

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Thursday, April 30, 2015
Kem Statuary Hall, SEMO University, Cape Girardeau, MO

The fourth meeting of the 2014-2015 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Jeff Hilke at 4:00 p.m.

DG Missy Carr gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG John Clark.

DG Richard Warner 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.

PROTOCOL – PDG Ann Anderson established protocol for this meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER – Motion by DG Carr to appoint PCC Jesse Hathcock as Tail Twister. Seconded by DG Clark. Motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF TAIL TWISTER FUNDS – Motion by DG Curtis to donate the funds to LCIF for Nepal Relief. Seconded by DG Beckham. Motion carried.

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	Bob Wilson
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	Peter Frantzen	Craig Lehman	Lewis Carnes
26-M7	Emery Smola	Allen Moore	Don Soph

Council Chairperson IPDG Jeff Hilke, M7

Immediate Past International Director Donal Knipp, M7

Past International Directors W. R. O'Riley, M4, and Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3

Parliamentarian PCC Steve Wise, M6

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

M1: PDG Julia Erskine, PDG Casey Morris, 2nd VDGE John Preston, PDG Lana Wilson

M2: Lion June Lenk, Lion Sandee Marshall, Lion Devin Struttmann, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, PDG Elmer Weinrich, Lion George Winkeler

M3: PDG Lisa Alexander, Carol Deters, Lion Jeanette Garrett, Lion Darlene Hendren, Lion Annie Kuhl

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Peggy Campbell, 2nd VDGE Ron Campbell, Barb Gaines, Lion Carole O'Riley

M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Janice Curtis, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Robert Espinoza, Lion Julie Goetz, PDG Kenny Goetz, Lion Cathy Rayfield, PDG Tom Rayfield

M6: Lion Darlene Lehman, Lion Jennie Mosher, PDG Walter Hamer, PDG James W. Rosbrugh

M7: Lion Amy Bell, PCC Jesse Hathcock, 2nd VDGE Lou Ann Hathcock, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Polly Scott, Lion Wayne Weider

Guests: Lions International 2nd Vice President Robert (Bob) Corlew and Lion Diane Corlew

International 2nd Vice President Robert (Bob) Corlew thanked everyone for inviting them to be with us for our Convention.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by DG Warner, seconded by DG Beckham, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DG Clark reported on the third quarter financial reports, which showed our total assets and liabilities at \$311,555.00 as of March 31, 2015. He also reported that all seven districts had paid their dues. Motion by DG Smola and seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Donal Knipp reported on the recent International Board Meeting in Prague. The 2020 Convention will be in Singapore, meaning that St. Louis did not get it. The Lion Magazine will convert from a print to a digital format by January 1, 2018. At the International Convention in Hawaii a reallocation of board seats will be presented for approval, which would reduce the number of International Directors elected from the United States. There will also be a vote to reinstate the office of third vice-president. Beginning July 1, 2015, the mileage rate will increase from \$.41 to \$.50 per mile. In celebration of our 100th anniversary, he asked the Governors and their district officers to ask their clubs to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 30, 2018. As of April 20, 2015 membership in MD 26 has decreased by 202 members. We have three districts that have fewer than 1,250 members needed to be a district in good standing. We have some work to do.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – IPID Donal Knipp reported that GPLLI is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development. This year the Institute will be held at the University of Jamestown, Jamestown, North Dakota, July 24-26, 2015. The cost will be the same as last year - \$150 before May 31 or \$170 starting June 1. PCC Terry Boettcher and PDG Debbie Cantrell from MD 26 will join other presenters to provide training.

USA/CANADA FORUM – IPID Knipp reported that this year's forum will be held September 17-19 at Grand Rapids, Michigan, with over 100 seminars for you to choose from, along with several special events (Strides Walk to fight diabetes, a fun evening of entertainment and events at the "Lions Fun Festival", Leo Day). Featured presentations will include "Buckets and Boards", a comedy percussion show; Lisa Whelchel, who you will remember as Blair on "The Facts of Life" television show; Wayne Brock, Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts of America; and Dr. Yamada and his team will highlight his 2015-16 presidential theme and program. Vice President Bob Corlew is the Honorary Chairman of the Forum. Early bird registration is available until June 1.

LCIF - PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett reported that a letter was sent to all Lions Clubs presidents in MD 26, encouraging each club to request their LCIF district coordinator for a presentation. The letter highlighted some of the grants Missouri has received and the amount donated by Missouri Lions through December 31, 2014. It further explained where funding comes from and the goals for the remainder of the year. He said he would give up-to-date figures at the LCIF Luncheon on Saturday. He also thanked PDG Debbie Cantrell and 2nd VDG Elect Kevin Cantrell for providing envelopes and printing and securing the special mailing privilege through her employer, Central Bank of Lebanon.

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT – Written report only. CC Hilke added that anyone who plans to go to the International Convention and walk in the parade and needs a shirt should stop by their booth on Friday or Saturday to buy or order.

2015 HOST CONVENTION COMMITTEE – DG Don Beckham introduced Lion Clint Karnes, who co-chaired the Host Committee with him. He reported that 2/3 of this year's registrations were made online, and as of the night before, they had 303 paid registrations, with 247 reserved for the luncheon and 262 for

the banquet. He reminded everyone to look for tickets in your registration packet and to pick up your Convention Program Book. There would be a Silent Auction on Friday night; things were still coming in – give things to Lion Allen Taylor on Friday for the auction. Also, a roaming photographer would be taking photos throughout the Convention.

2016 HOST CONVENTION COMMITTEE – No report.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that for the first time in many years there are no issues and will be no election. She added that a vote will be taken on the location of the 2017 State Convention as a voice vote on Friday.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported for Lion Kevin Carr, who could not be in attendance. The Committee is hard at work on the 39th Annual Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game to be played on July 18 in Warrensburg. The coaches for this year's game are Pat Kelley from Fulton High School and Justin Conyers from Battle High School in Columbia. The players have been chosen and they are actively working on getting the teams evened out and all paperwork into the State Office. The Banquet will again be on Friday evening and the price remains the same at \$20. Each District Chair has advance tickets available for sale, or you may also order them from the State Office when making your banquet reservation. The District Chairpersons are seeking sponsorships for all of the players, and they encourage everyone to actively support these young athletes. It takes all of us to make this game a success. At that time they asked for the approval of the Council of Governors for Lion Kevin Carr to sign the agreements with the University. Most fees are close to the same; the meal plans have raised \$1.17 per person per day.

BAND COMMITTEE – Written report only.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM – PDG Tom Rayfield reported that the Mid Winter Forum was considered a success by those attending, and a joint GLT/GMT meeting was held on Sunday following the Forum. A review of the DGE/VDGE/CST Training was held in Columbia with the GLT and facilitators, along with IPID Donal Knipp and PID Doc Garrett. Two virtual training sessions were completed for both the 1st and 2nd VDGs. They are currently working on next year's budget for submission to the Council. Several adjustments are needed in several expense items.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – Written report only.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – No report.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – No report.

HEARING COMMITTEE – 2ND VDGE Ron Campbell reported that the district hearing chairs had been receiving sweepstakes tickets, moneys and donations. One prize ticket drawing was made at each district convention and the five remaining prize winners would be drawn at this convention on Saturday. Contributions to the hearing program are steady and could exceed last year's totals. The committee has put in a new motor in Van 3 and replaced one of the portable screeners, as well as finished up some restoration of a van. They have received several applications for hearing assistance with some districts reaching their quota for this year. They are still working closely with the Missouri School for the Deaf. The Committee is working on a more efficient process of calibration of the portable screeners and van screeners with a rotation method of calibrating one portable screener in each district per year. Calibration of a portable unit is approximately \$150 plus replacement parts if needed. Each district should add this to their budget since the cost is the responsibility of the districts. They have talked with Gordon N. Stowe and Associates to work out a schedule to get this started in the near future. The cost of purchasing new screeners and the calibration of van screeners is the responsibility of the state committee. Keeping our

equipment in good working condition is critical if we are to continue our work in helping in the field of early hearing problem detection.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – No report.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – Lion Jennie Mosher thanked the Governors and four members of the Public Relations Committee who returned their reviews of the last issue. The February/March 2015 issue was late going out due to a death in the family and some technical problems. She asked PCC Kimberly Taylor for assistance, and it was posted on the website with a link. Lion Jennie was then able to send that link to all Lions who she was unable to directly email the newsletter to. If this problem continues with sending large communications via email she will no longer be able to directly email the newsletter to Lions as she has done in the past. The next issue will go out sometime in June, and she asked that any items for it be submitted by May 31.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – DG Missy Carr reported for Lion Toni Mahoney who could not be in attendance. The Peace Poster Contest theme is “Share Peace” and they hope that every club in Missouri will participate. The cost is only \$11.95 per kit. Youths of ages 11-13 by November 15, 2015 can participate. Thirteen girls and three boys will arrive in St. Louis this summer for the Youth Camp Exchange, and host families are needed. The Committee asked for monetary donations for all youth programs and asked that every district be represented on the committee.

MID-SOUTH SIGHT & HEARING – PDG Walt Hamer reported that Lion Brad Baker would be there on Saturday to give a more current report of what is happening at Mid-South. The Lions Leaders Weekend at Mid-South and Hamilton Eye Institute was a great success with many first time visitors. They visited the Methodist Hospital Hearing Area and got reports of the distribution of hearing aids at a cost of \$250, usually paid by the sponsoring Lions Club, and enjoyed a great barbecue dinner and were amazed by a magician-comedian. They also toured the Hamilton Eye Institute to see the equipment purchased by Mid-South Lions and met the doctors, explored laboratories and saw the operating rooms. They heard testimony of people whose lives have been changed by Mid-South services. The next meeting (Annual Meeting when new officers are elected and the budget approved) will be June 6 at the Hamilton Eye Institute.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PDG Lisa Alexander reported that the World Services for the Blind is searching for a new CEO; the acting CEO is requesting that the Lions please increase their donations by 10% to help with the financial problem that is paramount to the survival of this organization. They have 31 clients with one from Missouri. They have hired back some of the employees and things are slowly returning to normal. They have added a new IRS program where if someone goes through the program they can get a job with the IRS.

LEADER DOG – No report.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MISSOURI BLIND – Lion George Winkeler reported that the LBOMB organization currently has 37 facilities in operation, of which 30 are run by 28 blind vendor managers and 7 are temporary managers. They currently have 1 manager in training and 3 in the process of getting started to train. They had an office employee resign her position and have hired a temp to fill in. She is working out so well that discussions are being held to make her permanent. Their office manager would be at the LBOMB booth that weekend to talk to visitors about LBOMB. Their audit is complete and they are proud that LBOMB is very healthy at this time, due to cost cutting measures and some help from the State of Missouri with grants. After huge losses during 2010 and 2011, the Board has worked very hard to turn things around. They thank the Lions of Missouri who have made donations.

SAVING SIGHT/SIGHT COMMITTEE – Lion Annie Kuhl thanked everyone for all donations for the matching grant for the build out program. The Sight Committee has been hard at work in their districts; donations are up over last year. Volunteer Lions with the Kids Sight Program for the year to date total 122.

Saving Sight will be providing volunteer opportunities for Lions to conduct vision screenings with tonometers beginning July 1. They are sending Lions on two mission trips. Six Lions are going to Mexico in May; four Lions are going to Panama in September (still room if more are interested).

PIN TRADERS – Written report only.

RECEIVE REPORTS – Motion by DG Carr, seconded by DG Clark, to receive the reports. Motion carried.

QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS – M4 – 3

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SIGNATURE OF UCM AGREEMENTS - Motion by DG Curtis, seconded by DG Warner to authorize Lion Kevin Carr to sign the agreements with the University of Central Missouri for the football camp and game. Motion carried.

ACTIVATION OF LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Motion by DG Beckham to activate the Long Range Planning Committee to conduct a comprehensive review of the Policy Manual and report to the incoming Council of Governors before the July Council of Governors Meeting. Seconded by DG Smola. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PDG PINS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCOMING COUNCIL - As Council Chair Hilke presented PDG Pins to each of the Governors they gave recommendations to the incoming Council of Governors.

M1 – DG Don Beckham – He is sure he is leaving M1 in very capable hands.

M2 – DG Missy Carr – Enjoy every minute – it flies by.

M3 – DG John Clark – Run! Turn around – Run! Just kidding! Ask your PDGs for help.

M4 – DG Richard Warner – To the best VDG anyone can have – be sure to delegate some of your work or you won't get everything done. Ask your elders for help.

M5 – DG Gary Curtis – Get involved with your clubs – don't just visit – encourage your Lions to get into leadership – work on retention.

M6 – DG Peter Frantzen – His VDGs coming up will do well. The year goes by really quickly.

M7 – DG Emery Smola – In M7 there are two fine gentlemen moving up. Count on your VDGs to help.

DG Carr, on behalf of the Governors, presented Lion Brenda Weider with a gift and Council Chair Jeff Hilke with his PCC pin and gifts. Council Chair Hilke reminded the incoming Governors to work as a team and thanked the Council for being a good team to work with this year.

INTRODUCTIONS OF INCOMING OFFICERS

DG Curtis introduced the District Governors-Elect and Partners:

M1 – District Governor-Elect Donald Shelhammer and Lion Nichole Shelhammer

M2 – District Governor-Elect Joe Foster and Lion Michelle Foster

M3 – District Governor-Elect John Deters and Carol Deters

M4 – District Governor-Elect Tharran Gaines and Barb Gaines

M5 – District Governor-Elect Bruce Dugan and Lion Christine Dugan

M6 – District Governor-Elect Craig Lehman and Lion Darlene Lehman

M7 – District Governor-Elect Allen Moore and Lion Polly Scott

DG Peter Frantzen introduced the 1st Vice District Governors-Elect and Partners

M1 – 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Bob Wilson and PDG Lana Wilson

M2 – 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Jack Lenk and Lion June Lenk

M3 – 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Steve Wiechens

M4 – 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Larry Boettcher

M5 – 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza and Lion Robert Espinoza

M6 – 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Lewis Carnes and Lion Sharon Grant
M7 – 1st Vice District Governor-Elect Don Soph

DG Emery Smola introduced the 2nd Vice District Governors-Elect and Partners
M1 – 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect John Preston and Lion Jana Dumey
M2 – 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Joseph Detter
M3 – 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Jerry Schwartz, PDG and Lion Toni Schwartz
M4 – 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Ron Campbell and Lion Peggy Campbell
M5 – 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Gregory Gilliam
M6 – 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Kevin Cantrell and PDG Debbie Cantrell
M7 – 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Lou Ann Hathcock and PCC Jesse Hathcock

DG Don Beckham introduced the incoming Cabinet Secretaries & Treasurers and Partners
M1 – CS Lion Dave Baldwin and Joy Baldwin
 CT Lion Wendy Williams
M2 – CS Lion Sandee Marshall and Lion Ed Marshall
 CT Lion Devin Struttmann and Marcie Struttmann
M3 – CS Lion Bob Noellsch and Mary Jane Noellsch
 CT PDG E. Allen Kohler
M4 – CS Lion Tina Anderson
 CT Lion Allan Carter
M5 – CST PDG Jene Crook and Wayne Crook
M6 – CS PDG Walter Hamer and Lion Karen Hamer
 CT PDG Bill Botzow and PDG Zana Botzow
M7 – CS Lion Linda Fiers
 CT Lion Larry Brandhorst and DiAnne Brandhorst

TAIL TWISTER – PCC Jesse Hathcock collected \$116 in fines.

ADJOURNMENT – CC Hilke adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator