

MINUTES
MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Saturday, January 30, 2016
Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, MO

The third 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 Allen Moore gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Don Shelhammer.

DG Joe Foster led in singing the first verse of "America".

PROTOCOL – PDG Ann Anderson established protocol for this meeting.

OPENING ADDRESS AND REMARKS – Council Chair Gary Curtis thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked all veterans to stand for recognition. CC Curtis stated that he is proud to be a Lion and has been pleased to see how Lions are serving their communities as he has traveled the state. He added that membership and leadership must be our focus at this time. He also announced that there are two Missouri Lions running for International Director – PCC Don Noland and PDG Lisa Alexander.

TAIL TWISTER AND DESIGNATION OF FUNDS – Motion by DG Gaines to appoint PCC John Anderson as Tail Twister. It was seconded and passed. Motion by DG Shelhammer that the funds go to the Athletic Committee. It was seconded by DG Moore 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	
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	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 Ron McConnell, Lion Reta House, PDG Lana Wilson

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PCC Gina Boettcher, PCC Terry Boettcher, IPDG Missy Carr, Lion Michelle Foster, Lion June Lenk, Lion Toni Mahoney, PDG Eugene Taylor, PCC Kimberly Taylor, Lion George Winkeler, Lion Jennifer Wolff, PCC John Yount

M3: PDG Lisa Alexander, Carol Deters (Spouse of DG John Deters), PDG Freda McKee, Lion Betty Noland, PCC Don Noland, Lion Jason Noland

M4: PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson, Lion Peggy Campbell, Lion Nancy Daniel, Lion Greg Hall, Lion Tri Knoke

M5: Lion Janice Curtis, Lion Christine Dugan, Lion Christina Gilliam, Lion Julie Goetz, PDG Kenny Goetz, Lion Cathy Rayfield, PDG Tom Rayfield

M6: PDG Bill Botzow, PDG Debbie Cantrell, PDG Bob Crump, IPDG Peter Frantzen, Lion Gerry

Grummons, PDG Dave Harris, Lion Marilyn Harris, PCC Howard Hawkins, Lion Joyce Jones, Lion Phil Krebs, Lion Phyllis Krebs, Lion Darlene Lehman, Lion Jennie Mosher, PDG Sarah Stout
M7: Lion Amy Bell, IPCC Jeff Hilke, Lion Betty Knipp, Lion Polly Scott, Lion Wayne Weider
Guest: Alice Roach

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING – Motion by DG Deters to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2015 Council Meeting as emailed, seconded by DG Foster and passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2015 COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE – Motion by DG Lehman to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Council Teleconference as emailed, seconded by DG Dugan and passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DG Lehman summarized the second quarter financial report. Current total assets and liabilities were \$279,488.00. Motion by DG Moore to accept the financial report as given, seconded by DG Shelhammer and passed.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – IPID Donal Knipp reported that our Centennial Service Challenge is into its second year and we have served 68 million people around the world. He reminded all clubs to participate by turning in their projects through the MyLCI reporting. This year they are stressing awards for members and clubs for new members and sponsoring new clubs. District Centennial Coordinators are in place and they will be having training soon. The MD 26 has decreased by 201 members as of January 15, 2016, and had 9,090 total members. Three districts have fewer than 1,250 members to be in good standing. We have some work to do on retention of members. He thanked the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors for participating in the training provided by the GLT and GMT teams this year. State Convention is coming soon, and he reminded the Governors to advertise it in their districts. We will have a candidate for International Director to endorse at the Convention to go on to the International Convention in Japan in June. As a stop of his 7-state, 6-day bus tour, 1st International Vice President Bob Corlew will be at Lamberts in Sikeston, MO from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on February 20. He encouraged all Lions to attend if possible and to let the Sikeston Lions Club know for their head count.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – IPID Knipp announced that this year's Institute will be held at the Mount Mary College, Yankton, South Dakota, July 22-24, 2016. This location is about 350 miles closer than last year's. The cost will increase a little this year to \$160 if registered by May 31, or \$180 beginning June 1. All of the districts budget for one or two attendees and the PDG Association has scholarships for one attendee per district. From Missouri this year PDG Roger Unruh from M4 and Lion Pat Scott from M5 will join other presenters. The Multiple Districts participating in this are 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota & South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 38 (Nebraska) and 26 (Missouri).

LCIF – PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett reported that the leadership training of LCI stresses the importance of the District Governor and the LCIF District Coordinator working together to touch all clubs by their visits and explaining LCIF. The clubs of MD 26 contributed \$98,000 in 2014-15, down over \$3,000 from the previous year. During both years only 37% of MD 26 clubs donated. It is important that we get a higher percentage of the clubs participating, and the donations will take care of themselves. We have received well over \$2 million in grants from LCIF. All clubs in MD 26 should support LCIF in some manner. Two items that he wanted to share are:

- The measles project is over halfway completed where LCIF contributes \$30 million for 2017, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and GAVA Alliance will match it dollar for dollar. By 2020 over 700 million children will have been vaccinated for measles. This is a fight we can win.
- LCIF administrative expenses are paid out of investments. Each dollar donated goes to the designated project.

SAVING SIGHT – Lion Jason Noland was happy to report that the Lions Volunteer Center work is near completion. Current fundraising needs to complete the matching portion of the LCI grant are \$9,000 by

March 30, and he asked that each club consider making an additional special gift. The Annual Report would be out soon, with copies being sent to the club presidents. From July 1 through December, 2015, 365 corneal tissues had been transplanted in Missouri and 1,349 had been distributed nationally and globally. Lions LEAD weekends for 2016 are in the planning stages. Invitations would be sent out in February. Based on feedback last year, there will be two weekends – one in Columbia and a second one in districts on rotation. District elections for board seats will be held at upcoming District Conventions. The second Shoot-For-Sight Sporting Clays shoot will be held on Jun 11, 2016 at River Hills in Boonville. All proceeds benefit the charitable programs of Saving Sight. The next Board meeting will be held Saturday, April 9, by video conference.

LBOMB – Lion George Winkeler reported that they had 37 facilities, with 31 being operated by blind vendor managers and 6 by temporary managers. Regarding training, they had 2 who had just applied. The 70th anniversary of LBOMB pins are being distributed; please support LBOMB with your \$2 purchase. They will be attending some of the District Conventions, as well as the State Convention this year.

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC HEALTH FAIR – Lion Winkeler announced that the St. Louis University Lions Club recently received a grant of over \$10,000 from St. Louis University to hold a public health fair on April 9. They have already reached out to Saving Sight to be there, a hearing van will be there, and a Lions membership booth will be there. This is the first of what may become an annual event. Get in touch with him if you want to participate.

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT & HEARING – Written report only.

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND – PDG Lisa Alexander reported that the World Services for the Blind has a new CEO who will be visiting the Lions of Missouri soon at some of the District Conventions and at the State Convention. Their call center is up and running, and they still need help with their dorm rooms. They appreciate all of the support from Lions of Missouri.

LEADER DOGS – Lion Phil Krebs read a letter from Susan Daniels, the CEO of Leader Dogs for the Blind, regarding the Canine Development Center. They are within \$640,000 of reaching their goal for this project and would appreciate any help from Lions to meet their goal. Phase 1 of the construction is almost complete. Lion Krebs added that there are now three puppy raisers in Missouri.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – PCC Kimberly Taylor stated that the following propositions have been reviewed and reflect amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 26. They will be submitted to the voting delegates at the Multiple District Convention on April 30, 2016.

There are currently eight issues on the ballot this year, and include reduced dues for Campus Club members and some housekeeping issues to align with Lions Clubs International, and inclusion of wording for when changes or updates are passed by Lions Clubs International, that they shall automatically be updated in the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

We will also be voting to endorse a candidate from Missouri to hold the position of Lions Clubs International Director.

The location of the 2018 State Convention is still to be determined, to her knowledge.

Upon approval by this Council, the official wording will be forwarded to the “Missouri Lion” editor for inclusion in the next newsletter, as well as sent to each District Governor for inclusion in their own District newsletters. Electronic email copies will be sent to each Club President and Secretary, who have email addresses on file with LCI, to share with their Club members and delegates. Any missing email addresses or rejected emails will be forwarded to the respective Governor to follow up with that Club and to have correct contact information updated at LCI, via their Club secretary.

They would have an electronic copy of the proposed amendment available on the Missouri Lions website www.missourilions.org next week. They were preparing the credential sheets, delegate and alternate cards to be mailed out to the Cabinet Secretaries.

**2016 Proposed Changes to
the Missouri Lions MD-26 Constitution and By-Laws**

The following propositions have been reviewed and screened, and reflect amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD-26. They will be submitted to the voting delegates at the Multiple District Convention on April 30, 2016.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE DUES FOR CAMPUS CLUBS MEMBERS THROUGHOUT MULTIPLE DISTRICT 26.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article III, Section 1 (a) of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws be amended to include the following:

Section 1. Total Per Capita Tax. (a) To provide necessary revenues for the State Lions activities, there shall be levied upon each Lion in each District (except members of Campus Clubs) an annual per capita tax of \$10.50; ...

There shall be levied upon each Lions member in a Campus Club in each District an annual per capita tax of \$6.00. Said per capita tax shall be payable in equal semi-annual installments.

AND Section 2 (b) of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws be added as follows:

\$6.00 per member of a Campus Club the annual per capita tax shall be forwarded by the District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer in semi-annual installments to the State Council Secretary-Treasurer and shall be divided in the following proportions and placed in the following funds by the State Council Secretary-Treasurer: \$0.40 per year in the International Convention Fund; \$5.00 per year in the State Administrative Fund; \$0.40 per year in the Missouri Lions All-State Band Fund; and \$0.20 per year in the International Candidates' Election Fund.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE ANY ANNUAL FUNCTIONS OR EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE GLT (GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM) AND/OR GMT (GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM) AS APPROVED STATE PROGRAMS FOR THE LIONS OF MISSOURI.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article III, Section 7 (b) or the Multiple District 26 By-Laws, shall any annual function of event or program organized, administered and accomplished the GLT (Global Leadership Team) and/or the GMT (Global Membership Team) committees for the purpose of Lions development and training and Lions growth and retention be considered approved State programs for the Lions of Missouri.

Upon approval, these Committees shall be included in the list of approved State projects in the MD26 Policy Manual, Chapter 1, Section I.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

A RESOLUTION TO REPLACE THE PHRASE "RULES OF AUDIT" WITH "GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY" PER LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL WORDING.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article V, Section 2 (a) of the Multiple District 26 Constitution where the phrase "Rules of Audit" is used, the phrase "General Reimbursement Policy" be used instead.

PROPOSITION NO. 4

A RESOLUTION TO REPLACE THE PHRASE "RULES OF AUDIT" WITH "GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY" PER LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL OFFICIAL WORDING.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article III, Section 3 (d) and (e) of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws where the phrase "Rules of Audit" is used, the phrase "General Reimbursement Policy" be used instead.

PROPOSITION NO. 5

A RESOLUTION TO REPLACE TERM "SECOND VICE PRESIDENT" WITH "THIRD VICE PRESIDENT" TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article VI, Section 7 (g)(4), Article X, Section 1 and Section 2 of the Multiple District 26 Constitution where the term "Second Vice President" is used, the phrase "Third Vice President" be used instead.

PROPOSITION NO. 6

A RESOLUTION TO REPLACE TERM "SECOND VICE PRESIDENT" WITH "THIRD VICE PRESIDENT" TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article III, Section 6 (b) and Article IV, Section 2 of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws where the term "Second Vice President" is used, the phrase "Third Vice President" be used instead.

PROPOSITION NO. 7

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE WORDING ABOUT AUTOMATIC UPDATES TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article XII of the Multiple District 26 Constitution, Section 3 be added:

Section 3. When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on the Multiple District Constitution shall automatically be updated in this Multiple District Constitution at the close of the Multiple District Convention.

PROPOSITION NO. 8

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE WORDING ABOUT AUTOMATIC UPDATES TO THE BY-LAWS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article VI of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws, Section 3 be added:

Section 3. When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on the Multiple District By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this Multiple District By-Laws at the close of the Multiple District Convention.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE – PDG Ann Anderson reported on the committee’s recent activities. They met in January and held the draft of players. The coaches for the game are: Blue Team – Steve Cook from Lafayette County High School in Higginsville and Gold Team – John Dabney from Milan High School. The week after the draft the application letters were mailed to the chosen players, and they have until March 15 to return applications. After that date they will look at a second round draft to fill in any needed spots. The committee members have vowed to bring in the money necessary to sponsor the players, and they are asking all Lions to consider a donation to help make this happen. To all who have placed ads in the past they thank you and appreciate your continued support. Remember that all proceeds help our own state project, Saving Sight. All of the information from UCM was included in the packets, with the only increase in costs being a small one on meals. She asked the Council for permission to sign the agreement with UCM. The game will be played on July 23, with the banquet on July 22. The banquet speaker will be Dan Meers (KC Wolf) of the Kansas City Chiefs.

BAND COMMITTEE – Lion Greg Hall first thanked everyone for their support of the Band in past years. Plans are in the works for another great band, beginning June 25 with camp at Ft. Leonard Wood. The farewell concert will be June 30. Travel plans include visiting World Services for the Blind in Arkansas and concert stops at Veterans Homes along the way to San Antonio, Texas, returning through Oklahoma and arriving back at Ft. Leonard Wood on July 8. They are once again asking all Missouri Lions to help recruit students and donate money for scholarships. At its last meeting the Committee voted to purchase new marching drums for approximately \$11,000. They are looking to build a better band for next year to go to Chicago for the International Convention. When asked, he explained that the cost per student this year is \$1,100.

HEARING COMMITTEE – Lion Peggy Campbell reported that at their last meeting the Committee discussed helping the School for the Deaf to find an on-staff audiologist. Since Allison left, the school has been dependent on contract services, which has created problems and has increased the cost. The Committee continues to maintain the hearing vans, which are available to schedule through your district hearing chair, as well as the portable audiometers. They have processed several applications for hearing aids and more are coming in. All of these things are funded through the sweepstakes tickets, which are being distributed to the clubs. She reminded everyone to get their tickets and money into their district hearing chair in time for their district convention.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH – Lion Toni Mahoney reported that MD 26 has 15 Leo Clubs. Since April is Leo Club Awareness Month she would like to see the Leos participate in the State Convention. Leos have benefits when becoming a Lion: Credit for Leo years of service, 50% discount on International dues through age 30, and charter/entrance fee waiver. She also reported that all seven districts submitted a Peace Poster for the contest with the theme this year being “Share Peace”. The winner would be announced later in the meeting and will, along with their immediate family, attend the State Convention to receive recognition. There were no entries for the Essay Contest. It is now time to purchase the 2016-17 Peace Poster kits at a cost of \$11.95 each. Regarding the Youth Exchange Program, they are excited that a young lady from Butler, Missouri (M5) has submitted an application to Finland to attend one of their camps. The MD 26 William C. Chandler Youth Camp will be accepting 12 youths to arrive June 30 and stay through July 31. They will stay with host families until July 24-31 when

they will stay at Camp Brimshire in St. James. The charge for camp is \$250 per youth. Many clubs help with meals and the costs of t-shirts, Six Flags tickets and Cardinal baseball tickets, along with helping host families offset some costs. She has accepted one youth from Hungary and two from Turkey, and four other countries have made contact so far. They have space at camp for more than 12 but lack in host families and funds. At that time DG Bruce Dugan, on behalf of the Independence Host Lions Club, presented Lion Toni with a \$500 check donation, and issued a challenge to other districts and clubs in the state of Missouri to follow through on this. Lion Toni reminded everyone that \$500 qualifies them to give a C. Wayne Henderson Award. This can also be done over as long as a five-year period by donating \$100 per year. Once \$500 is given the club can award someone in their community (does not have to be a Lion) who is involved in working with youth in a program.

SIGHT COMMITTEE – PDG Debbie Blumenberg stated that Lions Club gifts are critical to Saving Sight services and asked that clubs keep them in mind as they are making decisions about giving in 2015-16. To date at 579 screening locations 34,108 children have been screened, with more than 2,000 children having been referred. If you know of a location that needs to be serviced please contact Saving Sight. Please pay attention to the website, emails, and club requests coming from Saving Sight requesting assistance. The volunteer center calendar will open for online reservations. Nearly 800 volunteer hours have been contributed by Missouri Lions to date. Volunteers are asked to complete an application and online background check, which does not take much time to do. To date 45 Lions have completed the paperwork and background check. In 2016 Saving Sight will again coordinate Lions Eyeglass Mission Clinics abroad, and more information will be coming. March is National Eye Donor Month and April is National Donate Life Month. Lions Clubs and their members are encouraged to join Saving Sight to raise awareness of eye, organ and tissue donation. Tonometers to test for glaucoma can be made available for your use in support of District or Club activities. Contact Saving Sight to schedule a brief training and use of the machine.

STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PCC Don Noland reported on the recent meeting of the committee, where all districts were represented. They discussed having some apparel that is not necessarily parade oriented, but they are working on ideas for some new shirts and caps to be available at the State Convention. PDG David Primm did report that St. Joseph may consider bidding on the 2018 State Convention.

2016 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE – PDG Bill Botzow announced that the Lions of M6 are rolling out the red carpet for the State Convention. PDG Debbie Cantrell explained that the winner of the basket on display that day (valued at over \$100) would be drawn at the State Convention from registrations that were in by February 1. PDG Botzow also said the committee had pins to sell for \$3. He distributed packets with information on details of the state convention to the Governors for distribution throughout their district. He went over highlights of the tentative schedule of the Convention. At that time he had 60 people registered, with 53 for lunch and 55 for the banquet. He added that 65% of those registered did so with credit cards. The block of hotel rooms will be released on April 11. For more information and updates please check the website molionsstateconvention2016.org.

2017 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE – IPCC Jeff Hilke reported that the 2017 Host Committee is actively working on plans. Their theme will be of celebrating the Centennial, so they plan to make it a big party to celebrate 100 years of all the work Lions have done. He addressed one item to the First Vice District Governors as they work on their Policy Manual for next year. Due to some scheduling issues at Tan-Tar-A, the January Council Meeting will need to be held on the third weekend in January instead of the fourth. That will be Saturday, January 21, 2017. Tan-Tar-A hosts a huge band conference every year on the fourth weekend, and our Band Committee participates in that. There would not be room for us on that same weekend. The State Convention dates will be May 4-7, 2017.

DGE SEMINAR – IPID Knipp announced that the DGE training will be held the Friday of State Convention in Springfield by the GLT Training Team.

USA/CANADA FORUM – The Forum will be September 15-17, 2016, in Omaha, Nebraska. He reminded everyone that this is for all Lions. There will be service projects, and about 100 seminars. Registration fee is \$275 to include all seminars and four designated meals. Fees will go up after June 1. Missouri will be the host for the Midwest Breakfast on Saturday, September 17. More information will be coming on this.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM – PDG Tom Rayfield thanked those that helped and participated in the LCI Required for Success Training on two weekends in Columbia. He also thanked the group of First Vice District Governors who he went with to Ft. Worth this year. He is so proud of what they have accomplished in the past two years. He announced that PCC Steve Wise has had to drop out of the GLT function due to family issues and other things that are going on in his life at this time, and he asked for a round of applause for PCC Steve, who brought a lot to the program.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – PDG Debbie Cantrell said they are still concerned about the numbers in our membership. They encourage everyone to speak proudly about Lions and the Centennial, which should be a good time to attract new members. She suggested considering a membership table at the District Conventions; there is some wonderful material that we need to be sharing with Lions as tools to be taken back to the clubs. She was happy to go to Dallas with the First VDGs to receive valuable training and information for the coming year. She announced that PDG Zana Botzow has stepped down from GMT as she continues to battle cancer, and the M6 Governor is actively looking for her replacement. She thanked PDG Zana for her time and efforts and wishes her the best. PDG Cantrell was excited to announce that the second GMT Summit is scheduled for March 5, 2016, at Saving Sight in Columbia. The day will be packed with speakers, information, planning and ideas for Missouri's membership! Strive for Progress, Not Perfection. Our membership decline did not happen overnight. It will not be corrected overnight.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – No report.

MISSOURI LION BULLETIN – Lion Jennie Mosher explained that complications arose with her internet service when trying to distribute Issue #17. She sent it to PCC Kimberly Taylor to post on the Missouri Lions website with a link to it. Issue #18 is targeted to go out after the middle of March. Any information should be submitted to her by February 28 to be included.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – PDG Eugene Taylor reported that everything is going well with the website. The seated committee needs to get together to figure out what they are going to do to move forward, but there should not be any problems. Send any requests to him to get things added.

ALERT COMMITTEE – No report.

PIN TRADERS – DG Craig gave the report in the absence of Lion Tom Owen, President of the Pin Traders. For the first time, they already have received three sample drawings for the 2017 State Pin. They would welcome more drawings, due to the Centennial Celebration, for the 2017 Governors to consider, so please submit them to Lion Brenda at the State Office. The winning drawing will be selected at the State Convention in April.

STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE – Written report was submitted. PDG Eugene Taylor asked if there were any questions. There were none.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS – Motion was made by DG Deters to receive the committee reports. Motion was seconded by DG Foster and passed.

LUNCH BREAK

QUALITY AWARD AWARDS –

M1 – 0 M2 – 1 M3 – 2 M4 – 0 M5 – 0 M6 – 1 M7 – 0

PEACE POSTER CONTEST – CC Curtis announced that the winner of the Peace Poster Contest is Kelee James of Independence, MO.

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST – CC Curtis announced that the winner of the Environmental Photo Contest is Lion James Nipper of Maplewood, MO.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY – CC Curtis asked the following to please get their copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy from Lion Brenda and sign their acceptance sheet: DG Craig Lehman, Lion George Winkeler, Lion Dave Baldwin and Lion Toni Mahoney.

SUMMER BLAST – DG Shelhammer asked why we couldn't just change the budget for the Mid-Winter Forum to read Mid-Winter Forum/Summer Blast. PCC Kimberly Taylor explained that this Council still could not sign a contract with a hotel for an event in the next year. This will be voted on at the State Convention in April.

APPOINTMENT OF STATE CONVENTION PARLIAMENTARIAN – DG Deters nominated PDG Lyn Porterfield and DG Foster nominated PCC Terry Boettcher. PCC Steve Wise said he would relinquish the position and withdrew. By secret ballot PDG Lyn Porterfield was elected. Motion by DG Lehman to destroy the ballots. Seconded by DG Deters and passed. DG Deters thanked PCC Steve Wise for his service as their Parliamentarian at Council Meetings.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2016-2017 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON – CC Gary Curtis announced that the following Governors have submitted their intent to run for 2016-2017 Council Chairperson – DG Joe Foster (M2), DG John Deters (M3), and DG Bruce Dugan (M5).

OFFICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Motion by DG Shelhammer to table the issue of adding members to the State Office Committee until the April Council Meeting. Seconded by DG Gaines and passed.

ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS – DG Foster explained the status of the State Office accepting credit cards. A PayPal account has been set up. If a committee chooses to accept credit cards through the State Office, there will be a fee of 2.9% plus 30¢ per transaction. We are in the process of setting up buttons on the missourilions.org website. The button serves as a link to PayPal, so a person's information is secure and the State Office will actually never see a person's information – it stays with PayPal. As of that time the only committee that has chosen to use this is the Band Committee for band member sponsorships.

One question that has come up is whether we should put a Donation button on the website for anyone who wants to make a donation to Missouri Lions. DG Foster asked if a vote is needed on this. DG Foster made a motion that a button be added to the missourilions.org website for donations. Seconded by DG Lehman.

PCC Al Blumenberg asked why only the Band is using this when the Policy Manual was changed to say that all committees accepting funds outside of the State Office must use this for accepting credit cards. DG Foster replied that it was his understanding that the other committees will not be accepting any credit cards.

PCC Blumenberg asked if the purchaser must have a PayPal account to use this. The answer was no, they can use a credit card.

PCC Blumenberg then said that we could have problems if we put a Donation button on there without saying what the money would be used for. DG Foster explained that if someone wants to make a donation to a specific committee or cause, that committee would need to have a Donation button on the website. When asked, DG Foster further explained that all monies go into one bank account, but that Lion

Brenda would be able to tell which account a specific amount would go to, minus the fees; the fees come off the top. PCC Blumenberg suggested that a tax person should be consulted on this because if he pushes a button labeled "Donate" he would have the impression that it would be tax deductible. However, if that money ends up in the General Account it is not a tax deductible donation.

PDG Eugene Taylor asked why we were giving the committees a choice. We should be adding as many buttons as possible on the website. PDG Ann Anderson explained why the Athletic Committee chose not to use this option this year. They are trying to keep the costs down and did not want to raise their prices for banquet, game tickets, etc. She further explained that the fees (2.9% plus 30¢) must be included in the prices.

IPID Knipp agreed with PDG Eugene Taylor - we're going to do this; it's in the Policy Manual and all committees should do it. He's been in business and said that accepting credit cards will bring us more money than it's going to cost us, but we're going to have to increase prices to include the cost of the fees.

DG Foster amended his motion that we add a Donation button to the missourilions.org website with the money going to the Administrative Fund of the Missouri Lions. Seconded by DG Lehman. Vote: 6 Yes, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

2nd VDG John Preston said he just realized that if a club went online to donate \$1,000 to LCIF and expected a Melvin Jones Award they would be short \$29.30. IPID Knipp explained that someone cannot donate to LCIF through the missourilions.org website. PCC Blumenberg stated that this is the point he was trying to make. If there is a button marked "Donate" and the money goes into the Administrative Fund, it is probably not the intent of the person. Therefore, there must be some type of disclaimer or separate buttons or something because he guarantees we're going to get into trouble with the Consumer Protection Agency. IPID Knipp added that if, for example, someone wants to go online to donate for a band student there should be a form online to fill out to go with the button for a Band scholarship. Everything will be separated on the website. IPCC Jeff Hilke said we could always put links on our website to LCIF or Saving Sight or whatever, to direct someone to the correct website to make a donation, if it's not something that falls within the Missouri Lions. They all have their own websites to take their donations. We just need to worry about the Missouri Lions. PCC Blumenberg agreed with that, just forget about all other organizations, but by only having one "Donate" button on our website, if his club wants to donate to the Band or whatever, and they donate \$100 the State Office is not going to know that it is intended for the Band and puts it in the Admin. Fund – that is where the problem lies. IPCC Hilke said that if he understood correctly, the plan is to have different "Donate" buttons for each of the committees as well.

DG Foster clarified that his motion was to put a "Donate" button on for the Admin. Fund. It will say "Admin. Fund". If someone wants to donate to the Band, the Band can have a "Donate" button that will say "Band", same for Athletic Committee, Hearing, etc. Again, the money will all come into the same bank account, but Lion Brenda will be able to see which committee to post the money to in our accounting system. If the committees want to accept donations online they need to ask to have "Donate" buttons added for their committees. For example, if someone donates \$10.00 to a committee, that committee will get \$9.41, which is more than they would have gotten otherwise. When people don't have cash available to donate they go home and get online, or they do it on their phone. To confirm what IPID Knipp said, DG Foster said it is a credit card world. Each committee can have their own "Donate" button so we can determine where the money should go.

PDG Ann Anderson said that they did not put that credit cards are accepted in their football letters that went out this year because they did not want to raise their prices. It will be a committee decision next year if they want to raise prices to cover this. They could still have an Athletic "Donate" button though.

PDG Bill Botzow questioned whether PayPal will give enough detail of what the money is for.

PCC Blumenberg asked PDG Ann Anderson if he went online to purchase a \$250 ad for the football program book and she only gets \$242.45, will he still get a \$250 ad? She said she would have to receive an ad contract to show his ad design, and this is why the committee decided against taking credit cards this year. PCC Kimberly Taylor added that there can be many Athletic buttons on the website – one for donations, one for banquet, one for game tickets, one for ads, etc. etc., but PDG Anderson said again that it will be a decision for next year.

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY PLANNING – At that time PDG Bob Crump asked the Vice District Governors who will be setting up hospitality booths at State Convention to meet with him to look at the space.

MISSOURI LIONS CREDIT CARDS – Motion by DG Shelhammer that only Lions can hold Missouri Lions credit cards. Seconded by DG Deters. PCC Al Blumenberg questioned what this is about. DG Foster explained that the Missouri Lions has committees that have credit cards they use on trips, etc. Some of these credit cards are issued to individuals who are not Lions. What we are asking is that all Missouri Lions credit cards that are issued to individuals through the State Office for committees are held by Lions, people who belong to Lions Clubs. They can be used to buy things for the Band, etc., but whoever is holding the card, and the name on the card, needs to be that of a member of a Lions Club. Motion passed. IPID Donal Knipp added that this needs to be changed in the Policy Manual.

SUMMER BLAST – Regarding the Summer Blast, 1st VDG Larry Boettcher read the motion from the November 18, 2015, Council Teleconference meeting which stated “I will make a motion that we allow the committee to continue with their plans for August (not June or July), contingent upon the fact that they have a viable solution in January at the Council of Governors Meeting.” That motion passed, and we were given no viable option today. 2nd VDG Lou Ann Hathcock stated that there will not be a Summer Blast in 2016. 1st VDG Boettcher said that no one has mentioned that, and the earlier discussion stated that if the vote passes in April we are going ahead with this, so can the Governors go ahead and approve to have it this summer? PCC Kimberly Taylor added that there is no facility that will allow us to have it this summer. 1st VDG Boettcher asked if this issue really died, or does another vote need to be taken. Based on the November 18 motion he interpreted that this is a dead issue.

UNITED NATIONS DAY – DG Lehman announced that PDG Debbie Cantrell has been chosen by our International President to speak at the LCI UN Day on March 11.

AWARD FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH - DG John Deters announced that Districts M2, M3 and M5 all received an award for membership growth from our LCI President.

DON'T QUIT PINS – PDG Eugene Taylor said that he still has “Don’t Quit” pins for sale for \$2.00 each.

COLUMBIA 20/20 CLUB – PDG Freda McKee invited everyone to celebrate with the Columbia 20/20 Club on their 25th Anniversary on March 19 in Columbia.

TAIL TWISTER - PCC John Anderson collected \$135.00 in Tail Twister Fines.

NEXT MEETING – April 28, 2016

ADJOURNMENT – 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lion Brenda Weider

Lion Brenda Weider, State Office Administrator