

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, October 27, 2018
Camden on the Lake Resort, Lake Ozark, MO

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

VCC Pat Scott gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Hamer.

DG Schaeperkoetter led the first verse of “America the Beautiful”.

CC Campbell welcomed everyone and announced that the lunch break would begin at 11:15 and that H. Toad’s Restaurant would have 4 lunch options available.

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

TAIL TWISTER – DG Hamer moved to appoint PCC Al Blumenberg as Tail Twister. Seconded by DG Foster and passed.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG Foster moved that the Tail Twister fines be donated to the New Voices Workshop. Seconded by DG Sliger and passed.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

District	Governor	1 st Vice District Governors	2 nd Vice District Governors
26-M1	Reta House	Rodney McConnell	Scott Sattler
26-M2	Joe Foster	George Winkeler	Sandee Marshall
26-M3	Michael Sliger	Susan Paden	
26-M4		John Ross	
26-M5	Pat Scott	Jessica Troester with FLDog	
26-M6	Walt Hamer	Toni Morris	
26-M7	Mark Schaeperkoetter	Jeff Hilke, DG-E	

Council Chairperson Ron Campbell, M4

International Director Don Noland, M3

Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7; W. R. O’Riley, M4; Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3

Council Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2

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

M1: Lion Jennie Mosher

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Michelle Foster, PDG Jack Lenk, Lion June Lenk, Lion Toni Mahoney, Lion Ed Marshall, Lion Jeff Rackovan, Lion Kelly Rackovan, Lion Teddi Speeler, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, PDG Elmer Weinrich, Lion Jennifer Winkeler, PCC John Yount

M3: Lion Carol Deters, DG Sandy McCann, PDG Freda McKee, IPDG Bob Noellsch, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch, Cheyenne Porterfield, PDG Lyn Porterfield, PCC Pat Porterfield, Joanie Sliger

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, IPCC Larry Boettcher, Lion Devon Campbell, Lion Peggy Campbell, PDG Wayne Cunningham, PDG Jonathan Keyes, Lion Carole O’Riley, PDG John Reese, Lion Kathy Reese

M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto

M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Karen Hamer, Lion Phyllis Krebs & FL Dog Joplin, Lion Phil Krebs, PCC Steve Wise

M7: Lion Amy Bell, PCC Jesse Hathcock, IPDG Lou Ann Hathcock, Lion Betty Knipp,
Lion Judy Schaeperkoetter, PDG Don Soph, Lion Wayne Weider
Guest: PID Ed Cordes, KidSight USA, New York

COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARIAN – Council Parliamentarian Terry Boettcher clarified that since we had a Governor missing that day, according to the MD Constitution & By-Laws (Article XI, Section 3), no proxy voting is allowed, meaning the VDG cannot make motions, second motions and cannot vote. Only the District Governors and Council Chair have voting privileges. Proxy voting is also prohibited in the LCI Constitution & By-Laws. When asked, he clarified that the VDG would be allowed to speak in the normal speaking order. He also reminded the Governors to stand and state their name when making motions and to speak up when voting.

COUNCIL CHAIR RON CAMPBELL'S BIRTHDAY – DG Mark Schaeperkoetter announced that it was Council Chair Ron Campbell's birthday and asked everyone to join him in singing Happy Birthday.

MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Scott moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2018 Council Meeting as distributed. Seconded by DG Foster and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – CC Campbell explained that DG Richard Warner could not be in attendance due to a medical condition. He was at home and doing well. Lion Brenda gave the financial report. The total Assets and Liabilities & Capital as of September 30, 2018, were \$296,050.17. She added that a copy of the draft of the annual financial review prepared by Graves & Associates, CPAs, was included in the packet for approval that day. Lastly, she reported that dues from all seven districts had been paid.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – ID Don Noland began by asking PDG Debbie Cantrell to come forward to talk about New Voices. He added that last year at this time we had 209 new women members of LCI. As of September 30 this year we have 7,098.

PDG Cantrell said they are excited about the momentum gained, and they are seeing results. A New Voices "Hear Us Roar" Workshop is planned for February 1 & 2, 2019, at University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Missouri. She asked Lion Phyllis Krebs to come forward, and she presented her with the International President's pin. Lion Krebs is chairing this workshop, and they had registration forms, flyers and vendor applications available that day. Topics will include: The Internal Narrative, The Value Within, Using our Voices. The workshop is designed to encourage Lions and potential Lions to listen to the internal narratives that may be keeping them from developing the Leader within and to provide tools to help that Leader emerge. They will have many fun vendors and lots of prizes. All other states in PDG Cantrell's area will be invited (Texas, Georgia, Florida, Oklahoma, etc.). She reminded everyone to join the New Voices Facebook page. She also reminded the Governors to get their New Voices nominations in by the deadline. Four winners will win a trip to Milan. DG House shared an idea that she is taking to her club, which is to pay the hotel and registration fee for some of their members to attend the New Voices Workshop.

ID Noland continued with his LCI Update. Many things were discussed at the recent Board Meeting.

- Guiding Lion – Eliminated the requirement to be president as a requirement.
- GAT Voting - Discussion on having them vote at Council and Cabinet meetings. This was decided against.
- District Quality Program – Discussion regarding the roles of the district responsibilities and working clubs with the volunteers. Organization for effective communication. New e-books for Region and Zone chairman. Also e-books have been expanded for club officers, including Membership and Service.
- District Governor Qualifications – Discussion on being MJF to be Governor. Adjusted the wording to be a contributor to LCIF with no dollar amount required but encouraged to participate.

- Vice District Governor – Training will be held for the next five years in February in St. Charles, Illinois – three-day schedule with only one day at the International Convention.
- Membership – Constitutional Area 1 has not seen a positive growth in 35 years. Peak membership 1978 of 570,727. Current membership is 311,182. Last year at this time we had over 3,500 dropped; year to date this year less than 900. A new initiative “North America Membership Pilot” is being supported by VP Haynes Townsend and VP Brian Sheehan addressing the issues of membership in CA 1 and CA 2, with a new perspective. They are looking at ways to make being a Lion more fun, less like a job, with all of the guidelines, requirements and objectives. PID Noland is asking for any input on this.
- Specialty Clubs – Last year the goal was to charter 200, the actual number was 470, with 46% of them in CA 1. The goal for this year is 500. A specialty club is a club focused around a common denominator; for example, policemen, EMTs, snowboarders.
- New young Lion Kyle Boutilier from Canada serving on the LCI Board as an advisor this year. He started a club via the social network with 30 plus members with the average age of 18 ½. He, along with Eleonora Fresia from Italy, are a breath of fresh air on the Board.
- Africa has met the minimum requirement to become a new constitutional area, and it will be reviewed in April.

He asked the Council of Governors to endorse PID Patti Hill for 3rd VP for LCI in Milan.

DG Foster asked for clarification of the statement in his written report that says elections of Vice District Governors must be held by January 1. ID Noland explained that it is for any special elections due to redistricting or vacancies only. VDG Troester asked for clarification on the written statement about the experience of a GAT member to satisfy the requirement for District Governor. ID Noland replied that it is still in discussion. PCC Al Blumenberg asked if there is a breakdown of the membership lost last year; was it due to death, etc. ID Noland replied that he has the breakdown that he can share with him.

ID Noland also had brochures available on Bridge Vision, a program to provide more glasses for less through Walmart.

USA/CANADA FORUM – ID Noland reported that the next USA/Canada Forum will be held in Spokane, Washington. The Forum in Columbus was very well attended, very well organized, and he felt the seminars were very helpful. There were about 1,850 in attendance, with 22 from MD 26. VDG Jessica Troester and PDG Debbie Cantrell were recognized for their presentations at the Forum, as well as VDG Jeff Hilke for his work with the Pin Traders.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PID Donal Knipp reported on the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute which was held in July in Maryville. This year they had 53 registrants, with 16 from Missouri. He urged more participation from all the participating multiple districts. PDG Greg Gilliam and PDG Don Beckham from MD 26 served as presenters to provide emerging Lion leaders with many skills to be used as Lions and in their personal lives. He thanked PID W. R. O’Riley for being the Facilities Chairman. There is a possibility that Oklahoma will join the GPLLI. The fees next year will remain the same. The Board also voted to open registration to anyone who has not attended in the last five years, including Past District Governors. A change regarding faculty requirements was announced by the LCI Board. Beginning in 2020, at least 50% of the faculty must be Faculty Development Institute or Lions Certified Instructor Program graduates. Beginning in 2021, at least 75% of the faculty must be Faculty Development Institute or Lions Certified Instructor Program graduates. Beginning in 2022, 100% of the faculty must be graduates of these programs. He is not sure how this will affect our faculty in the future. The Institute is sponsored by MD 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska). PCC Al Blumenberg reminded everyone that the Missouri PDG Organization has scholarships available (one per district) for the Institute, and PID Knipp added that the districts do as well.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF) – PID Dr. Garrett reported on LCIF Campaign 100, which is the campaign to raise \$300 million over three years to increase services and expand global

causes. The service impact will focus on vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian causes, reduce the prevalence of diabetes, and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed. It will expand the global causes by identifying the areas of greatest need and opportunities with hunger, childhood cancer, the environment, and to conduct pilot projects. It will develop sustainable long term programs and achieve serving two hundred million people by 2021. He explained specifically what this money will do, and reminded everyone why we should support LCIF; for example, no administration fees are taken out of donations and almost all donations can be designated for a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive. He explained the District & Club Community Grants program, where with \$5,000 or more in donations, there would be 15% refund in the form of Humanitarian Activities Grants. Amounts available by district are: M1 - \$1,676 M2 - \$3,231 M3 - \$1,088 M4 - \$1,311 M5 - \$2,740 M6 - \$1,821 M7 - \$1,676 This money can be accumulated for fifteen years. Club Coordinator packs were being sent out soon.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – PDG Jonathan Keyes reported on the recent meeting of the Athletic Committee. They thank all of the clubs and individuals that supported this year’s game in any way. They finalized the numbers from the game and thanks to everyone’s generosity and hard work they were proud to make a donation to KidSight in the amount of \$6,500, which he presented to Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto. New officers of the Committee are: Chairman – PDG Jonathan Keyes, Vice Chairman – PCC Gary Curtis, Secretary – PDG Missy Carr. The Committee submitted a budget to include a donation to KidSight again next year to the Governors for approval. Plans are already underway for the 2019 All-Star Football Game, to be played July 20 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. The tentative date for the draft has been set for January 12, 2019. One coach, from Knob Noster, has been confirmed. He asked everyone to keep them in mind when setting budgets. Not only do the youth involved have a great week making friends and learning about Lions, but the proceeds of the game are then donated to a Lions-approved cause.

11:15 – Lunch break until 12:45

BAND COMMITTEE – PDG Don Soph reported on the Band Committee’s recent meeting. The Committee voted to sell the drum line equipment to the Russellville, MO High School band for \$7,500. The equipment has been picked up and the check has been deposited into the Band Savings Account. The new officers of the Committee are: Chairman – PDG Don Soph, Vice-Chairman – PDG Altha Marsh, Secretary – PDG James W. Rosbrugh. The Committee also voted to compensate a Missouri band \$10,000 that wishes to lead the Missouri Lions contingency at the International Convention parade in Milan, with all remaining costs covered by the engaged band. The Committee had two requests of the Council:

- Guidance on the best way to approach potential recruited bands for future international convention parades (2020, 2021 and beyond) with a compensation amount that does not interfere with the financial jurisdiction of future councils - Direction on how future amounts should be negotiated and agreed to without “tying the hands” of future councils
- Approval of the new year’s Band budget, to include the waiver of the \$1,500 administrative fee

HEARING COMMITTEE – Lion Peggy Campbell reported on the Committee’s recent meeting. They are starting to distribute the hearing sweepstakes tickets, their only source of income. They appreciate the districts selling those tickets to help them out. A new 5-year van schedule has been prepared. Both vans have been re-decaled in the last few years, and they look really good. They are starting on the Missouri Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project. DG Scott asked if there is money in the state hearing budget for calibrating the units in the hearing vans, and Lion Peggy said there is.

SAVING SIGHT – IPCC Larry Boettcher, in his position as Vice President of the Board of Saving Sight, gave the report. During November Saving Sight will be recognizing Eye Donation Month, a new observance created by the Eye Bank Association of America. They will be celebrating the “Power of You” through the miracle of eye donation and transplantation. They will be sharing stories on their website and social media accounts. From July 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 they provided 481 corneas, slightly ahead of the same time period last year. At the September 15 Board Meeting they voted to transfer the

operation of the Eyeglass Recycling program to the Lions District M7. During the transition all eyeglass recycling has been suspended. The decision was precipitated by Saving Sight's move out of the 404 Portland building in Columbia, as they no longer have the space to receive, process and store eyeglasses. The final closing on that building will be mid-December. When asked, IPCC Boettcher replied that the building sold for \$1.3 million. PID O'Riley asked what name is on the warranty deed of the property sold in Columbia and the property purchased in Kansas City. IPCC Boettcher said the owner of both properties is Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. The property in Kansas City has been paid for. The funds from the sale of the property in Columbia go to Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING - DG-E Jeff Hilke explained how all of this has evolved. At the same time that Saving Sight was moving out of the Columbia building, the Cole County Health Department in Jefferson City was moving into a new facility, where they were going to have more space than they needed. They had extra space available that they wanted to loan out to community service organizations to partner with to provide services to the community. The Cosmopolitan Club has put in a kitchen so the Health Department can teach people with diabetes how to cook healthier. The Shriners are doing programs there to help put information on file for children through the MoCHIP program. They're also doing screenings for children to help send them to the Shriners Hospitals in St. Louis and Memphis. The Lions are also working with KidSight to do vision screenings for children within the Health Department. Since there was space available he thought it would be a good place to do eyeglass recycling. He approached Tony Bavuso at Saving Sight to ask what their status was with the eyeglass recycling program and the equipment. Tony offered the equipment to him, pending the Board's approval. DG-E Hilke said his goal was to keep the Lions' mission of eyeglass recycling moving forward. The whole goal here is to keep doing what we've always done, and do it bigger and better if possible. After the Saving Sight Board approved this, a group of Lions drove up in October and hauled the equipment to Jefferson City. The room is somewhat set up, but they are still trying to figure out some things. They've been waiting to hear from ReSpectacle to see about that equipment. The biggest issue now is finding climate controlled space for storing eyeglasses. They cannot be stored in extreme heat or extreme cold. As soon as he has found a place he will let everyone know, and they will start taking glasses again. They would like to recommend, going forward, instead of bringing boxes of glasses and dumping them off at a single state location (and he knows that some already do this), make this a district project to involve more Lions – go through these boxes, remove all cases, take out the broken pieces, and just bring the good glasses. It doesn't matter if they are metal or plastic, it doesn't matter if they're readers (they are just as valuable). Just sort through them and make sure that what you're bringing is all good and usable. This is also a great way to involve local Lions in your clubs and districts in the eyeglass recycling program – make them feel like they are a bigger part of what we're doing. This will help in the storage and organization of the glasses we have.

The ReSpectacle Program is changing the way they operate the first of the year. Currently they have satellite locations all over the country. Starting the first of the year all of their glasses will be put into an inventory that is stored in Minnesota, where Dr. Lynch is, and will be shipped out from there to the people who submit requests through respectacle.org. There is still a great need for the Lions to be involved. DG-E Hilke hopes to be able to speak with Dr. Lynch soon to try to keep Missouri Lions involved in that program. At this time he cannot report on how involved we will be with the new process.

When asked how soon eyeglass recycling can start again and how that will be scheduled, DG-E Hilke replied that he hopes it will be soon, he needs to form a committee to help break down the responsibilities of the different aspects of this program. Just bear with him, this has all happened very quickly. As soon as he gets everything in place he will get a message out on molions, maybe have Lion Brenda send something out on her distribution list. Feel free to email him with any questions. Through Saving Sight's website, where they get messages several times a week, he has been getting these forwarded from people wanting to donate eyeglasses. This is another way to engage people, and maybe get them to join Lions. Lion Amy Bell suggested that something about this could be added to the Missouri Lions website. DG Foster asked how he plans to fund this. DG-E Hilke said that he does not foresee there being much cost involved. They have the cleaning solvent, wash tubs and towels to use. District M7 has paid what little costs there have been so far. If something needs to be set up down the road, such as a 501c3 to get

donations, they'll look at it then. He knows that in the past Saving Sight always set metal frames off to the side to be cashed in for smelting. In talking to some church groups that go on mission trips, they would rather have metal glasses than plastic because they are lighter to travel with and are easier to adjust to a person's head. Therefore, they plan to keep all usable metal frames. Actually, he suggested that when districts sort through their eyeglasses, if they have broken metal frames, keep them separate and bring them so they can be cashed in. He will have to negotiate a contract with a smelting company to do this, and it has to be for a large amount of metal. He was told that Saving Sight made \$12,000 last year off of broken metal frames.

DG-E Hilke closed by saying his only intention was to make sure this program continued, and when he saw the opportunity to have a facility donated, he took it. We've always had one location for this in the state, but this program can easily involve so many Lions across the state by wittling things down before they are brought in. He's always willing to listen to any ideas anyone has. The address of the new facility in Jefferson City is 3400 West Truman Boulevard (close to Capital Mall in the west end of town). DG-E Hilke said if you are in town during normal business hours, the Health Department is open and would be happy to show the room to you. If it's after hours you could contact him to see the facility.

KIDSIGHT – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto reported that KidSight had an excellent year. They screened almost 70,000 children last year, referred 3,870 and were able to contact 72% of those referred. Of those referred, 71% went on to see an eye doctor. Forty-eight percent of the screening locations were day cares, preschools and child care centers, which are the type of places that maybe wouldn't have screenings unless they came. She shared copies of reports showing breakdowns of what KidSight did by districts and by counties. They now have nine volunteer screening teams. They are also able to have a team of professional screeners as a support. One of the things that makes them unique as an organization is the followup. In the future they hope to serve more kids of families that don't have the resources, they want to serve more kids in low-income areas and in rural areas where there aren't a lot of services, and they intend to do that followup to make sure they see an eye doctor. She quoted one of the board members, who always says "If you go to a mom that is low income and tell her that her kid needs glasses, but you don't help her get those glasses, then all you're doing is making her feel guilty." Giving Tuesday is an event held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving where people give to their favorite charities. This year KidSight has an ambitious goal. They are asking Lions to "share" on the day of the event. She brought some papers that said "I Support KidSight because...." and markers and asked people to fill them in so she could take their photo holding it so they could show them on their Facebook page.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – No report.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – PDG Lyn Porterfield reported on their recent mission trip. With the help of Lions In Sight of California and Nevada, the Foundation went to Panama September 1-9. For this trip they had 10 techs (volunteers) from Missouri and 4 techs from LIS. They had one doctor from Missouri, one from California, one from New Jersey and one from New York. They served a total of 2,480 people on this trip. During 2019 they are trying to arrange two trips to Mexico, one in the spring and one in the summer or fall. They need help to locate both volunteers to serve as technicians, and doctors.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – DG-E Jeff Hilke thanked 1VDG George Winkeler for serving as President of the LBOMB Board the last several years. At the last meeting DG-E Hilke was elected as President. He reported that the bill that had been going through Congress to privatize roadside rest areas is now dead; LBOMB will continue to maintain those.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – No report.

LEADER DOG – Lion Phyllis Krebs was happy to announce that there will be another Missouri Day at Leader Dog. Arrangements have been made for another bus trip July 26-28, 2019, leaving Washington, MO at 8:00 a.m. on the 26th, stopping at Valley Park Lions Club in Fenton, MO at 9:00 a.m., then on to Jackson, Michigan to spend the night at Holiday Inn Express. On the 27th it will take an hour and a half to

get to Leader Dog, returning to the Holiday Inn Express that evening, where there will be a hospitality room. They will leave Jackson, Michigan on Sunday morning to return to St. Louis. The cost per person is \$110 round trip, including the Leader Dog Luncheon on Saturday. Other meals will be on your own. There are restaurants around the hotel and free breakfast at the hotel. They will also stop the bus for meals up and back. Rooms at the Holiday Inn Express in Jackson are \$120 plus tax per night. She shared an interesting story from the trip last year. The bus driver, who was not a Lion, was so impressed with Leader Dog, that he is now a Lion and is the Leader Dog chair of M7. She added that one of the presenters at the New Voices Workshop will be from Leader Dog. He is very inspirational and she said that everyone will thoroughly enjoy his presentation.

MID-SOUTH – Lion Jennie Mosher reported on the Mid-South Golf Tournament in September, which raised \$13,000. Their auction is scheduled for November 10, and PDG Lisa Alexander, DG Walt Hamer or Lion Mosher would transport any items for the auction. The money raised offsets the cost of rental of the surgical suite. She thanked everyone for their support. DG Hamer added that the Boettchers would be going as well and could transport auction items.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PCC Gina Boettcher announced that she is the new chairperson. The Committee will have a reading of the housekeeping changes in January.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO – No report.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Jene Crook reported on the Committee's recent meeting, when they discussed the M3 proposal, update from M4, parade shirts, and the possibility of a special commemorative shirt and cap to celebrate the upcoming 100th State Convention. They are submitting a budget for approval. The officers for this year are PDG Crook as Chairperson, PDG Don Beckham as Vice-Chair, and PDG David Primm as Secretary.

2019 STATE CONVENTION – PDG Ann Anderson reported for PDG Roger Unruh. The 97th Annual State Convention will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn in St. Joseph, MO. The committee continues to meet monthly to plan a fun-filled convention May 2-5, 2019. They have a great gift package worth over \$500 for the "Early Bird" drawing so be sure to register before March 1. They are also planning a silent auction during the hospitality night with all proceeds to LCIF. Please spread the word so they have a good representation available for that auction.

2020 STATE CONVENTION – PDG Sandy McCann announced that the 2020 State Convention will be held April 15-19 at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach, MO. Also, the January Council Meeting that year will need to move to January 17-18 due to the annual music festival there at the end of January

RECESS – 10 minutes

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

GLT – PDG Ann Anderson reported that she had met with the Global Leadership District Team Coordinators. They went over the structure of the Global Action Team and the duties of the District GLT Coordinators. The LCI Goals and Development Plans were available for completion at that time. The Constitutional Area GLT Coordinator contacted her for email addresses for Presidents of Clubs who do not have email listed. These had been distributed and the GLT is working hard to get these. The District Coordinators shared many ideas on club officer training. The VDGs (both 1st & 2nd) met in July before the Council Meeting and again that morning. She feels they are on the right track and are doing their online training per LCI. The MD GAT was invited to District M4 recently for a GAT Summit. They had a great time explaining the GAT concept and hope that more districts will follow and hold these summits.

GST – Lion Carol Deters said she is sure clubs have been getting organized and are thinking about service projects. She has been sending out tips and information periodically to the District Global Service

Coordinators to pass along in their districts. She shared the numbers of service activities that have been reported: 862 total from July - October

M1 – 56 M2 – 201 M3 – 44 M4 – 96 M5 – 209 M6 – 85 M7 – 171

Why do we report these activities?

- Reporting shows how and where local clubs are making a difference
- It increases global awareness
- It paves the way to participation
- It uncovers the next big idea
- It enhances support from fellow Lions
- It builds a brighter future
- It increases membership
- It shows how Lions and Leos around the world are using funds from LCIF to assist their communities
- It rewards Lions for their service and recognizes their hard work and motivates them to continue to strive for excellence

When asked for an update, she replied that she heard the launch of the new LCI website would be later in October.

GMT – PDG Debbie Cantrell reported that the numbers show we are down 34 Lions but she feels we are turning things around. She also reported on the percentage of women by district, with Missouri as a whole at 27%, with the New Voices Program striving for parity. She continues to send out the Monthly Membership Tips. The August tip focused on New Voices and included encouragement to have a service project in October for children as a New Voices challenge. The September tip was to learn about Specialty Clubs, such as sports, retirees, cause focus, career focus. She also continues to post on the Missouri Lions Facebook page. She has confirmed that LCI will again have the \$250 for the District GMT – she will let everyone know when that is available. She had more Lions stickers available for the phones. They are working on a New Voices napkin as part of the napkin campaign. She again asked for everyone in the room who had a new membership paper application to hold it up and she would donate \$1 for each to the Tail Twister fund that day. The Global Action Team is planning a statewide event this year, possibly the first part of June. She presented a certificate to PCC John Anderson for holding the M4 GAT Summit. He added that it is okay to ask men to join this year too.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – Lion Amy Bell reported that the committee met via email, when she was elected as Chair. She thanked DG Reta House for her involvement in getting the committee together. One of the Committee's goals is to work on getting the Missouri Lions Facebook page renamed from "Brenda Weider" to MD 26 MO Lions or something more identifiable. All districts and clubs should continue sharing their activities. They are also excited about spreading the news across the state with our Missouri Lion newsletter. Please get your articles to the editor, Lion Faith Power. By sharing stories on your events we can celebrate the success as well as possibly be inspired for an event in another area. Forward stories and photos to your Marketing Communications Chair to be shared with the state.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – No report.

ALERT – PDG Debbie Cantrell thanked DG Reta House for getting the Committee together. PDG Cantrell was elected chairperson. The Committee reviewed the status of the Emergency Preparedness Grants in our Multiple. We have currently received grants and have trailers in M3, M4, M5 and 2 in M6. The Committee is very aware that Missouri is in the top 10 states in the US for natural disasters. They hope to get grants in all of the other districts – M1, M2 and M7. Feel free to reach out to any Committee member from a district that has been awarded a grant for help. She ended with this quote "Remember: when disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed." (*Steven Cyros*)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Lion Amy Bell reported that the Committee has not yet met. They did have a request come in from Lion Cathy Simpson, who in the past has run the State Convention website for the Missouri Lions. She asked if that could be absorbed into the Missouri Lions website. Lion Bell has

a request in to the new webmaster, who is looking at what that proposal would be, because taking over a new url would require an amendment to the current contract. As soon as that proposal comes back the IT Committee will discuss it and bring it to the Council of Governors. In the meantime they will continue to work with either Lion Cathy or the new webmaster to get the State Convention information up as quickly as possible.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – No report.

OFFICE COMMITTEE REPORT – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the committee met with Lion Brenda at the State Office in September, with all members present, to discuss some revisions of the structure of work done at the State Office. The Committee is taking an indepth look and doing an analysis as to what the State Office does to support the Lions of Missouri and the best way to serve these Lions. They will have a complete report at the next Council Meeting. As usual, we should all be proud of our State Office, and the Committee thanks Lions Brenda and Jeanne for all they do and all of the assistance they give to any Lion who calls in for information. She then stressed that she needed everyone to listen very closely. When reserving a meeting room for a committee meeting through the State Office, you need to make sure you are reserving the correct room. Lion Brenda can reserve the State Office Conference Room (which is in the State Office – 2415B Hyde Park Road). She can also reserve the larger Hyde Park Conference Center, but she must call upstairs first to see if it is available, get it on their calendar, and get back to you. If you are on a committee, please make sure the chairperson of that committee makes the correct reservation. We do not have the sole rights to Hyde Park Conference Center, but our organization has been granted free access when it is available. We have had a couple of instances with problems with this, so please be careful so we don't lose our access to that great meeting room in the future. If your group is small, please reserve the State Office Conference Room, which will comfortably accommodate 8-10 people. There is no reason to use Hyde Park for a small group when it could be left available for a larger group.

PIN TRADERS – DG-E Jeff Hilke asked for state pin designs for Singapore to be submitted. Even if you don't have a drawing, but have an idea, go ahead and submit your idea to him and the pin company can do the drawing. He also announced that the Missouri Lions Pin Traders has endorsed a candidate for the 2nd Vice President of the Lions International Pin Trading Club, and it is him, DG-E Hilke. At this time, he is the only candidate.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – PCC Pat Porterfield reported that the Committee is submitting a budget for the Council's approval. She reminded everyone of the Peace Poster deadlines – postmarked by November 15 to the District Governor and postmarked by December 1 to the Council Chair. She announced that at this time Missouri has one student who will be going abroad for the exchange camp experience, sponsored by the Webster Groves Lions Club. She reminded everyone that the only income they have is from student fees, donations or the C. Wayne Henderson Award, which is awarded with a \$500 donation to the Youth Committee on behalf of anyone who works with youth; does not have to be a Lion, could be a youth minister, a coach, a scout leader, etc.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Foster moved to receive the committee reports, seconded by DG Hamer. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARDS –

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES – CC Campbell said signatures were still needed from the following: State Hearing Committee Chair, State Marketing Communications Committee Chair, State Sight Committee Chair, State Youth Committee Chair, M7 District Governor, State Athletic Committee Chair, and State Band Committee Chair. Please see Lion Brenda after the meeting.

MD 26 FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – DG Schaeperkoetter moved to appoint the following, along with the two previously appointed, to the committee:

M2–Lion Leon Hove M3–Lion Craig Plaster M4–Lion Brian Schieber M5–Lion Bob Kurth
It was seconded by DG Sliger and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT – ID Noland stated that PID Patti Hill from Canada is the endorsed candidate for International 3rd Vice President by the International family. She has great support from all over the country, and he proposed that the Missouri Lions MD 26 endorse her. DG Hamer moved to endorse PID Patti Hill of Canada for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International in Milan, Italy. It was seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter and carried.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE BUDGETS

ATHLETIC BUDGET – DG Foster moved to approve the Athletic Committee budget. Seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter and carried.

BAND BUDGET – DG Scott moved to waive the \$1,500 administrative fee for the Missouri Lions All-State Band, change the Council Budget income line item amount from \$5,050 to \$3,550 and change income from reserves from \$3,063 to \$4,563, and change the Policy Manual on page 18, bullet point 1, removing the words *Band and*, and add Band to the exception list above. She was told that this would require three separate motions.

DG moved to waive the \$1,500 administrative fee for the Missouri Lions All-State Band. Seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter. DG Foster asked if it means to waive it to zero, and was told yes. PCC Al Blumenberg asked if they mean waive or remove, waiving for one year or removing it permanently? DG-E Jeff Hilke asked why all three motions were needed. He felt that if the Council Budget is changed and the Policy Manual is changed, this motion is not needed. Parliamentarian Terry Boettcher replied that the approved Council's budget included this \$1,500 as income. Vote was taken: Aye-2, Opposed-3 Failed.

DG Hamer moved to change the Band Administrative fee to \$500. Seconded by DG Sliger and passed.

DG Foster moved to take \$1,000 from Council Reserves to balance the Council Budget. Seconded by DG Hamer and passed.

DG Foster moved to accept the Band Budget with the \$500 correction as stated. Seconded by DG Sliger. DG moved to amend the motion to have the Band take \$500 from Band Reserves. Seconded by DG Sliger and passed. Vote on original motion passed.

STATE CONVENTION BUDGET – DG Foster moved to approve the State & International Convention Budget as presented. Seconded by DG Scott. DG Foster moved to approve the State Convention Budget as presented. Seconded by DG Scott and passed.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BUDGET – DG Hamer moved to approve the International Convention Budget as presented. Seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter and passed.

YOUTH COMMITTEE BUDGET – DG Schaeperkoetter moved to approve the Youth Committee Budget as presented. Seconded by DG Scott and passed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW DRAFT – DG Sliger moved to approve the draft of the Annual Financial Review by Graves & Associates. Seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter and passed.

DONATION TO NEW VOICES WORKSHOP – DG Scott moved to take \$500 from Council reserves to donate to the New Voices Workshop. Seconded by DG Schaeperkoetter and passed.

OCTOBER 2019 COUNCIL MEETING PROPOSAL – 1ST VDG Rodney McConnel presented a proposal for the October 2019 Council Meeting to be held in Sikeston, MO. He explained that the proposal that was presented in July and approved included a facility that was not adequate for a Council Meeting. He came up with an alternative proposal that involves the Hampton Inn in Sikeston for lodging, the Friday night hospitality event and breakfast on Saturday morning. The proposal also includes using the nearby Three Rivers College on Saturday for the Council Meeting and early morning training sessions. There are a couple of options for lunch – either catered or there are several restaurants nearby. Parliamentarian Boettcher stated that no additional approval was needed.

POLICY MANUAL CHANGES – DG Hamer brought forth two proposed housekeeping changes:

- Section I – Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (dba as KidSight) should read (dba as Saving Sight) – DG Hamer moved that this correction be made, seconded by DG Foster and passed.
- Chapter 1, Section H – Council Meetings – changing it to add “No agreements with the entities of the sites chosen by the 1st Vice District Governors shall be signed prior to approval by the Council, and should only be signed by the Council Secretary-Treasurer and/or other Council Officers and approved by the Council.” The second item is Chapter 2, Section A – The Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer – paragraph 4, adding to the work assignment – “He or she shall sign all contracts approved by the Council of Governors for Council Meetings in July and October of each year, unless the Council approves another Council Officer to do so.”

DG Hamer moved that these two changes pertaining to Council Meetings be approved. Seconded by DG Sliger. PDG Ann Anderson asked for clarification is this was meant for committee contracts as well, or just for Council Meetings. DG Hamer said it is just for Council Meetings. Motion passed.

REMINDERS –

- CC Campbell reminded the District Governors that Council Chairperson intents must be turned in by the end of the January Council Meeting to the Council Chairperson.
- CC Campbell reminded the 1st Vice District Governors that they will need to select and pay for State Convention Hospitality Rooms at the January Council Meeting.

LOSS OF LEO MEMBER – Lion Michelle Foster announced with great sadness that they lost a Leo member from the Washington Leo Club that week, a 17-year-old high school junior who took his own life. He was very active with the Leos but, as with a lot of the younger generation, could not handle the stresses of the world. Please keep the Washington Leos and Washington Lions in your prayers.

REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA DIABETIC CAMP – PCC Pat Porterfield spoke about the Georgia Diabetic Camp, thanked everyone for their past support, and was happy to report that the dining hall is complete and she, PDG Lyn, and Lions Marvin and Betty Seidt went there in September and hung the plaque on the wall which showed that it was built with our help and a matching LCI grant. They still need to outfit the hall with kitchen equipment and tables & chairs. She suggested that clubs and districts could donate to ACTS as a way to meet their diabetes focus for LCI. She will send the Governors the details of where to send donations. PID Dr. Garrett agreed that this is an excellent idea, since this is something we’ve been supporting for years.

TAIL TWISTER – PCC Al Blumenberg collected a total of \$300 for the New Voices Workshop.

NEXT MEETING – January 26, 2019 – Stoney Creek Hotel/Conference Center, St. Joseph, MO

ADJOURNMENT – 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator