

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, October 26, 2019
Sikeston Room, Three Rivers College, Sikeston, MO

The second meeting of the 2019-2020 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Walt Hamer at 10:00 a.m.

Governor Jessica Troester gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Jeff Hilke.

Governor Toni Morris led the singing of "America".

Council Chair Hamer expressed how proud he was to be present and serving as the Council Chair. He remarked that he had been involved the previous week with other Lions in the Midwestern Area. It made him proud to see the amount of activity and involvement of the Lions. He hoped that everyone present would also feel proud as the reports were presented.

Past District Governor Wayne Cunningham established protocol.

TAIL TWISTER – DG Troester moved to appoint Lion Bruce Berger as Tail Twister. Motion was seconded by DG Hilke and passed.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG McConnell moved to designate the funds collected to LCIF. Motion was seconded by DG Morris and passed.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

District	Governor	1 st Vice District Governors	2 nd Vice District Governors
26-M1	Rodney McConnell	Scott Sattler	Jerry Reaves
26-M2	George Winkeler Jr.	Sandee Marshall	Devin Struttmann
26-M3	Susan Paden	Bob Noellsch	
26-M4			
26-M5	Jessica Troester	Joe Storms	Randy Winkler
26-M6	Toni Morris		Phyllis Krebs & FLD Prism
26-M7	Jeff Hilke	Don Soph	

Council Chairperson IPDG Walt Hamer, M6

Immediate Past International Director Don Noland, M3

Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7; Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3

Parliamentarian PDG James W. Rosbrugh, M6

Council Secretary-Treasurer/State Office Administrator Lion Brenda Weider, M7; new State Office Administrative Assistant Jackie Twehus was introduced

M1: Lion Dave Baldwin, Lion Michelle Fayette, Lion Lynn Feeler, Lion Jennie Mosher, Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark, PDG John Preston, Lion Marilynn Reaves

M2: PCC Joe Foster, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Toni Mahoney, Lion Ed Marshall, Lion Jeff Rackovan, Lion Kelly Rackovan, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion Jennifer Winkeler, PCC John Yount

M3: Lion Carol Deters, PDG Sandy McCann, IPDG Michael Sliger

M4: Lion Susan Cunningham, PDG Wayne Cunningham

M5: PDG Jene Crook, Janis Winkler

M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Karen Hamer, Lion Phil Krebs
M7: Lion Amy Bell, Lion Bruce Berger, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Wayne Weider

MINUTES OF July 20, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Hilke moved to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2019 Council Meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by DG Paden and passed.

REPORT OF 2018-2019 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING – DG Jessica Troester reported that the Total Assets and Total Liabilities and Capital ending September 30, 2019 were \$214,153.079. All Governors should have received via email a draft of the financial review. There were no additional questions.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Don Noland reported that President Choi is adamant about serving through diversity. PIP “KJ” Habanananda is the chairman and is streamlining the structure. New Voices is now under the GAT. Stay tuned for further developments. LCI has entered an agreement with and is now endorsed by the American Association of Diabetes Educators. David Kingsbury is now over the LCI Legal Management Department. PID Oliveria Fabrico from Brazil has been endorsed by the LCI officers for 3rd VP in Singapore. At the recent LCI board meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, a ballot issue of a \$3 increase for June 2021 and a 1 ½ -3% annual increase for the years following, was approved to be voted on in Singapore. The current LCI deficit has been reduced to \$3 million (from previous deficit of \$8 million). 1st VP Haynes Townsend is making progress after contracting Guillan Barre Syndrome and will be in attendance at the convention at the Lake of the Ozarks in 2020. 2nd VP Sheehan has committed to attending the 2021 convention in Kansas City. North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) is having some successes and will be sharing that information with districts. IPID Noland shared the story of a blind man that builds birdhouses and showed an example he was privileged to receive. He also passed out “eyes” to the district governors so they can keep an eye on their districts.

USA/CANADA FORUM – DG George Winkeler reported the forum held in Spokane was “fabulous”. Next year, the forum will be held in Louisville, September 16-20. He encouraged everyone to sign up to attend. DG Winkeler was proud to report that the M2 banner was being displayed and was also included on the front of the world-wide catalog that is passed out at the forum.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PID Donal Knipp reported the GPLLI was held in Maryville, MO, July 26-28. Next year’s dates of July 24-26 have been confirmed. PID W.R. O’Riley is in charge of the arrangements. There will be changes in 2020 to GPLII. There will be 9 classes, with materials supplied by LCI. Faculty members will have to be Faculty Development Institute graduates. Lions who are interested in becoming leaders should try to attend and he asked Governors to encourage other Lions to attend. South Dakota has expressed interest in joining. At the annual meeting on October 10, 2019, election of officers was held and PID Ardie Klemish was elected President and PDG Greg Gilliam was elected Vice President.

MID WEST FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE – PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett introduced PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Carol Deters, PCC Joe Foster, CC Walt Hamer, DG Rodney McConnell, Lion Jennie Mosher, 1VDG Joe Storms and DG George Winkeler as graduates of the institute. PID Dr. Garrett noted the institute was very interactive and helpful.

LCIF – PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett reported the final figures for 2018-2019:

MD26 donated \$149,700.00 – which is an increase of \$2000.00.

The percentage of clubs donating in each district:

26-M1	41%
26-M2	58.97%
26-M3	39.29%

26-M4	35.71%
26-M5	52.94%
26-M6	100%
26-M7	47.37%

Average Club Participation 48.31%
 166 out of 319 clubs donated

PID Dr. Garrett said progress is being made but all clubs should be at 100%. He attended Coordinator Training in Chicago on September 13-15. Training materials were transferred to flash drives and sent to all MD26 LCIF District Coordinators. He stressed that Coordinators and Governors need to work together to get the word out to each club. Sometime in the future we will need to be thinking about a new candidate for International Director.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – Written report/budget only.

BAND COMMITTEE – 1ST VDG Don Soph reported that the committee met on September 28, 2019 and elected the following officers for the year: 1st VDG Don Soph (M7) was re-elected committee chair, PDG Altha Marsh (M3) was re-elected committee vice chair and PDG James Rosbrugh (M6) was re-elected committee secretary. The committee concluded it was not feasible to have a band travel the distance to Singapore to join the convention parade. The committee voted to allot up to \$3000 to hire a band for the parade through LCI. The committee also decided to hold a “battle of the bands” to decide a band to lead the International Convention parade in Montreal in 2021. The winner will receive \$10,000 towards expenses. This competition will be held in spring/summer 2020. The committee will be meeting in the coming months to plan the event – in hopes that it will become an annual event when the International Convention is within a reasonable distance. Budget was also presented.

HEARING COMMITTEE –Written report only.

SAVING SIGHT – Lion Cassidy Obermark reported for the 2018-2019 fiscal year Saving Sight distributed 3,278 surgical tissues for transplantation, nearly a 7% increase. She talked about the newer program “Vital Tears”, which provides serum tears for people with moderate/severe dry eyes. They had about 3,000 orders this year. That figure is expected to double in the next year with the cooperation of new providers, including Kaiser Permanente and University of California-Irvine. She reported the financial strength was on the “up”. A new onboarding and orientation program for new board members was launched this summer led by PCC Larry Boettcher, which is designed to teach new board members about Saving Sight. She thanked DG Jeff Hilke for the successful transition of the eyeglass recycling program to the Lions of M7. November is Eye Donation Month. Along with the Eye Bank Association of America, they will be doing another t-shirt fundraiser. You can visit the website for more details. Board of Directors will meet Saturday, December 7, 8:30 am via conference call. Lions are always invited to attend open meetings, but should RSVP in advance by emailing pr@saving-sight.org or calling 800-753-2265.

KIDSIGHT – PDG Wayne Cunningham reported as Executive Director Katherine Patterson-Paronto was unable to attend. In 2018-19 KidSight screened at 1,031 sites and screened 67,025 children. Of those, 4,469 children were referred, 33% of the referrals were high risk for vision loss. KidSight was able to contact 74% of the parents and of those contacted, 89% went on to see an eye doctor. Volunteer screeners screened 11,459 children in 18-19, which is an increase of 3,245 over previous year. The year began with 7 trained volunteers and ended with 20 – and it’s still growing. Lions Clubs’ fundraisers and donations help defer the cost for parents to take their children to the eye doctor and get the glasses or medical attention they need. One of the costs is for an interpreter for those families that do not speak English. PDG Cunningham referred to an email received by IPID Don Noland from Dr. Edward Cordes of KidSight USA stating that there was no information from Missouri reflected in the KidSight data. Dr.

Cordes asked that Executive Director Katherine Patterson-Paronto be appointed by the COG, then he would credential her to enter the data for Missouri. On behalf of the Athletic Committee, Lion Carol Deters presented PDG Wayne Cunningham with a check for \$7,000 to KidSight.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – No report.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROGRAM – DG Jeff Hilke reported that more and more clubs are dropping off glasses. Liberty, in particular, has brought an amazing amount of glasses. He asked that Governors please continue to notify clubs of the change that M7 is collecting the glasses – DG Hilke's number can be given for questions. Also DG Hilke noted that it is as important to get the collected glasses into the hands of people who need them, so he encouraged anyone who might know groups going on mission trips or organizations that would need glasses, to please refer those groups to M7. He noted they no longer were working with ReSpectacle.

MISSOURI LIONS EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – 2ND VDG Devin Struttman reported for Lion Leon Hove who was unable to attend. Two mission trips to Mexico were held this year. The first trip served over 900 residents; the second trip served about 1,200. Two trips will take place again in 2020. If anyone is interested in going on a trip, please see 2nd VDG Devin Struttman, but particularly they are in need of doctors.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE - 2nd VDG Struttman also gave the investment report. An initial investment of \$100,000 was made in June of 2019. Current estimated annual return is 2,369 with an annual yield of 2.35 percent. Account balance as of October 22, 2019, was \$100,925.42. All indications are that the fund should continue to experience gains.

LBOMB – DG Jeff Hilke reported for 2nd VDG Melissa Anderson who was unable to attend. A board meeting was held recently through conference call and CC Walter Hamer was elected the new President. LBOMB did finish the fiscal year in the black. 2nd VDG Melissa Anderson is no longer the Office Administrator. She will still be with the LBOMB program, but she has taken a state position. DG Hilke thanked 2nd VDG Anderson for her service with the program. It was reported that things are working out with Ft. Leonard Wood in terms of getting a contract there. 39,000 meals a day are served there. DG Hilke asked that Governors speak with their LBOMB board members about actively participating in the committee, as it has been difficult for the committee to meet due to not being able to get a quorum. CC Hamer added that there are currently 500 vending machines at Fort Leonard Wood that we are not allowed to operate at this time and we are negotiating with the Army to be allowed to operate those machines. The process of getting a candidate to replace 2nd VDG Melissa Anderson will begin as soon as her new position becomes official.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – no report

LEADER DOG – 2nd VDG Phyllis reported the total donations to support Leader Dogs for the Blind for 2018-2019 was \$50,218.90, which is the 9th highest. That money also supports raising puppies. We currently have 3 puppy raisers in the state. She presented a video of Leader Dog, Gudrun, guiding her person, Abby, in Mexico City, Mexico. There are 4 FLDs in the process. FLD Joplyn is set to join her person on December 1st, if all goes well.

15 minute break

MID-WINTER FORUM (GAT) – PDG Debbie Cantrell, Lion Carol Deters and PCC Joe Foster (rabbit) introduced the Mid-Winter Forum set for January 31- February 1, 2020, at Camden on the Lake in Lake of the Ozarks as a “Magical Evening” with magician/mentalist Daniel Schaffer. Registrations are being

taken. A video featuring Daniel Schaffer was shown. Fliers, postcards and registration information needs to be disseminated to clubs, encouraging the information to be shared with new members, prospective members, friends, etc. Register before December 15th for early bird discount of \$10.00. There will be a drawing for early bird registrants and first-timers. 2nd VDG Devin Struttman stated the intention of his team hosting the hospitality room.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT & HEARING – written report only

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – PDG James W. Rosbrugh reported that the general consensus of the committee was to prepare a complete re-write of the Constitution and By-Laws. The committee voted to present a complete revised Constitution and By-Laws for adoption at the 2020 State Convention. The Ballot to be presented at the State Convention will have two questions:

Question 1: Shall the Revised Constitution be adopted as presented? Y/N

Mark one. *Requires two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote.*

Question 2: Shall the Revised By-Laws be adopted as presented? Y/N

Mark one. *Requires a majority affirmative vote.*

As a result of questions during the work session prior to the Council of Governor's meeting, it was clarified that an asterisk (*) will be placed next to each question so it is understood that the failure of one or the other, voids both questions, and the 2018 Constitution will remain in effect. Two separate questions have to be presented on the ballot.

Also as a result of questions during the work session that preceded the Council of Governor's meeting relating to Article X, Section 1 of the proposed By-Laws regarding site location, it was decided to strike out the entire section 1 and replace it with "The Convention site will be determined in accordance with the Policy Manual in effect at the time."

On page 29 of the By-Laws, Article III, Section 4, for protocol, was an error. The entire section will be stricken and will read "Section 4: Multiple District Protocol Chairperson – The Council of Governors shall appoint annually a protocol chairperson for the multiple district. Duties shall be described by the Policy Manual in effect at that time."

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO - No report.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Jene Crook reported that the Committee met on September 21, 2019, at Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach, MO. Financial reports were submitted with the hopes of them being approved. She encouraged District M1 to begin looking at a location and dates for the 2022 convention ASAP. M5 is hosting the 2021 Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence. Registration forms for that should be available at the January Council meeting. Officers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year were elected as follows: PDG Jene Crook – Chair; DG Jeff Hilke – Vice Chair; and PDG David Primm – Secretary. International 1st Vice President Sheehan will be in attendance at 2021 Convention.

2020 STATE CONVENTION – PDG Sandy McCann reported on updates for the 2020 State Convention. A distillery tour was added for Thursday night. Friday will have a DJ, costume contest and silent auction. There will be a Leo rally. A scavenger hunt is planned. All the information will be emailed to District Governors and was also included in the packet. It was suggested the information also be sent to the Marketing committee members of each district to aid in spreading the information through social media.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, NEWSLETTER – Lion Amy Bell reported there has not been a meeting for Marketing or IT yet, but there will be one scheduled for November. She praised PDG Ann Anderson for doing a great job with publishing and editing the

newsletter. The state committees need to work with the IT reps for their districts to keep the state page fresh with new content.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – No report.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Eugene Taylor reported the committee has been very busy working to get the state office employment revised. After three rounds of interviews, it was announced that Jackie Twehus has been hired as the new part time employee at the state office. PDG Taylor reminded committees they can store items at the state office, but it is up to the committee members to pick up items from the office when needed. PDG Taylor encouraged committees to use technology as a way to meet.

PIN TRADERS – written report only.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – Lion Toni Mahoney did not submit a budget. There is confusion regarding the budget. They charge each youth that comes for the youth exchange program \$300, that's \$3,600, if twelve youth attend. Last year, there were only nine. That \$3,600 generally covers cost of the camp. Funds are not met to give a stipend of \$100 to each host family. There are usually two host families, but that has not been happening. There is not much participation from the rest of the state. The committee hasn't met in over a year, so Lion Mahoney has lots of questions/concerns and is not sure what is needed in terms of the budget. Donations from October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019 were \$1772.50. Funds are down. Lion Mahoney stressed the Youth Exchange is a state project and she expressed concern that the Lions across Missouri may not realize that this is not only about the camp here, but that we have the opportunity to send youth from Missouri to other countries as well. It was reported that she didn't receive notification that Leos were separate. She stated originally, Leos, Peace Poster and Youth Exchange were on the committee list. She has questions regarding the Leos and Peace Poster. She requested the committee meet quickly after the Council of Governors' meeting has adjourned. She encouraged everyone to go home and contact their youth between the ages of 15-21 and have them contact their local district chairperson.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Troester moved that committee reports be received, excluding the budgets. Motion was seconded by DG Winkeler. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS: none presented. CC Hamer encouraged everyone to pick up blank forms and take them back to their districts, as it gets prospective new members to come to a meeting. They do not have to join, just come to a meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES: CC Hamer read the list of the signatures still needed and asked that they come up to sign before they leave the meeting.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION: One special dispensation vote needed for IT Committee –M6- PDG Stuart Payne. The vote took place. IPID Don Noland counted the ballots. Vote 6-1 in favor. DG Winkeler moved to have the ballots destroyed. DG Paden seconded that motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ENDORSE CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL 3RD VICE-PRESIDENT – IPID Don Noland recommended that PID Oliveria Fabrico from Brazil be endorsed as she has been already endorsed by the LCI officers. DG Winkeler moved to endorse PID Oliveria Fabrico for International 3rd Vice President. DG Hilke seconded that motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE COMMITTEE BUDGETS – DG Troester moved that the committee budgets be approved as presented. DG Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REVIEW DRAFT – DG McConnell moved to approve the financial review draft sent out by the auditor. DG Paden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KIDSIGHT DATA – It was requested to allow Lion Katherine to share statistics/data from Missouri with KidSight USA, so it can be added to their database. DG Hilke moved to allow our KidSight program to share information with KidSight USA. DG Troester seconded the motion. A question was asked whether other organizations, for example others that do eye screenings, would be able to submit their numbers as well. IPID Noland answered yes and he would provide the contact information in order to be able to do that. PDG John Preston asked a clarifying question regarding the data that was to be shared. IPID Noland specified the data was simply how many we have screened and how many referrals, just the numbers. He noted when KidSight first started reporting in 2014 there were around 500,000 screenings reported. As of 2018-2019, that number is over 2 million, and that's just a guess because districts and multiples are not reporting their numbers. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM IPID NOLAND – IPID Don Noland reminded District Governors that they have the list of International Speakers and to reach out to them to keep everything moving forward. He also presented Jackie Twehus and Lion Brenda Weider with “eyes” to keep a watch on the multiple district and gave Jackie a new member application.

IPID Noland noted there was no report from WSB. He has been asked to become a board member and the vote should have taken place in the past week. He anticipates his approval to be forthcoming.

CC Hamer thanked IPID Don Noland for his two years of service as International Director.

PCC Joe Foster would like the 25 names from each district for MWF as soon as possible.

REMINDER TO DGS – CC Hamer reminded District Governors that nomination for Council Chair are to be turned in at the January meeting.

REMINDER TO 1ST VDGs – CC Hamer reminded 1st VDGs that they are to select and pay for the State Convention Hospitality Rooms at the January meeting.

CC Hamer also reminded those again that need to sign the conflict of interest form to come up to do that before they leave.

TAIL TWISTER – Lion Bruce Berger collected \$190.00 in fines for LCIF.

ADJOURNMENT – DG Winkeler moved to adjourn and DG Hilke seconded at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jackie Twehus

Jackie Twehus, State Office Administrative Assistant