

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, July 18, 2020
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
And
Zoom Video Conference

The first meeting of the 2020-2021 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson George Winkeler, Jr., at 10:00 a.m.

Governor Scott Sattler gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Sandee Marshall.

Governor Bob Noellsch led in singing “America”.

CC Winkeler welcomed everyone to the first Council Meeting of the 2020-2021 year – year of the “Burgundy Bunch Crew”. He stated they have been working hard as a team for the Missouri Lions and he expects a lot out of them throughout the upcoming year.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1st Vice District Governors</u>	<u>2nd Vice District Governors</u>
26-M1	Scott Sattler	Jerry Reaves (via Zoom)	Jennie Mosher
26-M2	Sandee Marshall	Devin Struttman	Jeff Rackovan
26-M3	Bob Noellsch	Michael Sliger	
26-M4	Harold Spire	James Pedersen	
26-M5	Joe Storms		
26-M6	Theresa Kee	Phyllis Krebs	
26-M7	Don Soph	Melissa Anderson	Bill Foglesong

Council Chairperson IPDG George Winkeler, Jr., M2

Immediate Past International Director Don Noland, M3

Past International Directors Donal Knipp, M7; W.R. O’Riley, M4 (both via Zoom)

Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2

State Office Administrative Assistant Lion Jackie Twehus, M7

M1: IPDG Rodney McConnell

M2: PCC Gina Boettcher, PCC Joe Foster, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Leon Hove (via Zoom), Lion Ed Marshall, Lion Kelly Rackovan, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion Jennifer Winkeler

M3: PDG Lisa Alexander (via Zoom), Lion Carol Deters, PDG Sandy McCann, PDG Freda McKee, Lion Mary Jane

Noellsch, Lion Betty Noland, Lion Joanie Sliger

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, PCC Larry Boettcher, PDG Jene Crook, Lion Carole O’Riley (via Zoom), Lion Christine Pedersen

M5: Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto (KidSight), PDG Pat Scott, IPDG Jessi Troester

M6: PDG Debbie Cantrell (via Zoom), Lion Phil Krebs, IPCC Walt Hamer, Lion Jeramy Kee, IPDG Toni Morris, PDG James W. Rosbrugh, Lion Cathy Simpson (via Zoom)

M7: Lion Amy Bell, Lion Lisa Foglesong, PCC Jeff Hilke, Lion Brenda Weider (via Zoom)

SPECIAL GUEST: Lions Club International Vice President Doug Alexander (via Zoom)

Additional attendees: Kieran Kelly and Eden Stewart, Vista youth workers for KidSight (via Zoom)

During introductions, PDG Pat Scott informed the group that 1VDG Randy Winkler (M5) is very ill, suffering from Agent Orange as a result of his service in Vietnam. A card was presented and passed around for those wishing to sign.

TAIL TWISTER – DG Sattler moved to appoint PCC Larry Boettcher as Tail Twister. Motion was seconded by DG Noellsch and carried.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG Sattler moved to designate the Tail Twister funds collected to LCIF to help support Campaign 100. Motion was seconded by DG Noellsch and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2020-2021 PARLIAMENTARIAN – DG Marshall moved that PCC Terry Boettcher be appointed as Parliamentarian for the 2020-2021 Lion year. Motion was seconded by DG Spire and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2020-2021 MD Protocol Chairperson – DG Noellsch moved that PCC Gina Boettcher be appointed as Protocol Chairperson for the year. Motion was seconded by DG Storms and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2020-2021 DGE SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON – DG Spire moved that PCC Joe Foster be appointed as DGE Seminar Chairperson for training for 2020-2021. Motion was seconded by DG Kee and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2020-2021 SPOUSES' SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON – DG Storms moved that IPIDS Betty Noland be appointed as the 2020-2021 Spouses' Seminar Chairperson. Motion was seconded by DG Soph and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2020-2021 STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – DG Kee moved to appoint PDG Ann Anderson, PDG Eugene Taylor and Lion Steve Duncan to the State Office Committee for 2020-2021. DG Sattler seconded the motion and was carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2020-2021 MISSOURI LION EDITOR – DG Soph moved that PDG Ann Anderson be appointed as the 2020-2021 Missouri Lion Editor. Motion was seconded by DG Marshall and carried.

PROTOCOL – PCC Gina Boettcher established Protocol for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Sattler moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2020 Council Meeting as distributed. It was seconded by DG Noellsch and carried.

YEAR ENDING 2019-2020 FINANCIAL REPORT – No financial reports were available.

IPCC Walt Hamer took a moment to finish out his year since the State Convention was canceled and the April Council of Governors Meeting was held through video conference. He wanted to show his appreciation for some people that were special during his year as Council Chair. He recognized PDG Sandy McCann for all of her work with the 2020 State Convention and its subsequent cancellation. He presented a certificate from New Voices to Lion Carol Deters acknowledging her impact as a New Voice in the area of service. He also recognized Lion Carol Deters, PCC Joe Foster, and PDG Debbie Cantrell (not present) for all of their efforts, particularly with the Mid-Winter Forum. IPCC Hamer thanked everyone for their support during his Council year.

CC Winkler then presented IPCC Hamer with gifts and thanked him for the support, uplifting words, and service while representing the Lions of the State of Missouri through last year's pandemic.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Don Noland re-stated that International President Choi's term will be carrying over into this new year. Covid-19 has had an impact all around the world. LCI Headquarters is still working on a skeleton crew. They are working primarily from home and do not know when they will return to a full-staff. Due to the pandemic, our membership is having significant challenges. Until December 31,

2020, all entrance club fees are waived – no charter entrance fees, no fee to join an existing club, and no fee to transfer clubs. Now is the time to invite friends and family to join. As of the end of June, membership world-wide is down 4.82% to 1,354,427 members. USA is down 219 clubs and 12,379 members. Current total membership is 290,234 – down 4.09%. All eight constitutional areas (with the exception of one) are in the negative. IPID Noland stressed that with fundraising and club activities being curtailed, it is paramount that we keep in touch with one another. He urged everyone to keep in touch with their membership – this is our family. If there are no meetings or gatherings, there is easily a disconnect. Keep the membership engaged. He gave an example from New Jersey of a virtual concert being conducted for fundraising.

The GAT/NAMI initiative is still alive and well. It is going through a restructuring process. PDG Greg Gilliam has stepped down from the regional leader position. PID Bill Phillip from Kansas has taken over the position. IPID Noland thanked PDG Gilliam for his dedication and effort toward that difficult task. Stay tuned for updates. Six of the seven MD 26 districts have signed on to the NAMI initiative, and he thanked them. A written report was also submitted.

LCIF – IPID Noland reported that he is also now over Arkansas as a territory leader. He asked DGs to touch base with their LCIF representatives to see if they are still on board with what they are trying to do with LCIF. The 2020 Campaign has been moved back to 2022. He reported we are halfway on the way to the goal of \$300 million, but still have a lot of work to do. Even though the funds coming in has somewhat slowed down, LCIF has awarded 311 grants totaling over \$5 million around the world to the Covid-19 Frontline Relief. He noted the most recent model club is the Fulton Host Lions Club. They became a 300% Model club. He thanked PID Doc Garrett for his service in leading the LCIF initiative for the past seven years. IPID Noland stated that less than 10% of Lions worldwide participate in LCIF. He stressed that we need to continue to communicate that LCIF is active and still supporting projects all over the globe. They are not emphasizing at this time the soliciting of funds, just wanting to keep people aware of what the organization is doing. A written report was submitted.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – IPID Don Noland began by noting that this organization began in 1947 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He updated his written report by saying there are currently 33 people on their campus. The campus has remained open and has had a few new clients. DGs should have received a WSB newsletter. IPID Noland expressed concern that information about what WSB was doing was not being communicated, and he asked DGs to please share the newsletter with their districts. In the next few weeks they are planning on releasing a YouTube video, so he asked everyone to be looking for that.

NEW VOICES is not dead, but may be going through a re-branding, IPID Noland reported. The current International President from Korea has a different perspective on women in leadership. IP Choi's emphasis has been on diversity, and as IPID Noland sits on the board, they have discussed this emphasis. New Voices has been viewed as a "Women's Initiative". IPID Noland stressed it is not a Women's Initiative. New Voices is an initiative for new voices, whether male/female, young/old, specialty clubs, etc. New Voices will go forward, but in time may be re-branded.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PDG James W. Rosbrugh reported the Constitution and By-Laws committee will be meeting Monday, July 20th, via Zoom, to organize and begin the task of bringing MD 26 Constitution and By-Laws into full agreement with the LCI Model Constitution and By-Laws (La5), but also include all items that are unique to MD26. The 2019-2020 committee worked diligently to prepare documents for the 2020 State Convention that didn't happen. PDG Rosbrugh commented he has not seen any 2020 adjustments to the La5. He anticipates that the 2020-21 committee will "perfect" the final product for adoption at the 2021 State Convention next spring. A written report was also submitted.

USA/CANADA FORUM – IPID Noland stated that though everyone was looking forward to the Forum in Louisville, needless to say, it was canceled. They are looking forward to going to DeMoines in 2021. Information will be forthcoming.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – For PID Knipp, IPID Noland reported that GPLLI is having a virtual training on Saturday, July 25, 2020. Currently there are approximately 42 participants signed up, with 9 being from MD26. He thanked those from MD26 that have registered. A written report was submitted by PID Knipp.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - No written report. DG Sattler stated the committee has not met for the year and at this point does not have anything on their agenda. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

2020 STATE CONVENTION - PDG Sandy McCann submitted a final financial report for the canceled 2020 State Convention. She reported a loss of \$631.54. They did donate to LCIF \$1815.00. She thanked the Lions for the donations. The amount left in the account of \$1368.46 was sent to the State Office, to reimburse them for the \$2000.00 advance.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE — PDG Jene Crook reported that the cancellations of the 2020 State and International Conventions have created problems with planning for the 2021 Convention. It is all “kind of up in the air”. Pins were unable to be distributed due to the cancellation of the 2020 State Convention. She has both the 2020 Singapore pins and the 2021 Montreal pins with her for sale at \$2.00 apiece. PDG Crook stated the Convention Committee itself will probably meet around the end of September. A written report was submitted by PDG Jene Crook.

2021 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Crook reported they are trying to get the 2021 State Convention organized. Just in the last week, they were presented with totally revised contracts, as the hotel is under new management, and the new management does not want to honor the existing contract. They are working to get things set up, but she is unable to present registration flyers at this time. The original hotel management assured the committee orally there would not be problem if the virus is still a problem next spring. However, with the new management, that has not been worked out. They have some work to do before they can present registration flyers. She hopes to be able to do that soon. They do know that the Kansas City Convention is going to be a little more pricey. To keep registration fees and so forth down, they are going to try a few raffles this year. The first raffle item was presented (a basket of products manufactured in District M5) with the winner to be drawn at the conclusion of the Council Meeting. Another raffle will be held at the October Council Meeting. PDG Crook reminded District M6 that they are “on deck” for the 2023 State Convention.

1st VICE-PRESIDENT DOUG ALEXANDER – CC Winkeler asked for a break at this time. He proceeded to explain one of the great things about being a DG is getting to go to the International Convention wearing your DGE ribbon, and after getting sworn in, your loved ones get to pull your ribbon from your badge, and you officially become a District Governor. He expressed that it is very emotional when the ribbons are pulled. Unfortunately, DGEs were unable to go to Singapore this year. CC Winkeler wanted to do something special. A burgundy ribbon was printed up for the 2020-21 DGs. He welcomed 1st Vice President Doug Alexander to the screen, via Zoom.

1st Vice-President Doug Alexander spoke from New York of the challenging times for the Lions Organization and the World. He conveyed that New York had been through a very difficult time, but they have “bent the curve” and things were going very well. He stated that New York will soon be moving to State 4 of re-opening, with still a few restrictions. He noted that at one point, New York was losing nearly 800 people per day from the virus. He noted the pandemic has also challenged us to find new ways to be of service. In New York, they chose to provide meals to the First Responders. Through a grant from the Foundation, they were able to feed more than 45,000 first responders. One district located a machine that would clean fire trucks and ambulances, which would cut the time they would spend doing it. Lions are continuing to find ways to serve during this difficult time. He stressed that we must also keep our members engaged. We don’t want to lose our members by not meeting in person. Clubs have been meeting virtually and even installing new members virtually. We cannot use this time as an excuse not to serve or invite new people to be a part of this great organization. 1st VP Alexander commented that the headquarters has been closed for several months. A few weeks ago they started bring back some staff. Though the offices were closed, the staff was

working from home and will continue to do so, until the office is fully staffed again. He emphasized to continue to reach out to the office, if needed. He reiterated that Campaign 100 was a 3-year program to reach the goal of \$300 million, and we should be now going into the third year. But due to the pandemic, the Board voted to extend it for an additional year- until 2022. Currently, we are at \$157 million raised.

1st Vice-President Alexander began the installation of the 2020-2021 District Governors. He stated he was honored and pleased when asked by IPID Don Noland to take part. He wished he could take part in person. The DGs were asked to stand and he proceeded with the ceremony. Ribbons were pulled by spouses and support companions. 1st VP Alexander congratulated them and wished them a rewarding year. He challenged them to focus on improving membership and the opening of new clubs. He shared with the DGs to rely on their VDGs as well, for they have a role to play. He challenged every Lion to bring in just one new Lion this year. He asked everyone to reach out to their fellow Lions to keep them engaged, as we are a family. He did state that the USA/Canada Forum is working on a virtual Forum, since this year's Forum in Louisville was canceled. He wanted everyone to remember to have some fun in the process, that this is not work that should be tiring or boring; we have to make it fun and engaging. He shared that no Clubs will be placed on suspension for not paying dues through December 31, 2020. He reiterated to feel free to reach out to him at any time.

CC Winkeler thanked IPID Don Noland for his help in arranging this special visit from 1VP Doug Alexander, and wished the "Burgundy Bunch" much success in this upcoming year.

2022 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE– 2VDG Mosher shared that the 2022 State Convention is being chaired by members of the Rolla Lions Club. They currently have three hotels nearly side-by-side. They are working with the Rolla Chamber of Commerce to negotiate room rates. The dates selected are Thursday, April 28 – Sunday, May 1, 2022. They are working with a local winery (St. James Winery and Brewery). They are very excited and have promised to make a specialty brew for us. She emphasized early registration, to aid in getting the reservations and the best deal. The Rolla Chamber of Commerce is helping with this and may possibly have some funding to help. A written report was submitted by 2VDG Mosher.

ALERT COMMITTEE – no report.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – no report.

BAND COMMITTEE – DG Don Soph (current chair of the MASB committee) shared the final report for their year, as their year runs October - September. They intended to have a Battle of the Bands competition at the State Convention. He thanked PDG Sandy McCann for all of her help, as they had had all of the details worked out for the contest prior to the convention being canceled. They did have one band submission for the contest – Pleasant Hope High School. The committee had decided to award the \$10,000 prize to them; however, they have recently declined the offer. The committee plans to meet through a conference call on Sunday, July 26th, to discuss how to proceed.

MISSOURI PIN TRADERS – no report.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported the State Office Committee has had a busy year. She explained how the pandemic has affected the operations of the State Office. The program the office uses does not go to the State Office employees' homes, so the ladies have chosen to go to the office to work alone at the beginning of the pandemic (the office was closed to the public). Office hours have changed and they will be fluctuating for the foreseeable future. Work is getting done, and that is what is important to the Missouri Lions. The latest accomplishment for the State Office Committee has been the revision of the Personnel Manual, which will be discussed later in this meeting. The 2019 Council of Governors put the Personnel Manual in the hands of the State Office Committee. The Office Committee has gone through that manual with a fine-toothed comb. She thanked PDG Eugene Taylor and Lion Steve Duncan for the work they have done. They met on May 29, 2020, at the State Office. They have been asked if they are compensated for their time and overnight stays, particularly during the interview process. The answer is "no". They just want you to know that they are Lions, they love the Missouri Lions and they work

hard for the Missouri Lions. They don't take anything extra. They appreciate the appointment and appreciate all that is done to help them to fulfill the needs of the Missouri Lions. They hope to be able to continue to work hard for you. PDG Ann Anderson submitted a written report as well.

MISSOURI LION NEWSLETTER – PDG Ann Anderson thanked all those who submitted articles for the June issue. The Missouri Lion is published four times a year – August, November, February, and June. The issues come out the month following the Council of Governors' meetings. The reason for that is so if there is information that is decided at the COG meeting, that information can be published in the Missouri Lion immediately, especially when it comes to things that need to go on the ballot. She thanked those that faithfully send information to be published. She noted this is a job that is your newsletter, and we need to get it out to the Missouri Lions, but PDG Anderson can't do it alone. She is happy for all the help she receives. She asked the newly elected DGs to send her something from their districts – things that are important to the Lions of Missouri. If each District sent in information for a page, that would be seven pages for the newsletter. She would love to hear from each of them. PDG Ann Anderson stated she has enjoyed putting the Missouri Lion together this past year, looks forward to the upcoming year and will do the best of her ability to get the newsletter out in a timely fashion. A written report was submitted.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – No report – the committee has not met.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – No report – the committee has not met.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO PROGRAM – No written report. CC Winkeler stated he has talked with PDG Greg Gilliam. He is looking for a replacement. CC Winkeler asked if any DGs knew of someone that would like to get involved with that, to please let them know.

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – 1VDG Pedersen reported that the 2020 Youth Camp Exchange was canceled after the Covid-19 outbreak. 10 youths had been accepted, and they are invited to the MO YCE camp in July 2021. They represent Brazil, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Spain and Turkey. However, there were not enough host families. One young lady from Missouri, Lion Bethney Pedersen, was to attend Camp Valtellina in Italy, but that camp and all other YCE camps all over the world, were canceled due to the Covid-19 outbreak. No expenses for the YCE program in 2020 were incurred. The Peace Poster Contest will have fewer participants due to Covid-19, but 1VDG Pedersen encouraged the districts to order the kits needed to proceed and work with participating schools. He encouraged everyone to set their deadlines for mid-October, instead of the end of October, due to timelines. We need to reach out to the youths ages 11-13, though this may be a challenge given the current situation, and we may need to think "outside the box". 26-M2 has a new Omega Leo Club, Tri-County Leos, sponsored by the Richwoods Lions Club, plus the two Alpha Leo Clubs, sponsored by DeSoto and Washington Lions Clubs. 26-M4 has had some active clubs over the past few years. One of those clubs included the Brookfield Club. Average club size was 35 participants per year, with one year approaching 50 Leos. Due to Covid-19, most of the spring scheduled items were canceled. Focus for the participants has been on Environment, Vision/Leader Dogs, Pediatric Cancer, and Hunger. A food drive has been very successful during sporting events as an entrance fee. 1VDG Pedersen emphasized that the youth are our future leaders and Lions. We cannot change the past, just learn from it and refocus. He encouraged everyone to take time to invest in the youth and help them to positively change the future of Lionism. We may not have it all together.... but together we have it all. A written report was submitted.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM:

GLOBAL SERVICE – Lion Carol Deters stated the GAT is excited to begin making plans for the GAT Team to be here for the Lions. The end of last year didn't finish very well. Valuable time was lost for fundraising events and bonding time with fellow Lions, which helps to keep us motivated and engaged in our service efforts. As Lions, we will bounce back and continue to do our service in the communities. Lion Deters shared tips for clubs that may be struggling during this time...

- 1) Stay engaged. Contact others by phone or email. Have your club consider a phone tree. As club meetings begin again, invite people so they can see firsthand what Lions do. Invite them to a service project.
- 2) Use social media. Share posts of your upcoming service projects and events. Invite those that may be interested in volunteering. Facebook has 2.5 billion monthly users.
- 3) Support your local food bank or homeless shelter through fundraising or by ordering care packages of daily essentials like toilet paper, toothpaste and clothing.
- 4) Give the gift of safety, like masks. Organize someone who can make masks and give to those in need.
- 5) Partner with other organizations. Together you can strengthen your community's response to Covid-19.
- 6) Give to LCIF. The money will be given to those in need. As of July 1st, 311 grants totaling almost \$5 million have been given to Covid-19 Frontline relief.

Lion Deters expressed that this is a difficult time. Covid-19 has changed the way we live and work, but has not changed who we are. Continue to serve others in a safe and healthy way. Focus on your own physical and mental health, eat healthy, and take a break from the news. She encouraged everyone to get some "me" time in. You are vital to your family, to your Lions family, to your community and to this organization. Together, we will get through this. A written report was submitted.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP – Lion Carol Deters gave PDG Debbie Cantrell's written report. Lion Carol- GST, PCC Joe-GLT and PDG Debbie Cantrell-GMT have been meeting and planning for this year's GAT. Membership has certainly been challenged. With the global pandemic, Lions are needed more than ever. Constitutional Area 1's goal is to add 44,000 Lions to existing clubs between July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. All clubs are asked to add at least one new member each quarter. Clubs are encouraged to engage current members in new service opportunities and to limit dropped members as much as possible. We begin this Lion year with 7,958 members state-wide with 314 Clubs as of June 30, 2020. We have fallen below 8,000 Lions across the state. She congratulated IPDG Rodney McConnell (M1) for being the only Missouri District to end the year with a net gain in membership (+4). GMT has its work cut out as they attempt to grow membership. Each of us needs to be looking for new Lions and ways to encourage current membership. Please work with your District's GMTs, as they stand ready to present and assist any way they can. Monthly Membership Tips will be sent out in the year to come. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact the GAT Team. PDG Cantrell also regularly posts items pertaining to membership to Facebook Missouri Lions Page (Brenda Weider). Please like, comment, and SHARE! That will help spread the word. Reminder: Until December 31, 2020, all entrance fees are waived. No Charter entrance fees. No fee to join an existing club. No fee to transfer clubs. Now is the time to invite friends, families and neighbors to join the world's largest service organization.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP – PCC Joe Foster reported that training is on key. A little training was lost with the cancellation of the State Convention. He met with the 1VDGs earlier in the day and will meet with 2VDGs after this COG meeting is concluded. He stated they will get caught up, and they will do what they need to do to make sure the VDGs are on key for their year. PCC Foster stated that the GAT Team is VERY excited about the Mid-Winter Forum. They feel it is an asset to the state, that the training was a bonus, that the camaraderie was needed, and they are hoping that the State will come on board to proceed with a 2021 MWF. He reported that the 2020 MWF resulted in a loss due to attrition and some other issues. Final financial numbers are not available at this time. The GAT Team is asking to go forward with MWF in 2021, but is also asking that Lions move forward with them and help fill the seats. PCC Foster reported the loss is probably between \$2,000-\$3,000. That money did not come out of the general fund. That money came out of the GAT fund for the MWF. There is still a little over \$10,000 in that account, even with the loss. Their goal for the 2021 MWF would be a positive number or at least break even. Several attendees commented that the "seminars were great", "fabulous", there was "invaluable training". Lion Jennifer Winkeler encouraged people to attend. A concern about Covid-19 for the 2021 MWF was brought up. A plan "B" option was encouraged by IPDG Jessi Troester with having the ability to cancel if the virus is still out there, and it is not safe. PCC Foster assured everyone that the team will be addressing Covid-19 and will have a clause in the contracts. He stated that Camden on the Lake is very willing to work with them, as that is a

“down” time in the Lake area, and they really have no business. There will be a “cut date” and if Covid-19 is not under control, they will not risk anyone’s safety. They will build in clauses on entertainment, food, hotel, etc., to assure that Covid-19 doesn’t come into effect. PDG Freda McKee asked if there would be any effort to provide group transportation for those that would like to attend but did not want to drive. PCC Foster acknowledged that they had not thought about that, but it is something they could look into. He is willing to look into the cost and entertain the idea. He thanked the Council for allowing them to serve. He again expressed the GAT’s hope to go forward with this year’s MWF, with the Council’s support. They have set the date of February 19-21, 2021, with Camden on the Lake. Lion Carol Deters added that with 2020 MWF being their first, they learned a lot. She thanked Lion Christine Pedersen for the table decorations. PDG Debbie Cantrell joined through Zoom and echoed PPC Foster and Lion Deters’ comments regarding MWF. She stated they thoroughly enjoyed putting it on. She hopes they get to do it again. She thanked the Lions for their confidence in the GAT Team.

HEARING COMMITTEE – DG Spire shared PCC Ron Campbell’s written report. In these difficult times, it is challenging to do fundraising for projects we support each year. The MD26 State Hearing Committee has been affected statewide in the work they do, by the closing of schools, both public and private, as well as the State School for the Deaf. This has hindered our services in these places, as well as at Lions’ events. The good news is that the State Hearing Committee was blessed this year by the support and generosity given by clubs and individuals taking part in our annual sweepstakes fundraiser. The fundraiser began early enough that it allowed us to receive support prior to the Covid-19 shutdown. They were able to help the School for the Deaf in Fulton to purchase some hearing devices that can be used in schools and learning situations for hearing impaired children across the state. Also, they can continue their plans to update the screening equipment and mobile units. Since the sweepstakes drawing was not able to be held at the State Convention, all tickets were sent to PCC Ron Campbell to do the drawing. The drawing was filmed and posted to the District 26-M4 Facebook page. The State Hearing Committee thanked everyone for the support they received this year, and in years past, for this project so they can help the hearing impaired through early detection, as well as help those that can’t afford it themselves. DG Spire then presented the Hearing Committee’s proposed budget for 2020-21. The budget includes income of around \$24,000, with total expenses of \$24,000. Whatever they get is “in and out” – they won’t spend any more than they get.

SIGHT CONSERVATION – no report.

SAVING SIGHT – PCC Larry Boettcher, Vice President of the Board for Saving Sight, reported that from July 1, 2019 through the end of April 2020, Saving Sight has distributed 2,897 surgical tissues for transplantation. This number includes 2,750 corneal tissues for transplant in addition to 60 long-term preserved cornea grafts and 87 sclera grafts, which are both used in restorative surgeries. While there was a drop in distribution of tissues during the initial Covid-19 shut down, throughout May and June, domestic placements have continued to rebound back as more transplant surgeries are scheduled. PPC Boettcher stated that they were very pro-active. As soon as they were able to get back and working, they were ready, as plans were already in place. They were sending tissues to other eye banks across the country because those banks were not even up and running yet. That was another reason Saving Sight had such a quick rebound, because they were ready to serve anybody and everybody. Saving Sight continues to see growth in its Vital Tears division, which processes and ships autologous serum eye drops to dry eye patients nationwide. Currently, they have patients in 49 different states, for a total of 6,577 orders processed by Saving Sight from July 1, 2019, through April 30, 2020. There was a decrease in orders processed in April due to Covid-19, but orders were back as soon as people were able to get out and have their blood drawn. They are expecting to see new records processed this summer as it continues to grow, and they continue to increase their capacity to be able to provide that service. PCC Boettcher thanked two Board members that ended their terms in June 2020: IPCC Walt Hamer and Dr. Michael Korenfeld. He thanked them for their time, talent and partnership. He welcomed back CC Winkeler to serve one more year. Saving Sight is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2020. Throughout the year, they will be sharing stories and interviews of the historical moments and people who made Saving Sight what it is today. They would love if the Lions Clubs would share their stories on social media. Their stories can be viewed here: <https://saving-sight.org/anniversary/> The Saving Sight board meeting scheduled for Friday, August 28th, has been moved

to a Zoom meeting. PCC Boettcher addressed a question that has come up several times. He stated that he keeps getting the question asked that the Lions of Missouri did not vote to change the name for Saving Sight. He said he wanted everyone to get a chance to hear that “yes, that did happen”. He shared that in September of 2013, the Board of Saving Sight at the time, voted to approve changing the name over to Saving Sight. With the way that works, is that they pass it at that level, and then it comes to the State of Missouri to be passed at this level. It was on the ballot at the State Convention in 2014. PCC Boettcher had the minutes of that Council meeting held April 24, 2014. He had a copy of the ballot that was voted on and a copy of the minutes from the July, 2014 meeting where it was mentioned that it was passed. The ballot read “Include the phrase ‘doing business as Saving Sight’ to references the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation”. On December 1, 2013, the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation began to operate, doing business under the name Saving Sight. So he clarified that it was voted on to be added to our Constitution, that’s the only way it can show up in there. We added the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation doing business as Saving Sight. With that said, he wanted to make this clear – the name is Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. PCC Boettcher said he also had with him a copy of the 990. When the 990 was filed, our official name was the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. We are just doing business as Saving Sight. PCC Jeff Hilke stated that all the vote to change the Constitution did was to add “doing business as Saving Sight”. He continued that the Missouri Lions never voted to allow that entity to change its name, only the Board voted to change its name. He stated that the Lions had nothing to do with it changing its name. PCC Boettcher then replied that the Lions of Missouri voted to add “doing business as Saving Sight.” PCC Hilke agreed; that they voted to make it match what they were doing. PCC Boettcher stated Saving Sight has to vote the approval first, then it comes to us. PCC Hilke said, “That is not true. That did not happen.” PCC Boettcher reiterated that they voted it first, it passed, then it came to the Lions of Missouri and there was a vote. PCC Hilke again stated there wasn’t a vote and “that all we (Lions) did was vote to change the Constitution so that the words matched. So there was no confusion as to having two different entities with two different names. We never voted to change the name of that organization.” PCC Boettcher agreed, re-stating that the name of the organization is Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, “has been, and still is”. He continued, saying for marketing and other reasons, we’re doing business as Saving Sight, so the name never changed. PCC Hilke wondered if the employees at Saving Sight know that their name is Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. PCC Boettcher reiterated again that the addition of “doing business as Saving Sight” was voted on by the Lions of the State of Missouri, and it is in our Constitution. 1VDG Phyllis Krebs commented that it sounded like there is no recognition from the organization that it is Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. They are just recognized as Saving Sight. PCC Boettcher replied that there are a lot of businesses out there that do this same thing. They may have one corporate name, and they may have four or five different names that they operate underneath that. The board is still the board we’ve always had – its 9 Lions members and 4 community members. 1VDG Phyllis Krebs responded that what she thinks is “sticking in everybody’s craw” is that the Lions connection is essentially invisible to the public. PCC Boettcher agreed that in name it is, but when you go to the facility there are Lions’ emblems there; the board talks about it. Our responsibility as board members is to communicate with our districts and community at large as to who we are and what we do. IPDG Jessi Troester asked for clarification if when a person or family receives Vital Tears or tissues, is the Lions emblem on any of that marketing material or a mention of Lions? PCC Boettcher said he hasn’t seen all the marketing materials, so he really couldn’t answer that question. He clarified that Vital Tears is a separate LLC in which we are 50% owners. 1VDG Sliger wanted to know the percentage of donations for transplant material that is donated by Saving Sight to individuals. PCC Boettcher said that none of it is “donated”; it’s all a service. As a non-profit, we are able to charge the fees we need to collect that tissue, get it preserved and to the doctor within that 7-day time frame. 1VDG Sliger wanted to make it clear that Saving Sight is not donating to any individual the material? PCC Boettcher replied that he didn’t know that for sure, at some point they may have, he just didn’t know. 1VDG Sliger had a second question regarding the sale of the building in Columbia. PCC Boettcher stated the sale of the building is final. It was finalized at the end of April. The final sale price for the building was \$820,000. After sales commissions and fees, we had net proceeds of \$770,578. That money has been set aside by the board to be used for future investment purposes. It is not going into the general fund. He stated that they voted 1 ½ to 2 years ago to give a donation out of the proceeds of the building to KidSight in the amount of \$320,000. KidSight has already received a check for that amount. A written report was submitted.

KIDSIGHT – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto reported that KidSight is pretty much “paused” at the moment. They rely on open daycares and schools to screen. Like many non-profits right now, they are trying to hang on until Covid is over and hopefully they will still be around. They do have things they need to pay, of course. They have used this time to talk to families. People are home more right now, so they are getting a hold of families. Many eye doctors are opening up so they are able to get into care at this point. They had hoped to begin screening again September 1st, but there has been a resurgence of the virus, so they will have to wait and see as they rely on their partners for that. They have procedures in place that they will be using. She wanted to thank Joann from the Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club, who made 94 masks for the KidSight staff. She stated they have been recruiting for over a year for Vista positions, which she explained it is like a domestic Peace Corp. KidSight pays a small partner fee, and they got two people that will work for them full-time. The young people donate a year of their lives. They get a small stipend, and at the end, they might get an educational award to use. There are two that are going to use this year to serve KidSight. She introduced Kieran Kelly (will be working with fundraising) and Eden Stewart (will be working with outreach to set up eye care for kids that are screened). They are both in the Kansas City office, which had opened for about two weeks, but had to close again. Lion Patterson-Paronto commented how great it has been to look back and see how much they have accomplished. Currently there are 40 volunteer screeners. Just 4 years ago, there were only 4 volunteer screeners. KidSight will be doing a “Show-Me Your Missouri Talent” virtual fundraiser. It will end on Labor Day weekend. She encouraged anyone that has a talent or knows of a person/group to recommend, please contact them. They are looking for sponsors as well. They will be finalizing details soon. A written report was submitted.

(break for lunch 12:20 -1:30)

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROGRAM – PCC Hilke reported that like many other service projects, the mission trips that utilize the eyeglasses have been canceled. He appreciates all those who have brought in eyeglasses. They are still getting eyeglasses in, but they are stockpiling up because they are not going out as fast as they were. One of the biggest users of our glasses, Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City, is going to try to start holding more local clinics to distribute glasses in state for the homeless, since they can't travel abroad right now. They are still trying to work out the details, but PCC Hilke told the church if they needed extra manpower/assistance to contact him, for the Lions would be happy to assist. PCC Hilke may be contacting districts if he gets word these clinics are coming to their areas. They were going to try to do the first one in the Springfield area. The storage facility being used to house the eyeglasses locally at no cost, will probably be ending. The program will be looking for a new storage facility, that is somewhat climate controlled. The space at the Health Department for storing/cleaning glasses is not changing. He is hoping to find a facility rent free or for a minimal fee, but may have to start paying a little rent.

EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – written report only.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE- written report only.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – 1st VDG Melissa Anderson reported that Covid-19 really hurts when you are working in a line of work where you are expected to serve food, snacks and beverages to individuals at federal buildings, state buildings, and some county buildings. Their biggest fear has always been “Tele-work”. It's difficult for blind vending managers that are self-employed business owners. There is not the option to do carry out or curbside like other restaurants. These blind vendors can typically keep their costs low by having customers that come in fill up a plate instead of to-go containers and can use a fountain soda machine or coffee machines. However, those options are not available during this time, so there go the profits. In March, all of their facilities were notified of the local and state stay-at-home orders. The only vendors that actually stayed open at that time were individuals with vending routes, where they fill vending machines. But, if there is no one in the building, that product is going bad. As a program so far, the managers have lost over \$800,000 in product that's gone bad. 1VDG Anderson has been working closely with their liability insurance company. There was a clause that covered loss due to “civil orders”. Some vendors that applied for unemployment were immediately denied and were not told that they needed to apply for a second tier of unemployment. Many of these blind vending managers just

can't go out and get another job. Everything is changing and changing rapidly. Finally, one of the vendors at one of the biggest cafeterias in the state, at the Truman State Office Building in Jefferson City, has started using credit card services. They are finding new ways to operate. He's delivering to-go meals to different floors of the building. That's the only way he can stay afloat. A couple of the managers took out the PPP loans, so they are able to keep all of their employees. The rest went on unemployment. The LBOMB office has been working this entire time, much of it from home. They had a new office manager that 1VDG Anderson was in the process of training when Covid hit. She asked everyone to not forget about LBOMB. There are lots of vendors in St. Louis and Kansas City that need encouragement right now. She thanked everyone for their support and encouragement.

LEADER DOG – In addition to her written report, 2nd VDG Phyllis Krebs added that just prior to the arrival of a new class of clients, the Leader Dog campus was shut down. The campus has remained closed until very recently. Just this past week, a class of clients was assigned their dogs, and they are learning to work together as teams and move forward with their lives. It is a small class, but a step forward. The shutdown had an extensive impact, not only for clients that are unable to attend classes to regain mobility and independence, but staff have been required to work from home. There have been fundraising challenges as well. Leader Dog put on a virtual 5k. FLD Szabo and 1VDG Phyllis Krebs participated. Puppy raisers have been asked to keep their current puppies for up to 6 months longer than anticipated. For some, that was a challenge so they had to turn their puppies in, and those puppies went to another home. 1VDG Krebs still has Szabo, and she will be with them until March. The dogs that were already on campus receiving training were either cared for there or most were placed in local homes to continue working on their skills so they will be ready to go back and receive the rest of their training. Volunteers or visitors have not been allowed on campus at all. There are no campus tours or other events. Summer Experience Camp for 17-18-year-old visually impaired kids was turned into a virtual event, which actually allowed for more teens to participate. The 1st VDG visit in August has been canceled, but they have been invited to a virtual experience. The mission remains strong. A lot of creative thinking is occurring. Puppies are still being born, and clients are still applying for services. The bus trip scheduled for late September has been canceled. 1VDG Phyllis Krebs has recruited her nephew, from Austin, Texas, as a puppy raiser. He is the raiser of FLD Daisy. Her nephew is also pursuing becoming a Lion. FLD Prism has been "career changed" and is running the Krebs' household. She thanked everyone for their continued support.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING – no report.

POLICY MANUAL – DG Noellsch reported they reviewed the policy manual. The recommendations listed in the written report that was submitted are as follows:

Page 1: Update the names to the current Council Chair and District Governors

Page 2: Change the date to 7/18/2020

Page 11: Move the Assistant Council Secretary /Treasurer to the head table in accordance with paragraph 1 above the chart. The left flank table will start with the VDG's from M1 and M4.

Page 24: Change to "The 2020-2021 District Governors selected the following distinctive attire:" Change the colors to include for the governors - burgundy sports jackets and polo shirts, black slacks or skirt, black shoes and socks, and white shirt to be worn with the sports jacket. For adult companions – black blazer, white shirt, black slacks or skirt, black shoes and socks, and gray polo shirts (see attachment for more details).

Appendix 1: Add the following after the current paragraph - Virtual Meetings

"The Zoom meeting sign-ups & procedures, via the Lions of Missouri Zoom account will be done through the State office for the PID's, CC, State Committee Chairs, and District Governors."

PERSONNEL MANUAL - PDG Ann Anderson reported that the State Office Committee met on May 29, 2020, at the state office to work on the proposed changes to the Personnel Manual. They have gone through the manual extensively. The proposed changes listed in the written report that was submitted are as follows:

-We begin by adding page numbers and on the front page (page 1) with the Revised date of July '20.

Page 5 paragraph 3 under 103 Conflicts of Interest – after the word employ we have added the word **is**; under 201 Employment Categories we have added a hyphen to thirty-two in paragraph 4.

Page 7 – under 205 Job Descriptions, we have Assistant Administrator next to Office Administrator. In paragraph 2 we have deleted “a salaried” and just put **an** in it’s place. On the same page under Duties, paragraph 2, there is an apostrophe in visitor’s.

Page 8 – 4th paragraph 4 we have added commas after diskettes, tapes, and added the wording **or cloud-based computer application**.

Page 9 – 207 Bonding – We have eliminated the word **Bonding** in the title and changed it to: **Crime Insurance (Bond)** (the reason to change this name is because that is the type of policy we, the Missouri Lions, have). In the first paragraph we have changed the spelling of **insure** to **ensure**. Also in that paragraph we have deleted **capable of being bonded by a reputable bonding firm**, and added **insured via a crime insurance policy**. Also in that paragraph we have deleted **shall be bonded in the amount deemed reasonable** and added **will be insured under a commercial crime policy in the amount deemed reasonable**

Page 10 – 303 Pension we have added a **comma** after the word however. In 305 Flexible Schedule Time, paragraph 1, the word “**workdays**” is one word. And in paragraph 2, the word **workload** is one word.

Page 12 – 307 Sick Leave Benefits, paragraph 6, the word twenty-five is hyphenated and there is an apostrophe after the s on hours’.

Page 13 – 501 Work Schedule after Normal working hours, we propose to delete **are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day**, and add the wording **are to be determined by the office committee Chairperson**.

Page 14 – 502 Business Travel Expenses, paragraph 3 under Cost of meals. We propose to delete **no more lavish than would be eaten at the employee’s own expense, and no more than \$25.00 per meal per day without**. We propose to replace that wording with **Employees are expected to limit expenses to the limits identified by “Lions Clubs International General Expense Reimbursement Policy” and can be adjusted by**. In paragraph 4 we propose to delete the words **Council Chairperson** and replace with **Office Committee Chairperson**.

Page 15 -- 602 Progressive Discipline, paragraph 1, **workplace** is one word.

PDG Ann Anderson responded to a question from DG Marshall regarding the amount of the crime insurance. She clarified that the Council budgeted for ALL insurance, but as far as the crime insurance goes, PDG Anderson will investigate that, but she believes it has all been budgeted for, so there would be no additional expense. She stated it has been a rewarding experience serving on this committee for the last couple of years. She hopes that everyone feels they are working in the right direction for the Lions of Missouri. She thanked PDG Eugene Taylor and Lion Steve Duncan for their work on the committee.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – DG Spire moved that the committee reports be received. The motion was seconded by DG Kee and the motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARDS – M1 – 1 CC Winkeler encouraged people to use them.

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2021 COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSALS - DG Storms moved to approve the Hearing Committee budget as presented. Motion was seconded by DG Soph and carried.

APPROVE AUDITOR FOR 2019-2020 YEAR ENDING FINANCIAL STATEMENT - DG Noellsch moved to approve Graves and Associates as the firm to complete a financial review of year ending 2019-2020. Motion was seconded by DG Storms and carried.

APPROVE DEPOSITORY FOR ALL FUNDS – DG Spire moved that Jefferson Bank of Missouri be approved as the depository for all funds. Motion was seconded by DG Kee and carried.

APPROVE ADMINSTRATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET – no vote taken due to incomplete financial reports

APPROVE POLICY MANUAL CHANGES - DG Kee moved to approve the Policy Manual changes as presented. Motion was seconded by DG Sattler and carried.

APPOINT MD 26 FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (M2 & M5) – DG Marshall moved to approve the appointment of Lion Leon Hove (M2) to the Financial Investment Committee. District M5 does not have a candidate for this position. Motion was seconded by DG Sattler and carried.

APPROVE PERSONNEL MANUAL CHANGES - DG Soph moved to approve the Personnel Manual changes as presented. Motion was seconded by DG Marshall and carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST SIGNATURES – CC Winkeler had Admin. Assistant Lion Jackie remind the following that they will need to get a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy and sign after the meeting:

- Council Chair
- Council Secretary-Treasurer
- All District Governors
- State Athletic Committee Chair
- State Band Chair
- State Convention Chair
- State Hearing Chair
- State GLT Chair
- State GMT Chair
- State GST Chair
- State Marketing Communications Committee Chair
- State Sight Committee Chair
- State Youth Committee Chair

DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES & SPEAKERS for 20-21 – IPID Noland shared the following dates & speakers:

- M1 – March 5-6, Perryville, ID BJ Blankenship
- M2 – February 26-27, St. Louis, ID Justin Faber
- M3 – March 26-27, Boonville, ID Steve Thornton
- M4 – March 19-20, Chillicothe, PID Ardie Klemish (but may change)
- M5 – November 6-7, Independence, ID Gary Brown
- M6 – March 19-20, Springfield, ID Allan Hunt
- M7 - March 12-13, Wardsville, ID Geoff Wade

State Convention in Independence, April 29 – May 2, 2021, International 2nd Vice-President Brian Sheehan
State Convention April 28- May 1, 2022, may be International Vice-President 3rd Patti Hill (has not yet been confirmed)

IPID Noland told District Governors to create some communication with their guests. It is important that they understand what you want/what they want. That will make it a “harmonious and joyful” experience. He asked VDGs to get dates set as soon as possible for 21-22, so he can begin working to get those scheduled.

SELECT SITE FOR OCTOBER 2021 COUNCIL MEETING – 1VDG Phyllis Krebs spoke for the VDGs and proposed the October 2021 Council of Governors meeting be held at Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark. Lion Brenda has obtained a quote for that location, with a quote of \$117 for sleeping rooms. Lion Brenda has asked to block 35 rooms for Friday night and 15 rooms for Saturday night. The COG meeting room will be \$350 and the hospitality room for Friday night, as well as two training rooms for Saturday morning, were comped. DG Marshall moved to accept the proposal of Camden on the Lake as the site of the October 2021 COG Meeting. Motion was seconded by DG Soph and carried.

APPROVE 2021 MID-WINTER FORUM – DG Sattler moved to approve the Mid-Winter Forum at Camden on the Lake, February 19-21, 2021. Motion was seconded by DG Noellsch and carried.

APPROVE DESTRUCTION OF OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS (one year, leaving previous five years) - DG Sattler moved to approve the destruction of one year of old financial records, leaving the previous five years. Motion was seconded by DG Noellsch and carried.

NEW BANK AND WELLS FARGO SIGNATURES – DG Marshall moved to approve new bank and Wells Fargo signatures for CC Winkeler, VCC Scott Sattler, and Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Harold Spire. Motion was seconded by DG Soph and carried.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Ballots were distributed to the Governors to vote on those Lions wishing to serve more than 6 out of 8 consecutive years on committees as follows:

- M1 – PDG Casey Morris – Athletic Committee
- M1 – Lion Allen Taylor – Band Committee
- M2 – PCC John Yount – Hearing
- M5 – Lion Betty Beason – Hearing
- M1 – Lion Dave Baldwin – Marketing Communications
- M6 – PDG Debbie Cantrell – Marketing Communications
- M1 – Lion Allen Taylor – Sight
- M2 – Lion Toni Mahoney – Youth
- M3 – PCC Pat Porterfield – Youth

All were approved.

*It was determined later that PDG David Primm (M4) and PDG Jene Crook (M5) – both for Convention Committee, were accidentally left off the ballot. A vote was held virtually by the DGs and both approved.

IPID Don Noland presented awards to those that were not able to be recognized because of the cancellation of the State Convention. Other districts have found opportunities since the convention to recognize their award winners.

Lion Aaron Troester received a Melvin Jones Award.

Lion Karen Calvert received the Leadership Award.

The International Presidents Award was presented to PDG Pat Scott.

IPCC Walt Hamer was presented the Leadership Award.

The International Presidents Award was presented to Lion Phil Krebs.

TAIL TWISTER REPORT – PCC Larry Boettcher collected \$305 in fines for LCIF.

IPDG Jessi Troester drew the winner for the M5 State Convention raffle – winner was Lion Michelle Foster.

CC Winkeler thanked the State Office for their efforts to get this meeting site arranged, since the football game in Warrensburg was canceled. He thanked PCC Kimberly Taylor and PDG Eugene Taylor for their help with the technology for this first in-person Zoom meeting in a hotel and with technology arrangements for International Vice President Alexander's surprise virtual visit. He thanked IPID Don Noland for his help with the arrangements for Vice President Doug Alexander to join via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Jackie Twehus

Lion Jackie Twehus, Administrative Assistant