

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, July 23, 2022
Wardsville Lions Club, Wardsville, MO

The first meeting of the 2022-2023 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chair Phyllis Krebs, at 10:00 a.m.

CC Phyllis Krebs welcomed everyone to the first Council Meeting of the 2022-2023 year. The year of “Thinking Outside the Box”, as she noted they were challenged to do in Montreal. She stated they were excited to “get this thing going”. She shared she was really nervous about the first Council Meeting. The first one is always the hardest, but she looked out and saw friendly faces, so “Good Morning!”.

Vice Council Chair Governor Jennie Mosher gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Governor Leon Hove.

Governor Sandy McCann led in singing “America (My Country, Tis of Thee)”.

CC Phyllis noted the (CC) job looks a lot easier from the other side of the podium. She is very honored to serve as Council Chairperson for MD26 for this 2022-2023 Council. She stated she has enjoyed getting to know the Governors better through their adventures in Canada. She looks forward to being involved with their interpretation of IP Brian Sheehan’s challenge to the Lions of the world. If unaware of his theme, his theme is “Together, We Can”. As you know, we have met International President Brian. We know he is very, very passionate about being a Lion. This group is a very determined and purposeful group. They are taking the challenges we face very seriously. She looks forward to working with them for the benefit of Missouri Lions. CC Phyllis “warned” everyone that she is not a joke teller. She invariably will mess them up, and the joke will end up on her. She did have a funny story to share of something that happened in Montreal. She really is just telling the story on herself, but she figured she might as well because it would probably come out anyway. She grew up with five brothers, so she knows how that works. She would prefer everyone hear her version... During their trip to Montreal, Monday, June 28th, was DG Sandy’s birthday. They tried to put together a dinner as a group, but that didn’t quite work out. CC Phyllis decided she would just call everyone to the base of the stairway for a special announcement. The special announcement was a photo-op in front of the Montreal Lions’ stairway and then to sing “Happy Birthday” to DG Sandy. Everyone had signed a card. They had gotten her a small gift to commemorate their trip. CC Phyllis was tasked with providing a small birthday cake, which she had with her in a bag with the gift and card. They all finally gathered at the right staircase (that’s a whole other story), and did the group photos. Then they presented DG Sandy with the card and the gift. After she opened both of those, CC Phyllis presented her with the box containing the yummy cake that she had found at a Chinese bakery nearby. She opened the cake box and a very strange look came across her face. The box contained CC Phyllis’ leftovers from dinner the night before (laughter). She did eventually get her birthday cake and hopefully did enjoy it. She told the story because if any mayhem ensues throughout this year involving leftovers, this is what it is all about.

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	Jennie Mosher	Marilynn Reaves	Wendy Williams
26-M2	Leon Hove	Paul Carr	Michelle Foster
26-M3	Sandy McCann	Sherl Horton	Carol Deters
26-M4	Harold Spire	James Pedersen	Tina Anderson
26-M5	Pat Scott	Ron Ballard	Mickey Beach
26-M6	Bart Tibbs	Phil Krebs	
26-M7	Bill Foglesong	Ed Bierbower	

Council Chair IPDG Phyllis Krebs, M6 (with FLD Beka)
 Past International Directors Don Noland, M3, Donal Knipp, M7, W.R. O'Riley, M4
 Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2 (via Zoom)
 State Office Administrative Assistant Lion Jackie Twehus, M7
 M1: PDG John Preston, IPDG Jerry Reaves, IPDG Scott Sattler
 M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, Lion Cyndi Carr, Lion Vickey Engel, PCC Joe Foster, Lion Ed Marshall, PDG Sandee Marshall, PDG Missy Maune, IPDG Devin Struttman, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, PCC George Winkeler, Lion Jennifer Winkeler
 M3: IPCC Bob Noellsch, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch, Lion Betty Noland
 M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC Larry Boettcher, Lion Devon Campbell, Lion Peggy Campbell, PCC Ron Campbell, PDG Wayne Cunningham, Lion Carole O'Riley, Lion Christine Pedersen, Lion Lori Spire
 M5: IPDG Jene Crook, PDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto
 M6: PCC Howard Hawkins, Lion Wendy Jackson, Lion Brad Simpson, Lion Cathy Simpson
 M7: IPDG Melissa Anderson, Lion Amy Bell, Lion Larry Brandhorst, Lion Lisa Foglesong (and FLD Aria), PCC Jesse Hathcock, PDG Lou Ann Hathcock, PCC Jeff Hilke, Lion Judy Schaeperkoetter, PDG Mark Schaeperkoetter (accompanied by two Youth Exchange Students from Spain and Mongolia), Lion Brenda Weider, Lion Wayne Weider, Lion Marcy Wicks

TAIL TWISTER – DG Jennie Mosher moved to appoint IPCC Bob Noellsch as Tail Twister. Motion was seconded by DG Hove and carried.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – DG Mosher moved to have the Tail Twister funds collected today be designated to LCIF. Motion was seconded by DG Hove and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2022-2023 PARLIAMENTARIAN – DG Hove moved to appoint PCC Terry Boettcher as Parliamentarian. Motion was seconded by DG McCann and carried. PCC Terry accepted the position. CC Phyllis had asked PCC Terry to give a reminder of what parliamentarian procedures are about. He shared the following:

The purpose of parliamentarian procedure is to make it easier for people to work together effectively and to help groups accomplish their purpose. It provides order, fairness and decorum. Rules and procedures should assist the meeting, not inhibit it. A few things to remember:

- The seven District Governors and Council Chair are the only voting members. Only District Governors can make a motion or second the motion.
- A meeting can deal with only one matter at a time, and only one person may have the floor at any one time.
- When making a motion, the District Governor will start with "I move that..." then state their motion clearly and sit down.
- Another District Governor may second the motion. A second merely implies that the seconder agrees that the motion should come before the assembly, and not that he/she is in favor of the motion. If there is no second, the Chair says, "The motion is not before you at this time." The motion is not lost, as there has not been a vote taken. If there is a second, the Chair states the motion by saying, "It has been moved and seconded that, (restates the motion), is there any discussion?"
- One of the Council Chair's main responsibilities is to use the authority of the Chair to ensure all people attending the meeting are treated fairly.
- Once the District Governors have completed their debate of the motion, the 1VDGs may then ask questions, followed by the 2VDGs, then members of the audience.
- No person shall speak until recognized by the Chair. To be recognized by the Chair, when no one is standing, stand up, address the Chair by name and title, along with your name and title. Once recognized, you may speak.

- When speaking, it should be respectful and cause no harm to others or violate the Lions Code of Ethics. The two key points of the Code of Ethics are:
 - o To remember when building up my business, it is not necessary to tear down another's. To be loyal to my clients or customers, and true to myself.
 - o To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise. To build up and not destroy.

This is a way for us to come together and remember, as we have these debates, there is passion on both sides. We have to remember that we are here together to serve the Lions, and those people we serve in the community and we need to treat each other with respect.

CC Phyllis pointed out that that may seem redundant and a lot of you feel that you know that by heart, but I can tell you as a new Lion, or newly sitting at the tables here, it is a great reminder of exactly how things should progress. That's why we chose to do this.

APPOINTMENT OF 2022-2023 MD Protocol Chairperson – DG McCann moved that IPDG Jene Crook be appointed as Protocol Chairperson for the year. Motion was seconded by DG Spire and carried. IPDG Crook accepted the position.

APPOINTMENT OF 2022-2023 SPOUSES' SEMINAR CHAIRPERSON – DG Spire moved that Lion Betty Noland be appointed as the 2022-2023 Spouses' Seminar Chairperson. Motion was seconded by DG Scott and carried. PID Don Noland accepted on her behalf.

It was determined that there was no need to appoint a 2022-2023 DGE Seminar Chairperson, as it falls under the umbrella of GLT State Coordinator, which is currently PDG Scott Sattler.

APPOINTMENT OF 2022-2023 STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – DG Scott moved to accept the current members of the State Office Committee for 2022-2023. DG Tibbs seconded the motion to continue the current committee for this year, and it carried.

APPOINTMENT OF 2022-2023 MISSOURI LION EDITOR – DG Tibbs moved to appoint Lion Bethney Pedersen as the 2022-2023 Missouri Lion Editor. Motion was seconded by DG Foglesong. The motion carried. Lion Bethney was unable to attend the meeting. 1VDG James Pedersen confirmed she is agreeable to the position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 28 and May 1, 2022 COUNCIL MEETINGS – DG Foglesong moved to approve the minutes of the April 28 and May 1, 2022 Council Meetings as distributed. It was seconded by DG Mosher and carried.

PROTOCOL – IPDG Jene Crook shared that the purpose of Protocol is to recognize the order of precedence of Lions leadership, the commitments they have made, and the responsibilities they have assumed. IPDG Crook then established Protocol for the meeting.

YEAR ENDING 2021--2022 FINANCIAL REPORT – IPCC Bob Noellsch stated, as shown on the financial reports in the packet, the year ended with total assets of \$390,938.26; that is up from \$373,346 a year ago. All funds, except Administrative, increased their remaining cash during the year. The administrative budget showed pulling \$14,691 from reserves to cover expenses; but they were actually only short \$2,116.91. That was covered by cash on hand. We also had a loss of \$18,252.30 in the investment account since the stock market has gone down much of the year. Remaining cash in the Wells Fargo account at year end was \$106,087.38. More details can be found in the financial reports in the packet or ask questions.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – PID Don Noland began with "Happy New Year to All!" He asked, "District Governors, what are you?" A few replied, "Awesome." He tried again, and got a more resounding "Awesome!" from the Governors. PID Don shared that IP Brian Sheehan has a lot of enthusiasm and he wants to embrace the "Awesome" Governors of this year. The International Convention is history. There

were 21 Lions from Missouri in attendance. He apologized for neglecting to march in the parade. Several Lions returned with the “dreaded Covid”, but to his knowledge, not any from MD26. IP Sheehan continues to be enthusiastic, with lots of energy. IPIP Alexander did a marvelous job under the most challenging circumstances of Covid. The dues increase of \$7 passed with over 80% of the vote, starting with \$3 in 2023, \$2 in 2024 and \$2 in 2025. Lion AP Sing was elected as 3rd Vice President. Many have heard about the name modification to Lions International, which is an umbrella that covers Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International Foundation. That is ongoing.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP – PID Don announced that membership in CA1 in June was up, but he had been waiting for the final numbers. PID Don talked to PID Jerome Thompson, who was very enthusiastic about that – until the shoe dropped. The shoe dropped big time. He is not sure about total numbers, but the drop was significant.

LCIF – PID Noland asked how many knew about Campaign 100? The Campaign 100 goal was \$300 million. It was reported on the last day of the convention that \$324,687,263 had been raised, with final numbers still coming in. He asked for a round of applause for everyone in the room. CA1 goal of \$50 million is at 90.9% met, but still waiting for final reports. MD26 met 50% of its goal with \$745,980. He thanked the Missouri Lions for their support and the district coordinators that helped. “Where there is a need, there is a Lion.”

PID Don reported that, per last report, there has been over \$1,723,760 contributed by Lions worldwide to the Ukraine mission. Also, 43 grants have been approved by LCIF. Everyone should be proud of what we are doing. We are truly an international association supporting this travesty.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PID Don Noland shared that WSB will be celebrating 75 years of service on September 22. He would like to have some attendance from Missouri Lions. WSB has served over 16,000 clients from all 50 states and 59 countries. Currently, there are 49 clients, with 15 online and 3 at the facilitated learning center in Oklahoma. They are also working on some endeavors in Canada. He thanked the Lions of Missouri for their contributions of \$18,725. As of May 9th, Missouri was only third, behind Arkansas and Texas in contributions.

USA/CANADA FORUM – PID Noland noted the Forum will be in Calgary, Canada. He noted it should be a good showing. He has heard nothing but great things about Calgary. The Forum will be September 15-17th. He looks forward to seeing everyone there. Cowboy hats are tradition up there.

CC Phyllis shared that conversations have started about getting a bus trip together, possibly in the spring, to go to WSB in Little Rock. She mentioned it to PCC Joe Foster, who helps with bus transportation, and they will see what happens with that. It would be a fun trip. A lot would be learned about a wonderful organization in Little Rock. If anyone knows Lion Sharon (Giovinazzo), she will put on a good time down there. Be thinking about that possibility.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – CC Phyllis announced that PDG Debbie Cantrell was unable to attend today’s meeting. PID W.R. O’Riley shared, as facilities chairperson for Great Plains, the institute will be held in Maryville, MO, this time next week. There are over 50 students coming in. They are very excited about it. He asked a show of hands of how many have attended? There were many. Then he asked how many had been an instructor? He noted that it is probably the best institute that you can get, at the regional level, in the United States of America. You can use it for Lionism, your community or your church. It discusses the points of leadership. It is jam-packed and you can still get in. They had five register just this past week. There was a cut-off date, but if you want to go, you can still get in. Also, there are several scholarships so you can have your entry fee either paid for by your local district or PDG club. MD26 has one scholarship for each district, so it’s not too late to get in. You will never regret attending. CC Phyllis added that it is a great training opportunity. Hopefully every district has someone going this year. M6 has at least two people attending, M5 has three, M2 has one, M1 has one, and M4 has four or five. Sounds like Missouri will be well represented.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE – PCC Gina Boettcher was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. No report had been submitted as this time.

2022 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE WRAP UP – DG Jennie Mosher hoped everyone had fun at the convention. She happily reported that the final balance of the State Convention fund, after all the bills were paid, was \$1,411.16. A check has been given to the State Office to be deposited back to the State Convention account to be used for future conventions. (**It should be noted that after the conclusion of this meeting, this final total was found to be an error, as not all checks had been written. The check given to the State Office was shredded and a new check will be cut to be deposited.) DG Jennie had received a \$2000 tourism grant from the Rolla Chamber of Commerce and that made a big difference. It is her hope that other conventions also solicit extra input from their local chambers. A detailed final report will be forth coming. PID Noland asked what was the total attendance? DG Jennie replied it was about 230. If you add in the Thursday night event, probably close to 300. She also announced that a young lady from St. James won the vehicle that was raffled by the Rolla Lions Club.

2023 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE - PCC Howard Hawkins reported that they are excited to welcome all Lions to M6 in April for the 2023 State Convention. The 26M6 Lions are working to make this a great event. They have been working hard, meeting regularly, and have accomplished a lot. They have several new ideas that they are working on. Some of the changes are as follows:

- They will be able to accept credit or debit cards for registration. Instructions will come out. You will send in your registration and check that you want to do credit card. They will back-bill you and you will go to website to put in your credit card information. That way no one has your card number, except through this site – which will be through a banking system.
- Registrations will come out shortly. They are working now on finalizing it. Governors do have copies of that.
- There will be a drawing for all early bird registrations, which will end on February 14th. The prize will be a weekend in Branson. They are working on some activities to go along with that. More details are to come.
- There will be a real nice place for vendors. Some meeting rooms will be upstairs, some will be down, but there are plenty of elevators to get everyone back and forth. Lions will have full run of all the meeting spaces. No one else will be in there.
- On Thursday night, right now, they have booked 40 seats at the Presley Theater. Lions will all be sitting together. Cost will be \$30.00 per person. A regular ticket would normally be \$43.00. It'll be a nice show. It's close by. He gave each Governor a packet that shows the map of where all the activities are. Things are very close together.
- We will be able to have our own alcohol/food/drinks in the hospitality room. However, NO electrical appliances will be allowed. May have to do heating or whatever in your room or something like that and bring it down in coolers. That's the fire department's rule.

The hotel is trying to work with us anyway they can. First they said no alcohol, but they have now allowed that. There was some talk about having a cooker outside. There is an area out the back side, near the parking lot. They are finalizing the menu for the banquet and the luncheon. There will be a buffet for lunch and a plated dinner for the banquet. They are looking at different ways to cut cost and get some different sponsorships. PCC Howard shared they have a new Lion in their club down there who's been a "ball of fire" on everything. He's come up with a lot of ideas. Marketing is his specialty. He's working a lot for them. He's very involved in the Chamber there. He thinks they will get some sponsorships for some of this to help pay for some of the expenses. He hopes to see everyone in Branson in April, and "Let's Get More People Hooked on Lions".

CC Phyllis announced that the International Guest for State Convention will be 1VP Patti Hill. CC Phyllis had the honor of meeting her in Montreal, as did 1VDGs Phil Krebs and Paul Carr, so she is acquainted with two of the individuals that will be Governors with her. She's a delightful lady. She said her parents had visited Branson, and said they had a good time so she's really looking forward to her visit.

PCC Howard also shared that they have chosen a service project for the 2023 Convention. His club got involved with the lady that started the project. She is a foster child herself, and a teacher in the Branson school system. She started "Suitcases for New Beginnings". A lot of times when children go into foster care, they have a plastic bag, and that's it. She puts suitcases together. They put a little book in there, and a lot of different things. They have a list. She delivers these suitcases. He knows she has gone as far as Sedalia and to Cape Girardeau, different places with these suitcases. So it's a state project already. He will get the word out about what they will need. They are looking for sponsorships. They actually already have a couple of people stepping up to start paying for some of the products. Central Bank in Branson is already going to start furnishing things for it. CC Phyllis noted that that goes along with the interest list she got from 1VP Patti Hill. 1VP Hill very interested in projects involving children and environmental projects, so this goes right along with what she is wanting to promote. She asked everyone to be thinking about how their districts or clubs can participate in the project.

2024 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PCC Jeff Hilke reported that the 2024 State Convention will be held at Old Kinderhook, just outside of Camdenton, MO. It's a great facility. Lions will be the only guests at the hotel during that time frame. We will be allowed to bring in our own alcohol and will get to use electricity there;) All of the information will be put out in plenty of time. If you like to golf, it's a world-class facility with beautiful scenery. Everyone should have a great time. PID Don Noland shared that he is working on getting IPIP Doug Alexander to be the International Guest.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – 1VDG James Pedersen reported the Athletic Committee met via Zoom and discussed potential event ideas for the upcoming 2022-2023 fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2022. The committee plans to meet several more times to narrow down event possibilities that would help develop and finalize a budget to be presented at the January, 2023 COG meeting. He thanked everyone for their support and look forward to helping grow our State and Youth Athletics.

BAND COMMITTEE – no report.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported for PDG James W. Rosbrugh. The committee remains intact and unchanged from the previous year. She added that they either did their job really well, or they didn't, and they have to do it again. The committee met via email on June 13-14, 2022, for a "pre-organizational discussion", with the outcome being a unanimous consent agreement to continue the previous year's organization with Chairperson being PDG James W. Rosbrugh(M6) and Secretary being Lion David Ash (M3). They will begin their review as soon as they have access to the LCI-generated adjustments, then begin checking for refining wording elsewhere in the document which may have been generated by the adoption of two last-minute amendments. PCC Kimberly reminded everyone that all the propositions on the ballot at the State Convention did pass.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROGRAM – PCC Jeff Hilke shared a written report and asked if anyone had questions. PDG John Preston asked how much each lensometers cost? PCC Jeff replied, "About \$8,800 each." He added that they vary in price, but the ones that the program is getting reads both lenses at the same time, so they are a lot more accurate. That's why they want to go with that kind. These lensometers are like the ones they got from Saving Sight. They hope to start working with Respectacle again. Respectacle now has basically an app. The groups that they are working with have a QRcode that they put with the glasses. The groups are cleaning and photographing them. They stop there, and ship them to Respectacle. But, because of the work that they've seen the Missouri Lions do in the past, and the quality of the work that our lensometer will do, they would like for us to start reading glasses also, and then shipping them to them. That way they can get the glasses into their inventory quicker. With the purchase of two more lensometers, the Recycling Program can do a lot more work for them and get the glasses to them. Once they get them, they can just get them into their (Respectacle's) inventory. They have plenty of glasses to go around to everyone. The program would like to help them get their system up off the ground a lot faster. Plus, they have lots of glasses to get to people that they have already been partnering with. With the new facility they

have, they will have lots of room to do that. With the current facilities, they don't really have the room to do that. PCC Jeff thinks it will be a win-win for everybody. They have been very lucky to get a new facility at a time when they really needed it. They were needing to move from their current facility. They always knew it wasn't a permanent home. They have been lucky to have that space for free for the last four years. The Cedar City Lions are in the process of trying to fold their club and they needed to do something with their building. They were gracious enough to give it to the program. Everything is kind of falling into place. PID Don asked, "When we have our own building, will there be a box or something that we could put glasses in and drop them off?" PCC Jeff responded that there is a covered space outside the building, so if there are times when one of them can't meet someone, Lions could drop stuff off there next to the building, then he could get over there as time allows and put stuff in the building. There's a big covered space right outside the building that would be out of the weather, for boxes to be dropped off. PCC Al Blumenberg asked when they anticipated being in the building and how will the process with workers work? PCC Jeff stated that most of the inventory has been moved over there in the last two days. There is still a little bit left to move, but most has been already moved. As far as the workers, they plan on taking the kitchen area of that building and using it as the processing area. They plan on scheduling that, just like they have been scheduling workers at our other facility over at the Health Department. Contact PDG Don Soph (314-304-5045 or donsoph@hotmail.com) to schedule a time to volunteer. They plan on operating the same way, they will just be operating in a different place. DG Foglesong asked, "So this building has been gifted?" PCC Jeff replied, "Yes, as of Wednesday night. This is all happening rather quickly."

DG Foglesong went on to ask about insurance costs and things like that? PCC Jeff responded, "Yes, they are going to have expenses. So if any Lions want to help donate to the cost of this, that would be appreciated." He is estimating, based on what the Cedar City Lions have said, it's probably roughly going to cost, with insurance and utilities, about \$5,000 to operate it. He doesn't know that for a fact. He has not priced the insurance, compared to what they have been paying. He doesn't know exactly what kind of insurance they had on it, so he's guess-timating. He doesn't think it will be more than that. DG Leon Hove asked who the building was titled to? PCC Jeff stated that it will be going to the district right now until they get the 501c3 opened, then it will be transferred to their own 501c3. Right now it is still titled to the Cedar City Lions. He is in the process of working with the title company to get that switched over. This just happened Wednesday night, so it is all very fluid right now. Right now, it will be transferred to the district because that's where the finances are being held. When they get the 501c3 opened, it will transfer to that. PCC Jeff Hilke announced he will be taking any donated glasses if people have them today.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM: PDG Missy Maune, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch, and PDG Scott Sattler entered to banjo music, dressed as the Hatfields and McCoys (overalls, corncob pipes, etc.). PDG Missy announced they have decided to "put their differences aside, for now" and hitch up the wagons this winter – arriving to the Gateway to the West, February 3-4, 2023. She hopes everyone will join them. Once they have details about lodging, they will let everyone know. They are still in the very early planning stages, but they want everyone to know it will be a fun weekend of fellowship and learning. One thing both "families" can agree on is moonshine – there may be a little of that! They'll send out the final details once they get those in place. For now, mark your calendars for February 3-4.

GLT – PDG Scott Sattler reported they just started this morning with the training and will continue that throughout all of the COG meetings. They haven't set up the formal District GLT meeting yet, but he plans on having a Zoom meeting with the committee in the next week or so. They are looking at going after some LCI grants to help with training. They are working on that right now.

GMT – PDG Missy Maune reported that membership hinges on both growth and retention of current members. More Lions means more opportunities to conduct service and improve our communities. Unfortunately, membership continues to be a concern, not just for Missouri, but for the U.S. Currently, the state of Missouri has a total of 7,346 Lions members. Currently, M7 has the most with 1,236 members. Followed by M2, with 1,147. But what they want to focus on is growth. PDG Debbie Cantrell had started an award that at each council meeting will be given out to the district that has the biggest increase since the last meeting. For this meeting, the award goes to M6, with +4 members. PDG Missy asked what do we do

to turn things around? Obviously, there is not a simple answer. Decline has not happened overnight, and neither will the growth. There are small positive steps we can take to move our numbers in the right direction. She is looking forward to working with the Governors and the district GMT coordinators to ensure that each district can achieve their membership goals for the year. On July 31st, she is looking forward to a GAT webinar, led by PID Jerome Thompson. That is their orientation webinar to go over their goals and roles. Hopefully good information will come from it, and she can pass it along. She is looking forward to working with PDG Scott and Lion Mary Jane as part of the GAT team. Feel free to reach out to her if you have any questions.

PCC Phyllis thanked the “Hatfields and McCoys” and stated we are looking forward to February. She noted they’ve had a lot of fun putting this idea together. They have some great plans and it should be a really good time. Be sure to get your new members and potential members involving in coming to the MWF. There will be a lot to learn and a lot of fun and fellowship.

CC Phyllis added that it has been the tradition that the 2VDGs provide hospitality for the MWF. She asked if that was the plan this year as well? DG Hove moved that the 2VDGs take on the hospitality at the MWF. DG Spire seconded the motion. The motion carried. The challenge was accepted.

HEARING COMMITTEE – PCC Ron Campbell reported that since the last report, the committee has had the normal down time with minimal activity in regards to normal procedures and events they are doing. They will be meeting later in the day to get the year started. They are gearing up for the new year as they have been talking with the Missouri School for the Deaf on some new and different projects and partnerships to look into for the new year. PCC Ron has been contacted and is working with PCC Lion Diane Hentges of Kansas on a big health fair event in late September 2022 involving the Greater Kansas City Labor Council surrounding area to provide Lions hearing screenings to individuals. The event will take place in Kansas City on the Missouri side in M5, so they will be looking at providing some equipment for use and volunteers to help. They have been asked to do some training with some Kansas helpers and others if needed. Hopefully together, they can make all of this happen.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE- DG Hove had submitted a written report, so he added just a few comments. The market has been “in the pits” all year. He spoke with the broker for district M2 Eye Foundation, and the broker assured him that they forecast the market would go up starting in the last quarter, but he may not know any more than the rest of us. We’ll find out. We are still about \$6,000 to the good from when we started investing the money, but on paper we did lose book value of about \$18,000 this year. There were no questions.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Lion Amy Bell passed out two handouts to the District Governors and their teams. One of those is a form that needs to be completed to update their Missouri Lions District Governor page (on the website). The other is some brief instructions on what can be posted to the Missouri Lions website. She asked the District Governors to review those and let her know if there are questions. The site is updated with the exception of the District Governor pages for the current year. She will email the form for the District Governors so they can fill it out online if preferred. The committee has not yet met this year, and will be scheduling that soon. There will be a new report for the next COG meeting.

KIDSIGHT – Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto submitted a written report, so she just highlighted some information from that report. Last year, they screened 45,016 children around the state at 686 screening events. They are really proud of that. They referred 4,138 children for potential vision disorders. Their referral rate is around 9%, which is just right. They are really pleased with that. They are wrapping up the year and one of the things they did this year was to tally all of the volunteer hours that were put in to help KidSight. That came to be 3,783 hours put in by volunteers to screen kids around the state. Some of those volunteers are present today. They are very pleased with how generous everyone has been with their time. That is 1200+ more hours than the previous year. The KidSight Talent Show is going on right now. If anyone knows any talented kids or children that are not talented but happy to be on the internet, they would love to have them participate. They have had people do a montage of trick basketball shots. They had a three-year-old

show how she could blow up a balloon by herself. So anything can be submitted. They have two age ranges, so the teenagers are not competing against the cuteness of two year olds, and the two year olds are not competing against the talent of seventeen year olds. So if you have kids you know in your life, please get them to sign up. They are still looking for sponsors for that contest, so if your club or yourself feel the urge, they'd love to have you. They do provide lots of shout-outs during the event. Winners will be announced after Labor Day. The kids that win will receive cash. DG Foglesong asked when is the actual Talent Show for the public to see? Lion Katherine shared that it is all virtual. Right now, they are accepting people's talent, so people can upload a video of their kid doing something super cute. Then towards the end of August, they will put them all up on the web and people will then have a chance to vote. The winners will be announced in early September.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – IPDG Melissa Anderson shared that she had a nice speech written, but then PDG Ann Anderson handed her something “cool”. The LBOMB program is over 75 years old. PDG Ann handed IPDG Melissa one of the audit report brochures from April 5, 1967. IPDG Melissa found in fiscal year 1966, total gross sales were \$757,000. In 2021, total gross sales were \$44 million. The program keeps growing, every single year and they are so excited. Missouri Lions are the ones that made this possible. Without the Missouri Lions, this organization would not be here. They would not be providing self-employment business opportunities for the Missouri Blind. In 1967, there were 46 vending stands. Right now, there are 32. Then, there were 51 blind managers. Right now, they have 24. But they do continue to grow.

Last year at this time, they were opening their very first micro-market, and they were scared to death. It was new, they didn't know how to do it, didn't know what kind of problems they would have. As of today, there are now four micro-markets and three more in the works. Just this past week, they visited the Department of Natural Resources building in Jefferson City. It houses about 450 employees. That building, up to this date, has had only had two vending machines in the entire building. Those vending machines had to be filled three times a week just to keep up. They are installing a micro-market for them very soon. They are very excited about that and continue to keep pushing forward. IPDG Melissa asked who remembers the blue LBOMB cups? They were selling those to remodel the cafeteria in the Truman Building. That cafeteria has been there since 1983 and not a single remodel has taken place. It had Formica countertops. As one can imagine, by now the sides of those Formica countertops are starting to peel back, and it looks really bad-and they used duct tape to fix it. The health inspector is not ok with that. They “ding” them for it at every single health inspection. So IPDG Melissa's wonderful assistant, who is very good at building relationships, has somehow convinced the Office of Administration to pay for the entire \$750,000 remodel. LBOMB doesn't have to pay anything. That's huge, and they are really excited about that. The manager there had been thinking about retiring, but now will stay because he'll be getting new stuff. One of the biggest expenses over the last year has been helping provide new opening inventory for their managers when their facilities are opening back up. She is happy to report today that they only have three facilities that are not open yet. They did have two that permanently closed because those agencies are going to all remote work. They knew they would probably lose some, so she is happy to report there were only two. LBOMB is helping those facilities out with between \$7,000-\$10,000 per facility to restock. Obviously, after being closed for 2 ½ years, those potato chips are not very good. Dr. Pepper after 2 ½ years is not very good. One of their big things is being noticed. They've been around since 1946, but there are still a whole lot of people, even Lions, that don't know what LBOMB is, so right now they are building a brand. Last month, they opened up their cafeteria in the Jefferson Building, here in Jefferson City. Within that, they have opened LBOMB Café. That cafeteria is building grab-n-go wraps, sandwiches, fruit cups, veggie cups, and cheesecake cups (that are to die for). They are selling those for other blind vending managers in the area so they can provide fresh foods at their facilities. They are really building that LBOMB brand name. Within the next month, they are going to have LBOMB Café Catering. She spoke with DG Sandy McCann last weekend at the LBOMB board meeting and they are trying to work on catering the next COG meeting in October. They really want that name to be out, front and center. They have had some turnover this year with the state staff. Their area supervisor in Kansas City moved on after 20 years and the area supervisor in St. Louis is retiring in September after 20 years. So they are having to rebuild that team, but they are very much looking forward to the future. They are also going to try and set up a little tour in Jefferson City the Friday before the next

COG meeting. They'll have a bus to take everyone around. She asked everyone to continue to support them.

LEADER DOG – CC Phyllis Krebs thanked the Missouri Lions for their continued support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. While she does not yet have the fourth quarter information, she could report that after the third quarter, Missouri had donated \$35,475.25. She is expecting the annual total to be close to \$40,000; this is an incredible effort on the part of Missouri Lions. On May 20, 45 Missourians departed from Washington, MO and Valley Park, MO to travel via Mid-American Coach to Rochester, Michigan. Among this group were several people who experienced the magic of the Leader Dog campus for the first time. Several others had not been there since the Canine Development Center renovation project. After all day Friday on the bus, they relaxed that evening at the Drury Inn in Troy, Michigan, about 20 minutes from campus. She asked for a raise of hands of those that were on that bus, which were a lot of the people in attendance. She had hoped that some of you would stand and talk about their experience very briefly.

DG Leon Hove stood and shared that this was his second bus trip to Leader Dog. He stated that anybody that has not gone to Leader Dog needs to go. He doesn't care if you go on the bus or go by yourself. They'll welcome you with open arms. If you are in the area, do it. They all got an opportunity to walk blind-folded with a dog. This time it was inside, so it wasn't near as scary as it was when they walked outside on the uneven ground. The concrete floor was a lot easier to walk on. It is amazing how quickly those dogs learn where things are. The things they learned from Lion Jeff Hawkins about what his dog would do – he could say, "Find me an exit," and the dog would go over to an exit that he had never been to. "I need to go to the bathroom" and the dog would go right to the bathroom, and lead him right there. He had never been in that building before. So, you've got to go. It's an experience that you will love.

DG Hove added, as CC Phyllis mentioned earlier, they think they are going to be able to go to WSB next year and maybe they'll take a trip to Memphis the following year, then back to Leader Dog. Again, depending on what PCC Joe Foster can work out with the bus company, but take an opportunity and do it.

CC Phyllis continued by saying that on Saturday (of their bus trip) they were welcomed on campus by Lion Beth Slade, Lion Kathleen Breen, Lion Mike Dengate and Leader Dog client Jeff Hawkins, with Leader Dog, Dove, along with many other staff members and volunteers. Their day was jam-packed with information about the facility, the programs offered, a tour of the facility and a visit to their very own "gift shop". Jeff Hawkins shared his personal story about his journey with Leader Dog, navigating the world of vision loss and the impact Leader Dog has had on his life. The highlight of the trip for most people was probably the opportunity to walk "blind" with a trained guide dog. It was a very, very humbling experience. PCC Phyllis noted she has done it about five times, and this was the first time she felt even a little bit comfortable with the dog. It definitely takes some practice. They were the first large group to visit back on the campus since the pandemic, and the staff was so happy to get back in the "groove" as the world opens back up. Her personal highlight was a stolen opportunity to peek in on Wink and reconnect with Wink's host mom, Lisa. Lisa hosts Wink's mom, Lucy Rose, and cared for Wink for her first six weeks of life. Lisa was also one of the volunteers that assisted with the "blindfold" walks. Many, many thanks to PCC Joe Foster and Lion Loyd Bailie who were the coach drivers extraordinaire. They did an excellent job of keeping everyone safe and comfortable. Everyone was a true pleasure to work with, and CC Phyllis got to share her favorite place on Earth, which is the Leader Dog campus. Please send Wink positive vibes as she is finishing her training and preparing for assignment hopefully on August. 3rd. She has been in training for an extended period of time due to some surgery she had to have in April on her paw, but she is fine now and is progressing well. Everyone on campus seems to love her. CC Phyllis is hoping her forever person will be in the August class, and they will get to meet this great team on August 13th. The 1VDGs will be visiting the Leader Dog Campus on September 25th. After two years of hiatus due to Covid, the VDG visits are resuming. I do hope that every 1VDG has made arrangements or is in the process of doing so, to get that trip scheduled. PCC Phyllis has been told, due to budget constraints this year, it is limited to only the 1VDGs and will not include partners in service. She will clarify that with Lion Beth. PCC Phyllis has tried to make everyone aware now that there is a new puppy raiser (or raisers) in the state of Missouri - Lion Lisa Foglesong, FLD Aria and accompanied by Puppy Driver, DG Bill Foglesong. She welcomed them to a life-changing experience. All the Missouri

Lions will be involved in FLD Aria's training. As soon as she receives the updated fiscal year statistics on the number of dogs issued, O&M students, Youth Campers and total Missouri donations, she will share that information. She thanked everyone for their continued support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE – DG Pat Scott stated that PCC Gina Boettcher was currently at the emergency room, having tested positive for Covid earlier. All PCC Gina reported as this time was that things were in motion and going well. Other than that, there is nothing “concrete” to share. She asked everyone to keep her in their prayers – as well as the rest of the family, including Parliamentarian Terry.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – Lion Peggy Campbell reported the committee has already met for the first time on July 17th at 3 p.m. via Zoom. With a quorum present, Lion Joanie Sliger was voted Chair and Lion Peggy Campbell was voted Secretary. As a committee, they are charged to support the Missouri Lion Editor, encourage governors, clubs and individuals to submit things to the publication. They don't know what everyone is doing unless you let them know. With that, she reported they adjourned in seventeen minutes.

MISSOURI LION NEWSLETTER – CC Phyllis Krebs read Lion Bethney Pedersen's report as she was unable to attend because she was working her last weekend with her current job before starting her teacher job. There is not a lot to say. Mostly, Lion Bethney wanted to remind everyone to send anything they want in the newsletter by the date that she provides. She needs to finish the newsletter sooner than it is published so it can be looked over by a couple of people to be proofread. Please try your best to send information in as soon as you can. Lion Bethney asked the new District Governors to send her their bios, a picture of themselves, and the first article you would like published in the upcoming newsletter by September 1. She would like to get everyone in the issue, if possible. If anyone needs help with what to put into the articles, contact her, and she will more that glad to help. The next newsletter will be published September 15th. Please send in all articles and information by September 1. If you would like to see past editions of the Missouri Lion, here are the instructions to get to them:

- Go to the Missouri Lions page (<https://missourilions.org>)
- Hover over Resources
- Under Resources, find Newsletters and click on it
- Scroll down until you find the past editions

Lion Bethney thanked everyone for the support she's been given this past year and hopefully in the future.

POLICY MANUAL – DG Sandy McCann reported that the Policy Manual had been updated and was sent out with the packets because of the new Youth Policy that they were changing. The following changes were made and shown in red:

- The cover was updated
- On pg. 8, the 60-day reimbursement policy that was adopted last year and the meeting time in Jefferson City were added
- Pg. 9 – the new name for the Missouri Lion Athletic Committee was changed
- Pg. 16 – they added that if the All State Band Committee does not have applications going through the State Office, there will be no fee charged to them. The same way with the Athletic Committee – if there are no games held, they will not be assessed a fee.
- Pg. 17 – they added on the Office Committee a 3-year term limit, just like all the other committees, and then rotating off alphabetically by the last names.
- Pg. 18 – the rotation was added for M1 (convention hosts)
- Pg. 19 – where the Council Chairperson gets their pins will be at the budget meeting in June, and not at the election.
- Pg. 20 – they added that the editor will forward the newsletter to the IT committee to have posted to Missouri Lion website and will be emailed out the District Governors
- Pg. 21 – on dress code they added no sandals
- Pg. 22 – updated their uniforms and penguin socks
- Pg. 25 – they added that for Athletic games, the dress code would be determined by the Council of Governors

- Pg. 27 – they added “Governors”, just a word change
- Pg. 28 – since they did not budget for Zoom as a state, it will be individual or free Zoom accounts
- Pg. 30 was just a wording change
- Pg. 32 was just a wording change
- Pg. 36 is how the Youth Activities Leadership Activities Fund will be administered. That was voted in at State Convention. That money will go into a fund. The first funds will be deposited. The State Office has set up the paperwork necessary to handle the fund and how to report it. A request to use the money will come from the committees to the Governors 20 days prior to the January Council Meeting. If there are more requests than money, they will “apply the monies as they see fit.” The requests must be in writing and detail how the activities will relate to Youth Leadership and what the benefit will be, and the total cost of the activity. If there are more requests, they will allocate funds. The activities should be scheduled for the year the money is being requested. A reporting detail of all expenditures needs to be submitted to the Council 30 days after the conclusion of the event. Any remaining monies will be returned to that fund. If donations are made to any charitable entities from the proceeds, they must be returned to the Youth Activities Fund. Profits may be distributed.

DG Bill Foglesong asked if there was a place online to find the Policy Manual? DG Sandy responded that there will be. The Council has to vote to accept the Policy Manual, and then it will be added to the State website. There were no other questions.

SIGHT CONSERVATION – No report

SAVING SIGHT – PCC Larry Boettcher reported that so far, this fiscal year through March 31st, Saving Sight’s eye banking operations provided tissues for transplant to 2,719 individuals in their service area of MO, KS, and IL. Saving Sight’s work in processing autologous serum eye drops continues to impact those all throughout the U.S. as well. As of March 31st, they had processed 11,048 orders this year. The board and its Charitable Grants Committee has approved grants to three nonprofit organizations that share a similar purpose to Saving Sight’s mission. Grants include \$35,000 to KidSight, \$15,000 to District M7 Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program, and \$10,000 to Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service. Congratulations to those three organizations. They are proud to support them and their good work that is in concert with Saving Sight’s work. In addition to that, at their Board Meeting when they approved their budget for the year, they also approved the additional waiver for KidSight out of the mutual operating agreement they have, Saving Sight waived \$20,000 of what KidSight would normally pay for the back office space. In total, \$35,000 was paid out before June 30th. That \$20,000 will be in affect this year. They are happy to help support that organization. At their June meeting, they said farewell to four of their board members: IPCC Bob Noellsch, PDG Devin Struttmann, Lion Mike Oldelehr (M7) and Lion Pat Martchink (M2). The four new members that replaced them are: CC Phyllis Krebs, VCC Jennie Mosher, Lion Pat Mills (M7) and PCC George Winkeler (M2). They look forward to working with those new members as they go through this year. They also elected three people to serve on their Honorary Board of Directors – they added Lion Mike Oldelehr, Lion Pat Martchink and PCC Ron Campbell. If the Lions Clubs are interested in more volunteer opportunities with Saving Sight, they are launching a pilot program to engage Lions Clubs in holding organ and tissue donor designation drives. If your club has a planned community event and would like to learn how to incorporate a donor designation booth manned by your Lions Club members, please contact the Communications team at volunteer@saving-sight.org. The next Saving Sight’s Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, September 23, in St. Louis. They will be meeting at the Chesterfield Drury Plaza that evening. If you are interested in attending contact pr@saving-sight.org or 800-753-2265 to get the details for that meeting. Stay in touch with Saving Sight and follow them on social media on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @wesavesight. You will also see inspiring stories of the people they serve and information on how you can get involved with their mission. You can also sign up for the Saving Sight’s quarterly newsletter, Lions InSight, at <https://saving-sight.org/lions/>. PCC Larry announced that he is changing his email to : lionldb94@gmail.com.

DG Bill Foglesong provided a blessing before lunch.

Break for lunch until 12:45

EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – IPDG Struttmann shared that he had the privilege of flying again, after a long break, and that's been great. On every flight, he can't help but think about jumping on a plane and going back to Mexico or Panama. It's been three years since the last mission trip for the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation. If they don't get one this year, it will be four years. He asked a show of hands for how many have been on one of the Eye Mission trips? There were quite a few. He asked if they were anxious to get back? Unfortunately, they don't know when that will be. They partner with Lions In Sight. They need their support to go on one of their international trips. The good news is they are actually going on trips again. They have three planned for this summer. They went on their first one last month. They do not have one that has been dedicated to the Missouri Lions yet. They are hopeful for one for this year, but the bad news is that time is running out. IPDG Devin does not know if that will happen. If it does, like always, they will get the word out to all the Missouri Lions and see who would like to go on that trip. The main thing that they need, and it's always been a need, especially if they start doing local mission trips within the state, which they hope to do – they need doctors. They have a severe shortage of doctors they can reach out to when they go on these trips. They need leads on doctors in communities and districts. Let them know and they will reach out to those doctors. IPDG Devin got two leads just this morning, and he was thankful for those. As they think about putting on those local mission trips across Missouri or perhaps the U.S., they are kind of starting from scratch. They know there is an organization in Jefferson City, Vision 3:16, that started with support from Lion Larry Merry, that is already doing that. They are doing that using glasses from our recycling center in Jefferson City. These are eyeglasses that are collected by all the Lions across the state. They hope to do that in the near future themselves. Lion Larry Merry has agreed to join them for a Zoom meeting on August 2nd, to kind of walk alongside the Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation. They look forward to working with them. They had their annual meeting a little while back where they re-elected some board members and elected club officers.

PCC Larry Boettcher did ask that all present that are on the board at Saving Sight to please stand so everyone could see them. There are usually multiple people at every meeting that sit on that board, including PCC George Winkeler, PDG Scott Sattler, DG Pat Scott and DG Jennie Mosher. If anyone has questions about Saving Sight, contact him, but there are also always multiple people in the room as well to contact. He thanked them for their service.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING – PCC Larry Boettcher reported that MD26 currently has 35 active sight patients and 3 active hearing patients. Their total billing this year is \$53,024. We've actually donated as a state \$54,939. So we donate more than we take, which is great because it takes all of us to get this to happen. Missouri is one of the best for doing that. He thanked everyone for their continuing donations. They have rebranded Lions Leaders Weekend to Visiting Lions Day. That's the way it will continue going forward. They just had their first one finally after the pandemic cancelled the last two. Next year, Visiting Lions day will be April 15th. Put it on your calendars for next year. Any Lion is welcome to come down that weekend, just register when that comes out. The next annual Online Give the Gifts Auction for 2022-2023 will run from October 21st through November 3rd. It will end the weekend of their board meeting. Those that get the winning bid, and if you are down at the meeting that weekend, you will be able to pick it up and bring it back with you, which will save on the freight expense you would have to pay. Back on June 4th when they had their annual meeting, they also had at the same time the Cataract-a-thon, so it was a very hectic day for everyone. They had all of their committee meetings in advance so they could break for the board meeting while the doctors were taking their lunch break and all the volunteers could get back to helping. That day, there were 24 patients that needed cataract surgery and can see now, not being able to see before that day. That was all done free of charge to Mid-South Sight and Hearing Service, to the patients and to Lions Clubs. It takes the Hamilton Eye Institute, the Hamilton Eye Institute Lions Club, doctors, and nurses from around the Memphis area and beyond, to make that happen. That's another great thing. It's the second one they've had this year. There were a total of 60 health care professional there that day that donated their whole eight-hour day to make sure that event happened. Coming up, they have the Cooper Young Festival in Memphis. This will be the second year that Mid-South will be the sponsor for the Mid-

South Lions Fun Zone. They do the kids' carnival games and prizes. Their name is put on all the advertisement, all the tv and radio spot ads. They are trying to get their name out to the public to build more support for not only for Mid-South, but for Lions as a whole. Hopefully they can build a few more Lions Clubs in the Memphis area off of their support of this organization. That is coming up on September 17th. If you have ideas of carnival games, have built any games, they'd love for people to donate that to them if you can't make it down there. They also take donations to cover some of the costs. Back in March at their 80th celebration, they just kicked off a campaign for \$80,000 for 80 years. Their hope is that by the end of this fiscal Lions year, they can raise \$80,000. They are then going to apply for an \$80,000 matching grant from LCIF. They will then take that \$160,000 total to buy equipment for the surgery center at the Hamilton Eye Institute. They, in turn, will give them \$160,000 back in free service, so every dollar that you donate to this 80 for 80 campaign, will be multiplied by 4. So think about that and ask your clubs to think about that. They are asking for donations above what you currently donate. So if you personally donate, or your clubs donate, please consider adding a little bit of donation to that campaign so they can get the equipment and get even more service for their patients around the Mid-South area. You can do that by becoming a Champion of Mid-South by donating on a monthly basis. That program continues to grow. PCC Larry shared the following upcoming events:

- August 6 - First Quarterly meeting, Memphis, TN at Hamilton Eye Institute
- September 17 - Cooper Young Festival
- November 5 – Second Quarterly meeting, Memphis, TN
- March 18, 2023 – Third Quarterly meeting, Hot Springs, AR
- June 2, 2023 – Annual golf tournament, Olive Branch, MS
- June 3, 2023 – Fourth Quarterly Meeting and Annual Membership meeting, Memphis, TN

On behalf of himself and the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service family, he thanked everyone for helping them make "A Miracle A Day".

LONG RANGE PLANNING - No report.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE & PERSONNEL MANUAL– PDG Ann Anderson reported that some may not understand the purpose of this committee, so she shared some insight on what the Policy and Personnel manuals state. First of all, this committee is not listed in the constitution and the main guidelines of the committee are listed in the Policy Manual and the Personnel Manual.

The current Policy Manual states:

"The council shall appoint a multiple district state office committee to oversee and assist in the operating of a full-time office. This committee shall be responsible to hire employees to fill any vacancies or needs, and shall adjust hours according to the work load. All changes to employee adjusted hours should stay within the budget as set by the Council of Governors, unless approved ahead of time. The State Office Committee shall be responsible for updating and making needed changes to the Personnel Manual. All updates and changes shall be approved by the Council of Governors. The Council shall determine the necessary number of Lions needed to accomplish these responsibilities. Due to the unique nature of this committee, it is not necessary that each district be represented on this committee and will include the Council Chairperson."

The Personnel Manual states:

"The Office Administrator's direct supervisor is the Office Committee Chairperson of Lions' Multiple District 26 or other individual designated by the Council of Governors of Lions Multiple District 26."

The State Office committee was formed many years ago to oversee the office and help with anything that was needed. When it was first established, the main goal was equipment, things that were breaking, cleanliness, and stuff like that. That's when it first started. Through the years, duties have been added to the committee, for instance, the hiring of employees, the direct supervision of the office administrator, and the balance of the hours needed. The committee has been welcomed by the office administrator through the years for helping to eliminate some problems and concerns. This committee does not meet in person

real frequently, unless there is a need. The committee elects a committee chairperson after the appointments are made at the first Council of Governors meeting. The Council Chairperson will be included whenever the committee meets. Another concern from a few Lions that have visited with PDG Ann, is their travel expense. Some may know, that when they did the hiring a few years ago, when Lion Jackie came on board, it took several days and quite a few miles. They don't have a budget, if you read the budget. They are just volunteers, and they just go. That's the nature of this committee. It is a committee full of the love for the Missouri Lions. They feel very passionate about what they do for the Lions of Missouri and our State Office. We have a great State Office. We have a beautiful State Office; a very clean State Office and we should be very proud of that. There were no questions regarding the State Office or how it is run.

PDG Ann continued with additional information since she had written the above report. She has been in contact with the State Office Administrator, Lion Brenda, in regards to the computers at the State Office. The Governors have been notified of this, but it is their job to bring it to them and give possible recommendations, if needed. After seeing the bid for two computers and visiting with Lion Brenda, it seems that to stay within the Council's budget, we should replace one computer at this time. The Governors should have seen the proposal from the computer tech, and at this time, if only one computer is being purchased, it only seems smart to replace Lion Jeanne's computer, that was purchased in 2013 and move that to Lion Jackie's desk, and give Lion Jeanne, Lion Jackie's computer. That's the suggestion we have. PDG Ann asked if there were questions.

DG Leon Hove commented that PDG Ann had not touched on the software issue and he thinks that is another issue that needs to be discussed.

PDG Ann noted that was correct. At the time she had written her report, there was still a lot of investigating going into that. She did not have that information at this time.

DG Leon added, as he understands it, they need to get software that includes Access because that's what the office uses for their data collection, and the only one that offers that is Microsoft Office Business Premium. He THINKS you can make a one-time purchase, or pay \$22 a month.

PDG Ann commented that it was suggested by the computer tech that we use the Business copy of Microsoft.

DG Leon asked, "Will they give you any help in doing it? Will the computer tech people offer any assistance with the Microsoft software as well?"

Lion Brenda answered that they will install it, then DG Leon followed with asking if they would offer any suggestions on how to get it or what to buy?

Lion Brenda responded that they had talked out it the previous night. The computer tech said it was up to (the Council), he knew what the budget amount was.

DG Leon asked, "Did he say we could do a one-time purchase?"

Lion Brenda answered, "Yes, but he believes we need one license for every computer. I know some people don't agree with that."

DG Leon shared that in the past, you could get five computers on one license, he thought, but he's not an expert. He wondered what the tech guy had to say.

Lion Amy Bell shared that, though she doesn't know how soon it will take place, as a state employee they've been informed that there is an "end of life" for Access. She doesn't know if that is just the hard copy that's on your computer, or if that's all the way across the board. So before buying a license, we would definitely want to ensure we're not getting a software that already has an "end of life".

1VDG Phil Krebs added that Microsoft licensing is complex at best. There are personal copies that you can use for your home and you are licensed within their agreement to use it PERSONALLY. What the tech is talking about is a business license, which is the same code. However, you need to remain within the parameters of Microsoft's license for what you are purchasing. In the past, you are right (DG Hove), you could buy a license for five copies of Microsoft Office and it would all be on the same network, and that is probably still there. But you need to have somebody, hopefully the tech person, but somebody who understands all of that, try to figure out, first of all, where we are now and then where we need to be. As far as new computers, Microsoft's new operating system is Windows 2011. If you do any kind of searching around, you'll realize that 2011 is not just a refresh of Windows 10. It's different. We may well buy a brand new machine which comes in with Windows 11, or 2011 (whatever they are going to call it), and you run into a compatibility problem with other machines that are not on that particular release – or software that you have. It might not run on that. He would caution anybody, personal usage at your house or business use, to step very carefully into new machines and different levels of Microsoft Operating Systems. As far as Access is concerned, Microsoft Access has not been changed since Office 2016. It is the same program. There have been patches applied so it works with other OS like Windows 10 and what not, so they have put out patches and they are fixing problems, but it is the same basic package – that has not changed. The end of life is probably published on a Microsoft site that says something like “we will cease to support this package after xdate”. There may not be a follow up to Access. It may not be published yet.

CC Phyllis asked Lion Brenda if we know if there is an end of life on that? Lion Brenda responded she does not.

1VDG Phil continued by saying there are a lot of questions that probably need to be asked here before we start buying hardware. He could not say what level of OS the State Office is on at this point, as far as the machines. Are they all on Windows 10? Lion Brenda confirmed they are all on Windows 10 and it's the business version. 1VDG Phil replied that's good and that helps. This can get a little sticky with Microsoft, so we need to tread very lightly. Lion Brenda added that the tech guy is certified with Microsoft, and again 1VDG Phil added that that's good.

DG Leon joined in by saying his point with what 1VDG Phil said was that Microsoft has now moved into this “11 Stage”. It won't interface. If they replace only one computer, we're going to have problems interfacing between the computers – one running on 10 and one running on 11, probably. Would we be better off if they were both new, running off the same system?

PDG Ann added there are 3 computers at the State Office. Lion Amy Bell asked if all three were actively used at the same time? PDG Ann responded that possibly every once in a while. Two of them are used frequently together. PCC Phyllis added there is also a laptop.

1VDG Phil shared that his concern would be about Access. Are they all using the same database or are there Access databases on each machine? Because if you have a central machine that has the data, then everybody has to interface with that machine to get it. If you have Access on four machines, and they don't really talk to each other, they all have their own individual little databases, then the interface at that point, really isn't. It's more network for printers, Wi-Fi, and that kind of stuff – and yes, that could be an issue. Probably at the network level, for internet access, Wi-Fi, etc., you are probably pretty safe. Microsoft doesn't write those standards. Those standards are written by someone else.

DG Leon's point would be that if the computer tech is recommending two machines, he would think there would be a reason to have the two machines be replaced so they would both be on the same operating system.

PDG Ann commented that we could talk about this programming forever, but we have a computer tech that is fairly knowledgeable. She thinks that maybe when we go back to him, he can figure that out a lot better than we can just assume. PDG Ann thinks it would be a good suggestion to do that. If we can't get anything

done before the next Council meeting, that can then be done then, but you can do it internally also. We just needed to bring this forward and at the time we didn't have the programming exactly right. We could all put our input in about computers but we just don't really know for sure. He could figure that out.

CC Phyllis agreed that's where to go with this discussion. They will bring it back up under New Business so be thinking about how to proceed at that point.

MISSOURI PIN TRADERS – No report.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO PROGRAM/LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – Lion Toni Mahoney's written report was shared by CC Phyllis Krebs. Lion Toni is thrilled to be State Leo Chair but she will be looking for a committee with a representative from each district to serve along with her. She asks each District Governor to look around their districts for people that might be willing to serve in this capacity. Please share those names with Lion Toni ASAP, so they can get the ball rolling for the youth 12-18 year olds (Alpha Leos) and 18-31 year olds (Omega Leos). There are two new Leo clubs in Districts M2 & M3.

The Youth Committee has not met yet for the new year. They will need to elect a chairperson, set goals, discuss how to educate other Lions on these programs and various other items. Lion Toni will not be available until after August 1st. She has a houseful of exchange students.

This year's Peace Poster contest theme is "Lead with Compassion". Lion Toni encourages all clubs to purchase a kit for \$11.95 for youths in their communities ages 11-13. Each district could order the kits for the clubs willing to participate, as that would keep the shipping costs down. Also remember the contest has an essay contest for the visually impaired with all the same rules.

Youth Camp Exchange – CC Phyllis commented that we had met two of the youths earlier, but they did have to leave because they had another opportunity they needed to visit. Lion Toni wanted everyone to know that Missouri youths are missing out on this great opportunity. Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) has programs all around the world and is designed for young people between the ages of 15-22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world. By providing an avenue of global fellowship, the YCE program aims to help youth initiate, grow and maintain international relationships, promoting cultural education and international peace. Missouri Lions YCE camp has not had youths visit since 2019. Our official camp's name is "William C. Chandler Lions Camp". They are thrilled, even though they didn't meet their full capacity of 12, to have 5 youths from 4 different countries visiting this summer. Marit and Esther are from Germany, Daniel from Hungary, Murun from Mongolia and Yago from Spain. They are spending 12 days with a first host family from July 1–13 and second host family from July 13-24. There are 6 Lion families hosting from 4 different districts: M2, M3, M5, and M7. They will be attending camp at Camp BrimShire in St. James, MO from Sunday, July 24th until Sunday, July 31st. They will arrive Sunday, July 24th after 6 pm. Monday is open. On Tuesday, they will tour Fort Leonard Wood and have lunch with International soldiers, and then a dinner with the Washington Lions. On Wednesday, they will be in Jefferson City, and tour the capitol, have lunch with Jefferson City Host Lions Club, visit Central Dairy for ice cream and tour the Eyeglass Recycling Center. On Thursday, they will have dinner with the Rolla Lions Club. Friday is still open and on Saturday, they will be working in Creve Coeur with the Mo. Disabled Water Ski Association. On Sunday, they will pack up and leave camp at 1 p.m. to have dinner at the Overland Lions Hall. CC Phyllis added that on Monday, she and FLD Beka will be attending camp and having lunch with them.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARDS – 4 were turned in to the State Office. CC Phyllis presented one to DG Jennie Mosher.

DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS FROM STATE CONVENTION - DG Leon Hove moved that the ballots from State Convention be destroyed. Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher interjected that that didn't have to be done. Under the rules of the State Convention, approved by the delegates of the State Convention, it's already in those rules that they can be destroyed by the Election Chairperson 30 days after the vote, if there are no formal complaints made to LCI. So those ballots have already been destroyed. He added that that came up from the committee earlier in June. He looked at the rules from last year's State Convention and it's in there, so that should be taken off the agenda going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET – DG Harold Spire presented the 2022-2023 Administrative Council budget for approval. He shared that for the proposed budget they have income of \$64,223 from membership. Other income totals \$82,270. We have expenses of employee benefits, telephone, taxes, rent, insurance, office cleaning, audit expense, professional fees, etc. of \$85,043.00. It balances at \$82,270 of both income and expenses. In the Investment account, we had beginning and ending balances as DG Leon said earlier. We have remaining cash of \$112,466.34. DG Sandy McCann moved to accept the budget as presented. DG Harold Spire seconded the motion, and it carried.

APPROVE AUDITOR FOR 2021-2022 YEAR ENDING FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Graves & Associates) - DG Spire moved to accept Graves and Associates as the auditor for the 2021-2022 year ending financial statement. Motion was seconded by DG Pat Scott and carried.

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

APPROVE POLICY MANUAL CHANGES - DG Foglesong moved to approve the Policy Manual changes presented. Motion was seconded by DG Mosher.

PDG Eugene Taylor stated he took the time to read the proposed changes after the report was given. He shared that he is “concerned with the portion in red that we are changing in the Policy Manual where it says that ‘due to the unique nature of this committee, it is not necessary that each district be represented on this committee, but will include the Council Chair’. It’s always included the Council Chair, so I don’t get that. If it’s a language correction, I don’t have a problem with that. Then it’s got ‘, with 3-year term limits as other committees -rotating off to keep members with experience on the committee as this committee was appointed 3 years ago. Committee members will rotate off by alphabetical last names.’ What problem are we trying to fix by putting this language in here? I’m trying to understand the problem we are trying to fix?”

CC Phyllis asked if the Council would like to speak to that? DG Sandy McCann stood and stated, “We added the part about 3-year term limits to have this committee in-sync with all of the other committees that have 3-year term limits.”

PDG Eugene replied, “Well, if we look at the other parts, that’s not quite exactly the way it is. I don’t have a problem with that. Personally I thought this committee, I thought all committees, were to the same term limits, which is actually 6 out of 8. This is putting some verbiage in that’s going to be confusing down the road and I don’t know why it’s being added here. So that’s part of why I’m trying to ask what problem are we trying to fix? Because if we are going to change the Policy Manual, normally it should be to address an existing problem so we get that problem to go away. So the committee has always been there. So if we’re trying to get people that have been there too long, off the committee, that’s a different problem statement. Because we have committee assignments the way they are done, is we ask for dispensation if people have been there too long. The problem with dispensation is a separate problem. The problem with dispensation that we are not asking is why are we having to get people to stay on the committees longer than we would traditionally hope they would be there? Because the dream is that we are going to rotate people in and get leadership and develop new leaders, and it’s going to be a constantly rotating thing. But if nobody steps up

then we can't do that. That's what dispensation does – it says nobody stepped up. I can tell you for a fact that this committee has NEVER not offered to get off the committee if somebody will step up. So what problem are we trying to fix is what I'm asking? I personally feel like to end it with that sentence that says that we are going to rotate the people off in alphabetical order is an insult to the entire committee because it feels – I'm speaking for somebody else and I'm sorry I can't speak for her – but it makes me feel like what a personal insult that is to Ann Anderson to say ok, we picked you as the first person off this committee. Really? I'm not comfortable working as a volunteer. You may think I'm not serious, but I've got a 60 ft. boat right now that I could be on and I'm here volunteering to give my time up to work with this group. If this group is going to personally attack and insult a committee and an individual member, I don't know that I want to be part of a group that's got that as their policy.”

DG McCann replied, “That was not our intent.”

PDG Eugene continued, “Do you see how I could read that into there?”

PDG McCann responded, “We had to put in there how we all felt that the experience of that committee was very important. How we did not want to have everybody completely new on the committee.”

PDG Eugene answered, “But you picked up alphabetical order.”

DG McCann replied, “Yes.”

Lion Amy Bell added, “Versus district order.”

PDG Eugene continued, “So we don't know who's been there the longest. We don't care anything else. This looks like a personal attack on this committee and looks like a personal attack on Ann Anderson, and I am personally disgusted by that.”

DG McCann added, “It was not our intent nor did we mean it.”

PDG Eugene went on, “If you guys approve this without thinking about what I'm saying, you're not performing as Lions. You're not performing as Lions.”

CC Phyllis asked if there was any other commentary?

PDG Eugene stated, “I hope that that commentary – this is not commentary – this is me describing what Lionism means to me and I am not personally attacking this committee. I am telling you how the verbiage that you used made me, as a long, long time volunteer, feel and its really de-motivating. And it's not making me happy to be. So that felt almost like another insult. I'm sorry.”

DG Pat Scott answered by saying, “Your comments are so noted. Thank you. Would it be better if we changed the verbiage to, rather than alphabetical order, change it to 'by district'? I'm asking if that would be more workable?”

PDG Eugene responded with, “I think you need to look at what problem you are trying to fix and address the problem. As opposed to throwing out a solution that MIGHT address the problem. The real problem is... Here's the problem folks...we've got too many people holding positions over and over and over again. And why do we have that? That's the problem that needs to be addressed. I am a volunteer. I have never been assigned to any committee, ever. I've volunteered. I've been asked to be on many committees. I hope someday I'll be asked to volunteer on other committees, this may be the end of it today, who knows, but we need to understand why we are not getting people. And creating a Policy Manual that says what this says, says we are going to fire you no matter how good a volunteer you are, and I find that unacceptable. I think you need to go back and rethink this. I don't think this is something you can fix in five minutes. We didn't get into this problem in five minutes and I'm *^#! sure we'll not get out of the problem in five minutes.”

(PDG Eugene was asked to watch his language by PID W.R. O'Riley. PDG Eugene responded he would.)

DG Pat Scott suggested, "Since this has been brought up in this fashion, that we take the issue and changes of the Policy Manual back to the committee, now that they've heard different complaints – well maybe it's not a complaint – maybe it should be stated as a discussion."

CC Phyllis stated she had a motion and a second so maybe they should rescind?

DG Leon said he had another comment. "If we look at the next paragraph down, under the Investment committee, the three-year term was also inserted in that one where it wasn't before. My understanding, and I've been reading some of this for the first time around, but my understanding is that all committees should be three year terms if we can find somebody to step in and fulfill those. That's not always been the case. I've been on the Investment Committee since it started and I know that almost everybody that's on there has been on there since it started. So it's been a problem there as well. It says in there and it's listed by districts, how the three year terms will be done. In this part of the manual. But right now we have a motion and a second so we have to worry about that first."

CC Phyllis reiterated that the motion and the second is to accept the Policy Manual changes as they are presented.

Parliamentarian Terry interjected that it is correct that we "have a motion on the floor that needs to be addressed, but if we want to make an amendment to that motion, that can be done at this time before the motion is made. I believe that's what DG Pat Scott is trying to do, is to make an amendment to the motion?"

DG Scott agreed that is her intent. She stated, "I move that we take this issue of the Policy Manual changes, send it back to the committee and let it have more work."

CC Phyllis clarified with DG Scott that that is presented as an amendment to the first motion? DG Scott confirmed that to be the case.

DG Hove seconded the motion.

CC Phyllis restated that "We have an amendment to the motion to take it back to the committee and work on the presentation of the Policy Manual, and we have a second. We are voting on the amendment."

A vote was taken and the amended motion carried.

CC Phyllis clarified that "We are amending the original motion to accept the Policy Manual changes ..." CC Phyllis looked to Parliamentarian Terry for guidance after a visual display of dissatisfaction from the audience.

Parliamentarian Terry restated that the "motion is to accept the Policy Manual. The amendment is to send the corrections to the State Office committee back to the committee for review. The rest of the Policy Manual stands to be voted on."

CC Phyllis stated that they are voting on the remainder of the Policy Manual, without the State Office Committee portion.

There was a vote taken and it carried. CC Phyllis stated, "So the Policy Manual changes are accepted, except for the portion regarding the State Office Committee, which will be reviewed by the Policy Manual Committee."

Lion Amy Bell wanted clarification on what was possibly “coming from this meeting.” She asked, “Will there be a new version of the Policy Manual, to be posted on the website, based on this vote?”

CC Phyllis responded with a yes, without the State Office Committee changes.

PDG John Preston shared, “I am further confused, because I am on the Hearing Committee and my Hearing Committee standing is for six years. Yet, we are talking about the Investment Committee for three years and talking about the Office Committee for three years. So how many years are we allowed to be on a committee? Is it three years or six years? Pick one please.”

Lion Amy Bell explained that you can be put on it six out of eight years. That is her understanding. There was much underlying discussion about this.

PCC Terry then stated, “The appointments of the committees in the Constitution are based on three year terms. So Hearing Committee, Athletic, Band...they are all three year committees. You can be appointed for a second time for six years, but then you have to come off for at least two, or apply for special dispensation.”

PDG Ann added, “That was my comment, but also those are in the Constitution & By-Laws. These two committees are not in the Constitution & By-Laws so they don’t have to go by the 6 out of 8, is my understanding, because that is all constitutional rules.”

It was clarified that the Investment Committee IS now in the Constitution. It is just the State Office Committee that is not.

2022-2023 COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSALS – CC Phyllis noted the only budget proposal received was from the Hearing Committee.

CC Phyllis reviewed the Hearing Budget proposal:

Revenue: \$23,550

Total Expenses: \$23,550

So it is balanced.

DG Spire moved to accept the Hearing Committee Budget proposal. DG Mosher seconded the motion and it carried.

APPROVE DESTRUCTION OF OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS (one year, leaving previous five years) -

DG Mosher moved to approve the destruction of one year of old financial records, leaving the previous five years. Motion was seconded by DG Hove. It was clarified that the oldest year will be destroyed, leaving the previous five years. The motion carried.

OFFICE COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE ISSUES - DG Spire stated that he felt that they should do a little more investigation. DG Mosher seconded the motion to do more investigation into the computer and software issues for the State Office.

CC Phyllis asked, “How are we going to accomplish that?” She thinks that is a good direction to have in mind.

DG Spire responded, “I think PDG Ann had said they could go back and talk to their IT people to get better information on what we need. It’s my understanding they are just running slow?” There was some nodding in agreement to that statement.

The motion and second were voted upon and it carried.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – PCC Phyllis read the names of those seeking special dispensation. 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:

- M3 – PDG John Clark – Alert Committee
- M1 – PDG Casey Morris – Athletic Committee
- M1 – Lion Allen Taylor – Band Committee
- M2 – PCC Gina Boettcher - Convention
- M4 – PDG Wayne Cunningham – Constitution & By-Laws
- M3 – Lion Derek Forbis – Information Technology
- M7 – Lion Amy Bell – Information Technology
- M3 – PID Don Noland – LBOMB
- M6 – PCC Walt Hamer – LBOMB
- M2 – Lion Toni Mahoney – Youth
- M3 – PCC Pat Porterfield – Youth

PDG Eugene Taylor asked for a count of how special dispensations are being required this year?

CC Phyllis responded with 11.

PDG Eugene then expressed, “So we have a situation where at least 11 people out of the thousands of Lions we have in the district, we haven’t communicated what these jobs are and haven’t found other volunteers that might be interested. Thank you.”

Ballots were collected, examined and all seeking special dispensation were approved.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST SIGNATURES – CC Phyllis shared that Lion Jackie has the form and those people will need to sign. Lion Jackie shared that the DGs had the form at their seats to sign and turn in. Anyone who is a Committee Chair, like Hearing, that has a fund or budget attached to it, will need to sign.

MOTION - DG Sandy McCann stood and said, “I move that we activate the Long Range Planning Committee and charge them with membership.” DG Hove seconded the motion. CC Phyllis reiterated the motion to activate the Long Range Planning Committee to help address the issue of membership.

PCC Al Blumenberg then asked, “Don’t we already have what we call a Global Action Team that includes Membership as their main function? I guess I’m just trying to understand what an AdHoc committee would be used for?”

PID W.R. O’Riley asked, “Are you talking about redistricting or what are you talking about?”

DG Hove replied this is not for redistricting.

PID W.R. O’Riley continued, “Well membership, as Lion Al just said, that’s the top, you have to break it down a little bit. As an Ex-Officio membership, we could just say, ‘Well, membership is there’, but you need to give a sense of direction of what you want out of membership.”

DG Hove answered, “I think what we are trying to say with activating the Long Range Planning Committee is that the GAT team has an awful lot that they are doing already. Maybe we need somebody to look at 2 years, 3 years down the road, and how we can develop a plan that adds more continuity and continuation (for want of a better word) towards membership. We’ve lost members for almost 50 years in CA1. We’ve got to do something to change that around. There is something that we aren’t meeting the needs of the people we brought in as Lions. Whatever that need was, why they joined, somehow we are not fulfilling that because a lot of them are just dropping out and leaving – and they are members in good standing, theoretically. But they are not Lions anymore. What do we need to do to make a change? That’s one of things we talked about when we talked about trying to activate that, and get some help, maybe, to the GAT team. If that’s wrong,

we're willing to listen. Membership is a real problem; we all know that. We are looking for other ways to try and help it."

PDG Ann Anderson stated, "I understand where they are coming from but if you have a committee, that you appointed a State Chairperson of, then you take their job and give it to someone else, you are going to continue to lose members. You are going to lose those committee members because they don't have anything to do. Long Range Planning is for the good of the Missouri Lions, that is correct, but you already have a Membership Committee that's for the good of the Missouri Lions. If you micro-manage every committee by giving it to someone else, you are going to lose those seven Lions more than likely – 'We're not needed'. Just charge that committee with what you want done. Charge that committee and say, 'This is where we would like for you to go' or you'll lose them."

Lion Christine Dugan shared, "We have a Global Membership Team, that's what they are in place for. So I'm kind of like Lion Ann – if you put another committee on their tread, I think you are going to cause some issues."

Lion Amy said, "I don't necessarily know if this is going to help, but this is my interpretation of the conversations I've heard so far... Do you need Long Range Planning to actually look at succession planning, and how do we handle that as a state and help our districts manage that, looking long range, 3, 5 years, etc. Are you looking at succession planning or are you looking at membership?"

PID O'Riley asked PID Noland if he wanted to address that LCI already has that in their plan? PID Don stated, "We have the Global Action Team. We have Thompson, who is CA1 membership chair. That's what he does. He is the Global Action Team Leader for CA1 that's implementing all of those actions that have been incorporated, the success stories from all across the country. That's his job. That's what he's trying to do. That's why they have their Zoom meetings quarterly. It's redundant, what we are trying to do here. We have it."

CC Phyllis stated that there is a motion and a second on the floor.

1VDG Marilyn Reaves asked, "I don't understand what the situation is here maybe. Last year, didn't we implement a type of competition among the districts in order to promote membership growth? If we are going to use that as part of the Global Membership team, why not come up with, within that team, and work your plan there rather than have another committee?"

PCC Joe Foster added, "Once again, what problem are we trying to address? As a past Global Action Team member, I can assure you, 100%, that the GAT at the state level is working, and working well. I can also assure you that there is a very low percentage of the district teams that are communicating and working at the state level. So I don't know how much of that is working downward in their districts. I don't know that number. I can assure you, that as a past GAT member, we got almost zero communication, action, or any kind of help, and we reached out a lot. Every year, for the MWF, now we did get some members that helped us – I'm not saying it's zero, but I can assure you last year there was a conversation made with some Governors, and I sent out emails, to the extent of 15 or 20 of them, to the district Global Action members and we got crickets. Nothing. So what is the problem we are trying to fix? We are looking at this at the state level. Everybody is here today and has given up their weekend to be here. We are here because we are volunteers. We love the Lions. We love what we do. Our members are going to come into the club. That's where our members are going to come into at. We aren't hardly going to get any members in here, unless for some reason we talk a hotel member into doing it. What I'm saying is that if we need to charge our state membership chairperson – she's there for us. She needs to work on the district level like she is going to do and she's been doing. But once again, it's not her job to fill the seats. District Governors, Global Action Team and Lions – presidents, vice-presidents – that's where your members are coming from. We can talk about it all day long at this level, but I can assure you the last three years that we reached out and got crickets. So there is a communication problem at that level. I don't know if it's communication below that level, but I can assure you, I think you need to look deeper into the clubs for membership. That's where we are going to

find membership. Not at the Long Range Planning Committee and so forth. I think we have issues with our districts not being able to work down into the club level more than we do as a state. It's at the root of the problem, that's where the members are coming from."

CC Phyllis noted there has been healthy discussion on the topic and she asked the Council if they wished to withdraw the motion or if they wished to move forward with the vote. DG Leon Hove withdrew his second. DG McCann withdrew the motion.

PDG John Preston asked what CC Phyllis planned to do with the ballots for special dispensation. She asked for a motion to destroy the secret ballots. DG Spire moved to destroy the special dispensation ballots. DG Mosher seconded the motion and it carried.

NEW BANK AND WELLS FARGO SIGNATURES –CC Phyllis Krebs, VCC Jennie Mosher, and Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Harold Spire will sign documents adding them to Jefferson Bank and Wells Fargo accounts for 2022-2023.

DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES & SPEAKERS FOR 2022-2023 – CC Phyllis shared the dates and speakers:

- M1: 2/24 – 2/25/23 ID Dianne Pitts
- M2: 2/17 – 2/19/23 ID TJ Tijerina
- M3: 3/24 – 3/25/23 PID Nick Xenopoulos
- M4: 3/17 - 3/18/23 PID Gary Brown
- M5: 3/10 – 3/11/23 PID Geoffrey Wade
- M6: 3/31 – 4/1/23 ID Deb Weaverling
- M7: 3/3 – 3/4/23 ID Ken Ibarra

State Convention Dates: April 20-23, 2023 International Guest will be 1VP Patti Hill from Canada

PCC Al Blumenberg asked, "When you voted on the administrative budget earlier, you didn't offer any time for discussion otherwise I would have asked then," CC Phyllis apologized for that, "I'm trying to understand why the Investment report was included in the approval of the administrative budget?"

PCC Phyllis replied she thought it was because it was on the paper. DG Spire said it was his mistake, it was on the paper.

PCC Al clarified, "So you didn't approve anything related to the Investment Committee?" DG Spire replied no, they had not and apologized again.

LOCATION OF THE OCTOBER 2023 COG MEETING - 1VDG Marilyn Reaves shared that the 1VDGs have proposed that we go to Old Kinderhook for the October 2023 Council of Governors meeting. That is the intent, but the final details are not worked out.

PCC Joe Foster asked then that means we would be going to Old Kinderhook for October, January and April meetings? 1VDG Marilyn said it was her understanding that there is a problem with the January situation, so the thinking of the 1VDGs is that if the January meeting has to be moved somewhere else, we could still have Old Kinderhook in October to scope out the facilities. That's their thinking. CC Phyllis stated it's a contingency plan.

CC Phyllis offered kudos to PDG Sandee Marshall for mending the Sergeant-At-Arms sashes that were badly in need of repair. Thanks very much to her for taking care of that. She was applauded.

PCC Joe stated the Governors have shown interest in going to WSB next year. He is sure they can make that happen. He would like to know from the Governors if their districts are going to be involved in this so he knows how to route the bus. Every mile costs money so he doesn't want to route a bus through Missouri

and not make it cost effective for everyone. He'd like all the Governors to get together and evaluate where he needs to get the bus to make this work for everybody. Obviously, we can't drive to Kirksville for one person. Maybe we need to see if Sedalia is a focal point, or Jeff City, or Columbia. If there are 25 people in M5 in Kansas City that want to go, then we need to route it. He asked them to get together as a group and give him feedback by August 15th, so he knows how to route the bus. That will affect the pricing.

DG Hove added that the starting point is Washington, MO. PCC Joe continued that the bus will start in Washington. From Washington to Little Rock is 5 hours and 20 minutes. They stop at the rest area right there at the border of Arkansas. Every mile they add to it is doable. He wants it to be a state bus and he wants it to be of value to the state and to WSB. WSB hasn't even been contacted yet because this is just beginning. We need to make sure this is cost-effective. He is sure PID Don and WSB will have a program put together. We'll have housing; we'll have it all set up, but he needs the Council's input on where he needs to be to make it work for their districts and make it a bonus.

PCC Joe also shared that CC Phyllis had him look at the International Convention in Boston. It's about 3,000 miles. It's looking like it's not going to be cost-effective on a bus. It's a two-day ride on a bus. It can be done, but the seats are looking somewhere between \$400-\$500 right now, so probably better off "on a bird". If you add the cost of hotel rooms, you are probably right at \$1,000, so flying is probably just as cost effective. Let him know by August 15th to let him know what their district's intentions are for WSB, so he can route that bus to get the proper funding. The route will depend on the feedback from the group. He could run out to Sedalia and go right down to Little Rock. That's a longer route, but we need to put 40 passengers on that bus to keep it cost effective. There are very few in this room that have probably been to WSB. I think it's a trip that people will enjoy. I think it would be a bonus to the Governors and to their districts. Right now, the bus is set up from Washington to Little Rock, but if the Governors want that bus to stop in Sedalia or in Columbia, they need to know numbers and talk about it, and he'll route it accordingly. As long as they don't drive over ten hours, they are fine.

PID O'Riley asked PCC Joe if he'd be willing to partner with Heartland bus company out of St. Joe to take care of the northern tier, or something like that? PCC Joe responded that they can do that, but when they use Mid-American, they have donated drivers. PID O'Riley said he understood that, and he (Heartland) may donate as well. PCC Joe said he could look at Heartland bus and see if they could meet them halfway or something like that. He will kind of look at M4 & M5 area – those District Governors need to let him know how many they can get done and where he needs to be. When asked about a date, PCC Joe responded he thought the Governors were looking at some time in May. They still have to get with PID Don and WSB to see when they are welcome.

TAIL TWISTER REPORT – IPCC Bob Noellsch collected \$625 in fines for LCIF (after someone had "borrowed" the pitcher).

The Wardsville Lions Club was thanked and applauded for the use of their facility and all they did today.

The next meeting will be held October 29, 2022 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Jefferson City. The hotel will be the same as it was for this weekend (Best Western Capital Inn).

DG Hove moved to adjourn the meeting. DG Spire seconded the motion and it carried.

ADJOURNMENT – 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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