

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Thursday, April 28, 2016
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, MO

The fourth meeting of the 2015-2016 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Gary Curtis at 4:00 p.m.

DG John Deters gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Tharran Gaines.

DG Bruce Dugan led in singing the first verse of "America".

PROTOCOL – PDG Ann Anderson established protocol for this meeting.

TAIL TWISTER AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDS – Motion by DG Lehman to appoint PDG Eugene Taylor as Tail Twister. It was seconded by DG Deters and passed. Motion by DG Shelhammer that the funds go to Leader Dog. It was seconded by DG Lehman and passed.

OPENING ADDRESS AND REMARKS – Council Chair Gary Curtis thanked the Governors for their accomplishments this year with some challenges. He is proud of this. He asked all veterans to stand for recognition. He recognized the Past International Directors, District Governors and the State Office staff. He commended the Governors for their dedicated service and presented them with plaques.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING – Motion by DG Deters to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2016 Council Meeting as emailed, seconded by DG Foster and passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DG Lehman summarized the third quarter financial report. Current total assets and liabilities were \$307,741.47. Motion by DG Gaines to accept the financial report as given, seconded by DG Dugan and passed.

ATTENDANCE - Those in attendance were:

District	Governor	1 st Vice District Governors	2 nd Vice District Governors
26-M1	Don Shelhammer	Bob Wilson	John Preston
26-M2	Joe Foster	Jack Lenk	Joseph Detter
26-M3	John Deters	Steve Wiechens	Bob Noellsch
26-M4	Tharran Gaines	Larry Boettcher	Ron Campbell
26-M5	Bruce Dugan	Alcy Malkmus-Espinoza	Greg Gilliam
26-M6	Craig Lehman	Lewis Carnes	Kevin Cantrell
26-M7		Don Soph	Lou Ann Hathcock

Past International President Clement Kusiak and Lion Jeanne Kusiak

Council Chairperson IPDG Gary Curtis, M5

Immediate Past International Director Donal Knipp, M7

Past International Director W. R. O'Riley, M4

Past International Director Dr. Dwayne Garrett, M3

Parliamentarian PDG Lyn Porterfield, M3

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

- M1: Lion Dave Baldwin, PDG Murray Dunn, PDG Casey Morris, Lion Jocelyn Morris
- M2: 2nd VDGE Duane DeClue, Lion Sandra DeClue, Lion Frances Detter, Lion Sandee Marshall, Lion Devin Struttmann, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion George Winkeler
- M3: PDG Lisa Alexander, Carol Deters, Lion Jeanette Garrett, PDG Freda McKee, Mary Jane Noellsch, PCC Don Noland
- M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Peggy Campbell, IPDG Missy Carr, Lion Carole O'Riley
- M5: PDG Jene Crook, Lion Janice Curtis, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Robert Espinoza, Lion Christina Gilliam, Lion Pat Mills, Lion Cathy Rayfield, PDG Tom Rayfield, PDG Jerry Romig, 2nd VDGE Pat Scott
- M6: PDG Bill Botzow, PDG Debbie Cantrell, IPDG Peter Frantzen, Lion Joyce Jones, Lion Darlene Lehman, Lion Jennie Mosher, PDG Stuart Payne
- M7: Lion Amy Bell, IPCC Jeff Hilke, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Wayne Weider

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Donal Knipp reported on actions taken at the recent International Board Meeting. Montreal, Quebec Canada was picked as the location for the 2021 International Convention. The Board also revised the bid policy to allow selection of the convention site seven (7) years in advance; it was 5 years. New Member Entrance Fees and Charter Fees will increase to \$35.00 each, effective July 1, 2017. The Policy Manual was revised to allow the International President to deny expenses for the International Convention if the District Governor-Elect does not attend the full District Governor-Elect Seminar. The Lion Magazine will convert from a print to a digital format by January 1, 2018. IPID Knipp reminded the Governors to ask their clubs to help reach the Centennial Service Challenge goal of Serving 100 million people by June 30, 2018. It was just announced that we have served over 81 million around the world with the challenge so far. IPID Knipp expressed his concern about membership. As of April 12, 2016 membership in MD 26 has decreased by 214 members. Three districts have fewer than 1,250 members. During the year we have added 672 members but have dropped 886 members. We have work to do on retention of members. He congratulated all of our District Governors-Elect and thanked all of the current Governors for their dedication and time given this past year.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – IPID Donal Knipp reported on the Institute, which is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor. Skills are taught for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development. This year the Institute will be held at the Mount Mary College in Yankton, South Dakota, July 22-24, 2016. The cost will increase \$10 this year to \$160 per attendee if registered by May 31, or \$180 beginning June 1. This covers double occupancy room, seven meals and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional \$40. The districts budget for one or two attendees and also the PDG Association offers a scholarship for one attendee from each district. PDG Roger Unruh (M4) and 2nd VDGE Pat Scott (M5) will join other presenters in providing modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, time management, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, goal setting/action planning/personal mission statement and leading effective meetings.

USA/CANADA FORUM – IPID Donal Knipp announced that the USA/Canada Forum will be held September 15-17, 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska. The Forum will be 40 years old this year and will include a birthday party. It will also include 4 seminars presented by young Lions, about what is important in Lionism to our young adult members. There will be three service projects on Saturday afternoon and a final service project to be conducted by all, right after dinner. Registration fee of \$275 covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals. The fee increases on Jun 1 and again on July 20. This year Missouri will be the host for the Midwest Breakfast on Saturday, September 17.

LCIF – PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett reported on the donation totals by district through March, 2016, with the total for the Multiple District at \$62,184.00. Again, about 37% of the clubs in MD 26 are donating to LCIF. This percentage has changed very little the past three years. The question is how to improve on this percentage. All clubs have been contacted by letters in the past two years, and most clubs have been

visited by their District Governor or their designated Lion, along with visits by the District LCIF chairperson. He announced the silent auction on Friday night and the LCIF All Lions Luncheon on Saturday. He reminded everyone that we have an opportunity to secure a matching dollar donation with the measles campaign from the GAVA Alliance and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. There is no administrative expense coming out of donations. The goal of MD 26 is to reach 100% financial support from all clubs.

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PCC Don Noland announced that he was the first to model the new Missouri Lions Blue & Gold Polo shirt. The committee would be selling them, along with some new caps and the uniform items and state pins, at the Convention. At that time, eleven representatives were going to the International Convention in Japan. There is some interest from St. Joseph to host the 2018 State Convention.

2016 STATE CONVENTION – PDG Bill Botzow reported that the Host Committee had worked hard and had come up with some new ideas for this year's Convention. They had 250 registered so far. He recognized the Host Committee members in attendance.

2017 STATE CONVENTION – IPCC Jeff Hilke reported that the committee is working hard on plans and preparations to celebrate 100 years of Lions. It will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort at Osage Beach from May 4 – 7, 2017.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – PCC Kimberly Taylor reported that the Committee has completed their work for the year. Eight issues would be on the ballot, along with the endorsement of a candidate for International Director. She read the propositions.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported that the committee is hard at work on the 40th Annual Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game. The game will be played on July 23 in Warrensburg. The coaches are Steve Cook from Lafayette County High School and John Dabney from Milan High School. Players have been chosen and applications are coming into the State Office. The banquet will be held on that Friday evening, and the cost will be \$25.00 per person. KC Wolf (Kansas City Chiefs mascot) will be the guest speaker. Committee members have game tickets to sell, or they can be ordered from the State Office when reserving your banquet tickets. Game tickets are \$8.00 for adults in advance and \$10.00 at the gate. Student tickets are \$3.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the gate. She encouraged everyone to support these young athletes by helping to sponsor them. It takes all of us to make this game a success and donate the net proceeds to Saving Sight.

BAND COMMITTEE – Written report only.

GLT – PDG Tom Rayfield reported that all training for the VDGs had been completed for this year. There were two VDGs that did not attend the "LCI Required for Success Training"; therefore our grant monies received from LCI were lower than last year's. They were finalizing the training/orientation for the VDGEs at the state convention and next year's training. Virtual training sessions for next year will be increased, while eliminating classroom training at the October and January CoG Meetings. He personally thanked the Past International Directors for their involvement. DG Joe Foster expressed his concern that by eliminating training at those two Council Meeting weekends the group was missing out on comraderie, etc.

GMT – PDG Debbie Cantrell thanked the District Governors-Elect for having all seven districts have their goals and action plans turned into LCI. They completed the second GMT Summit on March 5, 2016, at Saving Sight. Some of the topics shared were: An International Perspective on GMT, District GMT Club Presentation and Tips, Retaining Members, Information from Dallas Sharing, Role Play for Inviting Members, Rising from the Ashes, St. Louis University Club Health Fair, Brainstorming and Goals.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PDG Eugene Taylor asked for the DGE Photos for the website. He also said that PayPal is not working on our website, and he asked for some help with this.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – No report.

HEARING COMMITTEE – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that the Hearing Committee continued to receive money and tickets for the sweepstakes, which is the only funding the committee receives. With those funds, they have been able to help several people in our state receive hearing assistance. The hearing vans and screeners are kept busy testing at health fairs and, increasingly, in schools. They also continue to be available to the School for the Deaf in Fulton.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Lion Dave Baldwin stressed that we need to get on social media to attract younger members. District M1 reaches over 200 per week on slow weeks, and over 1,200 per week when things spike. He is working on a Missouri Lions Facebook page. Past International President Kusiak added that there was an article in the Lions Magazine on billboards.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – Lion Jennie Mosher reported that a link to the last issue was put on the website, and she thanked PCC Kimberly Taylor for that. She plans to distribute Issue 19 during the last week of June. It will feature incoming District Governors. The deadline for information is June 15. She thanked those Lions who review the issues before distribution.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – Written report only.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING – PDG Lisa Alexander reported on the wonderful response to the Mid-South Lions Leaders Weekend that enabled club presidents, district officers, and interested Lions to see and hear of the miracles being done by the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis. She added that Lion Brad Baker would be there the next day to share more information with us.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PDG Lisa Alexander reported that World Services for the Blind was founded in 1947 and offers life skills training. They have some new programs starting in July. Their CEO Lion Sharon would be in the next day to share more with us. She thanked everyone for their support.

LEADER DOG – No report.

L.B.O.M.B. – Lion George Winkeler thanked the Governors who invited him to their District Conventions. He reported that their annual audit had been completed, and the accountant was impressed with their financial improvement. He thanked the Lions for their donations. L.B.O.M.B. is currently celebrating its 70th Anniversary, and pins are available. He also said to check out the new signs at rest stops as everyone traveled home. He added that at Ft. Leonard Wood they serve 36,000 meals a week with 750 food service employees managed by blind vendors.

SAVING SIGHT – PDG Stuart Payne reported that the Lions Volunteer Center work is near completion. They are grateful for the recent gifts from Lions Clubs across the state who have helped to meet the fundraising goal, ensuring a matching gift of \$26,000 from LCIF. Through 2015-16, 522 tissues have been transplanted in Missouri and 1,929 have been distributed nationally and globally. Lions LEAD Saturdays are set for June 4 at Saving Sight in Columbia and on June 18 at Hamilton United Methodist Church in Hamilton, MO. Returning Board members on July 1 are Lion Allen Lohsandt (M5) and PDG Stuart Payne (M6). New Board members are Lion Pat Martchink (M2) and Lion Mike Oldelehr (M7). They expressed their gratitude to PCC Al Blumenberg (M2) and PCC Dan Bernskoetter (M7) for their service and commitment. The second Shoot-For-Sight Sporting Clays Shoot will be June 11 at River Hills in Boonville. The next Board meeting will be June 25 in Columbia beginning at 9 a.m. All Lions are welcome.

SIGHT COMMITTEE – PDG Stuart Payne reported that Lions Clubs gifts are critical to their services. During 2014-15 they saw an 8% increase in Lions giving. To date this year the giving is significantly behind last year. He asked that all clubs please review their budgets and renew their commitment to our State Sight Project. To date at 749 screening locations, 51,658 children had been screened, with more than 3,200 having been referred. If you know of a location please contact them. Please pay attention to the website, emails, and club requests coming from Saving Sight requesting assistance. Nearly 800 volunteer hours have been contributed by Missouri Lions to date in eyeglass recycling and KidSight programs. He reminded everyone that volunteers are asked to complete an application and online background check. These do not take long to complete and provide transparency and credibility to the screenings. If you wish to volunteer please contact them. To date 45 Lions have completed the paperwork and background check. Volunteers are needed to serve as Lions Volunteer Center Ambassadors to serve as leaders to the eyeglass recycling process in Columbia. Training on equipment will be provided. They are again coordinating Lions Eyeglass Mission Clinics abroad. Tentative dates are for October 20-23, and more information will be forthcoming. Tonometers to test for glaucoma can be made available for use in support of District or Club activities.

PIN TRADERS – Written report only.

RECEIVE REPORTS - Motion by DG Shelhammer to receive the reports. Seconded by DG Deters and passed.

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CLEMENT KUSIAK thanked everyone for inviting them to our State Convention to see our accomplishments. He made suggestions for colors of next year's District Governor jackets based on a rainbow. He congratulated the Tail Twister on doing a fine job. He also made some suggestions for district directories: add the First Vice President and Membership Chair on club listings.

(Break)

QUALITY LION AWARDS

M1 – 0 M2 – 0 M3 – 0 M4 – 4 M5 – 1 M6 – 0 M7 – 0

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Motion by DG Gaines to add PDG Ann Anderson (M4) and Lion Steve Duncan (M7) to the State Office Committee. Seconded by DG Shelhammer. Motion passed.

BANK SIGNATURE – Motion by DG Dugan to add Lion Steve Duncan as the third signer on our bank savings and CD accounts. Seconded by DG Lehman. Motion passed.

NEW LOCATION FOR OCTOBER 29, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING – DG Alcy Malkmus reported that the DGEs recommend Camden on the Lake at Lake Ozark. Motion by DG Deters to change the location of the October 29, 2016 Council Meeting to Camden on the Lake. Seconded by DG Dugan. Motion passed.

OFFICE STAFF BONUSES - Motion by DG Foster that the bonuses for the office staff as discussed in closed session be approved. Seconded by DG Deters. Motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Motion by DG Deters to add to Liaison Committee to the Public Relations Committee a current or Past International Director (PID Donal Knipp) to help oversee and report back to LCI. Seconded by DG Shelhammer. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF PDG PINS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- M1 – DG Don Shelhammer - Good luck!
- M2 – DG Joe Foster – Have fun, work together as a team. You'll make great memories.
- M3 – DG John Deters – Have fun; he is having a ball!
- M4 – DG Tharran Gaines – The most enjoyable part has been visiting with the clubs.

M5 – DG Bruce Dugan – Be flexible and use your resources.
M6 – DG Craig Lehman – Use everyone to their potential to help you.
M7 – DG Allen Moore – absent. DGE Don Soph accepted his pin for him.

DG Deters, on behalf of his fellow Governors, presented Council Chair Curtis with his Past Council Chair pin, along with a plaque.

DG Deters presented a plaque, on behalf his fellow Governors, to Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator.

INTRODUCTIONS OF INCOMING OFFICERS

CC Curtis introduced the District Governors-Elect and Partners in Service
DG Foster introduced the First Vice District Governors-Elect and Partners in Service
DG Deters introduced the Second Vice District Governors-Elect and Partners in Service
DG Dugan introduced the incoming Cabinet Secretaries and Treasurers

TAIL TWISTER – The Tail Twister collected a total of \$102.85 in fines.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Council Chair Gary Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

VDG Pat Scott gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Bruce Dugan.

CC Curtis explained that we need support for our International candidate at the International Convention in Japan. Motion by DG Deters to transfer funds from the PID Fund for Council Chair-Elect Joe Foster to attend. Seconded by DG Dugan, who clarified that no PIDs are going to Japan so funds set aside for them to go would be used.

After some discussion, DG Deters amended his motion to state that \$2,000 would come from the International Convention Fund to go to Council Chair-Elect Foster for Japan. Seconded by DG Dugan. Vote – all ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator