

MINUTES
WISCONSIN LIONS MD-27
2008-09 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2009
LIONS EYE BANK OF WISCONSIN, MADISON WI

1. The meeting was called to order by CC Natynski at 8:02 AM

Those present were:

D. Schwanz, A1

J. Tomaszewski, A2

G. Coenen, B2

J. Wessel, C1

B. Schonberg, C2

J. Jenson, D1

M. Kelley, D2

K. Schmid, E2

F. Nutter, E2

VDG's

C. Marquardt, A1

W. Schmitt, A2

L. Quinn, B1

P. Pflieger, B2

K. Luebke, C1

S. Lemke, C2

R. Daluge, D1

K. Friske, D2

R. Stanley, E1

C. LeCleur-Meyer, E2

Art Marson, ID

Wayne Heiman, IPID

Peter Cerniglia, PID

Phil Ingwell, PID

Terry Peters, PCC

Dean Haas, PCC, MERLO

Tom Clausen, PDG, President, WLF

Evert Hartvig, WLF

Jerry Rabbach, PDG, Community Relations, LEBW

Geri Schlender, WLF Lions Pride Campaign

Dave Sievert, PDG, MERLO

Barry Boline

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by VCC Schmid

a. The song was led by DG Schwanz

b. The prayer was led by DG Wessel

3. Introductions of those present were made by CC Natynski. VDG Pflieger was named acting Tail Twister. CC Natynski had called all state committee chairs for reports. Some were surprised and did not know they were chairs. He urged the VDG's to make sure and talk to people before nominating them for these positions. CC Natynski amended the agenda by switching #19 - Policy with #8 – International Convention. **Motion #124 by DG Schwanz/DG Schonberg to approve the agenda as amended. Approved 9-0**

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4. The following correction was made to the minutes of October 4, 2008:
Motion to support Dr. Tam for 2nd international vice president should show a unanimous vote.

The following correction was made to the minutes of July 19, 2008: page 3 – Item #10 – Motion #31 – Lion Ron Drew was appointed to chair the State Convention Resolutions, Constitution, and By-Laws Committee. **Motion #125 made by DG Schmid/DG Nutter to approve minutes of October 4, 2008 meeting as corrected. Approved 9-0**

5. Correspondence – A letter was received from LCIF concerning emergency grants given to areas affected by flooding this summer in the state.

6. Council Secretaries report – none

7. Financial Report – DG Jensen

The budget at the end of December shows a deficit of \$6,000. This is the amount advanced to the state convention committee. We are also paying higher rent for the state office as well as higher health insurance for the secretary. We had not received the financial reports from the state convention committee. The billing for the second half of state dues will be sent shortly. There is a question concerning who is participating in the Leo to Lion dues program.

8. Policy – DG Schwanz

Motion #126 by DG Schmid/DG Coenen to amend Policy A-6.1 as printed. Approved 9-0 Motion #127 by DG Jensen/DG Schonberg to add Policy F-10 as printed. Approved 9-0

8. Motion #128 by DG Kelley/DG Tomaszewski to add Policy F-11 as printed. Approved 9-0

9. WLF Report – PDG Tom Clausen

Highlights of written report are as follows:

The second annual Handicap Hunt was held on October 11. 5 hunters participated and tagged three doe and one buck. Fall Work Day was held on October 25. 125 volunteers participated. The Spring Work Day will be held April 25. The Board met on December 6-7. A Counselor in Training program will be held in conjunction with the 2010 summer camp program. The purpose is equipping future camp staff with leadership skills. Committee assignments have been changed so the Camp Operations Committee will meet at a time when all directors can attend. There will be a display at the International Convention to highlight the camp and eyeglass recycling. The Board will sponsor a Diabetes Expo in Madison November 2009. They will be working with a coalition in the Madison area. The Deer Hide Collection numbers look like they will be

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down this year. Summer camp applications have been sent to last year's participants as well as every Lions Club and Lioness Club secretary. Information was sent to guidance counselors, teachers, and special education professionals explaining the program. This information is also available on the WLF website. Budgeting process will begin at the Board meeting February 7-8. The Board is working with staff and students at UWSP to revise the Camp and Foundation website. The annual Sports Raffle will be revamped due to declining revenue. The Hearing program changes are being accepted by clubs, although there are still concerns about the administrative fee. These expenses must be funded. The WLF directors and District Governors are encouraged to work together to promote the Foundation's projects and find financial support for them.

10. Lions Pride report – Lion Geri Schlender

Chairman Dewey Karl wishes to extend his thanks to the Council of Governors who endorsed the continuation of the Pride Campaign at the meeting on October 4th. The PDG Organization and the Pride Campaign are disappointed we were unable to continue to plan, arrange and hold the Pig out for Pride Event at this year's convention prior to hospitality. The Investment Committee held a conference call on November 5th with the M & I Wealth Management Team to discuss the downturn in the market and review the current status of our portfolio. It was determined at this time we would not be able to make a payout to the WLF without invading contributed principle. We are developing our strategic plan for 2009. We welcome your feedback and have included a short questionnaire we would ask you to complete and then forward to our office in the envelope provided. The Jail & Bail Fundraiser was a very successful undertaking and our hope is it did raise awareness in your districts. We have received our first check from Good Search for \$193.98. There were 15,191 searches on our behalf. Ride for Pride organization presented checks to the charities they supported this year in the amount of \$4,000 per non-profit. We have applied to be a recipient again in their April event. A Christmas Thank You letter went out to all Lion, Lioness and Leo Clubs that are members of the Pride Campaign. We are continuing to work on an improved web site and our target date for launching the redesigned web site is by end January.

We are started to work on the 2nd Annual Pride Shoot. It is scheduled June 13th. We currently have 221 clubs in the Pride Family with District B-2 leading the way with 70% of the clubs on board followed by B-1 with 50% of their clubs supporting the Pride efforts and the gifts and pledges from all 221 clubs is totaling \$ 611,408.79. The Campaign currently stands at 4.5 million dollars

11. USA/Canada Forum – PCC Mark Hintzmann

They are gearing up for the Memphis forum. They will be arriving on September 23. They will be trained on how to use the card machines used for registration. They will have ads in all the district convention program booklets. They would also like to have a table for promotion. Promotional materials will be sent to either the district

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Forum contact or the VDG. They will be seeking approval from the council in March to have a table at the state convention. They may also have a fundraiser for the host committee. There will be a meeting of the committee at the state convention.

12. State Bowling Committee – no report

13. Diabetes Focus Group – Lion Jerry Gibbons

The group is producing a new video on Diabetes and the Kidney and hope to have it done by February. Posters were produced for November Diabetes month which was a Risk Test for Diabetes. The Diabetes Club Patch requirements were shared. They are working on a handbook for diabetes awareness chairs. The DG's are encouraged to hold a STRIDES walk in their districts.

14. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – PID Peter Cerniglia and PDG Jerry Rabbach

There were 740 donors and 1003 transplants done. PDG Rabbach encouraged attendance at the Gift of Sight luncheon on March 19 in Madison. He also shared the Crystal Vision Award nomination form. PID Cerniglia shared promotional pieces for the capital campaign.

15. Lions ALERT program – no report

16. MERLO

Membership/Retention – PDG Dave Sievert

As of December 31, 2008 we have 19,982 members, down 248 from last year. At this time last year we had lost 134 members. 4 districts are above the retention goal of 92% compared with 2 last year. 8 districts were represented at the TTT training session in Stevens Point. B2 has training sessions scheduled. LCI is looking at the success in Wisconsin before committing to the endorsement of the program for North America and beyond. An Extension workshop is scheduled for March 24 in Eau Claire at the Plaza Hotel.

Leadership – PCC Mark Hintzmann and PCC Dean Haas

Leadership Training will be held February 27-March 1 at the Royale Inn in Stevens Point. Trainees will be responsible for the hotel costs. VDG/Governor Elects will select their Council Chair on February 27. A handout was passed out with more information on the position of 2nd Vice-District Governor. There were 17 participants in the Emerging Lions Institute. The Council dates for 2009-2010 are: July 24-25, October 2-3, January 8-9, March 5-6, and May 13.

17. MERLO applications – CC Natynski

Motion #130 made by DG Kelley/DG Schonberg to appoint PDG John Schwab to the position of Membership chair of the MERLO team for 2009-2012. Approved 9-0

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Motion #131 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Coenen to appoint PDG Dave Sievert and PCC Dean Haas as Leadership co-chairs to the MERLO team for 2009-2012. Approved 9-0

Motion #132 made by DG Schwanz/DG Schonberg to appoint DG Jerry Coenen to the position of Extension chair to the MERLO team for 200-2012. Approved 9-0

Motion #133 made by DG Schwanz/DG Nutter to appoint CC Wally Natynski to the position of Retention/Orientation chair of the MERLO team for 2009-2012. Approved 9-0

The VDG will choose the overall chair of the MERLO team.

19. International Convention – ID Art Marson

The Wisconsin delegate hotel is the Doubletree Park Place. This site was chosen to save parking costs since many will be driving to the convention. There is a possibility of hosting a breakfast/caucus with Iowa and Nebraska since they are staying at the same hotel. CC Natynski will look into this. PCC Haas also is working on hosting hospitality with another district. The keynote speaker for the convention will be former Secretary of State Colin Powell. The Humanitarian Award will be given to Fr. Christ Reily of Australia. There are 3 districts interested in having units in the parade. There was some confusion over how many we could have in the parade. This will be researched. DG Nutter said that members in his district were interested in hosting a Welcome Center for guests of the convention in the Hudson area. **Motion #134 made by DG Nutter/DG Schwanz to support the hosting of a Welcome Center for guests to the International Convention with no costs to the MD. Approved 9-0**

21. LCIF – PID Wayne Heiman

PID Heiman shared the LCIF Development Plan. The two goals are to strengthen the Foundation and creation of an enhanced volunteer structure. Those appointed to the position of LCIF District Coordinator will serve for 4 years. By February 16 the Districts should have these coordinators in place. An Orientation session will be held by June 1.

22. Report from International Director – ID Art Marson

Highlights from written report: October growth month was a success. 16 clubs in the state reported 5 or more new members. 3 clubs in the state are in danger of being suspended. Wisconsin has dropped below 20,000 members. LCIF Development Plan was approved last spring. PID Wayne Heiman is MD27 Coordinator. New Lion magazine debuted in January. They are looking to profile young, interesting, and active Lions who have joined an existing club within the last 4-8 months. There will be a new web site starting in March. The Brand Renewal has an emphasis on service activities. There are six new programs: Green Team, Lions Crew at Work, Service Nation, Martin Luther King Jr. Day service project, ALERT team, and STRIDES Walk for Diabetes.

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The 31st Lions Day at the United Nations will be held on March 13. The entire board will be present. Hero Award Nominations need to be in by April 1. He thanked all who submitted nominations for Presidential and Leadership Awards.

23. Newspaper – DG Jerry Coenen

4 quotes were received for the printing of the state newspaper. **Motion #135 made by DG Schmid/DG Tomaszewski to contract with Woodward Printing for the printing of the state newspaper at a cost of \$2456.56. The contract will run from February 1, 2009-January 31, 2010. Approved 9-0.** There were 2 applications for the position of editor. **Motion #136 made by DG Tomaszewski/DG Schwanz to approve Jodi Burmester as editor of the state newspaper. A friendly amendment to allow the newspaper board to negotiate a contract was offered. Approved motion/amendment 9-0.**

19. State Convention – PDG Wilson Mills and DG Forrest Nutter

As of January 9 55 VIP reservations were received. Any not reserved by February 28 will be released. The Chula Vista reports 116 rooms reserved. They have confirmed PIP Jimmy Ross and PID Ross Thorfinnson as speakers. They are still working on a motivational speaker for Saturday afternoon. The official request to host the 2012 convention must be received by February 28. The committee will be submitting its suggestions to the March council meeting

Motion #138 by DG Schonberg/DG Nutter to approve the following seminars for the convention: Eye Bank, BOLD, Leader Dog w/ GPS, Lion and Lioness working together, Lions Camp experience, Stress Management, Child Crime on the Internet, Dual and/or alternate energy, Diabetic desserts (offered twice), and Medicare and fraud (offered twice). Approved 8-0

Motion #139 by DG Kelley/DG Nutter to approve the Thursday evening fundraiser which is a wine and cheese tasting event at Ho-Chunk Casino at a cost of \$15. Approved 8-0

Motion #140 by DG Schmid/DG Schonberg to approve the pin design and selling price of \$3 along with the volunteer dangle to be given to volunteers. Approved 8-0

Motion #141 by DG Nutter to approve a medallion as a give-away item for the Tail/Skirt Twisters. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion #142 by DG Schmid/DG Nutter to allow the convention committee to set up a system to accept credit cards for registration.

Defeated 4-4

Motion #143 by DG Kelley/DG Wessel to approve the prizes for the Toot Your Horn program at \$500 for first prize and \$250 for second and third prizes. Motion #144 by DG Schmid/DG Jensen to award \$300 for first place and \$100 for second and third place. Approved 8-0. The motion as amended was approved 8-0.

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A discussion was held concerning the moving of the Parade of Checks from Saturday to Friday night, video recording the presentation, and showing it in the display area all day Saturday. This would be to streamline the WLF presentation on Saturday. WLF President Clausen expressed reservations and would like to see the Parade remain part of the Saturday lunch program. They would ask the Lions Pride to take part in the camp experience seminar.

Motion #145 by DG Schmid/DG Tomaszewski to approve the meal costs as follows: Friday lunch at \$15, Saturday breakfast at \$12, Saturday lunch at \$15, Saturday night banquet at \$28. These costs are if they are reserved by April 1. \$2 will be added after April 1. Approved 7-1.

Motion #146 by DG Schonberg/DG Jensen to approve the general registration form as amended. Approved 8-0.

Motion #147 by DG Jensen/DG Schonberg to approve the golf registration form, adding the statement that participants must be registered for the convention. Approved 7-1.

Motion #148 by DG Schonberg/DG Jensen to approve the Toot Your Horn registration form. Approved 8-0

Motion #149 by DG Nutter/DG Tomaszewski to approve the Youth Activity registration form. Approved 8-0

Motion #150 by DG Jensen/DG Schmid to approve the Tours registration form. Approved 8-0

Motion #151 by DG Jensen/DG Tomaszewski to approve the trade show registration form. Approved 8-0

Motion #152 by DG Schonberg/DG Jensen to approve a stick-on as a give-away item for the tail/skirt twisters at the convention at a cost of no more than \$300. Approved 8-0.

Motion #153 by DG Jensen/DG Nutter to allow the convention committee to accept credit cards for registration at the state convention. Approved 5-2.

Motion #154 by DG Kelley/DG Nutter to ask the Lioness clubs to participate in the Thursday evening wine and cheese tasting event and allowing them to determine where monies raised will go. Approved 8-0

24. State Convention Resolutions/Constitution and By-Laws – Lion Ron Drew
Resolution 1

Purpose: To clarify the scheduling of District Cabinet meetings.

Whereas: Constitution Article VII, Section 4, sub. a reads as follows: “The District Governor shall call at least one regular meeting of the Cabinet each quarter during the year. The first meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days after the

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adjournment of the International Convention.”

Therefore be it resolved: that Constitution Article VII, Section 4 ,sub. a, shall be amended to read: The District Governor shall call at least one regular meeting of the Cabinet each quarter during the year.

NOTE: As this resolution amends the Constitution of MD 27, a 2/3 affirmative vote is required for adoption.

Submitted by 2008-2009 Council of Governors, Walter Natynski, Council Chairman
State Resolutions-Constitution & By-Law Committee recommends approval.

Motion #155 by DG Jensen/DG Tomaszewski to recommend approval. Approved 7-0.

Resolution 2

Purpose: To change the process of filling the position of District Cabinet positions by providing flexibility in the process.

Whereas, Article II, Section 6 (District Cabinet) of the Lions International Constitution states the following: “Each single and sub-district shall have a district governor’s cabinet composed of the district governor, as chairperson, the immediate past district governor, the vice district governors, and the following who shall be elected or appointed under procedures provided in the respective single, provisional or multiple district constitution: the region chairperson, the zone chairperson, secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer and such other club members as may be provided for in the respective district (single, sub-and multiple) constitution and by-laws.....” and

Whereas, Article V, Section 3 of the MD 27 Constitution requires that region chairs (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term), zone chairs and secretary-treasurer be appointed and that the secretary-treasurer be a member of the same club as the District Governor or of a Lions Club in close proximity thereto.

Therefore be it resolved, that Article V, Section 3 of the MD Constitution be deleted in its entirety and to read as follows: The following positions shall be appointed or elected to the District Cabinet: Region Chairs, Zone Chairs and secretary-treasurer prior to the incoming District Governor taking office.

NOTE: As this resolution amends the Constitution of MD 27, a 2/3 affirmative vote is required for adoption.

Submitted by Gary Bilke District Governor, 27 B1, State Resolution-Constitution & By-Law Committee recommends approval.

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Motion #156 by DG Schmid/DG Jensen to recommend approval. Approved 7-0.

Resolution 3

Purpose: To provide for delegates to vote for convention site.

Whereas, Article IV, Section 5, sub, c, of the MD 27 By-Laws does not provide for Delegates to vote for a convention site.

Therefore be it resolved, that Article IV, Section 5, sub. c of the MD 27 By-Laws be amended to read: It shall see that printed ballots listing the names of all nominees, the proposed cities for the state convention, bowling and curling tournaments and resolutions amending the Constitution and By-Laws are provided in sufficient quantity by the state convention committee.

Submitted by MD 27 State Resolution-Constitution & By-Laws Committee, Ron Drew Chair. State Resolution-Constitution & By-Law Committee recommends approval.

Motion #157 by DG Jensen/DG Schonberg to recommend approval. Approved 7-0

The committee also recommends adding the letter “s” to all references of vice-district governors in the state constitution and by-laws to reflect the new position of second vice-district governor. There is a need to re-examine the personal pronouns in the constitution/by-laws... In some cases where the letters “his” appear, it has been changed to read “his/her”.

25. BOLD – Lion Ken Sosalla

Lion Sosalla made a presentation on the BOLD program. He encouraged the council to promote and encourage participation in the program.

26. Other items

Merchandise committee – DG Wessel

Motion #158 by DG Jensen/DG Schonberg to approve the purchase of 5,000 Wisconsin state stick-ons at a cost of 16 cents. Approved 7-0.

Motion #159 by DG Schonberg/DG Coenen to give the Mission to Mexico program the remaining stock of 2004 state pins. Approved 7-0

Affiliate Clubs – PDG Chuck Post

PDG Post reported that there are 200 lioness clubs in the state with between 2800-3000 members. He also reported on the need to accurately report incomes and dues on the IRS 990 forms.

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Environmental Photo Contest – CC Walter Natynski

The entries for the contest are due to him by January 15. There will not be a council meeting before the entries must be sent to international. **Motion #129 by DG Schmid/DG Schwanz to allow any DG present at the A1 convention to vote on the contest photos. Approved 8-0**

28. Receive and file reports

Motion #159 by DG Schmid/DG Tomaszewski to receive and file reports. Approved 7-0.

29. The next council meeting will be held March 6-7, 2009 at the Ramada in Stevens Point. Pre-meeting will be March 6 at 7PM.

30. **Motion #160 by DG Schonberg/DG Tomaszewski to adjourn. Approved 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Jonathan Wessel
Secretary