

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, October 25, 2014
Warrenton Lions Club Hall, Warrenton, MO

The second meeting of the 2014-2015 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Jeff Hilke at 10:30 a.m.

DG Richard Warner gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Gary Curtis.

DG Missy Carr led in the singing of the 1st verse of "America".

OPENING ADDRESS AND REMARKS - CC Jeff Hilke asked all veterans to stand and be recognized for their service. He thanked everyone for attending and introduced himself.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>1st Vice District Governors</u>	<u>2nd Vice District Governors</u>
26-M1	Don Beckham	Don Shelhammer	
26-M2	Missy Carr	Joe Foster	Jack Lenk
26-M3	John Clark	John Deters	Steve Wiechens
26-M4	Richard Warner	Tharran Gaines	Larry Boettcher
26-M5	Gary Curtis	Bruce Dugan	Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza
26-M6		Craig Lehman	
26-M7	Emery Smola	Allen Moore	

Council Chairperson IPDG Jeff Hilke, M7

Immediate Past International Director Donal Knipp, M7

Parliamentarian PCC Steve Wise, M6

Council Secretary-Treasurer/State Office Administrator Lion Brenda Weider, M7

M1: Lion Dave Baldwin, PDG Chris Clinton, PDG Lisa Clinton, PDG Julia Erskine, PDG Casey Morris, Lion Joycelyn Morris

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, IPCC Gina Boettcher, PCC Terry Boettcher, Lion Kevin Carr, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Cindy Koppelman, PDG Ron Koppelman, Lion June Lenk, Lion Sandee Marshall, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion George Winkeler

M3 PDG Lisa Alexander, PDG Freda McKee, PCC Don Noland, IPDG Sandy McCann, PDG Lyn Porterfield, PCC Pat Porterfield, PDG Jim Salarano, PDG Maxine Salarano, Lion Cloyce Thrasher

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Tony Bavuso

M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Robert Espinoza, Lion Cathy Rayfield, PDG Tom Rayfield

M6: Lion Lewis Carnes, Lion Darlene Lehman, Lion Jennie Mosher, PDG Walter Hamer

M7: PDG Nan Blakemore, PDG Ron Jordan, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Polly Scott, Lion Wayne Weider

Guests: Clayton Clark, Saving Sight; Christina and Colton Palliser

PCC Al Blumenberg thanked everyone for their calls, cards, prayers, etc. during his recent illness.

PROTOCOL – PDG Ann Anderson established protocol for this meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER – Motion by DG Carr to appoint the always entertaining PDG Ron Jordan as Tail Twister. Seconded by DG Curtis. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – Motion by DG Carr to donate the funds to Saving Sight in honor of Lion Tony Bavuso who was in attendance. Seconded by DG Clark. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF July 19, 2014, COUNCIL MEETING – Motion by DG Warner to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2014, Council Meeting. Seconded by DG Carr. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DG Clark announced that all seven districts have paid their dues. He summarized the financial report for the first quarter which was in the packet. He also mentioned the draft of the annual financial review which was in the packet and asked for any questions. There were none.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Donal Knipp reported that we are almost one third through our year and he thanked the Governors for their leadership in their districts in Missouri. He stressed to the Governors that all Lions Clubs and Districts are required to provide their annual filings to the IRS by November 15. Most clubs can do this with an electronic post card that takes about three minutes to file.

For the Centennial Service Challenge of serving 100 million people he reminded everyone to encourage all clubs to do some kind of project for Youth, Vision, Hunger and the Environment, and be sure to report it on your activity report.

Membership is something we must continually strive to improve. At this time we only have one district that has a plus in membership for this year, only one out of seven. We have two districts below 1,250 and one more that is just above this number, so we have some work to do.

He also reminded the Governors it is time to start thinking about Presidential and Leadership Medals. He distributed the applications to the Governors and asked that ALL be returned to him by December. If he does not receive all seven back by the deadline, they will all be held up because they all must go in to LCI at the same time.

He thanked everyone who participated in the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute for making it a success.

BID ON 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS – IPID Knipp reported on the status of the bid for the 2020 International Convention in St. Louis. The letter of intent to bid from the Missouri Lions was submitted in August, as well as the letter of intent to bid from the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission. The bid packet from LCI was sent to the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission later in August, and must be turned back in to LCI by November 14 to be considered. All qualified bids will be presented to the LCI Board at the April, 2015 board meeting and they will vote on which city.

SAVING SIGHT – Lion Tony Bavuso updated everyone on Saving Sight. The Kansas City lab was recently expanded to allow for additional corneal cutting procedures, preservation techniques, and eye-drop development. Approximately 50 Board members, Lions and program recipients attended the Open House in September. Their first annual report will be issued this fall following completion of the audit.

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year they transplanted 2,771 corneal tissues (an increase of 17% over the prior year) and 1,254 tissues were distributed for research. Vision screeners were very busy, with more than 45,000 young people and more than 2,000 adults being screened. Of those, 4,500 were referred for further treatment. To date, screenings are tracking ahead by nearly 2,500 youths. Saving Sight is entering year 2 of its current strategic plan and tracking to complete it early. Currently 14 of the 25 objectives are on track and at better than 50% complete, 6 are complete, 6 are on track for completion in year 2, and 2 are yet to be started. As part of this plan, more activity will be seen from staff, particularly the KidSight screening staff. The next Board meeting will be Saturday, December 6 at 9 a.m. at the Columbia office. All Lions are welcome.

Lion Bavuso then introduced Kristina Callister and her son, Colton, from Florissant, MO, to explain how Missouri Lions and Saving Sight have impacted their life. Kristina introduced herself and four-year-old Colton, who attends a preschool where he was screened in April. When she saw the letter in his locker she just glanced at it and thought it was a scam. The next day, when she asked his teacher about the letter, she found out that Colton was the only one in school who had received a referral. She immediately made an appointment with a pediatric eye doctor, and while waiting to get in to see him, she and her husband realized that he had been showing small signs, such as always wanting to sit closest to the television or rubbing his eyes. They started asking him questions about colors and letters on signs, etc. that he could not see. He was diagnosed with astigmatism and nearsightedness, which contributed to bilateral amblyopia in both eyes. He got glasses, and after a few weeks of adjustment, he is doing fine and says "These glasses give me x-ray vision. I can see everything now." They have noticed huge differences in the quality of his life, and she thanked everyone for giving them this opportunity to help him see better.

Lion Bavuso added that Colton's screening may not have happened had it not been for Lion Becky Henderson's connections and persistence in getting into that school. This just shows the value of Lions using their connections to help them reach these kids.

Lion Bavuso presented a Haywood Snipes Award to PCC John and PDG Ann Anderson, on behalf of the Missouri Lions Athletic Committee, which has donated over \$106,000 to Saving Sight since 1987.

Lion Bavuso presented a plaque to CC Jeff Hilke for the Missouri Lions Multiple District 26 for donating over \$106,000 to Saving Sight over the last 25 years.

USA/CANADA FORUM – IPCC Gina Boettcher reported that 1,666 Lions attended the Forum in Puerto Rico this year, with 18 from Missouri. Missouri received an award at lunch for the highest percentage of Lions in attendance, and IPCC Boettcher presented the plaque to Council Chair Jeff Hilke and the Council of Governors, for it to be displayed in the State Office. Next year the Forum will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on September 17-19, 2015.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION - DG Clark reported on behalf of PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett, who could not be in attendance. LCIF has confirmed the display will be shipped for our Multiple District State Convention and an LCIF function will be held during the convention. Details will be announced after the first of the year. All district coordinators have contributing member pins to be sold at \$20 each. Silver pins for \$50 or gold ones for \$100 can be obtained from the coordinators or PID Garrett. Measles pins will be coming soon and he will get those to the district coordinators. Donations were up in 2012-13 and down in 2013-14. District coordinators, as well as the Council Chair and District Governors, have a CD and materials for presentations at club meetings and district conventions, and for training. PID Garrett hopes we can raise donations from MD 26 to \$150,000 this year. About 36-37% of all clubs in MD 26 donate to LCIF. We can reach our goal by increasing club participation to 50%. He urged Governors to share the LCIF information at club visits and for district coordinators to contact each club about presenting short programs to them.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PCC Terry Boettcher reported for PID W. R. O’Riley, who could not be in attendance. As announced at the July Council Meeting, this year’s Institute will be held July 17-18, 2015, in Jamestown, North Dakota. It is the same weekend as the Council Meeting and Football Game in Warrensburg. PID O’Riley will be going off the board and PID Donal Knipp and PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett will be going on the board. The presenters from MD 26 this year will be PCC Terry Boettcher and PDG Debbie Cantrell. PCC Boettcher added how impressed he is with the Institute and what a great training opportunity it was for him.

LIONS EYE MISSION – CC Hilke said it is his understanding that Saving Sight is coordinating the efforts to get volunteers together. Lion Tony Bavuso reported that PDG Lyn Porterfield is spearheading getting a group together to organize this effort to do eyeglass missions out of Missouri, learning the processes from the California Lions. The group has met a few times and have meetings on the calendar to keep moving this project forward.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – Lion Kevin Carr reported that the committee had met recently to wrap up last year’s game, which was a huge success. Many times this game is only measured by the donation made to Saving Sight, but what we are not able to measure are the friendships and memories that the young men who participate take with them. Lion Kevin told about meeting a guy recently who told him he had actually played in this game twenty years ago when it was in Jefferson City and still keeps in touch with some of the other players he met at that time. This year was unique because both of the coaches had actually played in the game in years’ past, so they knew each other. Plans are already underway for next year’s game. They are currently looking for coaches, the State Office is getting ready to send letters out for player nominations, and in January the draft will be held. The game will be played on Saturday, July 18, at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. They have submitted their budget for approval. At that time, he asked PCC John & PDG Ann Anderson to come forward, as well as Lion Tony Bavuso. They presented a check for \$10,000 from this past game for Saving Sight to Lion Bavuso. PCC Anderson reminded everyone that we are all serving today so others can see tomorrow.

BAND COMMITTEE – PDG Ron Koppelman reported that band camp will once again be held at Ft. Leonard Wood. Their budget was included in the packet for approval. The budget is based on a cost of \$1,000 per student for a trip to Florida. Once the budget is approved they will be able to get the applications printed and mailed to the band directors at high schools throughout Missouri, local Lions Clubs, and to the students from two-three prior years. They will be promoting the band again by attending marching band festivals and having a booth at the Missouri Music Educators Conference. CC Hilke asked for clarification on election of officers at two meetings. PDG Koppelman explained that they had to re-elect a couple of officers because two of them were going off the committee.

HEARING COMMITTEE – Written report only.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – PDG Debbie Blumenberg reported that Lion Jason Noland has taken the Sight Committee under his wing this year, and she believes under his direction they will come forth with a purpose and a cause that they can help build the responsibility and help encourage our districts to become more involved in Saving Sight. The goal this year is to raise \$180,000 or more from the Lions of Missouri and she suggested a way to raise money. As we celebrate milestone birthdays or wedding anniversaries we ask that in lieu of all those funny gifts we ask that a donation be made in our name to Saving Sight. Two website launches are coming out in the near future, both on the KidSight tab. She asked the Governors to get with the District Sight Chairs and encourage them to get with Lion Jason at Saving Sight to get information to include in your newsletters to get the information out to clubs.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – Lion George Winkeler reported that LBOMB had received \$2,850 in donations throughout the state so far, and the Board thanks everyone for their support. They're always looking for more support so they are encouraging everyone to donate more. They will have a booth at the State Convention with the office staff there to get everyone up to speed with what's going on with LBOMB. Most of the vending stops along the highways are run by LBOMB organizations. For years people didn't realize the Lions were involved with that because there was just a 3" Lions sticker on display. They have had new signs made with the Lions emblem very prominently displayed (he had one of the signs with him to show everyone).

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PDG Lisa Alexander reported that they are working on a new grant from LCIF to start a new call center program. They currently have 31 clients, with one from Missouri. If you would like WSB to be a vendor or someone from WSB to be a speaker at your convention, please let them know early what your dates are; they are filling up fast.

LEADER DOG – No report

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT & HEARING – PDG Walt Hamer mentioned a couple of title corrections to the written report. Lion Larry Boettcher is 2nd VDG and Lion Terry Boettcher is PCC. He reported that they are now providing material to every president of the Lions clubs, a DVD presentation which features some of our Lions.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that the committee has not met because no business has been brought to them yet. Some Lions have asked about the change made by LCI on allowing a current District Governor to serve as Council Chair. She has a call out to Legal but has not heard back yet. She has spoken with our Past International Director and they are both in agreement that there is nothing that says we are required to change our constitution & by-laws to reflect that change; we are still able to make our choices the way we want to do it in the state of Missouri. When she hears back from Legal, if this is not correct, she will let the Council know.

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PCC Don Noland reported on the committee's recent meeting. A presentation was given by the old Ramada/Truman Hotel in Jefferson City regarding a possible proposal for the 2017 State Convention. The hotel will be going under extensive renovations. Reports were also given on the 2014 Convention we had in Sedalia, as well as preparations for the 2015 Convention in Cape Girardeau and the 2016 Convention in Springfield. He noted that from the 2014 State Convention the \$2,000 advance money was returned, as well as a \$1,719.55 donation to the State Convention Fund. The committee is looking at replacing the white shirt with a new shirt. They submitted a budget for approval. The next meeting will be January 10 in Cape Girardeau.

2015 STATE CONVENTION REPORT – DG Don Beckham updated everyone on the upcoming State Convention in Cape Girardeau. They had brochures to hand out and the website for registering is molionsconvention2015.com. The Committee is now meeting on a regular basis and preparations are going well. They have adopted the phrase "If it's not fun, it's not Lionism" and he urged everyone not to miss the fun. On Friday evening everyone attending will receive a souvenir glass and there will be a silent auction with the proceeds going to LCIF. On Saturday there will be a Kentucky Derby Reception prior to the banquet. There will be a photographer taking candid shots of attendees that will be played in a loop during various social times. Lion Dave Baldwin added that there will be a betting window at the Kentucky Derby Reception, with 100% to go to the charity chosen by the winner. A band will be playing Motown and music from the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s on Friday night. Sunday morning the necrology service will be held

at the County Park at Melania's Magical Playground (a playground built for all kids, even those with disabilities, and partially funded by matching LCIF grant). They would like a photo with as many Lions as possible at that playground that morning.

2016 STATE CONVENTION REPORT – PDG Walt Hamer reported that their committee's first meeting would be the following week.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM – PDG Tom Rayfield quoted "Teamwork makes the dream work but a great vision becomes a nightmare when the leader has a big dream and a bad team." Lions Learning Center offers great training, opportunities for Missouri Lions, in the categories of Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communication. They include Introduction to Lions Leadership, Creativity, Conflict Resolution, Setting Goals, Effective Listening and Public Speaking. There are currently 57 Missouri Lions registered. This is a great free opportunity to take some leadership classes in the privacy of your home. He also reported that LCI has approved their training grant. The Vice District Governors will be accomplishing that training in January. The Mid-Winter Forum will again be in Branson at Chateau on the Lake on the first weekend in February. The Hospitality Room will be run by the GLT Coordinators and 2nd Vice District Governors. You can register online. He closed with a quote "There is always a way if you are committed." PCC Don Noland asked PDG Rayfield to tell everyone who their guest speaker was at training the day before. PDG Rayfield reported that International President Joe Preston addressed them by phone from Sweden, and the group asked many questions of him that were answered.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – CC Hilke reported for PDG Debbie Cantrell who could not be in attendance. A year ago, through September, we had 9,670 members. This year, through September, we had 9,514. The numbers that day, by district, were:

M1	-8
M2	+7
M3	-6
M4	-25
M5	-1
M6	-20
M7	-22

On a monthly basis, PDG Cantrell has been sending out membership tips to all the GMT District Coordinators. In July it was about encouraging focusing not only on getting new members, but also on keeping existing members by offering support to the individual club membership chairs. In August they shared the "Just Ask" brochure, in September they became familiar with the Club Excellence Program, and in October it was about encouraging people to go through the Certified Guiding Lions program. If anyone has questions please contact PDG Debbie Cantrell.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – DG Gary Curtis reported that as Liaison Governor he sent out a request to set a meeting but had only heard back from one member of the committee.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – Lion Jennie Mosher reported that Issue No. 12, which was again 30 pages, had gone out and she was currently working on Issue No. 13. She told about the disaster in August when her hard drive crashed and she thought she had lost her extensive email list. Her husband was able to restore everything from her backup system after several days of work. It is reassuring that her backup system worked as it was intended.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – PDG Eugene Taylor reported that the website is up and working. He reminded everyone to check the website after they have requested that something be put on the calendar to make sure it is correct. He reminded everyone that he reported a couple of years ago that the “missourilions.com” website has been tied up with a password issue. Its contract is about to expire so he is checking on it daily so that when it becomes available we can get it back to use with the others.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – PDG Eugene Taylor reported that as the newly appointed Chair of the Office Committee this year, he visited the State Office in August and met with the Office Administrator to try to understand what the State Office is for the Lions of Missouri. Then earlier in October the Committee met, with himself, PDG Marvin Stuenkel, and Lion Brenda Weider in attendance. Items discussed were:

- The purpose of the Office Committee – to be a liaison between the Council and the Office Administrator
- Standard operating procedures – illustrated by a checklist that Lion Brenda uses to assure the office operates effectively and efficiently
- The financial review was ongoing at the time. You’ll remember that we switched from an audit to a financial review this year. Initially there were concerns that the office had to do so much more work this year to support it, but the hope is that this may have been because it was the first time for that company to review our books.
- The purpose/mission of the State Office – what services are provided to Just Plain Lions, District Governors, Committee Chairpersons, International Directors, the public at large?
- Continuity from year to year on support provided to committees; to have in place transferrable procedures and processes as those committee positions change.
- Developing a clear path for illustrating revisions to various manuals; i.e., Policy, Personnel, etc. We need to establish a revision history on these types of documents.

In closing, PDG Taylor encouraged all Lions to visit our State Office to better understand the quality of service this group is providing. He expressed his appreciation for the condition and appearance of the State Office and the pride exhibited by every person at the State Office.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report.

PIN TRADERS – PDG Ron Jordan announced that the pin swap the next day would be at Rocky Mount instead of Linn Creek-Osage Beach Lions Building.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – PDG Lisa Clinton reported that only three districts were represented at their last meeting, so they asked the Governors to make sure that the person they appointed plans to attend the meetings. If there is a change in a District Chair please let Lion Brenda know so she can let the Committee know. She reminded everyone that Peace Posters are due to the Governors by November 15 to get to the Council Chair to turn into LCI by December 15. She announced that there will be a Youth Camp again this year and they plan to do similar things as they did at the last camp, which the kids loved. These included visits to Missouri University of Science & Technology, Ft. Leonard Wood (even visiting with soldiers from their own countries), Elephant Rock, Johnson Shutins. One day they visited Jefferson City, where they went to the State Capitol, Governors Mansion, Supreme Court Building, the State Office (where they were thrilled with the WiFi and the pins that PDG Nan Blakemore gave them), and, of course, Central Dairy. They do get \$250 from each student attending camp, but could use more funds. She urged everyone to help support this great project; one way would be to award a C. Wayne Henderson Award.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Athletic Budget – Motion by DG Warner, seconded by DG Beckham. Motion carried.

Band Budget – Motion by DG Smola, seconded by DG Clark. Motion carried.

State Convention Budget – Motion by DG Curtis, seconded by DG Beckham. Motion carried.

International Convention Budget – Motion by DG Carr, seconded by DG Warner. Motion carried.

Mid-Winter Forum Budget – Motion by DG Smola, seconded by DG Carr. Motion carried.

Lions Opportunities for Youth Budget – Motion by DG Warner, seconded by DG Clark. Motion carried.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS - Motion by DG Carr, seconded by DG Curtis, to receive the committee reports. Motion carried.

QUALITY LION AWARDS NOMINATIONS:

M1 – 0

M2 – 4

M3 – 0

M4 – 0

M5 – 0

M6 – 0

M7 – 0

OCTOBER, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION – VDG Joe Foster reported that the First Vice District Governors recommend Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. Motion by DG Warner, seconded by DG Curtis, to approve Tan-Tar-A Resort as the location of the October, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES – CC Hilke announced that signatures are still needed from Chairs of Committees that have funds: Lion Kevin Carr, PDG Tom Rayfield, Lion George Winkeler, and PDG Debbie Blumenberg.

PRESENTATION – Council Chair Hilke presented IPCC Gina Boettcher with a Certificate of Appreciation and a letter from Immediate Past International President Palmer, thanking her for her leadership efforts.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REVIEW DRAFT – Motion by DG Clark and seconded by DG Smola to approve the financial review draft. Motion carried.

TAIL TWISTER – PDG Ron Jordan collected fines totaling \$163.

REMINDERS:

- CC Hilke reminded the Governors that Council Chairperson Nominations need to be turned in at the January Council Meeting.
- CC Hilke reminded the First Vice District Governors that selection of and payment (\$150) for State Convention Hospitality Rooms is due at the January Council Meeting.

CHRIS ANDERSON - PCC John Anderson wanted to let everyone know that since the last Council Meeting their son, Chris, did pass away. He wanted to take the opportunity to thank their Lions family in the state of Missouri, many who came to their small town to pay their respects. It was very overwhelming to realize how many lives he touched in his short life. He added that Chris would want him to challenge anyone who has not had a colonoscopy to please get one.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - PCC Al Blumenberg mentioned that the Long Range Planning Committee does not meet until they are asked to do so by the Council. Given our membership numbers, the Committee may need to meet to address the issue.

NEXT MEETING – January 24, 2015 – Cape Girardeau, MO

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn by DG Curtis and seconded by DG Clark. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator