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**The International Association of Lions Clubs  
Multiple District 27 - Wisconsin**

MINUTES  
WISCONSIN LIONS MD27  
2010 – 2011 COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR’S MEETING  
March 5, 2011  
ECONO LODGE  
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

**1. The meeting was called to order by CC Lion Augie Fortmann at 8:00 A.M.**

This meeting will resume from the March 4, 2011, 7 pm, Council of Governors meeting at Econo Lodge.  
Those present were:

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|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Council Chairman A. Fortmann  | DG D. Habrat, C1                       | DG S. Jensen, E1                   |
| DG K. Harris, A1              | DG R. Moen, C2                         | DG D. Fleming, E2                  |
| DG B. Boline, A2              | DG G. Francis, D1                      |                                    |
| DG G. Post, B1                | DG D. Nelson, D2                       |                                    |
| DG D. Polashek, B2            |  |                                    |
|                               |  |                                    |
| VDG B. Hale, A2               | VDG N. Winchell, D1                    |                                    |
| VDG M. Strelow, B1            | VDG J. Spies, E1                       |                                    |
| VDG L. Christiansen, C2       | VDG D. Schaefer, E2                    |                                    |
|                               |  |                                    |
| PID Wayne Heiman              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Larry Braunschweig | PDG/PCC Terry Peters, Eye Bank     |
| PID Phil Ingwell              | IPID Art Marson                        | WLF Sec. Eric Althaus              |
| PDG John Schwab, Membership   | 2 <sup>ND</sup> VDG Ron Edlund         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Meg Post       |
| WLF President Dave Kaiser     | PCC Dean Haas, Leadership              | PDG Chuck Post                     |
| WLF Ex Adm. Evett Hartvig     | Donna Fortmann                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Sandy Guinther |
| PDG Dave Sievert              | PRIDE Coordinator Geri Schlender       |                                    |
| WLF Vice Pres Andy Deinhammer | WLF Director Walt Althaus              |                                    |

**2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Council Chair, DG Harris**

**3. Song Led by DG Nelson**

**4. Prayer was given by DG Habrat**

**5. Introductions and Opening Remarks were given by CC Augie Fortmann**

Introduction of VDG Richard Koch was given by DG Dwaine Habrat.

**6. Approval of Agenda, CC Lion Augie Fortmann – Motion #96** by DG Polashek/DG Post to approve the agenda. Meeting from 3-4-11 to continue on 3-5-11. 10-0 (Carried)

a. Approval of October 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**7. Council Secretary Report and Corrections. DG Steve Jensen**

Nothing to add. **Motion #97** by DG Harris/DG Boline to approve. 10-0 (Carried)

## 8. Report Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – PCC Terry Peters

Executive Director Elizabeth Koenig continues to be on leave due to illness. Wallis Cale has been named Interim Director in her absence. Wallis is the Quality Director and Assistant Executive Director for the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank. We continue to set up a registry station at each district convention to register people and train clubs/members that are interested in setting up registry stations. An update will be handed out to the governors recapping donations by district. This year's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Report PID Lion Art Marson



### International Activities Report MD27 Council Meeting – March 5, 2011



1. Leadership – Your role as a leader is most important at this time of year. Review your goals. Finish the year strong. Work to have a strong leadership team in place for next year, make sure cabinet members and club officers understand they are leaders and know their responsibilities. Provide needed training.
2. Membership - In Wisconsin we have lost 7 clubs and are down by 189 Lions. We now have 19,398 Lions. In 2000 we had 22,217 Lions so we lost over 2,500 Lions in the past decade. Please continue your efforts to turn this membership loss around.
3. The International Board will be meeting in North Carolina on April 16-19. I haven't received the agenda yet so I don't know all the issues to be discussed.
4. I have received the President (8) and Leadership (10) Awards as approved by President Scruggs. He will consider additional awards if he has some left at the end of the year. There are some very worthy Lions who were nominated and may not get an award this year.
5. Sue Haney has been promoted to the position of Extension and Membership Division Manager and Ken Kabira has been hired as Group Manager for Extension and Membership, PR and Communications, and Service Activities.
6. Still time to register and plan to attend the International Convention in Seattle. Information is available on the Lions Web Site. As you are aware, the Board is proposing a resolution in Seattle to increase dues by \$2 in 2011-12 and an additional \$2 in 2012-13.
7. Please encourage clubs to consider assistance to the Lions in New Zealand as they recover from the earthquake. Some of you stopped in Christchurch after the International convention and know what a beautiful city it is.
8. Upcoming events:
  - i. March 18 is Lions Day at the UN which will be in New York and Nairobi, Kenya.
  - ii. March is Eye Donor Awareness Month
  - iii. April 9 is Worldwide Induction Day
  - iv. April is Leo Club Awareness Month
  - v. May 1 is the deadline for the Newsletter, Photography, PR Idea, Friendship Banner Trading Pin and Website Contests. Would be nice to see a few more Wisconsin Clubs participate in these contests.
  - vi. May 1 is deadline for International convention registration.
  - vii. May 15 – PU101 Officer Reporting Form is due.

Thanks for all your dedication and work on behalf of our Lions Association this year.

## **10. Report Wisconsin Lions Foundation DG Jerry Post & President Dave Kaiser Pride Campaign Coordinator Lion Geri Schlender**

**DG Jerry Post-** Any help with counselors or nurses for the camps would be greatly appreciated. The directors and staff should be commended on their work with keeping within their budgets. They ended the year in the black for the first time in many years. The finance reports show that they are working to improve and insure the camp for kids for years to come.

Pride is also on a direct tract to keep the camp going into the future. \$25 million may seem like a lot of money but with their passion for the camp, they will make it happen.

### **Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc. Report to Council of Governors David Kaiser, WLF Board President**

Your Wisconsin Lions Camp Staff is deep in planning for the Summer of 2011. At this time, the Staff is working on getting confirmations sent out for 715 campers (not counting the Diabetes Campers). The Diabetes Camp registration went up in February (it is an on-line sign-up process) and a week later, registration was full with 300 campers. So at this point, we have 1,015 campers registered for 2011 Summer Camp. Staff recruiting continues with almost half of our summer employees hired. We continue to look for nurses and male counselors and appreciate any help you can give us. If you know of any nurses or young men that are at least 18 years of age, please encourage them to go to the Camp website, download an application and send it in as soon as possible.

On January 8th, I reported to you that the Foundation/Camp Staff would be working out the Camp calendar so Open House in 2012 could be held in the summer when campers are present. Several options were presented to the Board at the January meeting, and a post card survey was sent to all clubs, asking for their opinions so we could make a decision at our March meeting. This decision will not affect this year's Open House, which will be on Saturday, September 17th.

Lions Day with the Milwaukee Admirals is on Sunday, March 27th; I've been informed that there are 322 tickets already spoken for, which includes 64 campers and their families.

I continually encourage the Directors to make sure every club in their District has a Program Associate on record, and we are planning a Program Associate Reception at the State Convention on Friday night. Individual invitations will be sent out the first part of April.

Our Auditors completed their field work on February 16 and are diligently working to get a completed audit to us before our March 26th meeting. All of you will receive a copy of the Audit once it is complete.

Spring Work Day at your Camp is Saturday, April 30th. Please encourage others in your District to sign up to help out that day. There are a lot of jobs that need to be done in order to get Camp ready for Summer. Registration forms were sent to club Program Associates the middle of February. Forms can also be found on the Foundation's website – [www.wlf.info](http://www.wlf.info).

Tickets for the Lions Camp for Kids Raffle have been distributed. Please encourage your clubs to participate in this fundraiser. If all 7,500 tickets are sold, we would realize a profit of \$65,000, after prizes are paid out.

WLF Director Bernie Stuttgen estimates between 5,600 and 5,800 deer hides have been collected this year, and that should generate \$36,000 to \$40,000 in revenue.

Nominations for Foundation Officers were held at our January meeting and the election will take place in a few weeks. With the automatic step-up policy, Vice President Andy Deinhammer will be the incoming President of your Foundation.

As always, if anyone has any questions/concerns regarding my report or any other matters of the Foundation, please feel free to contact me.

### **Lions Pride Report:Lion Geri Schlender, Lions Pride Coordinator**

On January 27<sup>th</sup> District Governors were emailed a copy of Pride's Tactical plan for 2011. If for some reason you did not receive a copy please contact the Pride Office.

M & I Bank will be issuing the second distribution of funds to the WLF according to our Investment Policy on or near March 1st. (A copy of the Payout Guidance is included in your handouts.)

The Valentine Message that sent to our donors is included in your handouts. You may not have seen it because it went to donors who have contributed \$100.00 or more. We make a sincere effort to stay in contact with donors at least 4 times a year.

In an effort to support Chairman Dewey and DG Jerry Post goal to have District B-1 become the second district with 100% of clubs actively engaged as members of the Pride Family the Pride Staff sent a postcard encouraging participation. (A copy is in your handouts.)

Plans and preparation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Pride Shoot Sporting Clays Fundraiser are underway. The event will again be held at Milford Hills Hunt Club and will take place on June 11, 2011. We have sent out Sponsorship letters and Volunteer request. Save the date cards will go out the first week of March. Brochures have been printed and available for distribution. (A brochure is included in the handouts.) We will have them available at upcoming conventions and they will go out to past and potential shooters the middle of April. We would love to have District Governors participate. You could be a shooter, a volunteer, a sponsor. You could provide a raffle or door prize or even a silent or live auction item. To date this fundraiser has raised \$62,000.

We currently have 341 clubs who have made a gift or pledge to the campaign and the Gifts and or Pledges from clubs now total \$868,599.63. (A copy of participating clubs is in your handouts they are listed by district and in descending order form largest contribution to smallest.)

The campaign currently stands at 6.1 million dollars. (A copy of the financials is included in your handouts.)

## 11. MERLO Team Report:

**Dave Sievert** - "Communicate like a leader"

**Dean Haas**- " MD27 Leadership Development

### **MD-27 Leadership Development**

#### **3-Year Action Plan**

**Status Update: 2/17/2011**

- 1) Review and evaluate each District's Club Officer Training Program.  
**Status:** Provided trainers and training materials for District 27-C1 and 27-C2 Club Officer Training events in May 2010. Met with Club Officer Trainers from District 27-B2 in March-April 2010 to discuss enhancements to existing training program.  
**Due Date:** May 1, 2011
- 2) Review and evaluate each District's Zone Chairman and Region Chairman (if applicable) Orientation Program.  
**Status:** Facilitated Zone Chairman training program for District 27-C1 in May 2010. Reviewed CD of Zone Chairman training program for District 27-D1.  
**Due Date:** May 1, 2011
- 3) Develop a MD27 training program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor position.  
**Training Program Summary:** All 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs were invited to attend MD27 VDG training on October 2, 2009 and will be encouraged to attend the MD27 Leadership School February 27-28, 2010.  
**Status/Completed:** Development of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG job description completed and presented to Council of Governors on October 3, 2009.
- 4) Develop a list of Leadership Workshop topics and facilitators/trainers, which could be provided at District Conventions or District sponsored Leadership Training Workshops.  
**Status:** List started.  
**Due Date:** April 1, 2011
- 5) Develop list and syllabus of Lions Leadership Training events and workshops in MD27 and through LCI.  
**Status/Completed:** Brochure with list and syllabus completed and presented to Council of Governors on January 9, 2010. Brochure will be updated by April 1, 2011.

Action Plan by year:

2009 – Develop MD27 training program for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG position.

2010 - Gather and compile lists of Leadership workshop topics. Gather and compile list of available Leadership training programs and class syllabus.

2011 – Review and evaluate District Club Officer and Zone Chair Training programs.

2011 – Implement and refine MD27 workshops for District Leadership Chairs

## 12. USA/Canada Forum – PID Phil Ingwell- NA

### 13A. State Convention - PDG John Schwab

PDG John will get updated reports to the state office so Kathy can resend them to everyone the week of March 21, 2011. Dress for closing banquet is formal. White jackets.

**Motion #98** by DG Boline/DG Jensen that Seminar approved as printed. 10-0 (Carried)

Delegate cards were provided by John Schwab and each District Governor was to hand theirs out.

**Motion #99** by DG Fleming/DG Moen to have delegates printed on name badge & use large font. 10-0 (Carried)

2014 Proposed convention sites were named: 1) Kalahari, 2) Oconomowoc \$109.00 room rate. They will accommodate meeting and dining rooms. The Kalahari will include a pass to the waterpark and maybe the game room. At the Kalahari, everything must be bought by the Kalahari. At Oconomowoc, you can bring in for Friday evening.

**Motion #100** by DG Boline/DG Francis to have The Kalahari and Oconomowoc as the proposed sites. 10-0 (Carried)

**Motion #101** by DG Polashek/DG Post to put Sparta/Tomah on the ballot for the State Bowling Tournament. 10-0 (Carried)

## 2011 ROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

### THURSDAY, MAY 19

8:00 a.m.	Host Committee Meeting	Mahler Board Room
9:00 a.m.	Lions', Lioness', Leos' and Guests', State Golf Tournament	High Cliff Golf Course
1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Registration	Lobby Pool Dome
1:00 p.m.	Council of Governors Meeting	Briarwood/Ebony Room
5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Pin Trading	Great Hall
Ballroom		
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Theme Night <b><u>“Beacon of Hope, A Safe Harbor for All”</u></b>	Salon AB

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration	Lobby Pool Dome.
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Lions Raffle	Ebony Room
7:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.	Lioness Raffle	
Linden/Rosewood Rm		
7:00 a.m.	Host Committee Meeting	Mahler Board Room
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Pin Trading	Great Hall Ballroom
8:00 a.m.	Elections Committee	Rosewood Room
8:00 a.m.	WLF Directors Meeting	Lawrence Room
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Seminars: A Changing World in GMT/GLT Diabetes Awareness	Evergreen Room Empire Room
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	First Timers Welcome	Cortland Room
11:15 a.m.	Luncheon Seating for a Handicapped and Table Hosts	
11:30 a.m.	General Seating	
11:50 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	All Convention Opening Luncheon “Inspirational Speaker, <u>Karen Good-Taylor</u> ”	
1:30-2:00 pm	Official Business meeting “Elections Committee Reports, <u>Dick Helbach</u> ” “Resolution Committee Reports, <u>Phil Ingwell</u> ”	Grand Ballroom
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Certification, All Delegates must be certified by 11:00 a.m. Saturday</b>	Lobby Pool Dome
2:00 p.m.	Bowling Committee	Cortland Room
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Seminar: Public Relations Beyond the Press Release	Empress Room

2:00p.m.-2:45p.m.	Meet the International guest PID Ed McCormick	Lawrence Room
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Youth Exchange Program, <u>Sandy King 200</u> The Growth of a Lion, <u>PCC Mark Hintzmann, 200</u>	Grand Ballroom Empire Room
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	“How the Lions Camp affects a Family”	Grand Ballroom
5:00p.m	Past District Governors’ Organization Meeting	Salon C

## Friday Evening - Free Time

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

6:00 a.m.	Host Committee Meeting	Mahler Board Room
7:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.	Lions Raffle	Ebony Room
7:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.	Lioness Raffle	
Linden/Rosewood Room		
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	All Convention Breakfast	Empire Room
7:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Registration	Lobby Pool Dome
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Pin Trading	Great Hall Ballroom
8:00a.m. - 8:45a.m.	Lioness Past Affiliate Presidents Meeting	Linden Room
8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	District Meetings	See
Room Assignments Below		
9:00 a.m. - 9:45a.m.	Lioness Affiliate Presidents Meeting	Linden Room
10:00 a.m. - 10:45	Lioness General Meeting	Linden Room
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	International Convention Meeting, <u>PDG John Jenson</u>	Briarwood Room
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	How Lions Camp has changed my Life, <u>Lion Andrea Yenter</u>	Empire Room
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Training	Mahler Board Room
9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	<b>Certification, All delegates must be certified by 11:00 a.m. <u>SATURDAY!</u></b>	Lobby Pool Dome
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Seminars: Eye Bank	Empire Room
	Project New Hope, <u>PCC Debra Harms</u>	Briarwood
Room		
10:45 a.m.	Luncheon Seating for Handicapped and Table Hosts	
10:50 a.m.	General Seating	
11:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<b>All Convention Luncheon</b> , State Choir, International Guest – 20 minutes, International Awards, State Bowling Awards, Curling Awards, Helmer Lecy Awards, Next year’s Welcome to Green Bay	Grand Ball Room
1:30p.m. - 2:15p.m.	Leader Dog	Rosewood Room
1:30p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Focus on new Lions/leadership	Briarwood Room
1:30p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Lioness Orientation – District President/VP’s	Linden Room
2:30p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	WLF Meeting with Parade Checks	Empire Room
4:15p.m.	Voting will commence at the closing of this session by the Council Chairman and will last 45 minutes	Linden/Rosewood
6:30 p.m.	Governors’ Banquet (Cash bar 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)	Salon A

### District Meeting Room Assignments:

A-1	125	Baird Conference Room	D-1	125	Briarwood Room
A-2	125	Evergreen Room	D-2	75	Redwood Room
B-1	125	Pippin Room	E-1	50	Crimson Room
B-2	125	McIntosh Room	E-2	50	Ebony Room
C-1	75	Cortland Room			
C-2	50	Hickory Room			

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### **13B. Constitution & By Laws-PID Phil Ingwell**

February 15 was the deadline for filing resolutions for this year. Having not received any by that date, the original 13 Resolutions presented to the Council at the January meeting will be put on the ballot at the State Convention.

### **14. Treasurer Report: DG Boline**

DG Boline stated that the Council Treasurer for 2011-2012 will be VDG Leon Christiansen from C-2.

The Balance sheet was handed out and explained. The Profit & Loss sheet was also handed out and explained. 2<sup>nd</sup> half dues are starting to come in and that will reflect in the upcoming Balance and Profit & Loss sheets.

For the upcoming May meeting, LCI gets billed for 3 nights.

**Motion #102** by DG Jensen/DG Moen to accept the treasurer's report. 10-0 (Carried)

### **15. Other Reports:**

Request was made from Union Grove Lions Club for addresses so they can get out letters requesting donations for the Counselor Appreciation Packages. **Motion #103** by DG Boline/DG Post to approve addresses. 10-0 (Carried)

#### **a. Merchandise: DG Steve Jensen and DG Dwaine Habrat**

We have sold off all clothing items and selling down our pin inventory at the District Conventions We recommend at this time that we carry no more than two (2) items of clothing per size at the State Office at any time including State Convention time.

We are recommending as our supplier  
TL Enterprise  
2238 State Rd 35  
Milltown, WI 54858

She will provide to us for a Rivers End shirt with the Wisconsin Lions logo screen printed on the back for \$16.00 per shirt, 2XL and larger additional pricing  
Or a Gildan for \$14.00 per shirt, 2XL and larger additional pricing  
\$1.00 screen print the Lions logo on the left front  
(Trademark issue with numbers ordered per year)  
\$1.00 shipping and handling charge  
Total cost for a Rivers End shirt average sizes \$18.00  
Total cost for a Gildan shirt average sizes \$16.00

All orders to come from the State Office, but can be shipped directly to the Club or Lion if a small order otherwise the order is sent to State Office for shipping out  
Lions pay the State Office for their order and any additional handling charges  
She will do one shirt orders, but will charge us more if we do too many small orders.

We recommend having 2-3 shirts of each size up to 2xl and 1 of 3XL and larger for the State Convention and Lions can order them and have them in time for the Convention in Seattle.

The only inventory of clothing we will hold is what we will have for the State Convention. If someone needs a shirt immediately the State Office will send it out from the inventory and only replace it at the next order. Turn around time for an order is 7-10 business days.

**Motion #104** by DG Jensen/DG Boline to accept proposal of TL Enterprises and charge \$25 per shirt. 10-0 (Carried)

**Motion #105** by DG Habrat/DG Jensen to discontinue selling sweatshirts and jackets. 10-0 (Carried)

DG Jensen along with Kathy Gruna will get out a revised order form in the Newspaper.

DG Habrat will draw up a schedule for manpower to sit at the convention table to sell shirts.

**b. Mission to Mexico** – No report

**c. State Pins - CC Augie** reviewed what we had left for pins. All membership pins that are at the State Office should go to John Schwab.

**d. DG Clothing and Blazer Patches** –No report

**e. State Bowling** – Membership Chairman John Schwab

The Wisconsin State Lions Bowling Committee will hold it's annual fall meeting at the Lake Shore Lanes in Shawano for the Opening Ceremonies of the 2011 Lions State Bowling Tournament.

Wisconsin State Lions Bowling committee will vote to accept the application of the Tomah/Sparta Lions to co-host the 2013 Wisconsin State Lions Bowling Tournament

A sight Inspection was done on Friday, February 18 at the Strike Zone Lanes, Tomah and the Colonial Lanes, Sparta.

The Strike Zone Lanes is a 12 lane house with synthetic lanes and automatic scoring. It has a full bar and restaurant and food can be ordered and delivered to the lanes. There is parking for over 100 in the rear of the building.

The Colonial Lanes is also a 12 lane house with synthetic lanes and automatic scoring. It has a full menu restaurant and full bar. It has plenty of parking available. They will also have a waitress for every shift.

There is well over 500 rooms combined in the 2 towns with shopping and sightseeing available.

- f. **Affiliate – PDG Chuck Post** - will be seeking another term as affiliate chairman, as his 3 year term will be up as of June 30, 2011.

**16. Lions Clubs International Foundation Report – PID Wayne Heiman**

1. IPDG Lion Leonard Quinn shared some numbers of people that are serviced by Wisconsin Lions at the A2 Convention. Below are some “LCIF By the Numbers”:
  - \*10,000 grants have been awarded since LCIF’s founding in 1968, totaling over \$700 million
  - \*We are aware that 7.8 million cataract surgeries were performed through Sight First.
  - \*\$2million minimum is give each year just for immediate and long term disaster relief.
  - \*Partnerships are effective; 12 million children have been screened by Sight for Kids (a joint initiative between LCIF and Johnson & Johnson); many of our districts also do vision screening, in partnership with Prevent Blindness Wisconsin
  - \*200,000 special Olympic athletes have been vision screened through Lions Clubs “Special Olympics “Opening Eyes Program”” at Special Olympics sporting events worldwide
  - \*57 Countries have Lions Quest (a life skills program benefitting 12 million youth throughout the world); District 27-A2 is bringing Lions Quest to the forefront in their district.
2. And the Lions-Measles Initiative Pilot Program, a joint effort between the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (they are providing \$400,000 and LCIF (providing an additional \$300,000) is on its way to vaccinating 41 million children against measles in Madagascar, Ethiopia, Mali & Nigeria
3. Your LCIF District Coordinators have been setting their goals on their way to improving LCIF communications and awareness within your respective districts. Five of the ten district coordinators have submitted their goals to LCIF.
4. The LCIF Development Program is working; as of December 31, 2010 a total of \$18.1 million has been donated to LCIF; as of December 21, 2009 \$11.9 million was donated to LCIF

**DG Boline** introduced the proposal of a Multiple District Core 4 Grant for \$100,000.00.

**Lion Joanne Heup Chairperson from Lions Quest reviewed report:**

The Lions Clubs of 27A2 have sought and been approved for a \$1000 Promotional Grant to introduce Lions Quest to southeast Wisconsin. We are sponsoring an introductory seminar on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at Alverno College in Milwaukee. Alverno has donated the use of their facility at their Conference Center for the program. We have invited educators, community members and Lions/Lioness from southeast Wisconsin to come and learn how Lions Quest can help their students, families and communities.

The Lions Clubs of 27A1 and 27A2 will be working together to submit a Core 4 Grant proposal to bring Lions Quest to interested school districts in southeast Wisconsin. As a multiple district, we are eligible to apply for \$25,000 up to \$100,000 for the grant. As first time Core 4 Grant applicants, our districts would be required to provide matching funds of 25%. (e.g. \$33,333 is 25% match for a \$100,000 grant for total funds available of \$133,333) Each of our districts have established accounts dedicated to Lions Quest funds and have deposited monies into those accounts.

The Core 4 Grant would run for 2 years, with a maximum of 3 years, to grow the program through teacher workshops. Dedicated Lions/Lioness from 27A1 and A2 would act as liasons with their local schools to assess and encourage interest in the Lions Quest program.

The Core 4 Grant needs to have at least two clubs as sponsors and they are the Stone Bank Lions Club and the Waukesha Noon Lions Club, the home clubs of the district Lions Quest chairpersons.

27A1 and A2 are comprised of Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Jefferson, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha counties. There are over 400,000 students in these counties, all who would benefit from the Lions Quest program.

Schools in Stone Bank, Nashotah and Waukesha have sent teachers to Lions Quest workshops and have started Lions Quest in their schools. They are looking to expand the program in their schools. Additional schools, including Milwaukee Public Schools, have expressed an interest in having Lions Quest in their schools. The Core 4 Grant will enable the Lions Clubs of southeast Wisconsin to bring the Lions Quest program to these and many more schools at an affordable cost in these tough economic times.

**Motion #108** by DG Boline/DG Harris, moves for approval for Core 4 Grant to expand Lions Quest in the Districts. 10-0 (Carried)

**PID Heiman** wants to clarify that the approval of the Multiple District Core 4 Grant is because of dollars involved.

### **17. MD27 Policy Manual – PID Phil Ingwell**

**Motion #106** by DG Jensen/DG Boline to adopt policies R1, S1, S2, S3, and S4. 10-0 (Carried)

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## **MUTLPLE DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL**

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**Date Adopted: March 5, 2011**

**POLICY R-1**

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### **TITLE: Multiple District Committee Operating Procedures**

#### **Section 1 - STATE BOWLING AND CURLING COMMITTEES**

- a. These Committees shall be composed of a member from each District. Members shall be appointed by the respective District Governors, each for two-year terms. The term of office shall commence July 1st and end June 30 for each two year term.
- b. Districts A1, A2, C1, C2, E1 and E2 shall make their appointments in the even numbered years. Districts B1, B2, D1 and D2 shall make their appointments in the odd numbered years.
- c. Each Committee shall appoint a Wisconsin Lion in good standing as its Secretary-Treasurer. He/she need not be a member of the Committee.
- d. The Committee members from the District in which the next State Tournament is to be held shall be the Chair of the Committee.
- e. Under the supervision of the State Council, the committees shall be responsible for supervising the State Bowling and Curling Tournaments.
- f. Each Committee shall be responsible for establishing the rules and regulations for conducting its State Tournament, and shall establish the entry fee to be charged by the host club.
- g. Each Committee shall investigate all invitations received from Clubs interested in sponsoring the next State Tournament.
- h. All actions of the Committee shall be subject to review and approval by the State Council. (See Article XIII of the Constitution and Article VII of the By-Laws for additional requirements.)
- i. Immediately upon being notified of a committee member's resignation or his/her inability to serve, his/her District Governor shall appoint another Lion member in good standing from his/her District to complete the unexpired term.
- j. All State Bowling Tournaments shall be conducted under the rules of the ABC and the WIBC.

- k. A portion of the entry fees collected from participants for the State Tournament by the host club shall be allocated to the State Bowling and Curling Committees in an amount determined by the respective State Committee for administrative expenses of such Committee. Administrative expenses shall be those as defined in Article IV, Section 15 a. herein. Committee members are to be reimbursed for their administrative expenses according to the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International.
- l. Minutes of each Committee meeting shall be submitted to each member of the Council of Governors within ten (10) days following each meeting.
- m. Each Committee Secretary shall make annual written reports to the State Council. Each Committee Treasurer shall submit an annual report of receipts and disbursements to the State Council. All such reports shall be submitted at least twenty (20) days before the State Convention. The same reports shall also be presented to the State Convention by each Committee Secretary.

## **Section 2 - STATE CONVENTION SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS COMMITTEE**

- a. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be responsible for the maintenance of proper order and decorum at the State Convention and all its functions; business sessions; District meetings; banquets, etc., and shall perform such other duties as are incident to the office, or which are assigned to them by the State Council.

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### **MUTIPLE DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL**

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**Date Adopted: March 5, 2011**

**POLICY S-1**

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**TITLE: District Operating Procedures**

## **Section 1 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR (see Constitution, Article V)**

- a. The District Governor shall be the chief executive officer of the District and shall preside at all meetings of the District Governor's Cabinet. He/she shall act under the direction of the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International and shall have general supervision of all clubs in his/her District.
- b. If possible, he/she shall visit each club in his/her District at least once during his/her term of office and shall receive reports from the secretary of each Club in his/her District on forms available from the office of Lions Clubs International.
- c. No elected District Governor shall be permitted to succeed himself/herself.
- d. The District Governor shall have authority to remove from office, for good and sufficient cause, any Region Chair, Zone Chair, or any other District Officer or Committee member.
- e. When a vacancy occurs in the office of District Governor, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall call a meeting of the Cabinet within twenty (20) days for the purpose of recommending a successor. The recommendation shall be submitted to the President and Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.

## **Section 2 - CABINET SECRETARY-TREASURER**

- a. He/she shall keep a true and complete record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Cabinet and shall forward copies of such proceedings within ten (10) days after each meeting to all members of the Cabinet and the office of Lions Clubs International.
- b. He/she shall collect from the clubs in the District all the per capita taxes authorized by Article X of the Multiple District Constitution. He/she shall deposit the monies in such depositories as are designated by the Cabinet. He/she shall disburse these funds only as authorized by the Cabinet and in accordance with Article X.
- c. He/she shall give bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in an amount set by the Cabinet and shall submit to the Cabinet a semi-annual financial report and such other special reports as may be called for by the

Cabinet. He/she shall submit his/her books and accounts for audit whenever required by the Cabinet. At the end of the fiscal year he/she shall place in the hands of his/her successor all monies and records, financial and otherwise, which pertain to his/her office within not more than fifteen (15) days following the close of his/her term of office.

d. He/she shall also perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary-Treasurer and are delegated to him/her from time to time by the District and the Cabinet.

e. The official actions of the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall be under the supervision of the District Governor and the Cabinet.

f. In the event the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for any reason cannot or does not efficiently perform the duties of his/her office to the best interest of Lionism, or in the event the office for any reason is vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

### **Section 3- VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Each District shall provide for the elected office of Vice District Governors. Duties of this office shall be as established by the International Board of Directors and the District Governor.

### **Section 4 - REGION CHAIR**

a. (If the position is utilized during the District Governor's term.) The Region Chair shall be a member of the Cabinet and shall attend all regular and special meetings and deliberations of that Cabinet. He/she shall assist the District Governor in the promotion of Lionism in his/her Region by performing such other duties as may be delegated to him/her from time to time by the District Governor and the Cabinet.

b. When called upon to do so he/she shall recommend to the District Governor Lions qualified to serve as Zone Chair in his/her Region.

c. It shall be his/her duty to see that every club in his/her Region is efficiently operating under the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws and the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

d. It shall be his/her duty to promote the annual State and International Convention among the clubs in his/her Region and to have them represented at each of the Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which they are entitled.

e. He/she shall supervise and assist the Zone Chairmen of his/her Region in the performance of their official duties. He/she shall cooperate with them in holding regularly scheduled meetings of the District Governor's Advisory Committees and he/she may attend such meetings when called upon. He/she shall further cooperate with his/her Zone Chairmen in promoting attendance at charter nights of newly organized clubs.

f. In order to further develop good fellowship in his/her Region, he/she shall cooperate with his/her Zone Chairmen in promoting such activities as golf, bowling, curling, and softball tournaments; banquets; anniversary celebrations; special functions such as meetings in observance of District Governor Month and Past District Governor Month; honoring Key Members, Old Monarchs, etc; installation of officers; induction of new members; spouses nights; outings; and other similar functions.

g. The official actions of the Region Chair shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.

### **Section 5- ZONE CHAIR**

a. The Zone Chair shall be a member and the Chair of the District Governor's Advisory Committee composed of Club Presidents, First Vice-Presidents, Membership Chairs and Secretaries of his/her Zone.

**b. The Zone Chair shall hold regularly scheduled Advisory Committee Meetings, as provided in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Multiple District Constitution. He/she shall be the presiding officer of such meetings.**

- c. The Zone Chair shall make a report of each Advisory Committee meeting and shall send copies within five (5) days thereafter to his/her Region Chair, his/her District Governor, and the office of Lions Clubs International.
- d. It shall be his/her duty to see that every club within his/her Zone is efficiently operating under the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws and the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.
- e. With the cooperation of his/her Region Chair, he/she shall arrange regularly scheduled District Governor's Advisory Committee meetings.
- f. He/she shall encourage the clubs in his/her Zone to hold inter-club meetings and such other social activities as golf, bowling, curling, and softball tournaments; banquets, anniversary celebrations; special functions such as meetings in observance of District Governor Month and Past District Governor Month, honoring Key Members, Old Monarchs, etc.; installation of officers; induction of new members; spouses nights; outings; and other similar functions.
- g. He/she shall promote attendance at charter nights of newly organized clubs.
- h. It shall be his/her duty to promote the annual State and International Conventions among the clubs in his/her Zone and to have his/her clubs represented at each of the Conventions by the full quota of delegates to which they are entitled.
- i. The official action of the Zone Chair shall be under the supervision of the District Governor and the Region Chair of the Region of which his/her Zone is a part.

**Section 6- DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CABINET (See Constitution, Article VII)**

- a. The District Governor's Cabinet is the deliberative and administrative body of the District Governor. It formulates plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism in the District.
- b. The District Governor's Cabinet shall be composed of the District Governor, who shall be the executive head; the Immediate Past District Governor; the Vice District Governors; the Region Chairs-(if utilized); the Zone Chairs; the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer; the Directors of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation; and Committee Chairs, as appointed by the District Governor. All the District Officers listed in this sub-section shall have voting privileges.
- c. At the discretion of the District Governor, ex-officio non-voting members may be appointed.
- d. The Past District Governors in the District may be invited to attend the meetings of the Cabinet at the discretion of the District Governor. Their participation in business matters of the Cabinet shall be advisory only, and they shall have no voting privileges except when appointed per section a above.
- e. The District Governor shall call at least one regular meeting of the Cabinet each quarter during the year, and the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall give each member of the Cabinet at least ten (10) days written notice of all regular meetings..
- f. At its first meeting, the new Cabinet shall agree upon a definite schedule of Cabinet meetings to be held during the year, including if possible, definite dates and places of such meetings.
- g. Through the Region Chairmen and Zone Chairmen, the Cabinet shall receive reports and recommendations from the Clubs and Zones.
- h. It shall assist in the collection by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of all per capita taxes. It shall designate a depository for all funds.**
- i. The Cabinet shall authorize the payment from the District Treasury of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the District. The Cabinet shall give authorization to the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer to transfer to the State Council Treasurer all monies collected in the District for Multiple District and State Convention administrative funds.
- j. When deemed necessary, it shall make recommendations to the State Council covering changes which should be made in the amount of the Multiple District per capita taxes collected to cover the administrative and other legitimate expenses of the District.

- k. It shall set the amount of corporate surety bond for the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and shall approve the surety company in which he/she shall be bonded.
- l. It shall demand and receive from the Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer financial reports semi-annually or more frequently if necessary. (See the Constitution, Article X, Section 5)
- m. It shall make provisions for an audit at the close of each fiscal year of the books and records of the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer by a competent auditor or by an auditing committee. (See the Constitution, Article X, Section 10)
- n. The Cabinet shall receive such other reports from the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer as are found necessary from time to time.
- o. Any vacancy in any District Cabinet position, except that of the District Governor and Vice District Governors, shall be filled by appointment of the District Governor for the unexpired term.
- p. In the absence of the District Governor at a Cabinet meeting, the Vice District Governors in order of their position shall perform the duties of the District Governor at the meeting.
- q. The District Governor may call special meetings of the Cabinet. Special meetings may also be called upon the written request of a majority of members of the Cabinet to either the District Governor or the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, and the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall give at least five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days written notice of any special meeting.
- r. A majority of the District Governor's Cabinet shall constitute a quorum.

## **Section 7- DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(See Constitution, Article VIII)**

- a. The Committee shall be an advisory body from its Zone to the District Governor and his/her Cabinet. It shall represent all of the clubs in the Zone in that capacity. It serves in an advisory capacity only. It shall be composed of the Zone Chair, the President, First Vice-President, Membership Chair and the Secretary of each Club in the Zone. The Zone Chair shall be the Chair of the Advisory Committee.
- b. It shall convey information and recommendations for the good of Lionism in the Zone, Region, or District to the District Governor and his/her Cabinet through its Zone Chair or Region Chair.
- c. The Zone Chair in each Zone shall call at least three (3) meetings, and preferably four (4), of the District Governor's Advisory Committee during the year. The first meeting shall be held within sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the preceding International Convention. The second meeting shall be held not later than November; the third in February or March, and the fourth approximately thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention.
- d. The time and place of the Advisory Committee meetings shall be decided by the Zone Chair. All such meetings shall be scheduled and arranged for the convenience of the President, First Vice-President, and Secretary of each club, who shall attend such meetings.
- e. It shall assist the Zone Chair in his/her endeavor to have every club within the zone operating efficiently under the Lions Clubs International Club Standard Constitution and By-Laws and the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.
- f. It shall promote attendance from the Clubs in the Zone at the annual State and International Conventions.
- g. It shall assist the Zone Chair in promoting attendance at charter nights of newly organized clubs.
- h. It shall assist the Zone Chair in arranging among the clubs of the Zone, inter-club meetings and such other social activities as golf, bowling, curling and softball tournaments; banquets; anniversary celebrations; special functions such as meetings in observance of District Governor Month and Past District Governor Month; honoring Key Members, Old Monarchs, etc.; installation of officers; induction of new members; spouses nights; outings; and other similar functions.

## **Section 8- DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S HONORARY COMMITTEE**

**(See Constitution, Article IX)**

- a. The principal purpose of this Committee, if utilized, shall be to promote harmony throughout the District.
- b. The membership of the Committee shall consist chiefly of Past International Officers and Past District Governors within the District.
- c. The committee shall be appointed by the District Governor, who shall also designate its Chair. The official actions of this committee or of its individual members shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.
- d. The Chair of this committee shall attend Cabinet meetings when called upon by the District Governor. The Chair may be designated an ex-officio member of the Cabinet at the discretion of the District Governor.
- e. The committee shall meet at the call of the District Governor.

## **Section 9 - DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR**

- a. The District Public Relations Director shall be appointed by the District Governor and shall be an ex-officio member of the Cabinet. He/she shall work under the direction and supervision of the District Governor.
- b. He/she shall plan programs that will assist in developing and maintaining good public relations between the clubs in the District and the general public. With the approval of the District Governor, he/she may appoint a Public Relations Committee from the clubs within the District (usually from 2 to 5 members) to assist him/her in carrying out a public relations program.
- c. He/she shall cooperate with the editor of the Wisconsin Lions Publication in providing news articles and stories of activities in the District.
- d. The Director or the Committee shall stimulate and supervise publicity for the District. Each member of the committee shall act to build good public relations between the clubs and their communities in his/her respective area.
- e. The Director shall arrange basic training in publicity for all Club Public Relations Committee Chairmen.
- f. He/she shall perform such other duties pertaining to public relations programs and activities as requested by the District Governor.

## **Section 10 - DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION DIRECTOR**

- a. The District Membership Development and Retention Director shall be appointed by the District Governor and shall be an ex-officio member of the Cabinet. He/she shall be a Lion in good standing (preferably a Past District Governor) who has demonstrated special interest, talent, and qualifications in this particular type of work.  
He/she shall perform his/her duties under the direction and supervision of the District Governor.
- b. The Director shall cooperate with the District Governor in the work of strengthening weak clubs. He/she shall cooperate and work with Membership Committee Chairmen and Lions Information Committee Chairmen of all clubs in his/her District and arrange meetings of those Chairmen for the purpose of planning programs that will re-educate and re-indoctrinate all members in their respective clubs. He/she shall work with clubs on the induction of new members and installation of officers.
- c. He/she shall adopt a plan for membership development that can be used by all clubs in the District.
- d. He/she shall encourage Club Membership Committees to use care in screening prospective members.
- e. He/she shall remind all Lions Club Information Committees of their duties concerning the indoctrination of all new members and urge those committees to make reports at every club meeting.

### **Section 11 - DISTRICT EXTENSION DIRECTOR**

- a. The District Extension Director (preferably a Past District Governor) shall be appointed by the District Governor and shall be an ex-officio member of the Cabinet. He/she shall perform his/her assigned responsibilities under the direction and supervision of the District Governor.
- b. His/her primary responsibility shall be the promotion and formation of new clubs in the District with the cooperation and help of the District Governor, the sponsoring club, and the Region Chairmen and Zone Chairmen.
- c. He/she shall help newly organized clubs plan and promote their charter nights in cooperation with the sponsoring club. He/she shall see to it that newly organized clubs and their members are thoroughly indoctrinated with the fundamentals of Lionism. He/she shall continue to visit those new clubs from time to time to make sure they are progressing satisfactorily, and keep the District Governor fully advised.

### **Section 12- DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHER**

- a. A District Photographer may be appointed by the District Governor. He/she may be designated an ex-officio member of the Cabinet. He/she shall perform his/her duties under the direction and supervision of the District Governor.
- b. He/she shall arrange for photo coverage of outstanding newsworthy activities, events, or programs within the District. He/she shall cooperate with the District Public Relations Director and the editor of the Wisconsin Lions Publication by providing prints of any photos that they may be able to use for publicity purposes.

### **Section 13- DISTRICT HISTORIAN**

A District Historian may be appointed by the District Governor. The appointee is usually a Past District Governor. He/she shall be under the supervision of the District Governor. He/she may be designated an ex-officio member of the Cabinet.

### **Section 14- DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

- a. The District Governor may appoint such special committees from time to time as may be necessary in his/her judgment.
- b. Each District Governor shall designate the Chair of each Committee appointed by him/her and shall have power to fill all vacancies on any committee so appointed.

### **Section 15 - DISTRICT ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

- a. The District Governor of each District shall appoint a District Elections Committee composed of 3 members. Two of the members shall be appointed from among the members of the District Cabinet and one shall be appointed from any club in good standing in the District.
- b. Appointments shall be made by the District Governor before October 1 of each year.
- c. The Committee shall send to each club in the District an official notice before December 1 that shall include:
  1. The names, addresses and phone numbers of the District Elections Committee.
  2. Information on the District offices for which nominations will be received, the qualifications required of candidates, and the procedure to be followed for filing a candidate's nomination.
- d. The District Governor, Vice District Governor and Wisconsin Lions Foundation Director(s) shall be elected under procedures provided by the provisions of the respective (Sub) District Constitution & By-Laws. The results of the elections for District Governor and Vice District Governor shall be reported to the International Office by the current District Governor.
- e. The Committee may, if it deems it necessary or desirable, seek and encourage Lions members from clubs in the District to become candidates for District offices.

**MUTLPLE DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL**

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**POLICY S-2**

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**TITLE: District Operating Procedures – Officers**

**Section 1:** The District Governor-Elect shall assume the responsibilities of his/her office immediately upon adjournment of the International Convention which follows his/her election. He/she shall serve until adjournment of the next following International Convention.

**Section 2:** Each officer appointed by the District Governor shall be a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District.

**Section 3:** The Region Chairperson, if utilized, shall be under the direction of the District Governor and have the following qualification.

- a. Have served or will have served at the time of taking office:
  - 1. As President or Secretary of a Lions Club for a full term or a major portion thereof; and
  - 2. As Zone Chairperson for a full term or a major portion thereof.

**Section 4:** The Zone Chairperson shall be under the direction of the Region Chairperson and/or the District Governor and have served as President or Secretary of a Lions Club for a full term or a major portion thereof.

**MUTLPLE DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL**

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**POLICY S-3**

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**TITLE: District Operating Procedures – Geographic breakdown**

**Section 1:** Each District shall be apportioned by the District Governor into Regions.

**Section 2:** Each Region shall be apportioned by the District Governor into Zones.

**Section 3:** Regions and Zones shall be subject to change by the District Governor if deemed necessary for the best interests of the District and the individual Lions Clubs.

**TITLE: District Operating Procedures – Candidates for Office**

**Section 1 - DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES**

Any Lion member in the District may be nominated and approved by his/her club for the office of District Governor provided he/she meets the qualifications set forth in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 2 - VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATES**

a. Any Lion member in the District may be nominated and approved by his/her club for the office of First or Second Vice District Governor provided he/she meets the qualifications set forth in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

b. In filling any vacancy arising in the Office of a Vice District Governor, the District shall convene a meeting of the members of the existing cabinet as provided in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws and all Past International Officers who are members in good standing in the District. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified Club member as the Vice District Governor for the remainder of the term. In filling such a vacancy, it shall be the duty of the District Governor, or if not available, the most recent Past District Governor who is available to send out notices to attend said meeting and it should also be his/her responsibility to preside as Chair of the meeting. The Chair shall convey the results to the International Office within seven (7) days together with evidence of notice sent and meeting attendance. Each cabinet member who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.

**Section 3 - CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR of WISCONSIN LIONS FOUNDATION**

a. Any Lion member in the District may be nominated by his/her club for the office of Director, Wisconsin Lions Foundation, provided that he/she meets the following qualifications:

1. He/she is an active member in good standing of a chartered club in good standing in his/her District.
2. He/she shall have served as President or Secretary of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, or shall have served as a member of the Club's Board of Directors for no less than three (3) years, or
3. He/she shall have served as Zone Chair, Region Chair, or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
4. He/she shall have the support of the majority of the members of his/her club. As evidence thereof, the Secretary of his/her club shall submit with the club's written nomination, a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the club.

**18. MD27 Newspaper – DG Post**

As stated, the newspaper is now available to all in need with 12 different formats for various disabilities. An article in our state paper is coming out and will explain how those that need the service can attain it. It is through the Wisconsin talking book and brail in Milwaukee.

**CC Augie** – proposes we add “Or Current Resident” to the name and address of the Lion that is receiving the newspaper, so we do not get charged 50 cents for each Newspaper that is being returned. We have paid approximately \$230.00 for returned newspapers between October 18, 2010 and March 5, 2011.

**Motion #107** by DG Boline/DG Post moves that Woodward Printing add “Or Current Resident” to the Newspaper label. 9-1 (Carried)

**DG Harris** stated that she would like to see the Newspaper updates being done by the Clubs and not the State Office.

## 19. International Convention - John Jensen

### 20. Youth Exchange Report- DG Steve Jensen, (Diane Wasniewski)

The Winter youth exchange program is coming to an end after hosting five Peruvian youth from Mid January to the end of February. Along with YEC Lion Diane Wasniewski, the Peruvian youth will have a booth at the Marshfield Culture Fair on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 promoting the Youth Exchange program.

Our summer applications are arriving with nearly a third of the total applications already posted in the State web site. At this early date, half of those are already placed with host families. Our out going youth is numbering at nearly fifteen, with several more expected to be added. It looks like it is going to be a very good year in the YOUTH EXCHANGE program!

The committee is honored to have a youth exchange program schedule at State Convention in Appleton in this May. Our camp director, Lion Sandy King will be heading up the program. Plus, the program will be having a display at the convention. The Youth Exchange committee is asking **the council to approve funding up to, but not more than \$350.00 for promotional material.** This will come out of our state budget. The chairs and presenter will be ordering tee shirts as a promotion. This would include set up cost with the new International Youth Exchange logo and tee shirts. Once the set up cost is taken care of, new YE badges will need to order in our next budget.

A debt card was approved for this year, for the camp up to \$2000. **How, when and where is this card going to be issued?** It will be needed by State Convention for camp supplies and food items. Please advise.

One of the issues that Lion Ray Tweedale and I have is Vice District Governor; please take more interest in selection of a district chair person. We have several that have not done a thing for the program and continue to serve. Both Lion Ray and I are happy to make recommendations.

### 21. Diabetic Focus Group – DG Doug Fleming

The Districts reported as follows:

A1 They had a Diabetes booth at the convention and also had a health screening at Mercy

A2 They will have a diabetes booth at the District Convention Feb 18 & 19 along with having kits from the ADA for community awareness that club can take back to there areas. They will also have free screenings at the convention from 7:30am till 11:00pm. Will also be showing Zones how they can host a screening to help out there local areas.

B1 Giving information to zones and clubs on diabetes

B2 The November diabetes booth at the Kewanee County Aged Health Fair was a success and also had a pharmacist there to help promote eye donation for the eye bank and did on line registrations as well.

C2 There are having a Strides Wake and will be having t-shirts and hats to give out according the amount of distance walked, also getting information out to the clubs.

D1 Ruth Kruger volunteered to work at Camp Marrakesh for American Diabetes Association for 1 week to work with families that have at least 1 person with type 1 diabetes. Working with the Verona Lions Club website to put phone numbers and contacts for diabetes on there for them. The Western Wisconsin Chapter of the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) is having a Spring Gala on April 2nd last it raised \$320K from this one event. There are going to have basket which last year raised over \$7 K and more. On 2/2/2011 the re is JDRF ride to Cure Kick off as well. And as report Ruth will be rding in a Ride for Cure in LaCrosse WI. On August 11 and plans to ride 100 miles and raise around \$3K.

Updates: Diabetes Alert Day in March 20 Clubs have ordered supplies so far.

At the International Convention there will be a float at the parade promoting Diabetes Awareness in conjunction with the Washington Lions. The cost of the Float is \$ 12,000 (down from the first price of \$ 21,000) with \$ 6,000 from Wisconsin and \$6,000 from Washington. The float will be built there and pulled by the company and then taken back to the company that built after the convention. This still has to be approved by the WLF board yet but we were assured it was 90% done already. There will be a DFG booth at the International convention as well. Also at the International Convention 13000 Chronic Kidney DVD's will be put in the welcome packets at the registration desk. There is also a Strides Walk being put together at the State Convention this year. There are some kids books available for Libraries for anyone wanting them at no cost other than to fill out a form as to which library they go into. Write Shelly at the camp for more information.

## **22. Other Committees Report**

**Personnel – DG Polashek –Motion #109 DG Polashek/DG Habrat** would like to confirm policy C1 applies to current office secretary with a proration at 30 hours per week, and we would put together a document with what that proration would be. 10-0 (Carried)

### **Leader dog – DG Post**

New improvements on the trekker and other devices for navigation for the blind are a reflection on the staff for their efforts to help the deaf and blind. They are also working with different service dog programs for those in wheelchairs or need help to get around. 25% of leader dogs that do not make it are now being retrained for service dogs and are working because of the pre work being done for them. I do not have the monetary figures at this time.

### **Ad Hoc Committee- DG Harris**

The Ad Hoc committee, appointed by Council Chair Fortmann, met on January 8, 2011 to discuss challenges relating to low attendance of the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and explore possible solutions. Members reviewed and discussed the initial, small sample survey findings listed below. Many additional thoughts were generated. A plan and timeline were developed. It was agreed that committee members would gather information in designated areas and report findings. Understanding the need for timely action and a limited budget the committee decided that it would exchange information via internet and phone meetings and combine in-person meetings with other MD events whenever possible. Thank you to all committee members for their commitment to our future Lions leaders.

#### Time line:

Define Challenges: Low attendance. Seemingly low enthusiasm for training.

Research Reasons: Gather information within Lions on challenges & possible solutions (1/1-2/28)

Individuals – personal contacts, questionnaires, DG's, Zone Chairs

MD – questionnaires, focus groups, internet surveys, personal contacts

International – ask LCI training staff, other MD

Research Trends: gather info & ideas from outside Lions (1/1-2/28)

Corporate, training consultants, other Non-governmental service organizations

Develop Solutions: (3/1-5/30)

Implement Solutions: (6/1-11/30)

Evaluate Success: (12/1 – ongoing)

Repeat!

Brief notes of small sample, initial findings provided to committee for consideration on Jan 8.

Challenge: Lack of attendance at Leadership Training

Initial Research Questions: What challenges have you found in providing / attending training? What solutions have you found / do you suggest?

*Within Lions:*

Individual Lions:

Challenges: time off work, transportation, always seem to be same people & same training, too long to be away from home, too busy, weekend time for family, training not relatable to life

Solutions: More technology, more computer based training (CBT), updated materials, less location time, closer to home, shorter, make more relevant

Headquarters/other MD:

Challenges: Training spots are slow to fill; costs of location based trainings (LBT) are going up; participants may question personal travel costs, taking work days off, trainings relatable to life & younger Lions

Solutions: reduce amount of LBT by using pre-location CBT, small area (District) trainings & larger area (MD/MD) trainings, hold shorter trainings (Fri& Sat), spread training over 2 weekends; rewrite training modules; do more PR, send relentless emails, hold training reunions at MD, ID grads on badge at MD

*Outside:* corporate & non-profit trainers

Challenges: costs, take people away from regular work & home, increased regulation requirements (inclusion, harassment, gov regs), increased needs for consistency in training

Solutions: Less LBT. Increased CBT with Assessments – tracked grades & untracked for general (70 % pass on questions on test w re-do of seminar and different tests); webinars with open lines or same time chat for questions; on-line training Modules – alone or as pre-LBT; regional small group trainings by HQ followed by large group training by HQ for higher level personnel.

Governor's endorsing 2 people, DG Fleming for GMP leader and Lion Connie LeClair-Meyer for GRP leader. CC Augie will submit both of their names to PID Ron Duffe and PID Gary Frey. This is a 3 year commitment. They will be re-evaluated every year on their performance.

**Motion #110** by DG Harris/DG Habrat to endorse DG Fleming for GMP leader and Lion Connie LeClair-Meyer for GRP leader. 10-0 (Carried)

**Motion#111** by DG Boline/DG Jensen to have DG Fleming as the GMT coordinator and Connie LeClair-Meyer as the GLT coordinator. 10-0 (Carried)

### **23. Lions Club International MD Public Relations-IPID Art Marson Overview**

- LCI approved our \$20,000 Multiple District Grant Proposal at the end of January.
- The first half of the grant has been received and deposited; the second half will be paid upon receipt of our final report.
- The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association again agreed to pay to duplicate the commercials (approx. \$1,300).
- MD27 Investment - \$309.25
  - surveymonkey.com annual subscription - \$149.25
    - *this resource can be used an unlimited number of times throughout the year.*
  - Wisconsin Newspaper Association Press Release Distribution - \$160

### **Club Communications**

- The March *Wisconsin Lion* headline story announced the campaign.
- Governors were asked to email an announcement and Wisconsin Lions statistics to their club presidents and secretaries at the end of February.
- A reminder for all members to complete the survey will be sent to Governors in Mid-March for distribution to club presidents and secretaries.
- The April *Wisconsin Lion* will include a survey reminder.

### **Commercials**

- Air Dates: 2/27 - 3/13
- Commercial Title: *Get In Step With Your Community*
- Length :30
- Media: Radio & TV

### **Council Commitment**

- Distribute club announcements to your club presidents & secretaries
- During club visits encourage members to complete the survey.

### **MD27 PR Committee**

Lion Jodi Burmester, Chair  
PID Art Marson  
CC Augie Fortmann  
IPDG Karla Harris  
PDG Tom Clausen  
Lion Joan Weber

## **24. Policy changes**

## **25. Comments by Guest -**

### **Research and Long-Range Planning Committee Report- Harry Merriman, Chairman**

Your committee met at 10AM on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Econo Lodge in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Members present were PID Art Marson, PDG Arlen Milestone, PDG Pat Mrotek, Lion Ed Slewitzke and PID Harry Merriman.

The committee reviewed the proposed resolutions to be submitted to the MD27 Convention, and concluded that there were no issues of a long-range planning nature involved.

Your committee spent a considerable amount of time discussing leadership as it applies to our Multiple District. It was noted that good leadership begins at the club level, and that - too often - club members are "pressured" into holding office or chairing committees without really knowing what's involved or expected of them before accepting the positions. This situation often repeats itself on the District level, and even - on rare occasions - on the Multiple District level.

The committee recognizes that Lions Clubs International is developing a new leadership plan; but it was felt that that plan must be monitored closely and improved upon where possible to fill the unique needs of Wisconsin Lionism.

The discussion then turned to the subject of long-range planning in general, and the question of whether Multiple District 27 should have a coherent long-range plan. It was noted that each incoming Council has only the experience of a short time with the sitting Council (interrupted by necessary training, uniform fittings, etc.) and has little time to develop a consistent approach to the affairs of the State. Years ago, this gap was filled by a State Secretary who kept track of things; however, budgetary constraints do not permit that at this time. It was also noted that the individual Governors have - in recent years - taken on greater responsibilities at the Multiple District level, which can (1) interfere with their necessary work as Governor; and (2) make it more difficult to find individuals willing to serve as Governor. The lack of such a long-range plan can also lead to inconsistencies between Councils due to a lack of understanding of the intent of the previous Council.

To develop such a long-range plan would require input from the various Multiple District standing committees; however, most of the work could be done by e-mail or other correspondence. The question at that point becomes one of whether or not your committee should - working for and on behalf of the Council, and always subject to the Council's direction - be acting as a "state secretary" from a consistency point of view. Recognizing that a shortage of funds is a handicap to both the Multiple District and the Council, your committee felt that - if it was the desire of the Council - this was a way we could help

While our year is coming to an end, there is still much that could be done if the Council desires it without incurring any additional expense; but a Council decision would be necessary before proceeding. We were left, therefore, with one question of the Council: Is a long-range plan something your committee should be looking at?

**CC Augie** asked if any District Governors had a problem with having the reports emailed to them ahead of time? No one responded that they had a problem. The state office will try to put all of the reports into one pdf file next time to clean things up a bit. Will also include an agenda. Each person sending a report to the state office needs to send it in pdf form for Kathy to work with. We cannot have the reports sent in multiple ways. This makes it very difficult and time consuming to compile the reports into one document.

## **26. Motion to Receive and File Reports**

**Motion #112** by DG Jensen/DG Moen to Receive and File Reports. 10-0 (carried)

## **27. Next Council of Governor Meeting**

May 19, 2011

Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton, WI

**Motion #113** to adjourn by DG Moen/DG Francis, 10-0 (carried)