

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, October 24, 2015
Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO

The second meeting of the 2015-2016 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Gary Curtis at 10:30 a.m.

DG Tharran Gaines gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Bruce Dugan.

DG Craig Lehman led in singing the first verse of "America".

OPENING ADDRESS AND REMARKS – Council Chair Gary Curtis welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all veterans to stand for recognition. He also announced that there are two Lions interested in running for International Director – PCC Don Noland and PDG Lisa Alexander.

PROTOCOL – PDG Ann Anderson established protocol for this meeting.

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 Shelhammer	Bob Wilson	John Preston
26-M2	Joe Foster		Joseph Detter
26-M3	John Deters	Steve Wiechens	
26-M4	Tharran Gaines	Larry Boettcher	Ron Campbell
26-M5	Bruce Dugan	Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza	
26-M6	Craig Lehman	Lewis Carnes	Kevin Cantrell
26-M7	Allen Moore	Don Soph	Lou Ann Hathcock

Council Chairperson IPDG Gary Curtis, M5

Immediate Past International Director Donal Knipp, M7

Past International Director Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3

Parliamentarian PCC Steve Wise, M6

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

M1: Lion Dave Baldwin, IPDG Don Beckham, PDG Lisa Clinton, PDG Julia Erskine, Lion Ron McConnell, PDG Casey Morris, Lion Jocelyn Morris, PDG Lana Wilson

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, PCC Terry Boettcher, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion Toni Mahoney, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion George Winkeler, PCC John Yount

M3: PDG Lisa Alexander, PDG Larry Davis, Carol Deters (Spouse of DG John Deters), Lion Becky Henderson, Lion Jane Kopecky, PDG Freda McKee, Lion Betty Noland, PCC Don Noland, Lion Jason Noland, PDG Lyn Porterfield, PCC Pat Porterfield

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Peggy Campbell

M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Janice Curtis, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Robert Espinoza, Lion Pat Mills, Lion Cathy Rayfield, PDG Tom Rayfield, Lion Pat Scott

M6: PDG Bill Botzow, PDG Debbie Cantrell, IPDG Peter Frantzen, Lion Darlene Lehman, Lion Jennie Mosher

M7: PCC Jesse Hathcock, IPCC Jeff Hilke, PDG Ron Jordan, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Polly Scott, Lion Wayne Weider

Arkansas: PCC Matt Weber, PDG Leanna Ridge

Guests: Lisa Henderson, Tamara Oberbeck

TAIL TWISTER AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDS – Motion by DG Shelhammer to appoint PDG Julia Erskine as Tail Twister. Seconded by DG Lehman and passed. Motion by DG Dugan that funds go to Mid-South. Seconded by DG Deters and passed.

MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING – Motion by DG Shelhammer, seconded by DG Gaines, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2015 Council Meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DG Lehman reported that the assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2015, were \$249,089.60. He asked for any questions about the quarter reports in the packets and about the draft of the financial review by the CPA firm for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. There were none. He also stated that dues from all seven districts had been paid.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Donal Knipp stated that the LCI Board had just met and he did not yet have information on any actions taken. He did announce that PID Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland is running for 2nd Vice President and PID Jung-Yul Choi from Korea for 3rd Vice President. The executive officers and the international board have endorsed these two candidates for election in 2016. PID Knipp recommended that MD 26 also endorse them.

Membership in the Multiple District is much better this year. As of October 20, total membership was at 9,286 members, which was a drop of only 4 members since July 1. Only two districts are in the minus column for the year. We need to continue to work on getting new members and starting new clubs. We still have three districts below the 1,250 mark but two of them are showing an increase for the year.

The Centennial Service Challenge is into its second year, and 49 million people around the world have been served with 18 million youth projects, 8 million vision projects, 9 million hunger projects and 14 million environmental projects. He hopes all clubs are being a part of this by turning in their projects through the MyLCI reporting.

He reminded everyone that all Lions Clubs and Districts in the United States are required to provide annual filings to the IRS by November 15.

He asked the Governors to start thinking about Presidential and Leadership Medals. There are many Lions who are working to provide hope to those less fortunate who have never been recognized. He distributed recommendation forms to the Governors and urged them to turn these back in to him by mid-December. He must turn them in all together at one time.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – IPID Knipp reported that this year's Institute in Jamestown, North Dakota was very successful with an upbeat and positive atmosphere with enthusiasm. The total attendance was 53, compared to 70 last year. Missouri had 8 Lions in attendance. MD 5 is looking into possibly moving the Institute to a different location in 2016, and details will be available in January. IPID Knipp was asked if Missouri could be the Host Multiple District for the application to LCI for reimbursement for expenses for the Institute, even though it is being held in North Dakota. The LCI rules state that a different multiple district must be the host each year, and since it won't be in Missouri for awhile it makes sense for us to do it this year. He reminded everyone that this is one of the premier training events. Each district has funds in the budget to send some, and the State PDG Club has scholarships available for one Lion from each district. Missouri will have two new faculty members in 2016.

USA/CANADA FORUM – IPCC Jeff Hilke reported that 29 Lions from Missouri attended the Forum in September. He thought it was an excellent Forum, that Grand Rapids changed things up a little to make it more interesting. The program at the Saturday night banquet was very interesting – a video about the history of Lions, but not necessarily the history we know, a very indepth history, re-enacted by Melvin Jones. Next year will be in Omaha, which is close enough for many from Missouri to attend easily.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett reported that this year has again started out with information, pins, etc. arriving slowly, but hopefully this will be rectified. The issue has been discussed at MD Coordinator training sessions he has attended and they are working on it. District Coordinator reports and goals for the year were due by October 30. Tentative plans are being made for an “All Lions” LCIF Luncheon at the State Convention, as well as another fundraiser.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported on the Committee’s September meeting. She announced that the committee voted to donate \$1,500 to Saving Sight, and she then elaborated on why they could give only \$1,500. She distributed to each District Governor and read a report of the donations by district, noting how many players each had to support, with most of the districts showing a deficit. If all of the players had been supported, the donation to Saving Sight would have been over \$8,000. She stressed to the Governors the importance of choosing a district athletic chairperson who will do what it takes to help make this a success, promoting the game themselves with their club visits, purchasing an ad themselves and having their district purchase an ad, all to support the players from their district. She asked the Governors, as well as the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, to get on board with this committee, and invited them to their meetings (as well as any Lions who want to help). She submitted a proposed budget for the Council’s approval. The 2016 game will be played in Warrensburg on July 23. At that time she presented a check for \$1,500 for Saving Sight to Lion Jason Noland.

BAND COMMITTEE – PDG Ron Jordan reported in the absence of State Chair Lion Greg Hall. This year’s band will again be under the direction of Dan Chisham. Band camp will again be held at Ft. Leonard Wood, with the drummers and color guard arriving on June 25 and the full band on June 26. They will then travel to San Antonio on June 30 and return back to Ft. Leonard Wood on July 9. *(These dates have since changed to July 1 to travel to San Antonio and July 8 to return to Ft. Leonard Wood.)* They submitted a budget for Council approval so they can get applications mailed to band directors, returning students and Lions clubs. The staff is attending marching band festivals to promote our band. The cost for band students will be \$1,100 this year, and they are asking for support from all clubs. They are hoping for a full busload of about 53 students. They are also looking at upgrading some of their instruments for the drum line this year. Someone asked if, when submitting their budget in the future, they could show last year’s figures next to their proposed budget figures. He also asked about the cost of upgrading the equipment, which he did not see as a line item on the budget. PDG Jordan explained that they do have a special fund set aside for instruments, and they have been at the mercy of high schools to loan them tubas and drums, which they’re trying to get away from.

HEARING COMMITTEE – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that they met recently at the Missouri School for the Deaf, where they met the new Assistant Superintendent, Christopher Daily, who is coming up to speed with what the Lions of Missouri do for the school. Sweepstakes tickets were distributed and will be hitting the districts soon. She reminded everyone that this committee is totally self-funded, and those tickets will take care of the vans, the screeners, the Affordable Hearing Aid Project, and the School for the Deaf. They appreciate all of the support from the clubs. They have had some issues with the vans which are being taken care of. One thing they plan to focus more on is getting information out about prevention. They are finding out at screenings that more high schoolers are showing hearing loss already. She gave some alarming examples of how quickly someone can suffer permanent hearing damage from use of earphones, a chainsaw, a gun or an ambulance’s siren.

SAVING SIGHT – Lion Jason Noland was pleased to announce that on October 3 they held an Open House and Dedication Ceremony of the new Lions Volunteer Center located in the Columbia office. About 70 Lions and other guests from the state of Missouri joined in the celebration to honor the legacy of the Missouri Lions and the connection to Saving Sight. Dr. Jeffrey Lynch, founder and CEO of ReSpectacle, an online source for used eyeglasses, was the featured speaker. Lion Noland thanked the Council of Governors of Missouri Lions for their endorsement and support of the LCI grant that will help take care of 50% of the funds needed for this center, as well as the Lions of District 26-M3 for their lead gift. PDG Gary Clarkson, past Board member, was awarded with the Haywood Snipes award for this. They still need \$9,500 raised in matching funds by December 27 and asked each club to consider making an

additional special gifts to complete the work. Their annual report will be issued in January. During the 2013-14 fiscal year 3,166 corneal tissues had been provided for transplant, an increase of 14% over the prior year. Through 2015-16, 182 tissues have been transplanted in Missouri and 866 total have been distributed nationally and globally. Vision screeners have been very busy. In the last year more than 60,000 young people and more than 3,000 adults have been screened, with a total of nearly 4,000 referred for further treatment. Saving Sight is entering year one of new strategic plan for 2016-19. We can expect many new objectives related to the improvement in connection with the volunteers of Missouri Lions and increased screenings across the state. Their next Board meeting will be held Saturday, December 5, in Columbia. He then called up Tamara Oberbeck, the manager of the KidSight Vision Screening Program, PCC Al Blumenberg, Board President of Saving Sight, and PCC Don Noland, a former Board member. They recognized Lion Becky Henderson for her screenings of 50,000 children in the KidSight Program, as of September 23, 2015. Lion Becky said that she has not done this alone, but with the help of everyone, by either helping with screenings or raising funds for this program. She thanked them for this recognition and added that PID Wayne is sitting up on a cloud laughing and happy as he can be because he has her working so doggone hard! PCC Don Noland shared memories of the year he was Governor, when PID Wayne Henderson came up with the idea for these screenings. Lion Becky also remembered how Lion Dr. Ron Walkenbach used to always tell the incoming Governors that the reason we were into this program was that it was easier to do it than to try to explain to PID Wayne Henderson why they couldn't. Her camera's name is Clarence, in honor of C. (Clarence) Wayne Henderson.

SIGHT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – PDG Debbie Blumenberg reported that club gifts are critical to their services. For the prior fiscal year screenings crossed the 60,000 mark for the first time, with the greatest growth coming from M6. To date at 310 screening locations, 21,053 children have been screened; we're on track for another record year. Pay attention to the website, emails and club requests coming from Saving Sight requesting assistance. Soon the volunteer center calendar will open up for online reservations. Nearly 800 volunteer hours have been contributed by Missouri Lions to date in eyeglass recycling and KidSight programs. In 2016 Saving Sight will again coordinate Lions Eyeglass Mission Clinics abroad. Dates are not yet set and more information will be coming soon. Volunteers are asked to complete an application and online background check. These do not take much time to complete and help provide transparency and credibility to our screenings. Please contact Saving Sight at volunteer@saving-sight.org.

LIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSOURI BLIND – Lion George Winkeler reported that they have 37 facilities in the state of Missouri, 29 of them being run by blind managers and 8 temporary managers. Of those 8, 2 are finishing their training, 2 are starting their training, and 4 have applied and are in the process of being approved for training. Hopefully by the end of the year they will have 100% of their facilities managed by blind vendors. They are on track financially, due to a number of cost cutting measures they have taken, and they are going through four major facility renovations right now. He encouraged the Governors and Vice Governors to have their District LBOMB board member give a presentation at one of their meetings.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PDG Lisa Alexander reported that World Services for the Blind has a new CEO. They have 32 clients now and their call center is up and going.

LEADER DOG - No report.

MID-SOUTH – Written report only.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that, based on the work session, the Council asked the committee to look at wording on the dues structure for campus clubs (a flat \$6.00 rate instead of the \$10.50 charged to regular Lions (or the \$12.00 charged when we have a an International Officer). They want to keep it at a flat \$6.00 rate. Because the dues is broken out into four different categories, they will figure it by percentage and round it into nice neat numbers in their wording. She recommended that Campus Clubs also look to their district for a reduction. She announced that there

is a standard form District Constitution to be available in 2016-17 that LCI has put together. Districts should look at that before their District Conventions because this will go into effect on July 1, 2016.

STATE/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PCC Don Noland reported on the Committee's recent meeting. They were submitting a budget for approval; they did budget for a hospitality room in Japan in 2016 if needed. They will meet again in January at the Ramada Inn Oasis Hotel and report back at the next Council Meeting.

2016 STATE CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE – PDG Bill Botzow brought greetings from District M6. They are rolling out the red carpet for the Lions of Missouri (The Stars). More information is available at molionsstateconvention2016.org. You can register online or print out the registration form. A schedule for the January Council Meeting weekend is also on that website.

2017 STATE CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE – IPCC Jeff Hilke reported that the 2017 Convention would be right there at Tan-Tar-A, a great, centrally-located site. The committee is in the process of planning some special fun events to help celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Lions. He introduced Rosa Powell of Tan-Tar-A, who welcomed everyone and explained about their current renovations that will continue and be completed by the time of our Convention.

GLT REPORT – PDG Tom Rayfield reported that they had some eye-opening sessions that morning, and they had their Arkansas counterparts join them. He reported that he had turned in that day the documents from the Mid-Winter Forum that the auditor had requested. He suggested that in the future the committees are given more specific methods to be used for the accounting of funds, and that those expectations be published.

GMT REPORT – PDG Debbie Cantrell was excited to announce some progress in membership. Our problem did not happen overnight, and we aren't going to fix it overnight. They are continuing on with the Monthly Membership Tips. Your Districts should be receiving these powerful tips and ideas to grow your districts. Remember that we are trying to address closing the back door and attempting to retain our members we do get - all of this while trying to attract new members. She handed out one of her recent membership tips, a bag of various candies with the appropriate wording to go along with it. She ended with a Public Relations EXPLOSION. They are planning another GMT Summit.

Break

PUBLIC RELATIONS – DG John Deters reported that he is the Liaison Governor for the Public Relations Committee and attempted to set up a meeting earlier. Their first meeting was scheduled that day after the Council meeting. He announced the committee members, and said he looked forward to working with this committee.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN - Lion Jennie Mosher reported that Issue #16 had gone out recently, but that she had come across another hurdle due to people updating to Windows 10. Increased internet activity on her rural DSL network requires that it be sent at non-peak times (very late in the evening or very early in the morning). Because of this it takes her several days to get through the mailing list. She reminded everyone that it is also posted on the Missouri Lions state website. Issue #17 is scheduled to go out early in December, and she needs everyone to submit articles.

ALERT COMMITTEE - No report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – No report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE – No report.

OFFICE COMMITTEE REPORT – PDG Marvin Stuenkel reported that the Committee met recently at the State Office. Those present were PDG Eugene Taylor (via phone), PDG Ron Jordan, CC Gary Curtis, PDG Marvin Stuenkel, and Lion Brenda Weider. Discussion centered on three issues:

- Credit Card Implementation – They are still in the information gathering process. A deadline to have this in place has not been established. There is a great deal of coordinating to get this set up. They asked the Governors for clarification regarding the costs involved in this and if those costs should be subtracted from the final amount forwarded to each committee.
- Possible Timing Change of Leadership Forum – If it is held in the summer there is concern, with the other projects using the State Office staff (such as Football and Band), that there would not be available staff time to handle registrations for another event.
- Additional signers for the MD 26 CD and Savings Accounts – There are currently only two signers (in the Jefferson City area) for managing the CD and Savings Accounts. The Committee recommended that the Council appoint an additional signer from the Committee, preferably a member that also resides in the Jefferson City area.

PIN TRADERS REPORT – PDG Ron Jordan reported that the Pin Traders would be hosting a swap the following day at Rocky Mount Lions Building at 9 a.m. All were welcome to attend. The Pin Traders will offer 25 free pins to any person that joins the Missouri Pin Traders Club at the State Convention in Springfield. Dues are only \$7.00 per year. They will also offer a new type of contest at the State Convention to help you use your brain power, with big rewards for the winners.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE – Lion Toni Mahoney explained the programs that fall under the Opportunities for Youth are Leo Clubs, Peace Poster Contest and Youth Exchange. These are all exciting programs that are supported by LCI, but she needs help to get more support from our state for these programs. Missouri should have multiple Leo Clubs, we should have a Peace Poster contestant from every club. The youth are the future Lions, so please help her work with these exciting programs. For the Youth Exchange, Missouri will have 12 youths coming to our state this year. She needs representation from all of the districts to help with this; she offered to attend cabinet meetings in other districts to explain these programs.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – Motion by DG Foster to receive the committee reports. Seconded by DG Shelhammer. Motion carried.

Lunch Break

QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS – none

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SIGNATURES – CC Curtis announced the following still need to pick up a copy and sign for it: M6 District Governor, State Athletic Chair, State Band Chair, State LBOMB Chair, State Youth Chair.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE BUDGETS –

Athletic Committee – Motion for approval by DG Gaines, seconded by DG Moore. Passed

Band Committee – Motion for approval by DG Dugan (with correction regarding Uniform Sales), seconded by DG Shelhammer. Passed.

Youth Committee – Motion for approval by DG Foster, seconded by DG Lehman. Passed.

State & International Convention Committee – Motion for approval by DG Dugan, seconded by DG Deters. Passed.

PRESENTATION TO IPCC JEFF HILKE – CC Curtis read a letter from Immediate Past President Joe Preston thanking IPCC Jeff Hilke for his valuable efforts in furthering the ideals of Lions Clubs International, and presented him with a certificate.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY DUES – Motion by DG Shelhammer to write off the Lincoln University dues as a bad debt. This is a one-time only exemption for the Lincoln University Club. Seconded by DG Deters. Motion passed.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CLARIFICATION – Motion by DG Foster to charge the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to examine and make recommendations to revise/clarify the Constitution to reflect the past debt process. Seconded by DG Lehman. Motion passed.

SUMMER BLAST – Motion by DG Lehman that the GLT continue with plans for the Summer Blast but they cannot hold it in June, July or August, which is the busiest time for the State Office. Seconded by DG Foster. Motion passed.

CAMPUS CLUB STATE DUES – Motion by DG Foster to examine lowering the state dues for campus clubs from \$10.50 to \$6.00 per year, and would charge the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to rewrite it for a vote at the State Convention. Seconded by DG Lehman. Passed.

PARADE UNIFORM 2016 – Motion by DG Dugan to change the Policy Manual to allow the incoming Governors the option of wearing their casual dress during the parade. Seconded by DG Lehman. Motion passed (6 ayes, 1 nay).

LCI ENDORSEMENTS – Motion by DG Gaines to endorse the following candidates for LCI positions: PID Gudrun Yngvadottir for 2nd Vice President and PID Jung-Yul Choi for 3rd Vice President Seconded by DG Deters. Motion passed.

MD 26 TO HOST GREAT PLAINS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – Motion by DG Dugan that MD 26 be the Host Multiple District for the 2016 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute even though it will be held in North Dakota. Seconded by DG Moore. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS – Motion by DG Foster that the State Office is to receive all money and pay all bills for all committees unless otherwise addressed in the Constitution & By-Laws, and to be properly placed in the Policy Manual and worded by the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. Seconded by DG Dugan. Motion passed. Second VDG John Preston asked which committees are addressed in the Constitution & By-Laws and are not affected by this. Lion Brenda replied that the State Convention Committee is addressed in the Constitution & By-Laws and would not be affected. When asked again from the audience, this was clarified by DG Lehman, that the State Convention is already covered in the Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND CD – Motion by DG Moore to add PDG Marvin Stuenkel as signer on the savings accounts and CD at Jefferson Bank. Seconded by DG Lehman. PCC Al Blumenberg asked who the current signers are. Lion Brenda responded that they are PDG Ron Jordan and herself. Motion passed.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REVIEW REPORT – Motion by DG Lehman to approve the draft of the annual financial review. Motion seconded by DG Foster. CC Curtis asked for discussion; there was none. Passed.

FT. LEONARD WOOD LIONS CLUB – PDG Lisa Clinton invited everyone to the Ft. Leonard Wood Lions Club's 50th Anniversary on January 30, 2016.

HOUSTON LIONS CLUB – DG Shelhammer announced that the Houston Lions Club will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on December 5, 2015.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES – CC Curtis again announced that there are two candidates running for International Director – PCC Don Noland and PDG Lisa Alexander. The following Governors

have been appointed by the Council to the Screening Committee: DG Joe Foster, DG Bruce Dugan, DG Craig Lehman.

STATE PIN DESIGN – PDG Ron Jordan reminded everyone that pin designs for the 2017 state pin should be submitted to the Pin Traders before the January Council Meeting.

TAIL TWISTER – The Tail Twister collected \$133 in fines for Mid-South.

REMINDER – Council Chairperson Nominations need to be turned in at the January Council Meeting.

REMINDER – The 1st VDGs will need to select and pay for the State Convention hospitality rooms at the January Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING – January 30, 2016

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by DG Shelhammer to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Seconded by DG Deters. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator