

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, October 29, 2022
Knights of Columbus Hall, Jefferson City, MO

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

CC Phyllis Krebs welcomed everyone to the second Council Meeting of the 2022-2023 year.

Asst. Council Secretary/Treasurer District Governor Harold Spire gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District Governor Pat Scott.

District Governor Bart Tibbs led in singing "America (My Country, Tis of Thee)".

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.

CC Phyllis asked Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher to give a few reminders regarding Parliamentarian Procedures. He stated that these were the parliamentarian reminders that he and CC Phyllis had put together for the last meeting, and they are going to continue to share them to help educate the Lions:

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 Chairperson 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 the 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson states the motion by saying, "It has been moved and seconded that, (restates the motion), is there any discussion?"
- One of the Council Chairperson'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 on 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 Chairperson. To be recognized by the Chairperson, when no one is standing, stand up, address the Chairperson 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.

CC Phyllis thanked Parliamentarian Terry. She noted she was able to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Calgary, Canada, along with several Missourians. She shared she was one of the "lucky" ones who won the Canadian lottery. If not familiar with what that is, it means that your name was pulled for Covid testing. She thinks there were four Missourians who had that pleasure. Fortunately, all of them tested negative.

That was a little added “fun” in the trip. It was a very good Forum, and they had a great time. One of the things that really struck her about it was IP Brian Sheehan’s continuing theme on “Together We Can” and thinking outside the box. CC Phyllis expressed her desire for all of us to remember that as we did the day’s business.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

District	Governor	1 st Vice District Governors	2 nd Vice District Governors
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 Chairperson IPDG Phyllis Krebs, M6 (with FLD Quinn)

Past International Directors Don Noland, M3, Donal Knipp, M7, W.R. O’Riley, M4

Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher, M2

State Office Administrative Assistant Lion Jackie Twehus, M7

M1: PDG Rodney McConnell, PDG John Preston, IPDG Jerry Reaves, PDG Scott Sattler

M2: PCC Gina Boettcher, Lion Cyndi Carr, Lion Vickey Engel, PCC Joe Foster, PDG Missy Maune, IPDG Devin Struttmann, Lion Marcie Struttmann, PCC George Winkeler, Lion Jennifer Winkeler

M3: IPCC Bob Noellsch, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch, Lion Betty Noland, Lion Joanie Sliger, IPDG Michael Sliger

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, PCC Larry Boettcher, Lion Devon Campbell, Lion Peggy Campbell, PCC Ron Campbell, Lion Susan Cunningham, PDG Wayne Cunningham, Lion Carole O’Riley, Lion Bethney Pedersen, Lion Christine Pedersen, Lion Lori Spire

M5: IPDG Jene Crook, PDG Bruce Dugan, Lion Christine Dugan

M6: Lion Tommy Claxton, PCC Howard Hawkins, Lion Ron Leggins, PDG James W. Rosbrugh

M7: IPDG Melissa Anderson, Lion Patrick Anderson (w/Henry), Lion Bruce Berger, Lion Larry Brandhorst, Lion Lisa Foglesong (and FLD Aria), PCC Jesse Hathcock, PDG Lou Ann Hathcock, PCC Jeff Hilke, PDG

Ron Jordan, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Todd Miller, Lion Judy Schaeperkoetter, PDG Mark Schaeperkoetter, PDG Don Soph, Lion April Underwood, State Office Administrator Lion Brenda Weider, Lion Wayne Weider

TAIL TWISTER – DG Jennie Mosher moved to appoint IPDG Melissa Anderson and Lion Patrick Anderson (w/Henry) as Tail Twisters. Motion was seconded by DG Foglesong and carried.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Spire moved to accept the minutes of the July 23, 2022, Council Meeting as distributed. It was seconded by DG Scott and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS– Asst. Council Secretary/Treasurer DG Harold Spire reported that from July through September of 2022, we had dues in the budget of \$64,000. We’ve had none come in so far, so we have income of \$2251.00. Our total expenses are \$22,000, so it shows our Net Ordinary Income of \$-20,000. There were no questions.

USA/CANADA FORUM – PID Noland shared that the USA/Canada Forum is history. Twenty-four Lions from Missouri attended, sixteen of those attended the Midwest Breakfast. They are looking forward to Reno. He has a “plethora” of information regarding Reno, if interested. PID Don announced on the “QT” that the Forum will be in Memphis in 2026. He spoke with Lion Brad Baker on Thursday evening. Not all of

the details have been signed or confirmed, so until all the contracts have been firmed up, they can't formally announce that Memphis will be the location in 2026, but he anticipates that will be forthcoming. They look forward to everyone's participation, and they will need help from the Lions of Missouri to take on this task.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – PID Don Noland reported the dues increase was passed and will go into effect starting in 2023. Lion Mark Lyons from Connecticut was endorsed for third VP in Boston. He did visit District M1. The International Board just met in Minneapolis. The biggest item on the ballot is possibly reducing the minimum membership requirement from 1250 to run an International Director. Stay tuned on that. Worldwide membership, as of September 1st, was 1,398,741. CA1 was 275,726, which represents 19.71%. ISAME (India, South Asia & Middle East) has 389,115 members, which is 27.82% of the association. Just a point to consider- that's 27% vs.19%.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP – PID Noland stated that CA1 took a substantial hit to membership. He talked with PID Jerome Thompson in Montreal, the day before the end of the convention. PID Jerome was "pumped up". He had said we were finally "in the black". They next day, we were around 1,200 "in the hole". It's been over 40 years since we've had a positive growth. In October, we had 5% fewer drops than last year. We need to concentrate on growth for the future. PID Don has asked for the PDGs, DGs, and VDGs to have a brainstorming session after this meeting. Build a team – Build a Vision – Build a Plan – Build Success.

LCIF – PID Noland thanked the Council for today's Tail Twister funds for LCIF. We have exceeded the \$300 million goal for Campaign 100-reporting \$325 million collected. He thanked everyone for the support. On September 15-16th, at LCI Headquarters in Chicago, they had a meeting of all the LCIF coordinators. He asked all those that attended that meeting to stand. Four of the seven were represented at the meeting. PID Don was not in attendance. He thanked them for their dedication. More details will be forthcoming from the coordinators. He asked everyone to please work with them in the future.

"Where There is a Need, There's a Lion" – As of the writing of the report, LCIF had pledged over \$100,000 for the Florida hurricane damage along with relief in Puerto Rico and other parts of the world. LCIF is working very actively.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PID Don Noland reported that WSB just celebrated their 75th anniversary-celebrating over 16,000 clients served from all 50 states and 59 countries, for Sustainable Independent living. WSB is converting 25 of their single rooms to a therapeutic group home. There is currently a 10-year waiting period of more than 3,000 people to receive services, so it is addressing a goal and need in the community. They had a great celebration of the 75th anniversary. Following the celebration, they held a board meeting, where a bombshell was dropped. Many know Lion Sharon. If you don't know Lion Sharon, she has infectious energy. She is, at this point, in San Francisco. She has taken on a new position as CEO of San Francisco Lighthouse for the Blind. She took over WSB 7 ½ - 8 years ago. At that time, WSB was close to closing their doors. She was instrumental in turning it around. We wish her well, and we know that she will do well. Her replacement is a young man, 29 years old, that's been her right-hand person. He has gone everywhere she has gone and PID Don is confident that the transition will be smooth. He's also confident that Sharon has instilled in him the value of continuing WSB. As of the writing of the report, Missouri Lions have contributed \$2,750 to WSB, noting that only 6% of their operating budget comes from Lions.

PID Don reminded everyone of the membership brainstorming session that will follow this meeting today.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – CC Phyllis shared PDG Debbie Cantrell's report. It is official that the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be in Maryville, MO at Northwest Missouri State University again in 2023. This is a beautiful campus and a great benefit to the Lions of Missouri having it so close to all of us. The offering that they give to the Lions is one that is hard to beat. Many thanks to PID W.R. O'Riley for his negotiation skills. The date is already set for July 28-30, 2023, so there

is plenty of time for saving this very important date. PDG Debbie will share the registration form once it is available. If anyone has questions, please contact PDG Debbie and if she does not know the answer, she has resources to reach out to find answers. Topics covered include diversity, goal setting, mission statements, motivation, public speaking, time management, and working in teams. Multiple Districts Oklahoma, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska sponsor the Institute. When you attend GPLLI you will be able to network with Lions from multiple states and learn so much for work, home, Lions and life. There are some scholarships available from Missouri PDGs and some of the District's PDGs. Check those out if you are thinking of attending.

CC Phyllis received certificates from PID Ardie Klemish for the MD26 GPLLI graduates. PID Artie has emailed the names to MD26 GLT Coordinator PDG Scott Sattler to enter into Learn on the Lions' portal as having completed an RLLI in 2022. PDG Sattler was provided the instructions on how to enter the data to Learn, along with a list of names of the Missouri graduates. CC Phyllis read the names and passed the certificates to the respective District Governor. They were:

- Lion Jennifer Sinn (M2)
- Lion Joyce Schemmer (M5)
- Lion Lori Spire (M4)
- Lion Lewis Rice (M4)
- Lion Martha Beach (M5)
- DG Mickey Beach (M5)
- Lion Jeanne Carton (M2)
- Lion Dustin Jones (M6)
- Lion Bethney Pedersen (M4)
- Lion Lillie Pitts-Wingate (M5)
- Lion Jessica Bland (M5)
- Lion Elizabeth Bowles (M1)
- Lion Amanda Cullin (M4)
- Donald Gray (M4)

STATE/INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE – PCC Gina Boettcher reported that the committee met on September 10th at the site of the State Convention in Branson. The committee elected officers as follows: Convention Chair – PCC Gina Boettcher, Vice Convention Chair – Lion Christine Dugan, Secretary – DG Jennie Mosher. They discussed many items to sell at the State Convention this year. They approved a new banner. They would like to ask the Council to update their Policy Manual for a new parade uniform for the Boston Convention. If it is approved, they have two colors – turquoise and hibiscus/coral (as modeled by PCC Larry Boettcher and Lion Christine Dugan). It would still remain black pants, black shoes, black socks. She reported they have submitted their State and International Convention budgets, which are balanced budgets, for the Council's consideration as well.

2022 STATE CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE – DG Jennie Mosher reported that finally after all the numbers were crunched and all the bills were paid, the 2022 State Convention ended up with an excess \$178.16. A lot of this was a credit to the Rolla Chamber of Commerce for a \$2,000 grant. DG Jennie hopes that future conventions will check with their local chambers to see about getting extra money because it does enable us to charge less. The complete itemized list of expenses and income was included in the packet.

2023 STATE CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE - PCC Howard Hawkins reported they are excited to have the State Convention coming to Branson. Since they are a big fishing area down there, they are "Hooked on Lions" – which is the motto for the Convention. He presented a tackle box for each DG and the Council Chairperson. In the tackle box were "lures" to help promote the Convention. There is a registration form. There are a lot of different goodies with it. They included a lure for the Golf Tournament which will be April 19th at the Thousand Hill Golf Resort, which is about 3-4 blocks from the hotel. There is also a lure for a night at Presley's Theater, which is in the packet that PCC Howard handed out. On the back of the flyer is the registration for it. He had additional copies on the back table. There was a lure for

the service project, which is Suitcases for New Beginnings, for foster kids. They'll be putting those together. There are three different types of suitcases they put together for different age groups. That will be the service project at the Convention. There will also be a Silent Auction for LCIF. There is a flyer in the packet for that. They are offering sponsorship opportunities for businesses, along with Lions or whatever organization, that might want to get involved. They do have a large exhibit area and they hope to fill it up. Just yesterday, they added Dick's 5 & Dime, which is a stalwart in Branson located downtown, and is an old-fashioned dime store. If anyone hasn't been there, you need to go see it. PCC Howard noted they have a past president of their club that works there. She got sacks from there that are neat and includes information about Dick's 5 & Dime-each Governor and the CC got one of those. Those are just things to help promote the Convention and have some fun there. He hopes that everyone uses the information to make this a great time for Missouri Lions and to get excited about being a Lion.

CC Phyllis announced that the International Guest for the 2023 State Convention will be 1VP Patti Hill, coming all the way from Canada. We want to show her a really good time in Missouri. She does know a little bit about Branson because her parents have visited there, so she is really looking forward to her visit.

2024 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PCC Jeff Hilke shared that he didn't want to get too far ahead on things, wanting everyone to focus on Branson first, but after we go to Branson, the 2024 State Convention will be held April 25-28th, just outside of Camdenton, MO at Old Kinderhook. It is a beautiful setting and will astound you. They have a wonderful golf course. You'll be transformed into another world and forget about your worries the whole time you are there. So, mark your calendars for April 18--21, 2024 (date incorrectly reported at meeting). More details will come out as the date approaches.

PID Don Noland announced that PIP Doug Alexander will be the International Guest.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – 1VDG James Pedersen reported there have been a few discussion points, granted that their committee becomes effective October 1st. This is one of the groups that doesn't start when the regular fiscal year starts. They have met a little bit. Discussion points have been, of course, the All-Star Football game. Covid is still a factor with that and getting hotels and players. Expense vs. income is a major factor at this point, so they voted not to have the game in 22-23 fiscal year. Another topic is a youth softball tournament. They are working to develop a state tournament to be hosted by the Wardsville Lions Club, as they have their own fields and there are a couple more fields just up the road, if needed. They are looking at needs being umpires, banners, concession stand. The cost for umpires is estimated at \$30-\$50 per game-with two umpires per game, so a total estimated \$700 for that. Ads will be sold for the banners, so that is sort of a self-supporting item, with maybe potential income. The local Lions club could sell their own concessions as they have their own facility. Districts will provide the teams and coaches. Each district may have their own tournament, which is something new. Once they have their own tournament, that would determine the top two to three teams that would advance to the Lions State Tournament. Tournament brackets could be drawn up based on the number of teams. The teams would be drawn to determine the bracket standings. They also thought about team shirts to designate the teams. In the evening, they were thinking about having a BBQ with a speaker coming in. That's a great opportunity to have fellowship for all the players, parents, everyone involved-as well as Lions members. Have a speaker to include details of what Lions do, who we are, how we help communities – to utilize it as a membership outreach. There could be a Free Will donation. Whatever comes from the public, goes back to the public. They've talked about advertisements, info. packets and equipment, costing an estimated \$300. The BBQ, entertainment and speaker is an estimated \$500. Once softball gets going, they could pay the money back to the Council, if required, and softball could be self-supporting.

They have also discussed Special Olympics, such as bowling, as a potential winter event. Each district would invite Special Olympics participants to be held at a TBD location decided by the committee. There would be an x-amount entry fee per player. Funds would be collected to help with the trophy and participant fee cost. There would be concessions and/or food booth to help offset expenses. A Youth Golf

Tournament was also discussed, if time allows or something doesn't work out. A lot of these items are still under discussion. They'll continue to have Zoom meetings and further develop this. They are looking to the Council for a \$1,500 startup fee. 1VDG James appreciates the support.

PDG Mark Schaeperkoetter asked what the age brackets for the softball event would be? 1VDG James replied that they hadn't really discussed that, but probably looking at 16 & under or there is another bracket for 18 & under. They just need to decide which age level they want to focus on.

Parliamentarian PCC Terry Boettcher asked regarding the \$1,500 start up, "You are asking the Council for administrative funds for your committee, correct?" 1VDG Pedersen replied, "Yes." PCC Terry continued, "Because you only have like \$1125 in your account – the Athletic committee account?" 1VDG Pedersen replied, "Right." PCC Terry continued that he just wants the Council to be clear that they don't have the funds. They are asking the Council to lend them the funds to start up.

DG Harold Spire asked, "Then where does that come from?"

PCC Terry explained it would mean that the Council would be willing to take it from reserves and amend their budget for that expense.

DG Harold followed by asking if there was any money in the new Youth Sports Activities fund? PCC Terry explained that yes, there is money in the new Youth Sports fund, but that requires a proposal for the January Council meeting. But then, yes, money can be done that way as well.

CC Phyllis then asked, "What is the existing money in Athletic Committee fund?"

1VDG James stated he believed some money came in, actually money that was given back from the State Office as a reimbursement since they did not have football last year. That usually costs \$1,500 each year – money the State Office would get to put all the activities, mailings, and everything out. Since that football game was canceled, that money was returned to the Athletic Committee and put back in the account. Thus, they have a positive balance. When this first started, they did not have a positive balance. They didn't have any money and were actually in the hole. Plus, donations from the different districts over the last year has increased the current Athletic Committee's total income. He was not sure what the current total was, but added they are to the positive right now. He believes that at the last Council of Governors meeting or the meeting prior, it was discussed that if the Athletic Committee was going to go and try to get some new venues, sports-wise to get something going, they would be in favor of giving some upfront money, with that money to be paid back, once the Athletic committee got self-supporting and got on its feet.

After looking, PCC Terry reported they currently have \$1,125 in their account.

CC Phyllis asked for clarification that this would be asking the Council for additional money to make the \$1,500 or would it be \$1,500 in addition to their current balance? 1VDG James responded it would be in addition to their current balance.

DG Harold Spire then added that the budget would then be \$2,625 (\$1,500 + \$1,125)? 1VDG James answered, "Yes".

DG Leon Hove stated that according to the budget presented, they are saying startup funds of \$1,500, but "I think I just heard you say that would be in excess of the \$1,125 you have. Is that correct?" 1VDG James agreed. Then Lion Leon stated, "Then this budget is incorrect?"

1VDG James responded, "We currently have \$1,125. Granted, I was not aware of what our balance was right now, when I made this budget up. This \$1,500 is only an estimation of what it would be to start up. I would like to ask for \$1,500 from the Council. That way we have some extra funds in there if needed. Not

knowing what all expenses we'll run into this first year, depending on the number of teams, different cost of getting things up and running, and so we have enough to do what we need to do. After a year's time, we can make a balanced budget and we can return that \$1,500 if we do not use it and rely on our current account."

Lion Leon asked if he was then going to amend the budget that was presented. 1VDG James stated, "Yes, we'll have to amend this."

PCC Terry then added, "They wouldn't have to change this budget, because that's actually their reserves. So, their reserves isn't a part of their budget. They are asking for \$1,500 to be their income to offset the three expenses that are listed here. That's what it is. It's the \$1,500. The \$1,125 is just their reserves for future."

Lion Devon Campbell shared that as a former cross-country runner, some of his teammates had been disqualified in the past for doing too many events during the off-season while they are coming into the regular season and since there is such a short time, he was wondering if there had been any discussion about that to make sure we are doing right by them.

1VDG James stated there has been some discussion because I know a lot of times there are certain "All-Star" events in sports, that the schools pick their top seniors or whoever they want to send or participate. That does count against them because I think they can only do two events per year. Right now, what we're thinking is we just get traveling teams together in the district. It really has nothing to do with the school or any events. This would just be made up of traveling teams who want to participate in the district. Then those traveling teams would move on to State. That way it does not count against the high school players in anyway and potentially cause them issues with that.

Lion Todd Miller stood and added, "I want to applaud the Athletic Committee for moving away from the football All-Star game. That topic should be tabled forever. The implementation of NIL, the oversight of MSHAA, the expense of the equipment, the historical losses of income on that event – I think you need to move away from that. Move toward athletic events where MSHAA, coaching staffs, and equipment aren't stumbling blocks to the implementation of the event. I want to applaud you for bringing in softball. That's where we need to focus. Youth activities, youth sports and move away from the football altogether. Thank you."

1VDG James stated, "One big thing is that we are trying to look at membership and getting the youth involved. If we can get a bunch of people together, have fun at it, explain what Lions do and how they support your community – we've all won."

BAND COMMITTEE – DG Sandy McCann shared greetings from PDG Bill Botzow. He's still recovering from his knee replacement surgery. He's still doing physical therapy but couldn't be in attendance. On August 13th the committee met and elected officers. There were three members present and two attended by conference call. PDG Bill Botzow was elected Chairperson, DG Sandy McCann was elected as Vice Chairperson, and Lion Patrick Anderson was elected as Secretary. They discussed future options for the Band Committee. They agreed to send a letter to band directors asking about what their needs are at their schools. It was mailed out. So far to date, they have gotten eight letters back, which DG Sandy believes is "phenomenal". Their needs are unbelievable. A few of them bring you to tears on what they need and how bad their funds have been cut at the schools. They agreed to conduct the Battle of the Bands, and they discussed budget items.

On September 24th they had a conference call regarding the budget. Only one member was on the call – with one ex-officio member, so they discussed items but did no action.

On October 10th, they had a conference call to approve the budget and update the Standard Operating Procedures, which are in the packet. The budget was approved. There were five members in attendance and one ex-officio member.

On October 15th, they had two members and one ex-officio member present. They stuffed envelopes with the letters that went out to the schools. Since there were not enough members, they couldn't take any action. They found out at that meeting that the winner of the Battle of the Bands declined to go to Boston due to the inability to raise the funds needed. Also, it was a new band director that had just started the year. Ideas were discussed, what they could do in the future, but no decisions could be made.

On October 21st, a question was raised about whether using Missouri All-Star band funds for non-Missouri youth was appropriate. This question was sent to Constitution and By-Laws for their review. The committee looks forward to their recommendations. The Band Committee will continue promoting the Battle of the Bands. They updated the SOP due dates and guidelines. Prior to that, the last time the SOP was updated was 2016. Probably five words remain from that year to this year, so it's been totally updated. DG Sandy emailed Joyce Middleton, who is the Chair of the Boston Committee, requesting information about renting a band. DG Sandy received a response yesterday from the person that is in charge of that. They are just now recruiting for bands to be rented out. She said she would let DG Sandy know once the information was available and gave DG Sandy a website to check.

CC Phyllis added that this was a lot of discussion during the work session. If there are questions right now, they will be entertained, but it might be worth waiting to hear the CBL committee report. Lion Christine Dugan asked which schools the committee sent the letters to?

DG Sandy responded that they sent out 514 letters to all the schools in Missouri. They used a mailing list.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PDG James W. Rosbrugh noted that he appreciated the emphasis being placed on Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary procedure. He thinks that will help a lot. The committee is actually currently, and he means currently, in e-mail session comparing the LCI-generated adjustments to our current document adopted at the 2022 State Convention. They are also checking and refining wording elsewhere in the document which may have been generated by the adoption of two last-minute amendments. Although not highlighted as they usually are in the La-5, which is the Lion Clubs International model for the Multiple District Constitutions, there are some changes to the Constitution. Normally, for those that have dealt with the Constitution and By-Laws, when we get a document from Lions International, they will have mandatory (things that we cannot change) highlighted in yellow. They will also have, highlighted in gray, those things that have been changed (amendments). This year, if anyone has looked, there are no highlights of any kind. However, if you will look on the attachment to the report, there are two that actually are very important, and they will affect us. It has to do with adding a new Multiple District Marketing Chairperson. They will be informed at Convention, and they will take effect. The committee will continue fine-tooth combing all the remaining document for editorial errors and present a completed ballot for wording approval at the January Council meeting.

Since the time PDG James had written his report, there is an added addendum. The first request concerns the time frame for the Council Chairperson Appointment meeting. The "practice" for several years has been to hold the meeting prior to the closing of the MD26 convention. Our By-Laws agree verbatim with LCI's which states "A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson appointed shall be called following the multiple district annual convention, but no later than (thirty) 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson." That is still in affect because that is in our constitution that will have to adhered to at this coming (2023) State Convention. PDG James stated he does know that there has been a response, though he would caution the Council, to make any changes. We were advised that that particular paragraph in International, since it is not highlighted, that that can be adjusted to fit the multiple district. He cautioned the Council to wait until we get something, so we really know for sure before asking for an amendment.

The second request concerns the fielding and/or funding of a band to represent Missouri at International Conventions. After much discussion between the committee, Council Chairperson Krebs, Parliamentarian Boettcher, Band Chair Botzow and several others, this committee has concluded that the major concern with the Band is two-fold:

- A) Should there be a hired band at Boston?
- B) If yes, how will it be financed? Our By-Laws provide funding for a Missouri All-State Band but does not address “hiring” of a band, as has been done a “few” times in the past.

PDG Rosbrugh believes this is an item that will be discussed later. The committee recommends, in consultation with the current 1VDGs, the Council forego fielding a band to represent Missouri at the 2023 International Convention in Boston OR to find funding other than the Missouri All-State Band Committee. One suggested source of hiring a band could be the State/International Convention Committee.

PDG John Preston asked about section 2, under La-5 changes for 2022-2023 in PDG Rosbrugh’s report (highlighted in blue). It appears that part (the end) of it is missing, but PDG Rosbrugh responded that that is a continuation of what’s in our constitution. It’s a continuation of Section 2. Multiple District Global Action Team- the rest of the paragraph is what is currently in our State Constitution. To clarify, PDG Preston asked that the only thing that’s changing then are the words highlighted in blue “and is supported by the Multiple District Marketing Chairperson”? PDG Rosbrugh confirmed that is the case.

DG Hove referred to the section in PDG Rosbrugh’s report under Council Chairperson Appointment. He stated that the last sentence says, “the committee recommends that the Council amend the Policy Manual and Operating Procedures to comply.” DG Hove said he would like to ask PDG Rosbrugh or Parliamentarian Terry if the Policy Manual prohibits or allows that. DG Hove stated he didn’t find where anything was any different in there.

PDG Rosbrugh commented that he thinks it has just been common practice to do it during the State Convention.

DG Hove responded that he thinks, based on what he’s read in the Policy Manual, that it complies with the Constitution and By-Laws saying it will be done afterwards. PDG Rosbrugh stated he doesn’t have a copy of any of the policies that any of the other committees have.

PDG Ann Anderson asked, “If the Band Committee is not allowed to hire a band out of their funds, how can they give a school district money to improve their band, or something like that?”

PDG Rosbrugh replied, “This is the controversy that has been going on and that is the question that is going to be addressed in the meetings today. I hope that answers the question – but no it doesn’t. There is a lot that we are looking at.”

CC Phyllis added that in her review of the Constitution and By-Laws, she found a section that contains some incorrect names of two organizations – one was Lions World Services for the Blind (that was changed many years ago) and the Leader Dog School. That was in Section 3 in the By-Laws. She will pass those on to PDG James for review.

PCC Joe Foster commented that he was involved with hiring those bands in the past and it was always a Council vote, so that should have been Council money. He didn’t think it ever came out of the Band fund. The Council voted to do that, so it had nothing to do with the Band committee in past, when he was involved.

PDG James W. Rosbrugh stated that himself being on the Band Committee about three years, when they did hire a band, the Band Committee did pay that money.

PDG Don Soph then commented that this situation (hiring a band) has been done three times. The first time, it was when I was Governor and PCC Joe was Council Chair. We voted on it at the very first Council meeting. The Council voted on it. Then the next two times, the official recommendation from the Band Committee was it was a Council decision. If the Council wants to hire one, it's the Council's decision. One time, for Milan, we did recommend the band to be hired. However, it was always a Council decision, never a Band Committee decision, and he believes the money came from the committee.

PDG Rosbrugh confirmed the money did come from the Band Committee funds, but it had been approved in the budget.

DG Sandy McCann shared that in 2017 the cost was \$2,000. In 2018, the cost was \$2,200, and in Milan, the cost was \$1,200.

DG Hove stated that in regard to the question concerning the Policy Manual, on page 6, Article E-Organizational Meeting for District Governors-Elect, the Policy Manual says, "The chairperson of the council of governors shall call a meeting of the district governors-elect for a time after the MD 26 Convention for the organization of the new council." So, he thinks, based on what he heard earlier, that would be in compliance with the Constitution & By-Laws. So based on Lion Rosbrugh's comments, there would be no need to change or amend the Policy Manual to conform to the Constitution & By-Laws.

CC Phyllis commented that she would have to look back at her Policy Manual from last year, but she believes that changed to "after" in this year's Policy Manual update. She said she would check. DG Leon interjected that it was the one that they approved in July. CC Phyllis agreed and said she believed last year's did state differently.

PCC Jeff Hilke commented that saying who spent the money doesn't really matter because no committee can spend money without Council approval, even if it comes from the budget. The Council has to approve their budget, so what difference does it make? The Council has to approve the budget. The Council has to approve the money being spent, so the Council made the vote to approve it to come out of the Band budget. The Council approved the budget, so the Council approved it.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING PROGRAM – PCC Jeff Hilke first thanked all the Lions that came over yesterday to tour their new facility. Hopefully for those that came over, it was a beneficial experience. He asked if there were any Lions in attendance today that didn't get to come yesterday that would like to come over today after the meetings are over? He added he would be over there (at the new building) in the afternoon, when the meetings are over. Come on over, but added he wasn't going to spend the night, so please don't go to dinner, a movie, things like that☺ When PID Don completes his meeting, just come over. The address is 710 Sandstone. It's right across the river. When you cross the Missouri River Bridge, take the first exit. Take a left across the overpass, then take the very first left-which is 4th Street, then take the first left which is Sandstone (no matter what the GPS tells you). Go to the end of the road. It's the yellow metal building with a faded Lions emblem on the top, right next to the dog park. He gave his phone number in case anyone has trouble finding it. Since they've moved into the new facility and gotten things rearranged where they can start using it, they've had three groups come in to start sorting and processing glasses. It has worked quite well. They realize there are a lot of benefits to this new facility. They can do everything right there. They can have lots of Lions come in, where they couldn't do that before at the other facility they were using. The two new Lensometers they purchased from the money they received from Saving Sight are supposed to be shipped next week. They are coming from just outside of Chicago. They are making progress on the establishment of a 501c3. Lion Pat Mills, with the Jefferson City Host Lions, is working on that. Hopefully that will come to fruition soon. They have three boxes of eyeglass cases out in the hallway. Some clubs use them for various projects, but the recycling program does not have a use for them. The people that go on mission trips are not able to take those due to the weight and the space they take up. Anyone that would want those for projects in their clubs, feel free to take them. Also, some may have seen on Facebook that Lion Jeff and Lion April have advertised sunglasses they have for sale. They are name brand sunglasses that they are finding as they sort through glasses. There is absolutely nothing

wrong with them. They are in perfectly good shape. Many know that name brand glasses can go for hundreds of dollars. They are selling them for anywhere from \$25-\$40. They have raised over \$1,500 selling the glasses so far. That money is going back into the program to help with the expenses that they have. With the new building, they obviously have more expenses. PCC Jeff shared he does have some of the glasses with him today, if anyone wants to go through them and take a look. Especially for those that live close by, give them a call, they'd be glad to bring them to you to look through. Of course, the stock rotates as they go through more glasses, so they are constantly getting new ones. PID Don commented that in his area, they have had success with the Salvation Army taking the eyeglass cases. PCC Jeff stated that if anyone asks them for eyeglass cases, they will save them, but stated they get lots of cases that they just can't keep. The people that ask for our glasses can't use them. If someone specifically says, "We'll take your cases", we'll save them if they'll come get them. They don't have another corner of the building to dedicate to another stack of boxes.

DG Harold asked PID Don if the Salvation Army took the hard cases or the soft cases. PID Don replied he wasn't sure, but assumed it was probably the hard cases.

PDG Ann Anderson stated that she would personally like to thank PCC Jeff and District M7 for doing this program justice and allowing them to send their eyeglasses. She appreciates it.

PCC Jeff replied that he was more than happy to do it. He added that this has reinvigorated himself as a Lion. He was getting burned out on a lot of things. It has breathed new life into him as Lion, and it has also done that with a lot of Lions here locally. They are glad to do it. With this new facility, they can take volunteers 24 hours a day/7 days a week. If anyone wants to bring their clubs, or anyone (doesn't have to be Lions), if they want to come volunteer, just let them know. They'll be glad to take you. Anyone who has glasses today can bring them to the facility when the meeting is over, or PCC Jeff will take them. He clarified that they do not have a need for individual lenses right now, but he'll let everyone know if they ever come up with a use for them.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM:

GLT – PDG Scott Sattler reported they continue to do their training at every Council of Governors meeting for the 1st and 2nd VDGs. He did apply for the Multiple District Leadership Development grant. Hopefully they will get some money from that. There were 14 that attended the GPLLI training. He shared with CC Phyllis that he did get an email about putting the GPLLI information into the website, but then got an email that they would do it. So for those that attended, look on your Learn to make sure that it's in there. He noted PDG Weekend took place in Cape Girardeau, Oct. 7-8, 2022. They learned a lot and had a good networking event. They did find out that Lion Betty Noland REALLY loves Candy Corn, so he brought her a bag 😊

MWF – PDG Missy Maune reported on the Mid-Winter Forum. Though not dressed this time as the Hatfields & McCoys, that continues to be their theme. She has registration forms available. The GAT Team passed out a questionnaire, asked everyone to fill them out and return to the GAT Team. The MWF will be held February 3-4, 2023, at the Doubletree Westport Hotel in St. Louis. They did have to raise the price this year by \$10. The food prices have gone up considerably, so they had to make that adjustment. The \$75 gets you Friday night hospitality, Saturday break-out sessions and the speakers, and Saturday evening dinner and entertainment. The only thing it doesn't include is Saturday breakfast and lunch will be on your own, as it was last year. Rooms are reserved until January 13th. If you get your form in before December 31st, the cost is \$75. After December 31st, the cost is \$85. Rooms are \$95 per night. Make sure you get those reserved before January 13th. They are looking forward to it. She passed out the budget to be approved.

HEARING COMMITTEE – PCC Ron Campbell reported the State Hearing Committee began this Lions year with several meetings to finalize their plans for the purchase and customization of a new updated hearing screening trailer for use in the State of Missouri. The committee has worked very hard to put a

hearing unit on the road that all Lions would be proud of, be a visual marketing tool of what we do and that Lions would be proud to use at all of their events. He has already had some inquiries from Lions that have heard about it and wanted to know when it would be available for use. Before it is put into use, the committee will have to put together some guidelines and procedures while it's being used, scheduling and details of the unit. At the time of the writing of this report, October 10, 2022, the trailer was awaiting parts for the customization to begin. The sound booth had arrived at the site of the customization facility. Their next meeting will be October 30, 2022, at the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton to meet with the hearing department there to discuss needs, as well as continued partnerships in projects to help the children there and also throughout the state, as they continue to support their efforts. At that meeting, PCC Ron will be distributing the yearly sweepstakes tickets to be distributed to the chairpersons to get them out their respective clubs. The committee truly thanks each club and person for their support of the committee's efforts in the hearing help area and the support of the sweepstakes.

Lunch Break -11:45-12:30

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – Lion Devon Campbell reported the IT committee met on September 7, 2022. For the new year, three new officers were elected. Lion Devon Campbell (M4) was elected as the new chair. He thanked everyone for their support. Since their meeting, he has been looking into the missourilions.org website. He has been able to do some updates to text and images on the site. Going forward, he will be taking more time to look in depth at all the parts of the site so he can continue to acquaint himself with the different sections of it and how to update it. As we continue the year, he would like to remind everyone that each District's IT Chair is their voice on the committee. If you have information to send to the site, get your IT Chair involved. This is a team effort, if we are not involved with the flow of information, why are there seven members instead of just him? As always, you are welcome to contact him as well with questions about the site at: pathfinderalex7@gmail.com. He asked one favor: if you come up to him and request anything for the site, please send him a message as well. He's sure we've all said, "I will not forget that" and lo and behold, two weeks later, "Yeah, I forgot it". He doesn't mind reminders. Here's to a good rest of the year. He thanked the Council for letting him go on. With that, time's yours!

DG Foglesong asked if there was a way that if anyone is signing up for MWF or State Convention, they could do that online somehow, instead of hard paper and sending it in the mail?

Lion Devon replied that he would have to look at that. It would have to be with the understanding that the committees that are in charge of that would be getting on board with having that as well. It would probably be a new form, whether we go through the state's website specifically, or if we contract with an outer company and just put a link there. Those are things we can look in to, if directed to do that, but yes, it is possible. CC Phyllis commented that M6 is trying to make that happen for the State Convention.

CC Phyllis thanked LBOMB for providing the lunch today. They did an awesome job. She thought it was great that we supported one of our own organizations by having them provide lunch today-and at a great price. She asked IPDG Melissa Anderson to please send our gratitude to everyone else that helped today.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE- IPDG Jene Crook reported the committee met on September 13, 2022 via Zoom. There were five individuals in attendance. They discussed the current status of the Investment account, and if you've looked at any of your own personal investments, you know they are taking a hit. It was the consensus of the committee, however, that markets will go up and will go down. They agreed to leave the investments as they are, for now. As of August 31st, the fair market value of the investment account was \$107,670.86. As of September 30th, however, the fair market value had declined to \$100,632.49. They will continue to watch the account for further changes. IPDG Jene did speak to the Investment Manager on Thursday, October 28th, and we were back up to \$103,141. She believes the market went up further than that the remainder of Thursday and Friday. Our investment model is anticipatory rather than reactionary, meaning that we are trying to anticipate what's going to happen in the economy, rather than reacting to things. She had the breakdown of the investment account, if interested.

Everyone's been hit by inflation, but we are going to stay the course for now. The final action of the committee was to elect IPDG Jene Crook as chairperson. IPDG Jene clarified that the initial investment was \$100,000.

KIDSIGHT – PDG Wayne Cunningham reported for Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto. The good news is they now have a board of ten members. He's really proud of all of them and that's a good accomplishment for them. Their screening numbers are continuing to grow. But along with the growth of screening numbers, their costs are going up. He asked all the clubs and districts to please consider having a fundraiser for them.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – IPDG Melissa Anderson thanked everyone for allowing LBOMB to cater the day's lunch. They have been talking about building up LBOMB café for at least the last year and it has come to fruition, really big here in October. They've had nearly 1-2 caterings almost every day throughout October. This is huge. They are able to provide services to their fellow office staff in the state buildings. They are now marketing out to private businesses for catering as well, so they are super excited and glad everyone enjoyed their lunch. She shared that she had an interesting question at lunch – “Do the blind individuals cut the wraps in half?” The answer is yes. There shouldn't be any blood in the wraps because they use specialized cutting gloves. They are essentially work gloves that are interwoven with stainless steel. They can put their food service gloves on over their cutting gloves, so when they nick their finger, they are not bleeding. As of October 28, 2022, 13% of their 24 facilities are operating at or relatively near pre-pandemic levels, compared to 35% nationwide. 21% are operating at substantially less than pre-pandemic levels, compared to 65% nationwide. 4% of our facilities remain closed, compared to 30% nationwide. Two facilities have permanently closed; nationwide they've had 146 close. They lost two blind vendors to COVID; nationwide they lost 16. These numbers couldn't be more devastating and unfortunately the outlook for the situation improving anytime soon is a little bleak. They've heard many times that federal employees have to report back to the office, but they don't. They're being told that they're back full staff, but what they don't say is that a lot of those people only have to report to their office one day a week or one day a month. It really takes the clientele out of the office buildings for the managers. So, they continue to look for more ways to expand their program offerings – like the catering. They have completed installation of five 24-hour Micro-Market locations in Kansas City and Jefferson City. These facilities have easily doubled, sometimes tripled, their profits, just because it is there 24/7. With the different tele-work schedules, they have people in the office buildings at all times. In addition, they now have two of their managers in St. Louis that run convenience stores that are utilizing these kiosks in place of their cashiers. This is saving them a lot of labor. IPDG Melissa just recently got a text message from one of the managers in St. Louis. He currently has two of these kiosks in his convenience store. Unlike some of the other MicroMarkets, he is there during all hours of business. When he goes home, the facility closes. Mainly just because it is in a very large federal building. There are a lot of employees, so if things start disappearing, it's harder to track it down. To give everyone a sense of what this is doing, and what the donations are helping them do by purchasing this new equipment, on October 25, 2019, this manager's weekly profit/loss statement showed him making \$285 in a week. Last week, this manager cleared \$5,000 for one week. All expenses paid. He has kiosks. He does not have to pay two full time cashiers to stand at a register all day. He gets to pay someone to help clean and make food, to do all of these things the managers were having to pay people to do previously. She thanked everyone for their continued donations and support. In fiscal year 2022, LBOMB received a total of \$8,800 in donations, which climbed from \$2,525 in fiscal year 2021. Please remember that just a \$100 donation can fund up to \$433 in equipment and repairs for the facilities. They currently have three clients in training, two of which are in the Mid-Missouri area and one in St. Louis. She is hoping soon they will occupy some of their seven vacancies. They still do need clients. She has an open vending route in the Springfield area, and also facilities open in St. Louis, Jefferson City and Kansas City.

IPDG Melissa gave an update on the Truman building cafeteria in Jefferson City. She noted years ago they were selling those blue plastic cups to raise money so they could remodel that cafeteria. It was built in 1983 and not touched since then. They got some help from the Health Department. As you know whether it's your kitchen at home or a commercial kitchen, things get beat up. When you build them with

the cheap laminate tops on the counters and your surfaces areas get touched hundreds of times a day, those are going to wear out. In the Truman building, they have been patching these things with duct tape for years. When they reopened after Covid, the Health Department was really hoping we would have done something about it when the cafeteria was closed. They don't have that kind of money. The cafeteria needs about a \$700,000 remodel. That's simple stuff – that's counters, flooring, ceiling tiles, etc. Not a lot of equipment needs to be updated because we keep that up to date. In that cafeteria, the kitchen and grill area are at separate ends. The hood system runs through the replaceable tiles in the ceiling, so you just see all these grease drippings right along the ceiling. Those are health department issues. They are not happy about that. By some miracle, the state is going to pay for the full remodel of the cafeteria. They are so thankful. They are looking at possibly early next fall for it to be completed. One of our very own Missouri Lions submitted a proposal for the remodel and got the bid, so it's cool that we're keeping it in the Lions family. In the future, they will let everyone know if there is any way to support this manager that will be out of a job while his facility is being remodeled. He has seven employees and he is there full time as well. They are going to find anything they can for him to do in the meantime.

DG Hove asked IPDG Melissa to expand on her need to find more business opportunities. She asked how many do or used to work in offices that had vending machines? Nine times out of ten there are vending machines in break rooms. They want to fill those. They want to fill those small locations where they can provide the kind of customer service that large corporations can't typically provide. When you have a large corporation, usually there is a different delivery driver when they come to fill the vending machines. Working with this program, the delivery driver will be the same every time. So, if someone is looking for Cherry Dr. Pepper Zero Sugar (which sells like hotcakes in Jefferson City), their managers are going to be able to provide that a little more easily than large companies. They buy in bulk. They have bulk pricing. They have set plan-a-grams in their vending machines. LBOMB doesn't have to do that. They can cater to their customers. With that being said, right now they are primarily focused in St. Louis, Kansas City, Jefferson City, and Springfield areas, but she does have third-party contracted vendors that they work with all across the state. So if someone doesn't live in one of the state's major areas, they can still take care of those businesses. So if anyone comes across businesses that are in need of vending or even MicroMarkets or cafés, let her know. She has packets with information geared toward outside businesses to explain what their program can do for them. Typically, there is a tax write-off because they are allowing a disabled individual to come in and run a business. Even if that's only 600 sq. ft., that typically something businesses can write-off.

LEADER DOG – CC Phyllis Krebs shared that she and 1VDG Phil have made a few trips to Michigan since the last council meeting. They first traveled north to visit LD Wink and her forever person, Saulo Torres. Saulo lives in Pereira, Colombia, South America, and he is a statistics professor at a university there. Saulo is also an international chess champion and plays all over the world. He learned to play chess at the age of 5, then lost his vision at 17 due to glaucoma. He continued to play, honing his skills on the virtual chess board in his mind. He shared that when someone surprises him with a move, he can honestly say, "I didn't see that one coming." He has quite a sense of humor. He is a delightful man. They really enjoyed getting to know him. She shared that when she was 5, she was playing with puppies. Saulo and CC Phyllis are about the same age; now he is still playing chess and she is still playing with puppies. He does absolutely love Wink and does plan to stay in touch. They have been in touch. His wife has told CC Phyllis how much they love Wink. CC Phyllis is so glad that Wink has found her place and that she will be kept busy. As many know, she needed to be kept busy. Saulo is involved in a lot of things, and he will give her plenty to do. She hopes Wink gets to travel with him to some of his chess tournaments.

Their second trip was in September to join the other 1VDGs for Leadership weekend. She thanked all the 1VDGs that attended. 1VDG James was not able to attend, but he did go on the bus trip in the spring, so he too has seen the facility. The experience on the campus that weekend was pretty much what they always experience on Leadership weekend, but they did do one thing differently. They had not been able to have Leadership weekend for two years because of Covid. They went to virtual gatherings. The Leader Dog staff took that time to reformat the experience just a little bit and they added a 'Dining in the Dark' experience in the evening. Finding and eating your food blindfolded was truly a challenge in many ways-

at least it wasn't spaghetti. They were reliant on the staff to orient them properly as to where the items were located, then they had to find it and get it to their mouths, hopefully without wearing too much of it or knocking over their drinks. It was a nice addition to all the blindfold walks and the tour of the kennel and the tour of the residence hall, and everything else they get to experience during that weekend.

Two weeks later, on October 8th, they drove back to Rochester Hills to return FLD Beka for training. She was definitely ready for the experience. She walked away with the counselor and with a flick of her beautiful tail, drug him around the corner to see what all the barking was about. She never bothered to look back or even acknowledge they were there. She was ready to go. They went around a different corner and picked up two new puppies. One is present today, Ms Penni Quyn. It kind of works for "penguin" in recognition of IP Brian Sheehan. PCC Phyllis does usually call her Quyn, but some other words are emerging as they are getting to know each other☺ She is happy to say that the other one, after five days of having two 9-week-old puppies, is now in Texas with CC Phyllis's nephew. Unfortunately, CC Phyllis received a call on Wednesday that FLD Beka is now career changed Beka, and will be staying in Michigan. CC Phyllis is heartbroken, as she had very high expectations for her. She had heard that her litter was to be considered for the deaf/blind program. That isn't going to happen.

As evidenced by the class in from South America, the Covid restrictions are easing and international clients are now able to come to campus to receive their dogs. She is also seeing on the reports that the class sizes are slowly getting larger. This is good news as it will help to reduce the backlog of clients waiting due to Covid restrictions on travel for the last two years.

CC Phyllis has heard that there is a new LeaderDog in the state – LeaderDog Journey. The puppy raiser does not know the name of the client, only that Journey is in Missouri. She asked that if anyone encounters someone in their district or town, with a LeaderDog named Journey, CC Phyllis would love to know. Puppy raisers may have gotten in contact with them by now, but puppy raisers like to know where their dogs go. She thanked everyone for all they do to continue to support LeaderDogs for the Blind. Other than financial support, the biggest thing Lions can do is share Leader Dog information with someone in need of a guide dog or white cane training to regain their independence. If you know of a vision-impaired teenager, mention the Summer Experience Camp. That would be a great opportunity for them to learn more about LeaderDogs for the Blind as they are ready to move on to college and get out into the world. It would help them to gain some independence. CC Phyllis shared that she is very happy to have the IPDGs present today because they did a lot of fundraising with FLD Beka – like "Pet the Puppy" at the district conventions. They put that money toward purchasing bricks in honor of the district governor team to be placed on the campus at LeaderDogs for the Blind. She read the inscription on the first brick – she had one for each IPDG. The first one read, "Missouri MD26 Council Chair Bob Noellsch 2021-2022". She asked IPCC Bob Noellsch to come forward to receive the brick. She would hand the rest of them out later. This was a surprise for IPCC Bob. He didn't know they were doing this, at least she believed they managed to keep it a secret. IPCC Bob thanked her. There were 8 bricks, so it was \$2,000 raised. Beka will always have a special place in their hearts, even though she didn't get to move forward. CC Phyllis shared that the reason she was career changed was because of hip dysplasia. She should have a perfectly happy life as a pet. She just is not suitable for a working position. She also had another brick that was extra special, though not raised through that funding, but through donations from the governors last year. That brick is in honor of 1VDG Randall Winkler. It read: "Always in our hearts. MD26 2021-2022 Council". She asked DG Pat Scott to please get it to Randy's widow.

PDG John Preston asked CC Phyllis if service dogs have the same restrictions of quarantine as other animals. CC Phyllis replied that she did not believe they did, but she could certainly ask LeaderDog. She said she had heard back from Saulo, and it seemed like their trip back went very smoothly, so she would say there was probably no quarantine. CC Phyllis added that when she took Beka to Canada, and the only thing she had to do to get her across the border was to provide rabies vaccination information.

LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE/ MULTIPLE DISTRICT LEO PROGRAM– DG Sandy McCann reported for Lion Toni Mahoney. The Youth Committee met by Zoom on August 18th. Lion Toni

Mahoney was elected Chair and PCC Pat Porterfield was elected Secretary. They are reaching out to clubs on Leos, Peace Poster Contest and YCI. They are hoping to educate and encourage clubs to participate. In the last report, Lion Toni was excited to report there were two new Leo Clubs in districts M2 & M3, but she's been unable to locate them on LCI. DG Sandy stated that she was able to locate them. There is a new tab if you look at Clubs and Leos. It's kind of like a toggle, where if you go on myLCI and look at the numbers, you can see it there. Lion Bethney Pedersen stood and shared about the Leo Club she is starting. She stated that it's not officially started. They are in the process. She has potential members. Their next meeting is this upcoming Friday. They are hoping to elect officers so she can get that official paperwork in. Lion Bethney then asked if anyone in attendance had any ideas for fundraising since their club is starting from scratch – they have nothing. They have 11 members in North Nodaway, which is in Hopkins, MO, where Lion Bethney is starting to teach. DG Sandy shared one idea that they have used is selling concert tickets. Having a raffle for the concert tickets, so maybe the youth would get involved and buy the tickets.

The Peace Poster Contest due date to purchase a kit was October 1st, so that has passed. They don't know how many clubs will be participating. District M2 reports only nine kits were purchased. Clubs need to submit winning posters to the district governor by November 15th. Then each district will submit the winning poster to the Council Chair by December 1st.

Missouri Lions have submitted the William C. Chandler Lions Youth Camp to LCI for the YCE directory. Youths will arrive July 1, 2023 (that date was incorrect in the report), staying with two different host families. They have a transfer date between families on July 12th. Camp starts at Camp BrimShire in St. James, MO on July 23-30. The youths will return to first host family until they return home on July 31st. They are always looking for Missouri youths to participate in the program, ages 15-22. They always need families to host for 12 days.

All of these programs thrive on donations. Please consider donating and/or apply for the Henderson Award. A budget was submitted.

PDG James W. Rosbrugh stated that only two Leo Clubs were mentioned. Last time he was looking, he did not see any reference to the Tri-County Leo Club, sponsored by the El Dorado Springs Lions Club. DG Sandy said she would look into it. CC Phyllis added that she didn't think that they have entered their information. PDG James said he would take that back to them.

Lion Bethney stood and shared that she had the fortunate chance to experience the camp, so she encouraged anyone in attendance to be a host family. It's a really great experience to meet other Lions from different places. She would highly recommend someone doing that. She is hoping to do that when she gets her own house at some point. It's a really great experience, so if you have a chance, please do it. She is sure kids around the world would be glad you are doing it. 1VDG Marilynn commented that we also need kids from Missouri to sign up to go elsewhere also.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS – Lion Joanie Sliger shared there is no report at this time.

MISSOURI LION NEWSLETTER – Lion Bethney Pedersen shared that this year is a new trial period for her. She is asking for everyone's grace. She is a new teacher this year. Not only is she a new teacher, she is what is called a TOR (Teacher of Record), which means she is officially teaching while she is student teaching. She has all of the responsibility of a first-year teacher, plus the responsibility of a student that is still having to do homework and turn it in by December. She will be graduating in December, so hopefully things will get back to normal. The newsletter this time was a little late. She is trying to get things done. She asked that items please be submitted on time. Most have done pretty well, but sometimes she gets one or two later. So, she asked, to please get things in on time and that will help her get the newsletter out on time. The next newsletter is set to come out December 15th. That's when it actually be given to all the District Governors and put on the website. She is asking all items for the newsletter be submitted by December 1st. She asked for any items to be submitted on anything the districts are doing. She noted DG

Sandy is really good about submitting items – she has a ton of stuff on her district. She would love to have anything about what any clubs are doing so everyone can know about it. It would be great to put all of those things in the newsletter. She also has the information to get to the “old” issues on the Missouri website, if anyone is interested.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - Currently not active.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING – PCC Larry Boettcher reported there is a lot of stuff going on at Mid-South this year. At the end of the fiscal year in June 2022, MD26 had 41 active Sight Patients and 3 active Hearing Patients. Our donations for the fiscal year came in at \$60,839, compared to the what the billing was for our patients of \$53,024. He thanked everyone once again for donating more than what just what is needed to cover our patients out of Missouri.

The Cooper Young Festival just wrapped up in the middle of September. It was their second year to do it. It was a great success. The first year, it rained half the day, so they didn't really get the full effect of it. They restocked their prizes this year and sold out of everything by 2:30 in the afternoon. The good news is, they had a lot of people, and it went really well. The bad news is they didn't buy enough stuff. He asked everyone to think about that over the next year. Once the date gets closer, they do look to people for donations, so they can pay for those prizes. Instead of using Mid-South money to do it, they try to raise it. That event will be hosted by Mid-South until the day they decide to give it up. Every year they'll do the festival, and Mid-South's name and logo is posted on all the flyers that go out, news conferences, all of that stuff – our name is getting out there, so people are seeing Lions active in this.

Right now, the annual Give the Gifts auction online started October 21st and will end November 3rd. If anyone hasn't been to their website, click the link to go to the auction website. Put your information in and you can start putting your bids out there. It will help to raise money to continue the great work they do.

They are still working on the \$80,000 for their 80th Anniversary campaign that was launched last March. It is going strong, but they are not there yet. They are trying to get to the full \$80,000 by the end of this fiscal year. A reminder that they are looking to raise \$80,000, then they will go to LCIF to try to get an \$80,000 matching grant. They will take that \$160,000 to buy equipment for the surgery center at the Hamilton Eye Institute. They will in turn give \$160,000 in credits back, so they are going to spend the donations four times. Every dollar that clubs can send in extra towards this campaign, will grow to four times the value. Please consider that this year. They are asking for those donations to be over and above the standard club donations because they still have all the patients they need to service and get off the waiting list.

They have rebranded the Lions Leaders weekend – it's now Visiting Lions Day. It will be held April 15th (can't forget that day). Your taxes are due, and you need to be at Mid-South. It's a chance to see the doctors, see the facility and get an understanding of what they do at Mid-South. From time to time, they'll have patients come in and they'll give their testimony, so you get a good feeling about what is actually happening when patients talk about going from not being able to see anything, to being able to see everything. The good news is, they are still working on the plans to do a bus trip out of Missouri to go to Mid-South for Lions Visiting Day. Be watching for details. The next board meeting is coming up next weekend and they'll be talking about that. It will probably get approved, and they'll be moving forward. There will be more details coming out, but PCC Larry thinks the cost will be about \$100 per person for the bus ride and then the hotel will be somewhere around \$250 because they'll be going down Friday morning, do the tour on Saturday, and come back on Sunday. You'll have two nights in Memphis. They are hoping to come up with something to do that Saturday night. This is all new, they are just starting on this, but he wanted to put the information out there because April 15th will be here before we know it.

PCC Larry stated if anyone hasn't yet become a Champion for Mid-South, they have launched a challenge coin this year. They will do it for at least the next four years. All it takes is to sign up to become a Champion, which is a minimum donation of \$10.00 a month. Sign up through the website. There's a link to the Church Center app. Sign up and put in your information. The good news is that it is you doing that, so

if you want to up the amount or it's a month where things got tight and you need to turn it off, you can easily do that. You don't have to worry about calling anyone. You don't have to give anyone your credit card or bank information. You do it all yourself online. Please consider becoming a Champion. If you can't do it monthly, you can do it once and become a booster member, and help these folks get their sight back.

SAVING SIGHT – PCC Larry Boettcher reported that through the last fiscal year, they had donations and transplants to 3,538 individuals in their service area of MO, KS, and central IL. That was about nine individuals a day that had their sight restored because of the work they do and the donations they get. He asked anyone that is not an organ donor, and hasn't marked that box on their driver's license, please consider doing that, so they can continue to provide that tissue that allows that to happen.

They continue to process more and more autologous serum eye drops. It continues to be a record-breaking year. PCC Larry noted it seems like now, as they go forward, it is tracking very well for them. They are doing some new things and trying to market it bigger now. They are trying to talk to insurance companies. Hopefully things will start rolling with that and they can get more insurance companies to provide for Vital Tears.

September 24th was Saving Sight's last board meeting. They had their strategic development session on that Saturday. This year, the board selected five items they wanted to focus on: creating a legacy of giving, reinvesting in the future, support of brand and service extension, territory expansion, and optimizing the relationship and communication with Lions club members. They are already working hard on those plans, trying to see what they can do to help sustain the organization going forward.

PCC Larry thanked all the Lions that volunteered for the Walgreens donor designation drive in August. They staffed 13 stores with volunteers across the state of Missouri. If anyone is interested in hosting a donor drive in your area, you can reach out to Saving Sight at pr@saving-sight.org. They will get you the information and help you get set up. If there is a health fair going on and you want to tag on to that and do a donor drive, they can help with that.

The next Giving Tuesday is on November 29th. That will be up on the website so you can donate if you would like to. They are also now set up with AmazonSmile, so if you use Amazon a lot and you want to select Saving Sight as the organization, they will get 1/2% of the purchase price on any eligible purchases for that.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6th, at 6:30. In December and March they'll be doing Zoom meetings. In December, it's too hard to travel and in March, with district conventions starting in mid-February and going through first part of April, they decided to do Zoom so they didn't lose any of the board members that couldn't be there. PCC Larry asked anyone that is currently on the board to please stand so people could see how many board members that are actually present today – and there are quite a few. PCC George Winkeler is Vice President of the Board. PDG Scott Sattler is the Board Secretary. Board members included: PDG Mike Sliger, VCC DG Jennie Mosher, CC Phyllis Krebs, and DG Pat Scott.

EYE MISSION FOUNDATION – IPDG Struttmann reported good news! They have been reporting for the last few years with no activities or events taking place. That has changed. They have been talking, wishing, praying that they could start doing mission trips, other than international. Maybe right here in our neighborhoods in Missouri. That is actually going to happen next weekend. The first local mission trip is going to take place in downtown St. Louis, in a homeless shelter. That is good news. News that everyone should take back to Lions and clubs so that they know that the glasses they have been collecting for years and years as Lions, are actually going to people right here in our local area. He thanked everyone for collecting glasses. This mission on Sunday, will be from noon to 4:00 at the Peter and Paul Homeless Shelter. Their plan is to get as much experience as they can with this first mission. Then they will come up with their own system, their own workflow and they hope to move this out to many more local missions next year. Their desire is to make sure they at least do one in every district. That's where they need help.

They need help in identifying a location and need in each area. He asked that everyone do that for them, then they will start the ball rolling on coming to each district. Their first set of glasses are actually coming from M3. They did that because they found out that PDG Lyn & PCC Pat Porterfield were already taking glasses into their home. They had thousands of glasses that had already been bagged and ready. They were planning on bringing them to the recycling center in Jefferson City anyway. They were just able to intercept those glasses and will be using them next weekend.

IPDG Struttmann shared that for anyone that had previously gone on a mission trip with Lions in Sight, it's possible they had a lead doctor from California named Lion Dr. John Demshar. Anyone that worked with Lion John would never forget him. He was a force of nature. He had gone on over 120 mission trips to support Lions. He was a hard worker, but he also liked to party. He would keep them awake all night and be the first one at the clinic in the morning. He recently passed away unexpectedly. It's a huge loss for that organization and a huge loss for all of us.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE & PERSONNEL MANUAL– PDG Ann Anderson started by stating she was feeling excited and rejuvenated today hearing what the committees are doing and stepping up to. She added that they have had a week with Brad Baker, so they have been rejuvenated a lot. Then when they come here and see what we are doing, it really is exciting – she couldn't help but share it. PDG Ann reported that the State Office Committee met in Jefferson City at the State Office on August 17, 2022. Council Chairperson Lion Phyllis was also in attendance. The first topic of discussion for this meeting was the Personnel Manual. The changes they recommend to the Personnel Manual are:

1. Page 7 – under Duties and the fifth bullet point - just a change in grammar.
It reads now: "Order, stock, sell and keep accurate inventory of Lions Multiple District 26 Lions materials, such as pins, shirts, hats and jackets, ~~out of~~ the State Office. Issue receipts for all merchandise sold."
They recommend changing the words "out of" to **through** the State Office.
2. Page 10 - #305 Flexible Schedule Time, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence change the word **salaries** to **regular full time**. So, it will read: "Lions Multiple District 26 will grant **regular full time** employees time off from their regular work schedule to compensate them for time spent working, other than regular workdays, at Council of Governors meetings."
3. Page 16 – under the first bullet point, second sentence, the word "Chair" should read **Chairperson**. (This is just a housekeeping issue as per LCI).

They had a very good meeting that day with lots of discussion and explanations. We discussed the computer situation and have sent out that recommendation. It was discussed in the work session this morning that the change in the price has gone up, but they still hold with their recommendation of replacing all of the computers.

Our employees do have a couple of concerns:

- 1) There have been multiple times they have called or emailed for information to Lions and committee chairpersons, but they are not receiving a return call or email. Their only concern is because to operate effectively, they need responses to these voicemails or emails. They are only calling to update something or a reservation or something like that, so they depend on us for help as we depend on them.
- 2) It has also been brought to their attention regarding signing contracts for the Council of Governors meetings. There has been just a little bit of miscommunication. We refer to the Policy Manual, page 12 under Chapter Two, A. Multiple District Secretary/Treasurer. For those that don't know this procedure it states: "He or she (MD Secretary/Treasurer) shall sign all contracts approved by the Council of Governors for Council Meetings in July and October each year, unless the Council approves another Council Officer to do so." The Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee shall negotiate the cost and number of the sleeping rooms, meeting room, hospitality room and training rooms in the contract and sign the contract for the January Council of Governors meeting. Once a signed copy is submitted to the State Office, they will work out all of the details for the Council of Governors meeting.

Since the writing of her report, there have been a couple of other concerns:

- 1) One of them is that they asked each District Governor, and she believes it was also sent to the Cabinet Secretary, to update their PDG lists (particularly when they are deceased). The office keeps a very good database of the PDGs, so they ask that you please take time to update the list, and if you personally don't know, get someone in your district to help you with that list, because that's what they need – to have those lists back and updated at all times.
- 2) There is also a concern about some of the committees. If looking at the Policy Manual, she believes, all committees go through the State Office, when you plan your meetings, it's scheduled through the State Office, supposedly. The office needs copies of the minutes and they also need the officers elected to complete their databases. They have not heard from several committees, so if you are on a committee or you've been elected the Chairperson, please get your information to the State Office, and please remember to send a copy of your minutes of each meeting to the State Office.

PDG John Preston asked PDG Ann if she would like to go over some of the discussion that was had at PDG weekend in Cape Girardeau regarding the "PDG list"?

PDG Ann replied that the State Office will keep the PDG database up-to-date, and they will use it for the PDGs. They will also have a database of the spouses of the deceased. This is a completely different situation than the PDG group. There were no additional questions.

At CC Phyllis's request, DG Leon presented the proposal from the State Office Committee – which will come up again in New Business later. DG Leon stated that if everyone remembers, at the last Council of Governors meeting, there was some heated discussion about the State Office Committee, succession, and so on. After that meeting, he sent an email, with approval from the Council of Governors to the Office Committee asking them for their suggestions on how to approach this. There were a couple of concerns. The State Office Committee was the only committee not in the Constitution & By-Laws, and therefore, could be changed, disbanded, modified, at any time by a majority vote of the Council of Governors at any Council of Governors meeting. They came back and in discussion with DG Leon, they proposed an addition to the Constitution & By-Laws. It's a new portion under Committees, Article VIII, Section 2:

(q) State Office Committee – “The Council shall appoint a multiple district state office committee to oversee and assist in the operating of a State Lions administrative office. The committee shall be responsible to hire employees to fill any vacancies or needs and shall adjust hours according to the workload. 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.” (Most of this is the same as what's currently in the Policy Manual.)

“There will be three (3) members serving on this committee. The Council Chairperson will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee. Due to the unique nature of this committee, it is not necessary that each district be represented on this committee, but the members will be from three different districts.”

“The members of the State Office Committee shall be selected for a three-year term and may serve multiple terms. Such selection of members of the State Office Committee shall be made at the first Council of Governors meeting in July. Those Lions interested in seeking a position on the State Office Committee shall submit notice of their interest to their District Governor, prior to the time for selecting committee members. The notice of their interest may be sent by email, USPS, or personally to their District Governor. The Council will not be responsible for failure of delivery.”

“In July of 2023, one member will be appointed for a two-year term and the other two members will be appointed for the full three-year term. This will help to facilitate and provide for consistent operation of the State Office.” Then it will just change after that.

Another addition would be in Article VIII Committees, Section 4:

- (d) The following State Committees shall have a three-year term:

State ALERT Committee
State Investment Committee
State Office Committee

PID O'Riley commented and asked that Parliamentarian Terry may want to check this, that it states a committee in the Constitution & By-Laws will have representation from each district.

PCC Parliamentarian Terry responded that yes, it does "talk in there about seven, but you can change a specific committee to have different qualifications. Just like they do terms, where there are certain committees that have different terms of three-years or two-years. Then the same thing for different financial years for committees. So, things like that can change as long as it's spelled out – and it is."

PID O'Riley then asked, "Should there not be a foot note back in that particular part of the Constitution stating, that in whatever part of the Constitution this is going to be, there's only going to be three?"

PCC Terry answered, "Definitely if this gets approved, the Constitution & By-Laws Committee can take a look at correct wording for how it should be in the Constitution."

DG Leon added that this is a proposal TO the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for them to review and bring it back in January for the Council to approve, so that it can come before all Lions at State Convention. The Constitution & By-Laws Committee will have to look at this and make sure it doesn't violate anything else and go from there.

PCC Ron Campbell asked, if he was hearing correctly, that there was something mentioned about a letter of intent?

DG Leon clarified that yes, a letter of intent if anyone was interested in serving on that committee.

PCC Ron asked, "Why is it discriminating against that committee? No other committee has such a proposal."

Parliamentarian Terry responded, "That's because, all the other districts, each Governor appoints someone to the other seven committees. In this case, if there is someone out there interested, the Governor needs to bring forward the name. There are three positions, but there could be six people that come up from across the State. Then they have to make a selection from that. That's what it is. The committees not seven people."

PCC Ron answered, "That's why PID W.R. was mentioning why not put it in there with seven?"

Parliamentarian Terry replied, "You're going to get seven people to come to Jeff City? It's a lot of work."

PCC Ron went on to say, "Other committees are like that too, so why discriminate?"

DG Leon stated, "Currently it's three people that are serving. That's why three people were listed in this. They are all from different districts. We'll leave it up to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. If they determine if it works for them, the framework. That's all I can say about it."

PDG Ann added, "When it was designed, there was a person from the Constitution & By-Laws Committee there and it was based on the Global Action Team, because they are only three people, and they have to send a notice if they want to serve on the Leadership or Membership. That's how that was based. That if you had twelve people, they had to initiate that letter. That's why they did that."

DG Leon commented that he can say as a District Governor, "You'd like to know who WANTS to serve, so hopefully they will serve and do their job. When you go out and appoint someone to a specific committee, they say, 'Yeah, I'll do that', but then as we've found with some of these committee reports, particularly like

with the Band that came up earlier today, there were three meetings that couldn't get a quorum. I went through that with the Investment Committee, and every committee I've been on, it's been difficult to get people to show up. Out of the seven, we are lucky if we can get four to meet in person or on Zoom. So that's another problem that needs to be addressed. So, it's good to have somebody say, 'I want to serve on that committee.' If they ask, hopefully their intentions are true."

PDG James W. Rosbrugh stood and commented, "As a Chairperson of a State Committee, we have found that it works very well, because some people can't get on Zoom, to conduct three-day meetings by email. We know we are going to be doing it, we look for emails, and we answer. We work back and forth through email. That has worked very successfully for the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

SIGHT CONSERVATION – No report

MISSOURI PIN TRADERS – No report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUALITY LION AWARDS – none were turned in

SITE OF OCTOBER 2023 COG MEETING- It was proposed at the last COG meeting that it be held at Old Kinderhook. 1VDG Marilyn Reaves shared that the 1VDGs suggested that we do Old Kinderhook in October because of the problem they were having with the January facility and being able to have the meeting there. By having it in October, we could still see the facility for the 2024 State Convention, so that's our recommendation. CC Phyllis clarified that this is separate from the January one, whether to move the date or move the location. This is for the October 2023 meeting to move to Old Kinderhook instead of Jefferson City.

DG Tibbs moved to accept the proposal to have Old Kinderhook in October for the 2023 COG meeting. DG Foglesong seconded the motion and it passed.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION – CC Phyllis announced a secret ballot vote to allow PDG Debbie Cantrell (M6) to continue to serve on the district's Marketing Communications committee, having served more than 6 out of 8 consecutive years. Ballots were passed out to the DGs, collected, counted and PDG Debbie was given special dispensation by unanimous vote.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATES:

-State Office Committee – DG Spire moved that the State Office proposal (previously reported by DG Leon) that the proposal be moved to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for wording. DG Pat Scott seconded the motion. CC Phyllis reiterated the motion and second was on the floor to send the issue to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for wording, to bring back to the January Council of Governors meeting. She asked for discussion. There was none. The motion carried.

-Corrections for References and Housekeeping Issues – DG Sandy McCann moved to approve changes regarding the housekeeping issues, references, and grammatical issues of the Policy Manual. DG Tibbs seconded the motion. CC Phyllis asked if there was any discussion. Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator, asked a question about Appendix 4. She stated she was not clear on that new fund. If money is requested from that, is that considered a grant or a loan? DG Pat Scott responded that it was written to be a grant, so that they are not paying back money, because they won't have it.

Lion Brenda responded with, "It says, "funds not used shall be returned"" And added that she's just never been clear on that.

DG Pat gave a hypothetical situation where a committee asked for \$15,000, but they only used \$10,000, so the \$5,000 unused goes back.

Lion Brenda replied, "Ok, but this morning, we were talking about the Athletic Committee asking for \$1,500, but then returning it once they got going. So, is that a loan?"

DG Leon stated, "This morning the Athletic Committee asked for \$1,500 in seed money and they said, 'If we don't need all that seed money or use all that seed money, we'll give it back.' This old Appendix 4 that was approved in July, which will become Appendix 5 when this gets changed, under Appendix 5 Reporting, it says 'The balance of monies received for the Youth Activities Fund not used shall be returned to the fund for future use', and the old paragraph 3 is deleted, which talked about returning money and charitable entities, etc. It didn't make a lot of sense. So, if, using DG Pat's example, you use \$10,000, \$8,000 or \$14,590 – the balance would be returned. It doesn't address the profits it would make or anything like that. But one of the other changes that we deleted, the old Appendix 4, which was Missouri Lions MD 26 Investment Policy, and we should not have, because that spells out how that money is supposed to be invested. That Appendix gets returned to the Policy Manual and the Youth Activities Leadership Fund will become Appendix 5. I think the other major change, other than references, was the Investment Committee was listed separately in Article 3 (page 17) Section D-Committees and Appointments. The Investment Committee is now in the Constitution and By-Laws and therefore, should not be in the Policy Manual, as was pointed out to us by our Parliamentarian when we were reviewing this. Other than that, all the changes listed are reference changes, where the Constitution & By-Laws were changed and references were not picked up, and a couple of grammatical errors."

Parliamentarian Terry referenced Lion Brenda's question about this morning and the Athletic Committee. He addressed that there was some confusion about what the request is from the Athletic Committee. It was part of their budget proposal today that they need \$1,500 for seed money, but with the Youth Activities Fund, to ask for money from that, you have to send in a request (it's in the Policy Manual how to do it). That's decided at the January Council meeting. So, any money coming from the Youth Activities Fund won't be dispersed until after the January Council meeting when the Council decides how they are going to split up the money amongst all the things that come in. So, it made it kind of confusing, were they wanting Council of Governors' money to start up or was this actually a request that needs to be in January for the Youth Activities Fund?

PCC Joe Foster stated, "So with what PCC Terry said, I need to get it straight in my mind, we have a Youth Fund that they are able to apply for funds for youth activities, but the Athletic Committee is wanting to borrow money and not apply for money from the Youth Activities Fund?"

PCC Terry replied that that is the confusion.

PCC Joe continued with, "So I'm still confused. Are they asking to borrow money from the Council or are they going to submit to the Youth Activities Fund for \$1,500? I think we need to clarify that. I'm not sure what's going on."

CC Phyllis added that she thought that was under another topic they'll get to when they discuss the Athletic Committee budget under New Business.

CC Phyllis indicated that right now there is a motion on the floor and a second, and now following discussion, they are ready for a vote for submitting those changes. A vote was taken. The motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST SIGNATURES - CC Phyllis reminded State Committee Chairs to contact Lion Brenda or Lion Jackie about Conflict of Interest signatures. Lion Jackie read the names of those signatures needed.

STATE OFFICE EQUIPMENT REQUEST - CC Phyllis shared that the State Office equipment request was submitted and the District Governors have seen that proposal. Her understanding is that the price changes on Monday, the rebates will expire. She noted we are good if they can get it done and move forward. DG Foglesong moved to approve the State Office equipment request for computers. DG Mosher seconded the motion.

During discussion, PDG Scott Sattler asked what the cost would be? Lion Brenda shared the cost is \$1,840 for two computers, but she wanted to know if the Council was including the Microsoft upgrade also in this motion? The Council confirmed, yes, the Microsoft upgrade should be included.

PDG Sattler wanted to know then what the complete total would be. Lion Brenda stated that would be another \$300 per year, so an additional \$300 for this year.

PDG John Preston asked, "Does that mean that next year we have to come forward to the Council to renew that \$300 for that Microsoft software or is that a one-time deal?"

Lion Brenda was asked her view and she stated, "I would think it would be included in the equipment budget every year." PDG Scott Sattler added that Microsoft is an annual subscription.

It was clarified by CC Phyllis then the total dollar amount is \$1,840 for the two computers and \$300/yearly for the Microsoft subscription, for a total this year of \$2,140.

DG Foglesong then amended his motion and moved to approve the State Office equipment request for the computers for \$1,840, plus \$300 for Microsoft, with the Microsoft part being included every year in the budgets going forward. DG Jennie Mosher seconded the amended motion. CC Phyllis asked for a vote to accept this proposal of \$2,140. The vote was taken, and the motion carried.

CC Phyllis then asked for a motion to take up to \$2,140 from reserves to fund this proposal. She knows some is already in the budget, but she's not sure how much more is needed. DG Hove moved that the necessary monies to fulfill that approval be pulled from reserves. DG Pat Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE FINANCIAL REVIEW DRAFT – CC Phyllis stated the next business was to approve the financial review draft that was presented this morning by DG Spire. She asked for a motion. DG Hove moved to approve the financial draft. DG McCann seconded the motion. CC Phyllis asked for discussion. Lion Brenda referenced the page in the document where it summarizes the committees (pg. 7), and asked if they wanted to change the wording on Athletic or Band because that no longer applies? It was noted that that review was emailed out from the State Office. After review of the document, CC Phyllis shared that there is wordage about the Athletic Committee "is responsible for the All-Star Football game. Net funds generated by this committee shall be donated to the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation." The other change was to the Band committee whose "duty is to supervise the conduct and operation of the Missouri Lions All-State Band. This committee shall set policy for the Band, shall determine the functions at which the Band shall perform, administer the Missouri Lions All-State Band fund and elect a Chief Band Director. The funds necessary to finance the expenses of the Band, such as uniforms, music, travel, board and lodging for rehearsals, and engaging in approved performances shall be obtained from the Missouri Lions All-State Band fund and through grants made by Lions Clubs and other sponsoring band members in accordance with the procedures established by the Council." CC Phyllis noted that Lion Brenda is saying that changes need to be made to this because this is no longer true of these two committees.

DG Spire asked, "But it was last year and that's what we're approving, right?"

CC Phyllis shared that Parliamentarian PCC Terry suggested making changes for next year to allow for time to make the wording changes. This document is from last year. With a motion having already been made to approve the financial review draft presented, a vote was called, and the motion carried.

APPROVE COMMITTEE BUDGET PROPOSALS –

-State Convention Committee budget – DG Spire moved to accept the State Convention Committee budget for 2023. DG Pat Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

-International Convention Committee budget – DG Spire moved to approve the International Convention budget for 2022-2023. DG Pat Scott seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

-Athletic Committee budget – DG Bart Tibbs moved to accept the Athletic Committee budget. DG Foglesong seconded the motion. DG Spire then asked, "Where's it coming from? Is this coming from Athletic or Youth committee form? Or is this coming from extra above the budget?"

1VDG James Pedersen stated, "You tell me what we need to do. If we need to submit it out of the Youth to be presented like the Youth fund, we can do that. Otherwise coming out of the general reserves to get started and if everything is successful, we'll plan to return that money and hopefully be self-sufficient moving forward is the plan. So, if we need to submit it and ask for it, like a grant or the proper procedure, we can do that. I just need some guidance on what the proper move would be."

DG Pat Scott, Liaison Governor of the Athletic Committee, strongly suggested that they ask for the money from the Youth Activities Committee, and the next opportunity for that will be in January.

CC Phyllis then asked, "So does that allow you to bring it back in January then?"

DG Pat replied, "Yes, unless Parliamentarian Terry has something to say about it."

DG Foglesong had one question in regard to delaying the time. "Does that harm the Athletic Committee from being able to move forward right now?"

1VDG James responded by saying that he firmly believes they will continue to meet via Zoom or in person, as needed, and they can get some more details, since it's not going to be actually played or have any participation until late spring/summer. He thinks they will have ample time to come back in January and present it as a request out of the Youth funds. They should be fine. They'll just continue to plan and try to get more of a detailed expense and continue that direction.

PDG John Preston stated that he thought in the Constitution and By-Laws, when it was rewritten about requesting monies from the Youth Leadership Fund, there was not an actual letter of intent for a grant, just a verbal request was necessary to the Council of Governors.

The general consensus from the Council was that that was not correct, so PDG John Preston followed with, "Or is it an actual proposal of funds needed?"

DG Pat stated, "Actually what we need is money from the Youth Activities Fund." She indicated they could write the proposal and ask for the money later.

Parliamentarian PCC Terry shared that in the current Policy Manual, Appendix 4 (which will now be Appendix 5), Youth Activities Leadership Fund - Request for monies and Dispersal of Funds it reads:

1. Requests for monies to be used for expenses of youth related committees and or projects must be submitted to the Council of Governors 20 days prior to the January Council meeting. If requests are approved a decision on disbursement will be made at the January Council meeting.

2. Lions Opportunities for Youth, State Athletic, State Band (once current balance is expended) along with other committees who can show a Youth Leadership Activity may apply for monies from the Youth Leadership Activities Fund.
3. Request must be in writing and detail the need, how the activity is related to youth leadership and expected benefit. Total cost of activity, amount to be raised by other means and time frame for entire project from beginning to end.

CC Phyllis reiterated, "Requests for monies to be used for expenses for youth related committees and or projects must be submitted to the Council of Governors 20 days prior to the January Council meeting." – as some were having trouble hearing.

PDG John Preston then asked, "So did the Athletic Committees proposal today meet that requirement, because it's in his report?" The general response from the Council was "No".

IPDG Jene Crook stated, "I see a difference, but maybe I'm misunderstanding, but I see a difference between asking the Council for an advancement of start-up money, that they hope to return to the Council, versus applying for funds that they DON'T expect to return to the Council but would only return in the event that they didn't use it all. That's what the Youth Activities is – it's a request of money from the Council that would be spent on a particular project. What he was asking for, this morning anyway, was money they could use for start-up money, then return what they could. But he could do it either way. He has less responsibility to return the money if he makes the proposal with the Youth Leadership Activities Fund."

DG Hove stood and responded, "The Appendix states under Section 5 – "Activities should be scheduled for the Lions year in which monies are requested and completed in the same year needed, if possible, unless activity needs required "seed" money to establish an event." So, they had requested SEED money, which is spelled out in paragraph 5 under 'Request for monies and Dispersal of Funds' – in which case this shall be specified in the request for monies along with other required criteria." They are asking for seed money and that is covered in the Policy Manual.

CC Phyllis asked again for the Council's motion, for reiteration. She clarified that the motion was to accept the Athletic Committee's Budget and she asked for a vote.

There was confusion about what exactly they were voting on. DG Sandy McCann asked if they were voting to approve the budget? CC Phyllis clarified with saying, "Yes, the budget proposal."

DG Leon asked, "What's that budget proposal mean?"

Parliamentarian PCC Terry answered, "So they are having an expected income of \$1,500 and spending \$1,500. Just like any budget income. I'm going to sell shirts and I'm going to get \$1,000. I'm going to sell ads and get \$500. So, their income is getting money from a grant or some source. Their expenses are the three things listed. It's a very small budget. It's not very detailed."

A vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion failed with a vote of 3-yes to 4-no. CC Phyllis commented she guessed they will be bringing it back in January if they wish to do so.

1VDG Pedersen then asked, "With it failing and bringing it back in January, is that based on coming back in January and running it through the Youth program?" The general consensus from the Council was "yes". 1VDG James responded, "Ok, I just needed to know which avenue we were going."

CC Phyllis shared that the direction she was hearing from the Parliamentarian was to bring it back in January, 20 days before, so we can submit it for the Youth Leadership Activities Fund.

A question was presented asking, "I thought we were only approving the budget? We weren't approving funds. We are confusing the \$1,500 with asking the Athletic committee for funding, which is something they can do in January, but we can still approve the budget."

CC Phyllis replied, "That was the budget they submitted. That was the budget proposal they submitted."

PDG John Preston commented, "On his proposed budget, it does not show the \$1,500 seed money that he was asking for. It just shows what he proposes for costs, and I think the District Governors were thinking they were agreeing to the seed money plus the budget."

CC Phyllis replied that the discussion ended, the Council voted, and it will come back in January.

-2023 International Convention Band – CC Phyllis started by sharing that if anyone was at the work session prior to the meeting, there was a lot of discussion and she called for a motion from the Council regarding, first of all, the desire to have a band for the 2023 International Convention in Boston. DG Mosher moved to have a band for the 2023 International Convention in Boston – then added only from Missouri, Missouri Youth.

CC Phyllis reiterated the motion saying, "The motion is to field a band of Missouri youth for the 2023 International Convention in Boston." She asked DG Mosher if that was correct, and she agreed. DG Hove seconded the motion.

The question was asked if they had a band ready to go, because they don't have any time? The Council answered, "No."

DG Spire stated, "But that's the motion you have to put up there. The desire to have a band is their desire." He added they wanted a band from Missouri.

CC Phyllis shared that the District Governors have consulted with their 1VDGs, because they will both be at the International Convention, and she is hopeful that the decision was made with both parties in agreement on that and hopefully the vote will show that when the vote is taken.

PCC George asked for clarification for those in the back of the room, "The motion is we either have a band from students in Missouri or we don't, but we are not purchasing a band? Is that correct?"

CC Phyllis stated the motion on the floor is that we have a band from Missouri youth – adding "the desire" to have a band of Missouri youth.

PDG James W. Rosbrugh asked for DG Mosher to please restate the exact wording of the motion she had made, because what he is hearing is different than the motion that she said – different wording than what she made in her motion.

DG Jennie Mosher stated, "I move we have a desire to have a band of Missouri students at the 2023 International Convention in Boston."

DG Hove shared, "I'm fully aware that we cannot field a band of Missouri youth in Boston at this time. The Band committee's winner of the Battle of the Bands refused, and my understanding is the other bands said we don't have time to come up with money to do that. In order to get this moving, I seconded the motion so that we can discuss it and talk about it. There may come another motion to field a band and then try to find a way to fund a band. But the one motion made originally was the one that was the first preference of the 1VDGs. Their desire was to have a band and their other desire was that it come from Missouri youth. Some of them would like to have a band, if we can't get it from Missouri, from someplace else. We have to respond to this motion first, before we can do anything else. I think that covers what we were talking about."

CC Phyllis agreed and asked if there was any further discussion, or could they move to a vote?

PCC Larry Boettcher commented, "We have a Constitution & By-Laws that already sets forth that Missouri has a youth band. So why are we motioning to do what the Constitution already says?"

CC Phyllis replied, "But we don't have a band."

PCC Larry continued, "Yes, but we have a committee that is charged with creating a band with youth of Missouri, so why are we voting to have a band created from the youth of Missouri, when it's already in the Constitution?"

CC Phyllis responded by saying, "The committee said they could not field the band."

PCC Larry asked, "Then who's going to field the band, other than the Band Committee? If this votes yes, then who's going to do it?"

CC Phyllis said, "Let's just vote and hopefully it'll turn out right." There was a unanimous NO vote, so the motion failed.

DG Hove then moved that "we attempt to field a band, hire a band for the 2023 International Convention in Boston. If we determine as a Council to do that, then we will research and look for ways to fund that hiring of a band. From what I've heard today, it would be somewhere between \$1,500 and \$2,200. That is my motion." DG Jennie seconded that motion.

PDG Ron Jordan shared, "I am one of the original band members, that started the band as we used to know it. We went to Fort Leonard Wood with students from all over the state. I got rooms down there for \$52/a day. That's not a room – that is a building, with 48 students in each building. We had this thing down to a fine science, but then naturally somebody decided to get rid of the band, and all the instruments. I think you are going about this thing the wrong way. If you are going to get students from all over Missouri, you better start a year in advance, not six or eight months. I'm very sorry, but this thing has been butchered up and butchered up and you don't have the people on the committee at this point, that even know what they are doing. I'm very serious about that. I think W.R. and few others, know what I'm talking about. My heart has been in the band and we destroyed it. I think you are making a bad mistake, trying to attempt to put a band together for a few hundred dollars at the last minute. These students need to come from all over Missouri. They need to practice together, and they need to enjoy each other. That's my last word."

DG Jennie stated, "When I became a Lion in 2005, the band had a different agenda. If there was an International Convention that wasn't in the United States, that band went to Veteran's homes, it went to other places. They gave performances that many people enjoyed. The students worked together as a group. As PDG Ron said, they practiced, they worked together, they were a team. But it seems like somewhere along the way, they kind of lost their direction. They no longer stayed and did things within our own state or went to a nearby state to do performances. We kind of changed the agenda on them. We took away the opportunity for the youth to be youth and do performances. Not every year will there be a Convention here in the United States and those years where there wasn't, those youths went to other places. They still performed. They traveled around, and on the bus ride (even though I never went) I heard many stories about how the youth learned about the Lions organization. I think we need to go back to that kind of a program if we are going to make a successful band."

CC Phyllis reminded everyone that one of her statements early on was to think outside the box to try to address things.

DG Sandy McCann voiced that the "1VDGs discussed this last night. Four of them agreed that if they couldn't have Missouri students, they did not want to hire a band."

DG Pat Scott said she had to agree with Lion Ron Jordan. "The previous years that we had a band, it was outstanding. However, if you look at the youth of today, if their school does not have a super strong director, with a direction to go somewhere, to be somewhere, to be somebody, you're not going to get Missouri youth to participate. Catching up with the good ones is hard, because they are all very, very busy and very active. I feel like we are beating a dead horse here, and we need to make a decision and move on or we're going to be here until midnight. That's my opinion for what it's worth." She asked for CC Phyllis to call for the question and move this forward.

CC Phyllis acknowledged that the question has been called and a vote will be taken. It was clarified that a vote must be taken on whether to call the question, so CC Phyllis asked for a vote on whether to call the question. A vote was taken and passed to call the question.

Then CC Phyllis called a vote for DG Leon's motion to hire a band for the 2023 Boston Convention. The vote was taken, and the motion failed.

-Band Committee budget- CC Phyllis called for a motion to approve the Band budget that was presented by DG Sandy earlier. DG Foglesong moved to accept the Band Committee budget. DG Hove seconded the motion.

Lion Devon Campbell had two clarification questions. "Are the Battle of the Bands funds that are in the budget, coming out of the Band fund?" DG Sandy answered, "Yes." He followed up with, "Since it has been discussed at least twice already, I believe, about having a hired band from not Missouri youth, being the fact that they are not an "All-State Band", can we do Battle of the Bands for one band program out of those same funds?" There was some confusion, so Lion Devon rephrased his question. "If we are concerned about hiring one specific band because they are from out of state as a single band, not apprised of All-State Missouri Youth, then would not the Battle of the Bands coming from the same fund, be the same, and since it is not an All-State Band, would that not be not kosher as well?"

Parliamentarian Terry asked, "What is an All-State Band?"

Lion Devon responded, "But that's not the point."

Parliamentarian Terry said, "But it is. This is a question on the budget. And the budget is about a Battle of the Bands and then there is this line item about the band engagement. We've heard from the discussion today, that it sounds like the Lions of Missouri want to get back to having an All-State Band. A Battle of the Bands is not an All-State Band. And the funds can only be dispensed for an All-State Band, as from the comments that were made from our Constitution & By-Laws Committee when it came to a reference of hiring a band. It's kind of the same thing. The Constitution is clear that the charge is an All-State Band, and the funds can only be used for an All-State Band, then the Battle of the Bands is in question."

PDG Ann Anderson asked, "Can this band money be used to send to individual school systems to improve their band room or their bass drum, or something like that? My opinion is that it cannot. It needs to be brought forward. If you can't spend it for one thing, you can't spend it for another."

PDG James W. Rosbrugh wanted to address that. "Being a former Band Committee member, we were the ones that initiated the Battle of the Bands. The funds were not just given to the band or the school. The funds were given to the band or the school so they might have the funds to travel to the convention, not to do any improvements. Although we did not specify that, we intended that in all the communication, that if they did not perform at the convention, they did not receive the monies."

CC Phyllis stated she heard a comment from the audience that it is two separate things. Her understanding on the budget is that if they elect not to go to the International Convention, then they do not

receive the money. She thinks that has been clarified. The new action of the Band Committee to solicit letters from the band directors regarding their needs, does bring up a separate issue.

DG McCann shared that they are just receiving the letters. The committee has not met to review the letters they have gotten in, nor have they made a recommendation of what they are going to do. They need to meet to discuss it and they may bring a proposal to the Council, or they may not. They don't know. They haven't met.

CC Phyllis had a question then asking, "Does your budget reflect any money to be moved toward that potential project?"

DG McCann answered, "There is \$12,000 still in the budget for band engagement. As a committee, we decided to leave that in there after we found out that the band was not going to Boston."

PCC Joe asked, "What is band engagement?"

DG Sandy McCann answered, "That's money where we could allot it to the Battle of the Band winner, or we could do other proposals."

PCC George Winkeler then asked, "Did we not pass a motion that we are not going to hire a band?" The Council replied, "Yes." He continued, "Didn't we not pass a motion that we were not going to fund a band?" Again, they answered, "Yes." He added, "Why do we have \$12,000 sitting there then if we are not going to fund a band?"

PCC Terry stated, "The issue here is that the Battle of the Bands from last year were the ones that were supposed to be going to this convention. So, this Battle of the Bands is for the next convention, and so forth. They are trying to get ahead. So, the issue is, because they dropped out, there is no band this year for this convention. What's going on here in this budget, is not about this convention, it's about the next one."

CC Phyllis asked, "How is it stated in the budget? Is it stated that it can only be used for the Battle of the Bands?"

DG McCann responded, "No."

DG Hove clarified that it is a 2022-2023 budget which includes this convention.

PDG John Preston said, "One of the things that you must remind yourself, is that their fiscal year starts in October, not July. Their fiscal year is different, so that is covering 2023. And next year they are ahead of the game – that's what they are trying to do. They have to be ahead of us by a year for the band, for every convention. Like Ron said – if you start this year for this convention, you are already too late."

After some clarification, CC Phyllis asked DG Foglesong, who had made the original motion regarding the Band Budget, how he would like to proceed – Amend the original motion? Withdraw it?

DG Foglesong withdrew his initial motion and the second was withdrawn.

The Council and Parliamentarian Terry conferred on how to proceed. CC Phyllis noted there was already much discussion, and she was calling the question.

DG Foglesong then moved to approve the budget. DG Mosher seconded the motion. A vote was taken with a show of hands, and the motion passed with a vote of 5-2.

Band SOPs - DG Leon stated that based on the discussions we heard a bit ago, looking at the revised Standard Operating Procedures for the Band, if we go to the new #8, it says "If the winning band does not go, we will review and discuss the needs of bands as noted in the replies from the Battle of the Bands letter and see if we can help them." People just a little while ago were saying individual bands vs. state bands, and ways people want to twist it around, he moved that the Band Committee take these Standard Operating Procedures, review it and bring it back to the next Council of Governors meeting, listening to the conversations that were held here today. Then maybe we cannot have any more conflicting discussions about how to proceed with this.

DG Mosher seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 6-1.

Lions Opportunities for Youth Budget – DG Pat Scott moved to approve the Lions Opportunities for Youth Budget. DG Bart Tibbs seconded the motion and it carried.

MWF Budget – DG Leon Hove moved to approve the Mid-Winter Forum budget that was presented. DG Spire seconded the motion.

DG Foglesong asked, "If my memory serves me, the budget that was presented for MWF is more than what we have budgeted in the budget, right? So, the funds are all there?"

PDG Scott Sattler responded saying that the MWF has a separate budget and is not included in the Council's budget. DG Foglesong thanked him for the clarification.

CC Phyllis called for the vote and the motion carried.

PERSONNEL MANUAL CHANGES – CC Phyllis called for a motion to approve the Personnel Manual changes that were presented earlier. DG Mosher moved to accept the suggested Personnel Manual changes. DG Spire seconded the motion and it carried.

C & BL CHANGES RE: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON ELECTION – CC Phyllis stated that one of the points of discussion was the Constitution & By-Laws proposal requesting change to the language to allow flexibility and timing of the Council Chairperson election to "during or following" the MD26 Multiple District Convention.

DG Sandy McCann moved that "we make the Constitution & By-Laws proposal requesting the change in language to allow the flexibility and timing of the Council Chairperson election to "during or following" the MD26 Multiple District Convention. DG Spire seconded the motion.

CC Phyllis noted this was a big topic of discussion in the morning and that it does not impact the DGs sitting for election this year. It would start next year if this is placed on the ballot as we send it to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

PDG James W. Rosbrugh shared, that as he mentioned in his committee report, he would be hesitant to recommend that the Council submit that at this time, based only on the fact that the current model Constitution & By-Laws has nothing highlighted as mandatory, even the new changes that we have noticed already, that are not in the manual. He would be hesitant to do it this year. If it comes out next year, he would be totally behind it.

PID O'Riley stated, for all of those not at the work session this morning, for the past 20+ years, we've been electing Council Chairs against our Constitution & By-Laws. Our Constitution & By-Laws follows the standard form from Lions Clubs International. It's not the Lions Clubs International's Constitution & By-Laws, it's just a standard form. It's a standard form for the Multiple District, it's a standard form for a district, it's a standard form for a club. Those Constitutions & By-Laws are just samples. You tweak those to meet your needs. PID O'Riley personally contacted legal at LCI to make sure we could just put two

words into our present Constitution & By-Laws. Those two words are “during or”. He received back correspondence from Sarah Levy, legal counsel at Lions Clubs International and she said there was no trouble whatsoever to do that as far as LCI goes. It’s just that we need to jump through the hoops like we always do. We put it on the ballot and the Lions of Missouri will vote either yay or nay. That’s all there is to it.

CC Phyllis called for the vote, requesting that change of language. Motion carried.

CC Phyllis asked if action needed to be taken on the Multiple District Chairperson for Marketing Communications at this time or is that going to be brought back in January?

DG Leon stated it was an automatic change, so no action is needed to be taken.

JANUARY 2024 COG MEETING DATE – This was discussed at the morning’s work session. The question is do we move the meeting to January 13, 2024, or do we move the location to Jefferson City? DG Foglesong moved that the January 2024 Council of Governors meeting’s location be moved to Jefferson City. Lion Brenda added that she has not yet checked on the hotel (if we stay with Best Western), and she hadn’t checked with the KC Hall, but she had checked with the Eagles Club. They will charge \$300 to rent the hall and a fried chicken dinner for \$12 each. DG Mosher seconded the motion. CC Phyllis repeated the motion to hold the January 2024 COG meeting in Jefferson City, potentially at the Eagles Club. The date would be January 27, 2024. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

ENDORSEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL 3RD VP IN BOSTON (2023) – DG Leon Hove moved that Missouri Lions endorse PID Mark Lyon for International 3rd Vice President. DG Tibbs seconded that endorsement “highly” of PID Mark Lyon. PID Don Noland that he has been endorsed by the International Family. He does anticipate there being some opposition from the European delegation. We’ll see what happens with that. PID Don has all the contacts. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

PARADE SHIRTS - CC Phyllis announced they are going to vote on the new color of the parade shirts. She asked PCC Larry Boettcher to come forward to show the turquoise-colored shirt option and Lion Christine Dugan showed the coral-colored shirt.

PCC Terry Boettcher explained that the question is coming from the State & International Convention Committee, asking for the Council to change the Policy Manual from the current colored shirt to one of these two colors, so they can purchase them and get the design on.

DG Sandy McCann moved to accept the coral color for the parade shirt. DG Pat Scott seconded the motion. 1VDG Paul Carr questioned whether that color would conflict with the purple jackets. He questioned the coral on “a big guy” like him. A vote was taken, with Council Chairperson voting, there was a tie. Though questioned that she can only vote when there is a tie, that is not the case. The motion was not approved. It will go back to committee.

It was asked to take a general poll of the audience and CC Phyllis asked the State & International Convention to conduct that poll. PCC Gina polled the audience, with the turquoise color being the overwhelming winner. She then asked the Council to approve making a change to the Policy Manual to reflect the turquoise color shirt. DG Spire moved to change the Policy Manual to the turquoise color. DG Mosher seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with vote of 5-3.

COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON LETTERS OF INTENT - CC Phyllis reminded the DGs that any interested candidates for the office of Council Chairperson for the following Lions year need to submit their intention to seek that office to the current Council Chairperson at the January Council Meeting. The current Council Chairperson shall submit the nominations to the incoming Council – this is taken directly from the Constitution & By-Laws.

STATE CONVENTION HOSPITALITY ROOMS – CC Phyllis reminded the 1VDGs to provide payment for their State Convention hospitality room at the January COG meeting. That cost is \$175.

CC Phyllis reminded everyone of the meeting with PID Don Noland immediately following the conclusion of this Council of Governors meeting.

TAIL TWISTER REPORT – IPDG Melissa Anderson collected \$405 in fines for LCIF.

PCC Gina announced that the State & International Convention Committee will take preorders for the shirts for the International Convention in Boston today or email her your size. The Small-3X is \$35. 4x-6x is \$40. She gave her email address: lionbtkr@gmail.com. She will have preorders ready at the January Council meeting. CC Phyllis asked Lion Devon to get that information on the website ASAP. There are women's and men's sizes available.

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

ADJOURNMENT – 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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