governors’ are expected to be released sometime in September. She will be arranging a time for this training to come about. Since there has been so much talk of “too much training time” they are going to make this as time and cost effective as possible. They do plan to continue to meet for short sessions prior to the work sessions at each Council meeting to keep on top of things and answer any and all questions. She ended by thanking the Governors for their service to MD 26 and asked that we, as Lions, remember to serve with respect, not only to our fellow men and women but to those with whom we serve alongside. It is important to respect one another and to represent Lions Clubs International with dignity.

GST – Lion Carol Deters spoke about her attendance at the International Convention in Las Vegas, where she met with Michael DiMaria, the Department Manager of the GST. He gave her a lot of great information to pass on to the District Service Coordinators. Within the next month the LCI website will be launched to be easier to find information. Continue to report your service projects on the MyLCI website, not the MYLion app for right now. She also attended Service seminars and received information that helped her understand her position more. She encouraged each Service Coordinator to set goals, such as:

- Ensure all Lions Clubs in your district appoint a GST Club Service Chairperson
- Ensure all Lions and Leo Clubs in your district are aware of the new LCI Service Framework and our global cause of diabetes prevention and control
- Increase service activity reporting through MyLCI
- Increase the percentage of hands-on service projects delivered by clubs, with special focus on service areas that align with the Centennial Service Challenge and the new Service Framework
- Encourage all clubs in District to complete at least one diabetes project in the Lion year

Here are the total Service Projects reported to LCI for the last year:

M1 – 235 M2 – 769 M3 – 225 M4 – 625 M5 – 653 M6 – 289 M7 – 843

GMT – PDG Debbie Cantrell reported on membership numbers. In March of last year we were at 9,016, dropping to 8,789 in March of this year. As of June 30, 2018, she was excited that our total increased to 8,830. Four of our seven districts increased from March to June, and she is encouraged by this. She plans to continue the monthly membership tips to the GMTs and Governor Teams, as well as some others who have requested to be on the email list. She has encouraged every District GMT to build an email group to keep in touch with their club membership chairs. She has seen that the Districts that have been doing this are showing increases in membership, so it’s working. She continues to post to the Missouri Lions (Brenda Weider) Facebook page ideas and tools to use in growing membership. Feel free to share those to your respective District Facebook pages. She looks forward to working with PDG Ann and Lion Carol again this year on Missouri’s Global Action Team. They have a dynamic team and will be working to

better Missouri, and will keep everyone posted of their plans as they develop in the coming months. She is hopeful that LCI will again have available the \$250.00 for the District GMTs for membership. Some districts participated in this in the past, some did not. She thinks all districts should participate for this free money if it's available. She paid \$1 to the Tail Twister for every Lion in the room who could produce a membership application on them (13), and will do this again at the next Council meeting. Always be prepared with a membership application!

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – No report

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – No report

HEARING COMMITTEE – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that the Hearing Committee had some exciting news in that the Independence Lions Club took on the project of the Van #2 panels as a centennial project. Gator Graphics in Warrensburg did the work and it will be at the football game for all to see. A few years back PCC John Yount was instrumental in getting Van #3 panels updated as well. The new hearing aid program for purchasing hearing aids is up and running, with one change. If a district has used all of their allotment from the state hearing aid fund but has a need and a club wishes to cover the cost, they can purchase the aids for the individual through the committee. The cost is \$420 per set. A budget was submitted for the council's approval.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – No report.

SAVING SIGHT – Tony Bavuso began by presenting PDG John Reese with a plaque for his service on the Saving Sight Board from July, 2012 – June, 2018. He welcomed new Saving Sight Board members VCC Pat Scott, IPCC Larry Boettcher and PDG Roger Tiemann. At their June meeting the Board invited Jeff Schaeperkoetter to serve a full three-year term as a community board member and elected the following slate of officers: Lion Pat Martchink, President; IPCC Larry Boettcher, Vice President; Lion Mike Oldelehr, Treasurer; Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark, Secretary. The board also elected Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark to serve on the Foundation Saving Sight's board of directors. Their next board meeting is 8 a.m. on September 15 via conference call. Lions who are interested in joining may RSVP to pr@saving-sight.org for call-in information. He reminded everyone that the Columbia office was moving to its new location: 1000 W. Nifong, Suite 110 of Building 5, Woodrail Centre, Columbia, MO 65203. The building at 404 Portland Street remains on the market for sale. If you are planning to drop off eyeglasses please contact their staff to arrange a time to drop them off at the old building – contact Jen Galinski, jgalinski@saving-sight.org or 800-753-2265, ext. 431. From July 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 they provided 2,736 corneas for sight saving transplants. This is ahead of the same time period last year with an 11% increase in tissues provided for transplant. PID O'Riley asked if it was true that there is an offer on the property on Portland in Columbia. Tony replied that it was in negotiation at that time.

KIDSIGHT – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto asked, in addition to her written report, that a representative of KidSight be included on future KidSight USA discussions. They would be happy to provide any information that is needed; they are a non-profit and have no secrets. She was excited to report that their screening numbers are great, they have recruited new teams of volunteers, and are reaching more communities. They have added a new part-time volunteer coordinator, Kristin Millikan, based out of Columbia. They have also brought back Charlie Newton (M6), who was previously a screener. Their board approved an agreement with the Jefferson City Host Lions and the Cole County Health Department; nothing official on that yet. She thanked all of the Lions Clubs and individuals who donated to KidSight this year.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – PDG Lyn Porterfield reminded everyone that the purpose of the foundation is to give Missouri Lions an opportunity to serve as technicians and Missouri doctors a chance to serve those in need in Mexico, Panama and other countries, in order to give eye exams and eyeglasses. He reported that there were two physicians and seven technicians from Missouri

on the Mexico trip in April. Two of the technicians were actually students at the University of Missouri and members of the MU Campus Club. They were excited, enthusiastic and did an excellent job. A trip to Panama City is planned September 1-8, with currently one doctor and ten technicians from Missouri signed up to go. They are in the process of working with Lions in Sight of California and Nevada to arrange two trips for 2019. The Foundation is looking for at least two Lions from each district to serve as Foundation Ambassadors to recruit more Lions and more doctors for the mission trips. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador please contact PDG Debbie Blumenberg, who is the Coordinator, or any other member of the Foundation.

LBOMB – 1st VDG George Winkeler reported that they are bringing in a new Board and the transition is going very smoothly. The blind vendors had a meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks, where they gave 1st VDG Winkeler an hour to explain all about Lions Clubs International, and six of the blind vendors are now joining Lions! They are in the process of sending out a letter to every employee that works for any type of LBOMB facility throughout the state of Missouri (approximately 9,000 of them) to recruit more Lions. Lion Amy Bell asked if the recruitment drive was for clubs that already exist or for new “LBOMB” clubs. 1st VDG George Winkeler replied that they had not thought about it but could use some help with that.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – No report

LEADER DOG – Lion Phyllis Krebs shared that, in addition to her written report, they were looking forward to the 1st VDG Visit at Leader Dog Campus in August, and promised a great day. She mentioned that new puppy raisers, Lion Coby and Jenna Keyes, along with FLD Elwood, would be at the game later. She told of a call she received recently from the mother of a 12-year old girl in District M2. They had received her number from the Missouri School for the Blind, and the mother told Lion Phyllis that her daughter is determined to get a guide dog in the future. She also spoke about a Missouri Lion who has gained notoriety on the Leader Dog Puppy Raiser Facebook page as a puppy raiser stalker. It was International Director Don Noland, who told the story that as he was driving home a couple of weeks before he was behind a car that had Oklahoma license plates, marked with Leader Dog and Puppy Raiser. He ended up following the car into a service station, and approached the lady to speak with her, to explain that he was not a stalker, just wanted to speak with her. She was a puppy raiser from Oklahoma and her puppy’s name was “Clover”. He explained who he was and that he knew the Krebs, and he took a photo of Clover to post on Facebook. When he arrived home Lion Betty asked him why he didn’t invite her to his club meeting. He hadn’t thought about it, so he called Leader Dog to get her phone number, got in touch with her, and she came to the Harvester Lions Club meeting and made a presentation, and thanked him for “stalking” her in the parking lot. She is the only raiser in Oklahoma, so he put her in touch with PID Pat Shurley in Oklahoma City. Hopefully, she will help promote Leader Dog in Oklahoma and possibly become a Lion.

MID-SOUTH – Lion Jennie Mosher reported on the recent cataractathon in June at the Hamilton Eye Institute, when they performed 46 surgeries in two days. It was a very heartwarming experience to help these individuals who could not afford these surgeries.

POLICY MANUAL – DG Walt Hamer summarized the proposed changes to the Policy Manual.

- Cover Page – Change dates, names
- Chapter One, Section H
 - 3. – delete Due to a scheduling conflict with the hotel the January 2017 meeting will be held the 3rd weekend of January.
 - Adjust seating chart for Council of Governors meetings
- Chapter Three, Section D – add

MD 26 Investment Committee: The council shall appoint a multiple district committee with representative from each of the districts. The district governor of each district shall nominate a Lion from their district that has knowledge of finances and investments. The committee will recommend to the council investments in accord with Appendix 4--Missouri Lions MD 26 Investment Policy of

this manual. The committee shall elect its own chairperson from out of its members. To provide for consistent carry over of policy, the members will be appointed for a three year term, except in 2018-2019 when Districts M1 and M4 shall be appointed for one year, M2 and M5 for two years, and M3, M6, and M7 for three year terms.

- Chapter Four, Section C – add

MD 26 District Convention Hosts

In order to plan for multiple district conventions, the following rotation for districts to host the multiple district conventions shall be:

- 2020--District M3
- 2021--District M5
- 2022--District M1
- 2023--District M6
- 2024--District M7
- 2025--District M2
- 2026--District M4

- Chapter Seven, Section B – Change

The **2018-2019 District Governors** selected the following distinctive attire:

Smart Casual	Distinctive Council approved navy blue polo shirt with embroidered council approved Lions logo and lettering, light gray slacks, black socks, and black shoes	Distinctive Council approved navy blue polo shirt with embroidered council approved Lions logo and lettering, light gray skirt or slacks, and black shoes
Business	Distinctive Council approved navy blue sports jacket with MD 26 patch; distinctive tie, light gray slacks, black socks, and black shoes	Distinctive Council approved navy blue sports jacket with MD 26 patch, white blouse, distinctive neck tab or scarf, light gray skirt or slacks, and black shoes
Adult Companion	Distinctive Council approved navy blue polo shirt with an embroidered council approved Lions logo and lettering, light gray slacks, black socks, and black shoes	Distinctive Council approved navy blue polo shirt with an embroidered council approved Lions logo and lettering, light gray skirt or slacks, and black shoes

PERSONNEL MANUAL – DG Reta House summarized proposed additions to the Personnel Manual.

- 602 – Progressive Discipline – add - It will be the responsibility of the Lions Multiple District 26 Office Committee Chairperson to keep these sensitive personnel files secured.
- 603 - Problem Resolution – After “Employee presents problem to supervisor or Office Committee after incident occurs.” Insert “A written incident report (EIR-L1) shall be completed 24 hours or the next business day after the incident occurs and should be submitted to the Council Chair and the Office Committee Chairperson.”

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Warner moved to receive the reports. Seconded by DG Sliger and passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
QUALITY LION AWARDS

M1 – 0 M2 – 0 M3 – 0 M4 – 0 M5 – 1 M6 – 1 M7 – 2

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REVIEW – DG Hamer moved to employ Graves & Associates as the auditor for the 2017--2018 year ending financial review. It was seconded by DG Foster and passed.

DEPOSITORY OF ALL FUNDS – DG Schaeperkoetter moved to use Jefferson Bank as the depository for all funds. Seconded by DG House and passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET - DG Warner moved to accept the Administrative Council budget as presented. It was seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter and passed.

POLICY MANUAL – DG Hamer moved to adopt the 2018-2019 Policy Manual with changes as presented. It was seconded by DG Foster and passed.

APPOINTMENT OF MD 26 FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – DG Hamer recommended delaying this until the October meeting since the Governors have not had an opportunity to name their people. Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher suggested that if a District Governor had someone that has agreed to serve they could go ahead and name them. DG Schaeperkoetter (M7) nominated Lion Larry LaDuke, Eldon Lions Club. DG House (M1) nominated PDG Don Beckham, Cape Girardeau Noon Lions Club. DG Scott asked if it has been established how many will be on the committee. Parliamentarian Boettcher replied that according to the Policy Manual it is one per district. When asked, Parliamentarian Boettcher clarified that this particular committee requires approval by the Council because it is a Policy Manual Committee, not a Constitutional committee. Motion by DG Warner to approve Lion Larry LaDuke (M7) and PDG Don Beckham (M1) as members of the Financial Investment Committee. It was seconded by DG House and passed.

PERSONNEL MANUAL – DG Scott moved to approve the Personnel Manual with changes as presented. It was seconded by DG Sliger and passed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES – CC Campbell announced that the following are required to obtain a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy and sign the annual statement: Council Chair, Council Secretary-Treasurer, M1 District Governor, M2 District Governor, M3 District Governor, M4 District Governor, M5 District Governor, M6 District Governor, M7 District Governor, State Athletic Chair, State Band Chair, State & International Convention Chair, State Hearing Chair, International Candidate Fund Chair, State GLT Chair, State GMT Chair, State GST Chair, State Marketing Communications Chair, State Sight Chair and State Youth Chair. See Lion Brenda after the meeting.

DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES & SPEAKERS

26-M1 – February 22-23, 2019 – ID Nick Xinopoulos – West Plains

26-M2 – February 15-16, 2019 – ID Gwen White

26-M3 – March 15-16, 2019 – ID Pat Vannette - Hannibal

26-M4 – March 22-23, 2019 – ID Gary Brown

26-M5 – November 2-3, 2018 – ID Geoffrey Wade

26-M6 – April 6-7, 2019 – PID Jerome Thompson

26-M7 – October 12-13, 2018 – PIP Jimmy Ross – Owensville High School

MD 26 – May 2-5, 2019 – ?? - St. Joseph

ID Noland asked all of the Governors to turn in their speaker request forms as soon as possible. He clarified that this needs to be initiated by the Governors and can be done online, and he would also send them the form.

SITE OF OCTOBER 2019 COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST VDGs Rodney McConnel and Jessica Troester presented a proposal for Hampton Inn & Suites in Sikeston MO. The Hospitality Room on Friday night would cost \$125, the meeting room for Saturday would cost \$150, and the hotel room rate would be

between \$115 - \$125, including a hot breakfast (can't quote an exact rate over a year out). It is a new hotel just being built. It would be the last full weekend in October (October 25-27, 2019). DG Foster moved to accept the proposal to hold the October, 2019 Council meeting at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Sikeston MO the weekend of October 25-27, 2019. Seconded by DG House and passed.

DESTRUCTION OF OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS – DG Schaeperkoetter moved to destroy one year of financial records, leaving previous five years. Seconded by DG Sliger and passed.

NEW BANK SIGNATURES – CC Campbell explained that the bank no longer requires a resolution, just drivers licenses and social security numbers. DG Hamer moved to approved the new signers on the checking account as follows: CC Ron Campbell, VCC Pat Scott, Asst. Council Sec-Treas DG Richard Warner, Council Sec-Treas Lion Brenda Weider. Seconded by DG Foster and passed.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS – As Lion Brenda passed out ballots, CC Campbell announced those needing special dispensation to serve on committees:

- M2 – PCC John Yount – Hearing Committee
- M2 – Lion C. B. Bonham – Marketing Communications Committee
- M2 – Lion Toni Mahoney – Lions Opportunities for Youth Committee
- M3 – PCC Pat Porterfield – Lions Opportunities for Youth Committee
- M6 – PCC Steve Wise – Constitution & By-Law Committee
- M6 – PDG Debbie Cantrell – Marketing Communications Committee
- M7 – Lion Amy Bell – Information Technology Committee

PID Knipp collected the ballots and counted the votes. All were approved. DG Foster moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by DG Hamer and passed. CC Campbell destroyed the ballots.

LEADER DOG – Lion Phyllis Krebs shared that FLD Gudrun was allowed to meet International President Gudrun in Las Vegas and Lion Phyllis presented the International President with a brick from Leader Dog, which was the result of the tail twister fines from the October 2017 Council Meeting

HEARING COMMITTEE BUDGET – DG Warner moved to approve the Hearing Committee budget as presented. It was seconded by DG Scott and passed.

BAND COMMITTEE REQUEST – CC Campbell reminded everyone that the Band Committee wants to change the district band chairs' appointment from one year to three years. Parliamentarian Boettcher explained that it would be a constitutional change. PDG Ann Anderson asked if they are not allowed to serve three years now. Parliamentarian Boettcher responded that this is true, but the Band Committee is asking to set it up so that the next Governor cannot remove someone while they are working on bands three years out. DG Hamer moved to charge the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to work on wording to change two sections of the Constitution to allow for a 3-year rotation for the Band Committee. The motion was seconded by DG Sliger and passed. When asked, Parliamentarian Boettcher clarified that there are provisions within the Constitution for a Governor to remove someone from a committee if they are not performing.

REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA DIABETIC CAMP – PCC Pat Porterfield shared some recent information on the Diabetic Camp in the Republic of Georgia. Around 2005 the old District 26-C procured an LCIF matching grant in the amount of \$50,000 in order to establish some permanent buildings for some diabetic children in the Republic of Georgia. She was pleased to report that, after many years of raising money and working with Dr. Trish Blair and other organizations, two buildings have been completed – the dining hall and a dormitory. She and others will go there for a dedication ceremony and to install a plaque on the wall in one of the buildings on September 15. The plaque reads “The Lions Clubs International Foundation and the Lions in Missouri Multiple District 26 have assisted in the funding of these buildings”. She thanked everyone who has helped support this project over the years to help these kids.

KIDSIGHT USA – DG Warner moved to allow Lion Ed Cordes, PID, to come for a presentation/Q&A session right after the October Council of Governors Meeting and to open it to any Lion. Seconded by DG Sliker. IPDG John Preston asked if representatives from Missouri KidSight are going to be invited to this presentation. He was told that it is open to any Lion in the state, but he asked if the Council of Governors were going to extend a special invitation to them. ID Noland said that it is not a closed meeting, but IPDG John Preston said that was not the point; it's a courtesy. PID W. R. O'Riley added that he hoped the District Governors would promote this throughout the state. Vote: Aye-6, Opposed-1. Motion carried.

PHOTO – ID Noland asked that after adjournment all of the women Lions pose with the poster of International President Gudrun for a photo of "New Voices" going forward.

REMINDERS:

- District Governors – please give or send a copy of your District Directories to Lion Brenda for use at the State Office
- All who are required to sign the Conflict of Interest – see Lion Brenda after meeting
- PDG Jene Crook had 2019 State Pins to sell after meeting

TAIL TWISTER – PDG Ann Anderson collected \$250 in fines for LCIF.

NEXT MEETING – October 27, 2018 – Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark

ADJOURNMENT – DG Warner moved to adjourn, seconded by DG Foster and passed. Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

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