

**MINUTES**  
**MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**  
**Saturday, January 18, 2020**  
**Nautical Wheeler Room, Margaritaville, Lake Ozark, MO**

The third 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 Rodney McConnell gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor George Winkeler Jr.

Governor Susan Paden led the singing of "America".

Council Chair Hamer thanked everyone that made the effort to be in attendance, considering the weather, so that we could be together as Lions for the good of our State.

Past District Governor Wayne Cunningham established protocol.

**TAIL TWISTER** – DG Troester moved to appoint PDG John Preston as Tail Twister. Motion was seconded by DG Winkeler and carried.

**DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS** – DG Troester moved to designate the funds collected to LCIF for Australia Brush Fire Relief. Motion was seconded by DG Winkeler and carried.

**ATTENDANCE** - Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors</u>
26-M1	Rodney McConnell	Scott Sattler	Jerry Reaves
26-M2	George Winkeler Jr.		Devin Struttmann
26-M3	Susan Paden	Bob Noellsch	
26-M4		Harold Spire	
26-M5	Jessica Troester		Randy Winkler
26-M6	Toni Morris	Theresa Kee	Phyllis Krebs & FLDs Prism & Szabo
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

State Office Administrative Assistant Lion Jackie Twehus

M1: Lion Jennie Mosher, PDG John Preston, Lion Marilynn Reaves

M2: PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Al Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, PCC Terry Boettcher, PCC Joe Foster, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Leon Hove, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion Jennifer Winkeler

M3: Lion Mary Jane Clark, Lion Carol Deters, PDG Sandy McCann, PCC Pat Porterfield, PDG Lyn Porterfield

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, PDG Wayne Cunningham

M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto

M6: Lion Elaine Crump, PDG Bob Crump, Lion Karen Hamer, Lion Phil Krebs

M7: Lion Bruce Berger, PDG Lou Ann Hathcock, PCC Jesse Hathcock

**MINUTES OF October 26, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING** – DG Troester moved to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2019 Council Meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by DG Winkeler and carried.

**REPORT OF 2018-2019 FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING** – DG Jessica Troester reported for year ending June 30, 2019: Total Assets of \$357,551, Total Receipts of \$167,456, Program Services Expenses of \$60,942, Net Assets at the beginning of the year totaling \$332,291 and Net Assets for end of the year totalling \$357,551. There were no additional questions.

**INTERNATIONAL UPDATE** – IPID Don Noland began with a “Starfish” story he felt was appropriate for what we do. He commended Lion District M4 for having a picture of their Alert trailer in the International magazine. He stated that previously the GAT chairman’s term had been three years, but now it is only for one year. They must be re-elected every year. It is important that clubs report their service. Lions have completed more than 310,000 service activities around the world, but only 36% of our clubs reported. LCI has a target of 800 specialty clubs. Currently there are 373. He asked Lions to be creative and look for new opportunities. LCIF Campaign 100 has raised \$134,500,000 and awarded more than \$20,875,900 in grants. Currently there are 1,057 model clubs. LCIF has already provided over \$100,000 in assistance to Australia due to the devastation from wildfires. He encouraged any clubs thinking about making a donation to LCIF, doing that donation “now vs later” and have it marked for “Australia Disaster Fund”. PDG Greg Gilliam and CC Walt Hamer are working with NAMi and have created a PowerPoint. It will be shared through a GoToMeeting presentation in the future. He noted that CA 1&2 membership has decreased by only 5%, compared to last year with a decrease of 12%. We are going in the right direction. IPID Noland stated the ballot issue of \$3 increase will be voted on in Singapore. He still anticipates at the next board meeting that possibly the 1 ½- 3% annual increase may be taken out. He is hoping that will happen. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Doug Alexander has been appointed to fill the vacancy left by VP Townsend’s passing. He will have to be elected in Singapore. VP Townsend was to be the keynote speaker at our state convention in April. IPID Noland is 75% confident that 1<sup>st</sup> VP Alexander will fill in and attend our state convention. However, IPID Noland was proactive and contacted PIP Bob Corlew. PIP Corlew has committed to coming to our State Convention if 1<sup>st</sup> VP Alexander is not able to attend. A letter of endorsement from MD-26 for Lion Doug Alexander has been drafted.

**USA/CANADA FORUM** – The Forum will be in Louisville, Kentucky, this year September 17-19<sup>th</sup>, which is a close location for us.

**GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** – PID Donal Knipp reported the GPLLI for 2020 will be held at Maryville, Missouri July 24-26. It is one of the leading leadership training forums in our organization. Even though numbers were down in 2019 with only 38 Lions in attendance, the institute was very successful. Fees will stay the same - \$190 by May 1, 2020. After that, the cost is \$210. There will be changes in 2020, as required from LCI. There will be 9 classes, with materials being supplied by LCI. Faculty members will have to be Faculty Development Institute graduates. All Lions that are interested in becoming leaders should try to attend this program, as it will help them as they move up the ladder of leadership. Missouri will have two new faculty members this year – DG George Winkeler and PCC Joe Foster. PID Knipp would like to see all the districts get more involved in this and get more Lions to attend. He encouraged Governors to make attending Great Plains one of their objectives. The Great Plains Institute is sponsored by Multiple Districts 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska). PID Knipp gave a special thank you to PID O’Riley for being the facilities coordinator for the 2020 Institute in Maryville. He noted that anyone interested in going, should attend this year. After this year, the institute will leave Maryville and go north. He noted it may be 2-3 years before it would come back to Missouri.

**LCIF** – PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett reported LCIF has received 42% of the goal of 300 million dollars. He gave the breakdown of grants received by constitutional areas: USA, Bermuda & Bahamas- \$6,659,709; Canada-\$546,535; South America, Central America, Mexico & Islands of the Carribean Sea - \$2,499,634; Europe - \$3,529,880; East & Southeast Asia - \$8,710,886; India, South Asia & the Middle East - \$7,847,148; Australia, New Zealand, Papua, New Guinea, Indonesia & the Islands of the South Pacific Ocean - \$822,170; Africa - \$9,200,902; Undistricted territories - \$339,036. Distribution of grants was listed as follows: Humanitarian - \$14,929,955; Vision - \$14,252,317; Youth - \$3,955,265; Disaster Relief - \$4,714,790; Diabetes - \$2,293,573. PID Dr. Garrett noted the value in the Measles Campaign and vaccinations, as outbreaks are occurring. He asked that Governors and District Coordinators not forget

that district and club community impact grants where 15% of unrestricted donations to LCIF work together to get grants for local projects. Money can accumulate for 15 years. It's another way that LCIF is getting money back to the communities and clubs. He reported there was \$330,611 administrative expenses this past year. That money came from the \$427,878 of investment income, not your donations. He reiterated that still 100% of donations goes to the projects. PID Dr. Garrett encouraged everyone to look into AmazonSmile. Shoppers with Amazon can designate contributions to LCIF. Your charitable designation can be changed at any time. He noted that would be money that we "don't have to beg, borrow, or steal for". We are still getting a Four Star rating by Charity Navigator. PID Dr. Garrett reminisced that 2012-2013 was his first year as MD-26 LCIF Coordinator and how he began the LCIF All Lions Luncheon in Kansas City, that continues through this year. He is on his third term. He feels it is time for new leaders and new ideas, in regards to the MD-26 LCIF Coordinator position. He explained that he has to submit a name as a replacement to the Council of Governors. If Council of Governors approves it, then it is sent to LCIF and then Lions International. If approved there, then that person becomes MD-26 Coordinator. PID Dr. Garrett submitted the name of IPID Don Noland to the Council of Governors to be approved, if that is their will, at the State Convention. He would like that to be put on the agenda, if approved by the Council of Governors, for the upcoming Council of Governors meeting at the State Convention. He thanked everyone and noted that he enjoyed every minute of it. DG Troester noted that in the past LCIF was giving away more money than they are bringing in, and she asked PID Dr. Garrett if that was the case this year as well. PID Dr. Garrett replied he could not answer that question and stated he had not caught that in any of the material. CC Hamer added that we are in the middle of Campaign 100. He encouraged members and clubs to contribute to make it a successful campaign. He thanked PID Dr. Garrett for all his years of service to LCIF.

**SAVING SIGHT** – written report only.

**KIDSIGHT** – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto reported that KidSight is selling t-shirts. They can be purchased online and delivered to your home. She wanted to clarify her written report somewhat. KidSight screened 35,784 children in the first six months of the year. That is only around 4,000 fewer than they screened last year. That is with two fewer staff out screening. There would have been a lot fewer screened if the Lions clubs had not stepped up and helped. Already, volunteers have screened 7,000 more than they did last year. Initially, the KidSight enhanced follow-up process (KidSight Vision Care Network or KVCN) was to be piloted in Kansas City/St. Louis. They soon found it was just as easy to serve the whole state. So whichever kid comes to them, is a kid that they serve. It's a pretty intense process. They are matching a family to an eye doctor that will give free or reduced care. Or, if there is no doctor that will do that, they are matching a doctor with a Lions Club to pay for the care of that kid, so they can get them free glasses. They have done that with 11 children. They have served every district except for M3, and that is just because no one from M3 has needed them yet. KidSight is excited to be able to fulfill the full spring schedule for M6, like they did when they had a paid staff, thanks to volunteers stepping up to travel to there. She added that KidSight will only be able to screen more children if people individually donate. She noted there were many faces in the room that have given to them this year. She thanked them and stated it was a wonderful thing when clubs give, but feels it says even more when you individually give.

**SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** – written report only.

**MISSOURI LIONS EYE MISSION FOUNDATION** – Lion Leon Hove started by stating that all have been asked many times, "When did you become a Lion?" He stressed that if you attend an Eye Mission trip to Mexico or Panama, you become a Lion several times a day. The first scheduled mission trip is to Mazatlan, Mexico, June 11-14. Technicians are needed. Four doctors are going. A second trip is scheduled for sometime in October to a location in Mexico, but they do not know when or where. You don't need experience. He recalled that last fall, Lion Jennifer and her mother attended one of the most challenging trips, as far as conveniences go. Her mother, who is 80 years old, came back and said, "When can I go again?" Neither had any experience. He noted that if he can do it, anybody can do it. Some people have expressed concern about travel to Mexico. The United States has some red zones marked. One of the red zones is Acapulco. The local Lions set up the locations for the missions. They don't want

any problems because if they have problems, they are not going to get people to come back and do missions in their area. PID Bill Iannaccone, who is head of the Lions In Sight of California/Nevada, coordinates all the trips. Lion Hove talked with PID Iannaccone a week and a half ago, and was told that in all of his time, he has not had problem with anyone having any trouble. If anyone has any questions, they are encouraged to talk to Lion Hove or 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Struttman.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE** – Lion Leon Hove reported a year ago, the Council approved investing \$100,000. The investment was made in June of last year. Markets fluctuated but the account balance at the end of the year was \$105,181.49, an increase of \$5,181.49. That contrasts with making almost nothing when keeping it in the bank. Since then, the return is growing again and right now it's a little over \$6,000. He noted even though there are no guarantees it will continue to grow, even if the return was reduced by half, it would still be ahead of where it would be by having it in the bank. The Investment Committee is recommending the Council consider adding additional Missouri Lions funds to the investment portfolio. PDG John Preston asked, "How much more do you recommend investing?" Lion Hove responded that it is up to whatever the Council wants to do, but we are sitting with about \$300,000. \$100,000 of that is invested now. Lion Hove recognized there is Band money, Convention money, etc., but stated that all of that could be segregated through paper trails. The account can be broken up and the return divvied up as far as how much goes where. He stated the committee had originally recommended investing at least \$200,000. PCC Al Blumenberg asked, "What kind of restrictions are there on that investment account as far as the Council withdrawing funds?" Lion Hove responded you could get the funds typically in 24-72 hours, much like a mutual fund. Like any mutual fund, if you've got a mutual fund and you need money, you contact the broker and he says ok. PCC Blumenberg followed by asking, "From the Council perspective, do they have free reign to go in and take the funds as needed? Or is there some restriction?" Lion Hove responded, "It's whose name is on the account. There are two names on the account. Those two people could get it."

**LBOMB** – CC Hamer reported a phone meeting was held. The new office manager is Becca Bentlage. Melissa has a new position, but she is still in the office. She is now the Assistant Supervisor for the Business Enterprise Program. Several people have been appointed to vendor positions. About three people have asked to enter into the program. Everything is going well in Fort Leonard Wood. The person responsible for working with us from the government is cooperating. There are about 500 vending machines at Fort Leonard Wood that are not under our care, and they should be. We are negotiating with Fort Leonard Wood over that. So far, they have not responded to our request. That would increase our vending operations in that area. DG Winkeler reported that they have approval and security clearance at the Federal Courts Building in downtown St. Louis, which has 3 LBOMB facilities, to take the Past International Director, his wife, and immediate cabinet members on a tour. One of the blind vendors down there has been there for 40 years. They are going to tour the building, and the Superintendent of the building is going to "rant and rave" about how wonderful it is to have those vendors there. It's a chance to show what LBOMB does outside our own state. CC Hamer added they do have one person retiring after having served for 40 years, so that position would come open. DG Troester reported information she received from the Governor. Missouri leads the nation right now in retention of competitive jobs for those that are blind. Nationwide less than 38% of people who are blind and go through vocational rehab, keep that job for 90 days. Missouri is at 54% and that is largely thanks to LBOMB. That is amazing when you consider that more than 70% of people who are blind or visually impaired are unemployed, and that number has not moved since the 1930's. She noted we are leading the nation because of the work these people are doing, and she thanked them.

**EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROGRAM** – DG Jeff Hilke reported that over the past year we have sent out over 9,200 pairs of glasses that had been processed. Those glasses have ended up going on mission trips to the following countries: Guatemala, Nigeria, Mexico, Cuba, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Honduras, and the Phillipines. Some were also used at a homeless event in Kansas City and also in West Plains. We've also sent out approximately 40,000 pairs of unprocessed glasses that we use for mission trips in Mexico. A message was just received that someone wants to pick up another 12,000 pairs this coming week. So the glasses are going to good use. He thanked everyone for their collections and noted

it is a worthwhile project. IPID Noland asked where the glasses are physically being stored. DG Hilke responded there are two places in Jefferson City. There is a storage room on West Main Street. The Cole County Health Department is where the volunteers actually come in and process the glasses. Several Lions groups have come in, as well as several non-Lions groups. Several groups from Columbia still come down to Jefferson City. Some student groups from MU have recently come down. A Lions group from Columbia that had previously been involved, still comes down once a month. DG Troester asked, "What is the chance that some of the non-Lions groups could be turned into a specialty club?" DG Hilke responded it is possible. He stated that often he does not know who comes and goes. He reiterated that he is the "pack mule". PCC Lion Jesse Hathcock deals with the groups coming in. Lion Don Soph does the scheduling. DG Hilke stated he gets phone calls 2-4 times a week from people wanting to know how to get glasses to him. Starting a non-profit for this is in the works, and DG Hilke reported he should have more information by the State Convention.

**MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT & HEARING** – CC Hamer highlighted that the next quarterly meeting will be March 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There will be a Friday evening event at the racetrack. There will be a MidSouth Sweepstakes at the race, and they will get to put a wreath on the winning horse. Leaders weekend will be April 24-25, 2020 in Memphis. It will be an opportunity to go down and tour the area. There will be entertainment on Friday night, with a tour of the Hamilton Eye Institute on Saturday. He encouraged everyone to try to get some Lion leaders to come participate.

**LEADER DOG** – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Phyllis Krebs reported that the program continues to grow. The main mission is to place dogs specifically trained to guide the visually impaired to provide increased independence. The program requires adequate numbers of healthy, well-trained dogs to be able to match the best dog with each client. In order to place about 250 dogs a year, they need a lot of puppies. Currently they have a lot of puppies. In December, they were searching for puppy raisers for about 50 puppies. They have a new breeding manager as of about 1 ½ years ago. She's been very successful. So there is a shortage of puppy raisers. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Krebs encouraged anyone who ever thought about being a puppy raiser, now would be an excellent time to give it a try. LeaderDog started a new initiative in October. It is called the "Double-Down" program. This allows current puppy raisers to take a second puppy if their current puppy is eight months old. There are certain criteria. You can't be a first time raiser. You have to have some experience. But first and foremost, the desire to deal with two energetic puppies at the same time. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Phyllis Krebs now has another puppy, Szabo. Lions Phyllis and Phil traveled to Michigan to meet LD Joplyn and her new person, Rita Sanders, who is 74 years old and quite the "powerhouse". She started losing her vision in 2002 and was encouraged by a friend to contact LeaderDogs for the Blind. Rita loves Joplyn, so Joplyn is in a very good place. There are many ways to support LeaderDogs for the Blind. She thanked everyone for support so far this year, but noted that donations so far this fiscal year have been slow coming in. With convention time coming up, she anticipates that more clubs will be making their customary donations. She asked if your club doesn't currently support LeaderDogs for the Blind, please consider it. She thanked everyone for what they do as a Lion, noting that we make a huge difference in the world, even if we don't realize it.

**WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND** – IPID Don Noland reported that next week he will be coming back from Little Rock, Arkansas. He has been asked to serve on the board of WSB and has accepted that challenge. The facility there was started in 1947 and can house up to 91 residents. In the fall of 2018, they initiated a \$3,000,000 capital campaign to replace heating/cooling, windows, technology, etc., as well as become more ADA compliant. They currently serve all 50 states, as well as international. Currently on that campaign, they have collected \$1,629,000. As of January, Missouri's year-to-date contribution was \$260.00. In 2017-2018, their expenses were 2.99 million, with an income of 2.96 million. WSB has provided services for over 130 residential clients and 30 online clients. From 2015-2018, WSB has served 25 individuals from the state of Missouri from the following cities: St. Louis, Columbia, Sedalia, Warrenton, Bloomfield, Florissant, Birch Tree, West Plains, Hazelwood, Dittmer, Steele, High Ridge, Springfield, Jefferson City, New Madrid, Kansas City and Sparta. Obviously WSB has a significant impact in the state

and IPID Noland would like you to consider supporting WSB. IPID Noland is going to become more active, so stay tuned.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** – PDG James W. Rosbrugh stated the ballot for State Convention will have two questions. Question 1: Shall the revised Constitution be adopted as presented? Question 2: Shall the revised By Laws be adopted as presented? An asterisk will appear by each one to show that Question 1 requires 2/3 affirmative vote, and Question 2 requires a majority vote. A note has been added to the ballot to read: “In the event one document shall fail to pass, neither document shall pass and provisions of both 2018 documents shall remain in effect.” The outcome of failure means we will revert back to using the 2018 Constitution and By Laws. We have the responsibility to update automatically any things that have been passed by International at their conventions.

**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE** – PDG Ann Anderson reported the Athletic Committee held a conference call on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2020 All Star Football game will be July 18<sup>th</sup> at University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Start time is 7pm. The Banquet will be Friday evening, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Elliot Union Hall on the UCM campus. The 2020 All Star Football pin was approved and ordered. Draft day was tentatively set for January 11<sup>th</sup>, but because a coach was just named the week before, the draft date was changed to January 25<sup>th</sup>. The draft will be held in Jefferson City at the Hyde Park Conference Center. Jim May from Scott City (M1) will be the Blue coach. The Gold coach will be Aaron Fritz from Mid-Buchanan (M4). Player check-in will be on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The housing and meal cost has been agreed upon with the University for the same rate as the previous year. She thanked everyone for their donations, program advertisements, attending the game and especially everyone for giving their time in helping make this game a success. PDG Anderson added that the committee will be looking for someone to put the program together. They need bids on that. She asked if anyone knew someone capable of such work, let the committee know.

**BAND COMMITTEE** – 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Don Soph reported the Band committee has been meeting regularly. There will be a “Battle of the Bands” event at the State Convention in April. It will be a video submission event. Four schools have responded they are interested in participating. They are planning more outreach events over the next few weeks. The committee will meet again on January 27<sup>th</sup> where they will plan more details. There will be some sort of voting for all Lions that attend the Convention. An email has been sent to LCI regarding renting a band for the International Convention this year in Singapore and will share when he gets more details.

*10 minute break*

**HEARING COMMITTEE** –Written report only.

**LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE** – no report

**STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE** – PDG Jene Crook reported the committee met on December 18<sup>th</sup> using GoToMeeting via internet/phone. They reviewed and approved inventory and 2019-2020 financial reports. The committee is going to have a discussion with the PIDs regarding whether the Midwest breakfast is important or not. They did elect 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Don Soph as the Parade Marshall for the Singapore parade. PDG Crook will submit his name to International. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding the group considering hosting the 2022 convention. She added that last year, LCI was reluctant to provide her with much detail about those registered from MD-26 for the International Convention, citing a privacy issue. This year, she can’t get anything submitted for them to tell her. So, she asked that anyone that is registered, or if you know someone that is registered, other than incoming Governors, to let herself or the State Office know. They want to do what the policy manual mandates and that’s to provide all the registered attendees with five pins for trading, but they can’t do that if they don’t know who is going. IPID Noland commented that he will try to address this issue, and she thanked him. The next meeting will be at the State Convention. District M5 is just beginning to start working on the

convention for 2021, but noted it was time to get serious. She announced that PID Bryan Sheehan is coming for the 2021 Convention.

**2020 STATE CONVENTION** – PDG Sandy McCann thanked everyone who helped out with hospitality the previous night and noted that was just a portion of what is planned for the Convention in April. Applications were available to pick up for the Convention and for the Thursday night planned Distillery Tour. The tour, including a pizza party, will begin after the Council of Governors meeting. On Friday, she noted it will be a “packed, fun day” and that evening there will be Hospitality with a DJ and costume contest with prizes. There will be a silent auction for LCIF. Saturday will be another packed day. The packets for the hospital service project will be put together after the elections on Saturday. Whomever brings the most items for the Children’s Hospital, will be VIPs for the weekend. DG Hilke added that the distillery tour is very interesting and encouraged everyone to attend that activity.

**MID-WINTER FORUM (GAT)** – PCC Joe Foster first started with a thank you to the Council for giving their approval to go forward with the Mid-Winter Forum back in July. He noted they could not have done it without the Lions of Missouri. It has been a group effort. Mid-Winter Forum is about two weeks away, and PCC Foster assured everyone it will be exciting. He noted they are planning to go ahead 100% with MWF. There would have to be a huge catastrophe to cause a cancellation. Daniel Schaffer is looking forward to spending the whole weekend. PCC Foster feels Daniel has gone above and beyond to attend and has given the Lions a significant discount. He noted current registrations are about 80 and would like to see that double in the next two weeks. He encouraged everyone to go back to their clubs and contact others about attending. Lion Carol Deters reminded everyone that registration for MWF is \$59, which includes 9 workshops. If you wanted to spend the night, the hotel rooms are \$89. Friday night there will be hospitality and Daniel will be there. On Saturday, the registration is from 9:30 – 10:00. Opening session will be from 10-10:30. The first session of workshops will be: “Building a Winning Leadership Team”, “Are You a New Voice?” and “Are You Curious About Eye Missions?”. Lunch will be on your own from 12-1:30. The second round of workshops include: “Taking the Pathway to Service”, “How to Use Social Media”, and “Are We Clear on Vision?”. The third session includes: “Don’t Let the Membership Ship Leave Without you”, “I’ve Joined Lions – Now What?”, and “So You Want to Charter a Club”. There will be a delicious Ozark buffet, then entertainment with Daniel Schaffer from 7-8 pm.

**NEW VOICES** – no report

**MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** – no report

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** – no report

**LONG RANGE PLANNING** – nothing at this time

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO** – written report only.

**ALERT COMMITTEE** – no report.

**PIN TRADERS** – no report.

**MISSOURI LION NEWSLETTER** - PDG Ann Anderson thanked everyone that has contributed articles for the Missouri Lion over the last couple of issues. It takes all of us to get information out to Missouri Lions. She noted that if District Governors have great things happening, that would be a great interest to the Lions of Missouri, please get that information to her. That includes District Convention information because the next issue will be out before the next district convention occurs. The deadline for the next Missouri Lion will be February 1<sup>st</sup>. That will allow time for all the items to be voted on at State Convention to be in the newsletter, as well as good things from MWF. This issue has to come out 60 days before the State Convention. The Missouri Lion will be distributed by way of the Missouri Lion website and the [molions@freelist.org](mailto:molions@freelist.org) email list. If you have not subscribed to this list, now is the time to do so. Email PDG

Lion J.Y. Miller at: [j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net) . She reminded everyone that this list is for posting only, and you should not reply to this address. If you reply, it goes to all of the subscribers. She noted PDG J.Y. Miller has done a great service by managing the network. There are many good notices posted, and it helps to keep up with dates across the state. She reiterated again the need for articles, but clarified that they do not put individual club items in the newsletter. Those items should be for the district newsletters.

**STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE** – PDG Ann Anderson reported the committee has not met since the last Council of Governors meeting in October, but they intend on meeting to update the personnel manual to reflect the change in the office employee format. She reported the State Office is running smoothly, and they are happy with the hiring of “now new Lion” Jackie Twehus. She thanked Lion Jackie for taking the position. She stated that if anyone has a concern with the State Office, they should contact the State Office Committee, as they are working to keep things running smoothly and working for the Lions of Missouri, as well as the employees. They want it to be a safe environment as well as an enjoyable atmosphere.

PID Dr. Garrett asked to address the Council again. He asked District Governors to please get with their District Coordinators to have an LCIF activity at their District Conventions. District Coordinators have been sent information from PID Dr. Garrett, so they can order anything they need. He had hand-outs regarding AmazonSmile, and recommended they be given out at the District Conventions.

**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS** – DG Troester moved that committee reports be received. Motion was seconded by DG Winkeler. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT LCI ENDORSEMENT** – no additional action needed

**QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS:** One was presented from CC Hamer.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES:** The list of signatures still needed was read, and they were asked to please come sign at conclusion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS PROPOSITIONS** – Report has been received with needed approval of a Proposition to change the Constitution and the By-Laws. DG Troester moved to approve the wording of the ballot for voting on the Constitution and By-Laws as presented in the packet. Motion was seconded by DG Winkeler. Motion carried.

PDG Ann Anderson followed with a question: “How much of that needs to be printed in the Missouri Lion?” She wondered if she needed to print the whole Constitution that they revised. It was determined that the newsletter would contain a link to the website to view the full document. The ballot would be printed in the Missouri Lion. After some discussion, it was determined that Lion Amy Bell would be contacted to ensure that the revisions that will be voted on at State Convention are posted on the website. CC Hamer stressed that it needed to be done before February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**PEACE POSTER CONTEST** – CC Hamer announced that M3 was the winner of the Peace Poster Contest. He noted there were 5 judges (3 Lions, 2 Non-Lions). He returned the other posters that had been submitted to their corresponding district.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF LETTERS OF INTENT FOR COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON** – One letter of intent had been received by CC Hamer. No other letters were presented. It was announced the one letter that was received came from DG George Winkeler.

**STATE OFFICE CREDIT CARD** – The Council has been asked to add Lion Jackie to the State Office Credit Card so she will be able to purchase things as needed and conduct State business. DG Troester moved to add Lion Jackie to the State credit card. DG Winkeler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MEMORIAL FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT TOWNSEND** - DG Troester moved to donate \$500 from reserves for a memorial to LCIF in memory of First International Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend. DG Winkeler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FRIENDS OF MID-MISSOURI FISHER HOUSE** - CC Hamer stated that Missouri Lions had received a letter from Friends of Mid-Missouri Fisher House. They provide like a Ronald McDonald House for Veterans and their families. They are asking to have access to our mailing list for our clubs. We have a policy in place that we do not distribute our mailing list to groups outside of Lions. This request was discussed on the conference call. It was decided to give them an invitation to State Convention. They will be asked to contact Sandy McCann. Lion Jackie will contact the Fisher House with the invitation to attend the State Convention and to inform them of our policy. They will need to register.

**ENDORSEMENT** - DG Troester moved to endorse PID and acting First International Vice President Douglas X. Alexander for International President at the Singapore Convention. DG Winkeler seconded the motion. Motion carried. CC Hamer signed the drafted letter. A hard copy and emailed copy will be sent.

IPID Noland wanted to clarify that First International Vice President Alexander took on the office as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/President, with the understanding that he is going to be taking Vice President Haynes' agenda, objectives and all of his schedule. That is the understanding of him taking that position. There have been many reservations made for International Directors Board Meetings, as well as all of Past International President Haynes' objectives and goals. So he is embracing that and carrying those forward. It doesn't give First International Vice President Alexander a lot of autonomy, but it is satisfying that he is going to embrace those. IPID Noland was asked where 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Alexander came from and what happened to the other names that were out there. IPID Noland stated he knew that in Milan there were 8 different Lions that wanted to be considered for International President. He is not quite sure where Lion Doug Alexander came from. He assumes a lot of it had to do with him embracing and carrying this forward – not having his own identity. IPID Noland stated that he had heard from Lion Cordes that Lion Alexander didn't know he had been selected until 24 hours before. He couldn't answer more. IPID Noland has met 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Alexander. He said he is very articulate and thinks he will serve the position well. He feels he has diplomacy, which probably played a factor. International has made their decision and believes there are no longer campaigns for that position. PID Doc Garrett noted that his is not without precedent. IPID Noland added that he knew 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Alexander had already started a campaign for Vice President.

**ELECTION OF LCIF COORDINATOR** - DG Troester moved to submit IPID Don Noland's name as our new LCIF Coordinator. DG Winkeler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CC Hamer reminded VDGs there would be a meeting after lunch to look at the hospitality room for the State Convention and to pay their \$175.00 per district for space in the room.

PCC Joe Foster asked to address the Council. He stated that going back to 2015-2016, we started the process of the investment group. It has taken a few years to get the Investment group going. It looks like it is going in a positive direction. He wanted to "flashback" to one of the reasons they started the Investment group. As membership deteriorates in the state, the budget deteriorates. Part of the reasoning for starting the Investment group was to have an additional income coming into the state budget, that could eventually become part of budgets for our Governors. He added that programs have been sliced back to bare minimum. We are going into reserves to balance the budget. He would like to challenge the Governors and Council Chair to come up with a program to move some of the investment back available for the Governor's budget. Not all of it, but a portion of it to be used back to the state, state committees, and so forth, so we don't have to keep slicing. Part of that program was to make the interest earned an incoming

line on the budget, at least a portion of it. PCC Foster is under the understanding that there is money now coming in and hopes that the money coming in doesn't end up in the reserve. He feels it needs to end up in the budget lines where we can use that money to bring some of these programs back strong. He would like to challenge that that be looked at by DGs and VDGs to see if there is a way to get some of that money back on our budget lines to help our Governors and programs. DG Troester then added there was a meeting at the break and it was discussed to submit a list of questions to the Investment Committee regarding the committee's recommendation of the additional \$100,000 investment. One of their questions was about how to get the money. DG Troester commented they would include PCC Foster's comments/ideas with the list of questions that are going to be submitted to the Investment Committee in consideration of their proposal to hopefully be voted upon at the next Council Meeting. PCC Foster thanked her for that.

IPID Noland asked VDGs to submit their dates for District Conventions as soon as possible so he can help line up speakers for those. Reminder to DGs that he needs the LCI medals by February 15<sup>th</sup>. He asked that when an International guest is scheduled for a convention, that you talk to them in advance to make sure that all the bases are covered, and everyone is on the same page. It's important so that there is no miscommunication. He had items to give away he accumulated through the years, including literature regarding the Bridge Vision Program through Walmart where you can get single-vision glasses for as little as \$38.

**TAIL TWISTER** – PDG John Preston collected \$351.00 in fines for Australia Fire Relief.

**ADJOURNMENT** – DG Troester moved to adjourn and DG Hilke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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