The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District 27 - Wisconsin

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WISCONSIN LIONS MD27
2011-2012 COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
October 8, 2011
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STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

1. The meeting was called to order by CC Lion Barry Boline at 8:00 A.M.

Those present were:

Council Chair B. Boline
DG R. Koch, C1
DG J. Spies, E1
DG B. Hale, A2
DG L. Christiansen, C2
DG D. Schaefer, E2
DG M. Strelow, B1
DG N. Winchell, D1
DG S. Doell, B2
DG J. Fisher, D2

VDG K. Bitter, A1
VDG D. Pirk, C2
VDG Candidate E. Wasniewski, C1
VDG L. Braunschweig, A2
VDG D. Porter, D1
VDG M. Post, B1
VDG R. Edlund, E1
VDG Candidate J. Wahl, E2
VDG E. Guinther, B2

2nd VDG G. Pryor, A1
2nd VDG P. Andre, B2
2nd VDG R. Faliveno, D1
2nd VDG D. Christensen, B1
2nd VDG Candidate R. Weber, C2
2nd VDG M. Bankes, D2

PID Gary Fry
IPID Art Marson
PID Wayne Heiman
YE Diane Wasniewski
PDG John Jenson
GMT Coord/IPDG Doug Fleming
GLT Coord/PDG Connie LeCleir-Meyer
WLF Vice Pres. Lion Eric Althaus
WLF Exec Admin. Lion Evett Hartvig
LEBW Pres Tom King
LEBW Exec. Dir. Art O'Neal
IPDG Karla Harris
IPDG Jerry Post
IPDG Dwaine Habrat

VDG Spouse Shirley Guinther
VDG Spouse Mary Braunschweig
VDG Spouse Darlene Bitter
2nd VDG Spouse Jamie Christensen
Lion Judy Fleming

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Spies
3. Song Led by DG Winchell
4. Prayer was given by DG Doell

5. Introductions and Opening Remarks were given by CC Boline

6. Approval of Agenda, CC Lion Barry Boline- Motion #46 by DG Fisher/DG Winchell to approve the agenda. 9-0 (Carried)

7. Approval of July COG meeting minutes. Motion #47 by DG Doell/DG Hale to approve the minutes. 9-0 (Carried)

8. Correspondence- DG Doell - None

9. Finances- DG Christiansen

a. 2010-2011 Audit- Motion #49 by DG Winchell/DG Koch to approve the Audit. 9-0 (Carried)

b. Budget Review- Reviewed income statement. DG Fisher asked that the Newspaper budget be increased by $10,000. Postage is expected to go up for the newspaper. We currently have a balanced budget.
Motion #48 by DG Christiansen/DG Spies to approve the new proposed budget. 9-0 (Carried)

c. $100,000 M&I CD- Our current CD has $50,000 in it. The CD will mature on October 12, 2011. At that time we will increase the CD to $100,000.

DG's are asked to submit expense reports to DG Christiansen for approval for this meeting.

10. Policy Committee- DG Steinberg

A. Discussion of suggested Policy changes

1. DG Steinberg was not able to attend this meeting. CC Boline spoke on his behalf.
DG Steinberg submitted 2 Policy changes. A proposed policy change to create an IT Committee to replace the AD Hoc Technology Committee. It would, if passed, become Policy R1, Section 19.
Motion # 50 by DG Koch/DG Doell to approve what will become Policy R1, Section 19 to inact an IT Committee. 9-0 (Carried)

Title: IT Committee

The COG wishes to give formal structure to the current IT Committee, so in furtherance of this objective, the IT Committee shall:

1. Facilitate the transfer of the information among Lions in the multiple District, taking advantage
of the latest technology available.
2. Be composed of one person from each District who currently serves as that Districts IT chair; If the District has no chair, or that person chooses not to serve, the District Governor of that District shall appoint a representative.
3. Meet at least once per year as a committee.
4. Give a written report to the Council of Governors at least once per year.

2. Second proposed policy change is to Policy B-5, that replaces the MERLO expense allocation and redirects it to the GMT/GLT expense allocation. DG Doell asked that the proposed Policy be rewritten to add: This position is for a 3 year term and is appointed by the Council of Governors, reviewable by each Council of Governors. Also, in the event expenses are incurred in the second District supported by the team member, the expenses shall be submitted to the State GMT or State GLT Coordinator for approval and submission for payment and approved by the Council of Governors Multiple District Treasurer.
Motion #51 by DG Doell/DG Strelow to adopt Policy B-5 as amended. 9-0 (Carried)

DG Rick and IPDG Doug,
To explain more thoroughly the suggested modifications:

1. The Council Chair is also part of our GLT/GMT Team (according to LCI), so I added that

position into the fourth paragraph.

2. Both Doug and I have District GLT/GMT Coordinators who are also on the MD GLT/GMT team, and they are working with their home district as well as another district. The section beginning with "In the event that a member of the State GMT……" is what I added. The purpose is to indicate that when a state GLT/GMT team member is also a District GLT/GMT coordinator, expenses they incur within their "home" district shall be submitted to their "home" District, not the MD. When they have expenses when working in their second district, those funds should be submitted to the MD, not their "home" district.

If you are fine with these modifications, please submit in whatever fashion the CC wishes for discussion before the Council.
Please call me with any questions,
Connie LeCleir-Meyer

Policies R1, Section 19 and Policy B-5 will be updated and inserted into your packets for the January 2012 Council of Governors meeting.

B. Requests for Resolutions Committee
They will meet in January 2012 and will accept your requests to draft, on your behalf, resolutions to be presented at the State Convention to modify the Constitution and By-Laws of the Multiple District. If you or any Lion in the MD has a request for a resolution you should contact your Districts Resolutions Chairperson.

11. MD 27 Chairpersons and Appointments

A. State Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Motion #52 by DG Hale/DG Doell to appoint Lion Mike Drew. 9-0 (Carried)

B. State Pin Committee
Motion #53 by DG Fisher/DG Doell to appoint PDG Brian Overturf. 9-0 (Carried)

C. MD Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action
Motion #54 by DG Winchell/ DG Christiansen to appoint DG Schaefer. 9-0 (Carried)

D. MD Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action
Motion #55 by DG Strelow/DG Koch to appoint DG Spies. 9-0 (Carried)

12. MD 27 Committee Reports (if any addition to written report)

A. International Convention Committee

International Convention Committee Report

Lions International has not provided any information regarding the 95th Annual International Convention to be held June 22-26, 2012 in Busan, Korea. The District Governors will be polled to determine if any are contemplating going to the next convention. Once the committee has an idea of the interest in attending the Busan Convention will be meeting to plan appropriate activites.
Submitted,
John Jenson
International Convention Committee Chair

B. State Bowling Committee	**No Report**
C. State Election Committee	**No Report**
D. State Resolutions, Constitution & By-laws Committee	**No Report**
E. State Convention Credentials Committee	**No Report**
F. State Convention Site Selection Committee	**No Report**
G. State Curling Tournament Committee	**No Report**
H. State Convention Parliamentarian Committee	**No Report**
I. State Convention Sergeant-at-Arms	**No Report**
J. State Convention Song Leaders Committee	**No Report**
K. State Convention Tail Twister Committee	**No Report**
L. Affiliate Clubs State Convention Committee	**No Report**
M. Research and Long Range Planning Committee	

Research and Long-Range Planning Committee Report

Your committee met at 10AM on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at the Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, Wisconsin. Members present were PID Art Marson, PDG Arlen Milestone, PDG Pat Mrotek, Lion Mike Roosevelt and PID Harry Merriman.

The Committee's discussion continued where it had left off at the March meeting, with the object of identifying issues of a long-range nature and developing a long-range plan for Multiple District 27 which could be submitted to the Council for approval. Three broad categories were identified; those of finance, membership, and leadership. In addition, certain subordinate - but important - points were considered.

In the area of finance, your Committee continues to call attention to the fact that our Multiple District is trying to the same things it did years ago, while experiencing inflation on the one side and declining membership (and therefore declining income) on the other. It was further noted that the State Newspaper absorbs almost 40% of revenue, leaving less for other activities as a result. A suggestion was made to consider distributing the newspaper electronically as a cost-saving measure.

Your Committee continues to feel that - if we can solve our leadership problems - our membership problem will solve itself; but also that more emphasis could be placed on attracting women members, and declining attendance at District Conventions should be addressed.

A considerable time was spent discussing leadership, and the fact that Districts have difficulty in attracting qualified candidates for District Governor. One of the tools suggested was an informal District PDG organization which would identify and encourage Lions with leadership potential to advance; that those Lions who have no desire to advance beyond the Cabinet level be replaced.

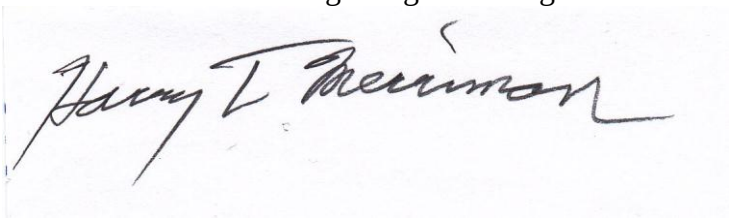
Your Committee feels that it is one of the major responsibilities of Zone Chairs to identify and encourage Club officers to accept positions on the District level, since it is the Zone Chairs who first come into contact with potential leaders.

It was also recognized that the extra duties assumed by the District Governors in MD 27 make it more - rather than less - difficult to find qualified candidates for Governor. One of the tools offered is the fact that the Vice-Governor could make many of the visits now made by the Governor, allowing the Governor to concentrate on "trouble spots" and on other duties.

Turning briefly to the "Pride" Campaign, your Committee gave consideration to the concept of providing some form of recognition to donors, similar to what was done by the Eye Bank, to increase donations. Because this is not strictly within the scope of your Committee, it will be referred to the Pride organization.

In developing a long-range plan, your Committee decided to conduct a survey of Lions on the State and District levels to determine what those Lions feel are the long-range goals of MD 27. Your Committee hopes that such a survey can be sent out shortly after the first of the year, and at least preliminary results presented to the Council in March.

Respectfully submitted,
MD27 Research and Long-Range Planning Committee



PID Harry Merriman, Chairman

N. Youth Exchange Committee

YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Final figures have been completed for the summer 2011 youth exchange camp held at Dundee, WI in July 2011. A total of 56 youth were present, 10 Lion adult and 15 counselors. The cost per day, per camper came to $30.54. It is a bit higher than last year due to increase camp cost and food, but well within the annual budget. Over all, I would challenge any one to do a camp for that cost. Our reasonable cost comes from all staff, adults, cooks and counselors are volunteers.

We are receiving apps for the winter program. Thus far, apps were received from Australia and Peru. I am expecting possibly two apps from Costa Rica. The winter program runs different than the summer, as the youth “shadow” a host sibling in the school system. There are no required classes or credits given, but does Give the youth a chance to interact with other young people and see our educational system.

At out committee meeting in September, the following chairs were elected into the given positions: Incoming chair, Lion Ray Tweedale; outgoing chair, Lion John Ziino and camp directors: Lion Sandy King and Ben August. Camp dates will be July 22-31, 2012.

It was a good year for youth exchange!

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Diane Wasniewski
MD27 YCE

O. State Pin Committee – No Report
P. Ad Hoc Technology

Information Technology Report - October 8, 2011 - Tom Clausen

I was approached by Connie LeCleir-Meyer and Doug Flemming from the GLT/GMT in August to see if the IT people could help them out by using some kind of technology for their training. By the end of the month, I contacted the other District IT Chairs and asked if they wanted to help out. The response was dismal except for one who thought that meeting electronically was not his way of meeting or learning. I helped Connie with her new GLT/GMT website http://e-district.org/sites/md27glt/ and found that she needed a more robust platform to accomplish her goals. I found a company that does collaborative learning using meeting room software. This software will allow the presenter to share his or her screen or presentation as well as provides the ability for two way voice communication over the net with a group of people. There is also a chat feature. They are in the process of determining if this will meet their needs and if it is worth the expenditure.

I am concerned about our state website. The hosting provider is Lion Chuck Basford from D1 who sells hosting services through his business. I believe we spend around $190 per year for this service which includes our domain name. A few years back we ran into our allotted storage space and we had to increase our payment. It looks like we will be approaching this limit again if we continue to house all former copies of our newspaper and other documents in addition to placing the state convention materials on our site. Also, we do not own our domain name. Allowing Chuck's business to register our domain name sort of locks us in to him providing the hosting service and prevents us from shopping around for a service more in line with today's pricing schedule.

I have taken steps to make sure the state has ownership and top authority of our site by placing the state office as the owner of the site. So, at any time the council could go to the provider and request a new username and password and take control of the site.

Long range plans would be to find a provider that would allow us to host other sites, similar to what Lion Chuck is doing with us. Then, we would be one level up and in essence, master of our own domain. If this would happen, we would then be in line to offer hosting for any district that is capable of authoring or developing their own site. Districts that use template sites, B2 and C1, would still be free to go that route. The new storage and data transfer limits are now adequate where storage and data transfer is no longer an issue. I even found a company that allows unlimited service for $10 per month with a one year contract. Check out whois.com. This is a highly recognized company in the Internet business. I also have a contact with a company in Minneapolis that hosted the state convention the year that Wilson Mills was chairman. Wilson used this company and the owner offered us a similar package for only $48 per year.

Four districts have their hosting with Chuck and he also owns their domain name. I believe A2, B1, D1, and E1. A1, B2, C1, C2, D2 and E2 have ventured out on their own, for various reasons, getting domain names other than the standard md27xx.org that we tried to standardize on when this first started. Thinking long range again, having all 10 districts with similar domain names would be an advantage for those jumping from site to site without having to Google the site or find a page with all 10 links on it like the one on our state site. Currently, C1 has purchased lions27c1.org. I have checked and all 9 others that match this configuration are open for purchase. I don't think that we would have to grab it quickly as it is very unique and I doubt if anyone would want this naming convention. B2 has a similar name, but theirs ends in .com. Pulling this off would have to take a very coordinated effort and lots and people from all districts would have to buy into this. It's that "change" thing.

State Web Site-
Motion #56 by DG Strelow/DG Schaefer to lay this discussion on the table. 9-0 (Carried)

Q. Ad Hoc Alert-No Report

R. Quest

DG Hale- $66,000, the paperwork has been approved and they are looking forward to having Quest active and back in the State of Wisconsin.

Report for District Cabinet meeting - Lions Quest - September 30, 2011

Our Core 4 Grant request was approved for $66,666 from LCIF for a 2-year grant. The Lions/Lioness clubs from the combined districts of 27A1 and 27A2 are committed to provide matching funds of $22,222 over the life of the grant. With 102 Lions and 28 Lioness clubs between the 2 districts, this averages to $85.60/ club/year. Please remember LIONS QUEST in your annual donations. All donations should be made out to Lions Quest- 27A2 and sent to our district. The funds stay in our district to be used only for Lions Quest purposes. Of course, any donations above the average amount would be greatly appreciated to grow this program in our district!

We are now looking for interested schools, administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, youth group leaders and Lions/Lioness to sign up for workshops. We will be able to have 4 workshops per year with up to 36 participants per workshop, with a maximum of 5 Lions/Lioness per workshop. The cost per participant is $25, which includes food and a curriculum specific for the grade level taught. Each teacher will also receive a stipend to purchase additional Lions Quest materials to implement the program in the schools.

I am still looking for a Lions Quest liaison designated from each club in our district. This Lion/Lioness would be willing to contact their local school(s) to assess their interest/need for the Lions Quest program and follow up in particular if teachers from their schools participate in a workshop. Look up information on the Lions Quest website at lionsquest.org to familiarize yourself with this LCIF sponsored program.

Please send any questions to Lion Joanne Heup at lionsquest27a2@gmail.com

S. Any other Committee Reports –None

1. **MD 27 partnership with Red Cross**

   CC Boline spoke about the partnership with the Red Cross that was spearheaded by Past Council Chair Augie Fortmann. The Red Cross would like permission to use the WI Lions Logo denoting MD 27 with the Logo. Pins with their Logo given to Lions who donate blood, during the Blood Drive. They would like to use the Lions Logo on jointly drafted letterhead to encourage Lions to give blood and would like to produce and present a plaque to the district that has the highest percentage of Lions donating blood. Lastly, they would like access to our mailing list by purchasing it through us from LCI. They would like to enter into a more formal partnership with the the approval of the Council of Governors. Motion # 57 by DG Christiansen/DG Doell to enter into a partnership with the American Red Cross, having them use the WI Lions Logo. 9-0 (Carried)

   DG Spies, District E1 won the Blood Challenge in July 2011. There is a plaque on it's way to District E1. The Lions overall donated 118 units of blood in July. The overriding comment made by the Lions was that the blood drive was too short. It needs to be a longer drive. They would like to see a 2 month challenge drive. The Red Cross is proposing that the blood drive take place in June and July of 2012. They would like to do a blood drive at State Convention and will speak with DG Doell about that. In exchange for that and to thank the WI Lions they have promised media coverage in Green Bay for the State Convention.

13. Reports-

A. ID Mark Hintzmann

LCI Report
Council of Governor's
October 8, 2011

I will be in Hong Kong at the time of this report. I hope everyone's year is going well. I have several points to bring up to the Council that we all need to work on.

We all need to give all our support to our GLT and GMT teams. The last few years Wisconsin has had a huge drop in membership. You all know that we are down 116 members already this year. It's up to you, as Governor, to change that by using your teams to turn the tide in your District for a positive growth. I believe you can do it!

At this time I have not received any applications for the International President's or Leadership awards. **These are due Nov. 1st.** You were given applications at the last meeting that you can use, or you can download them from the International website. Remember, a requirement of the President's award is that they must have received the Leadership award. A list of the past recipients of both awards should be in your packet. This award can only be given out once to a Lion by our MD.

Don't forget the, Helmer Lecy Sight Service Award. You will find the application in policy Q1. This is due Jan. 1st.

Your Peace Poster deadline will also be coming up. Check with Council Chairman Boline for deadlines.

October is Sharing the Vision Month. Promote your clubs to sponsor vision health projects and work with the visually impaired. You can help celebrate World Sight Day, which is October 9th.

You all should have received an email about the The Lions International Essay Contest which is open to 11, 12 and 13-year-old students who are visually impaired. The theme of the essay is "Children Know Peace." The deadline for this essay is Nov. 15th. Please try to promote this with your clubs.

December/January is "Relieving the Hunger" months. Promote your clubs to organize food drives and projects to feed the hungry. Help alleviate hunger by planning events around the end and beginning of the calendar year to collect and distribute food.

You should all have your Speaker Request form into International for your guest speaker to your convention. If not please do so right away. At this time you should also know who your guest hosts will be. The host should be a PID from our State. If you have any questions feel free to contact me anytime.

I know this sounds like a lot to do, but I believe you will get the job done.

I Believe in You!

Yours in Lionism

International Director
Mark Hintzmann

B. Wisconsin Lions Foundation-DG Hale

DG Hale spoke about the WI Lions camping season being done and very successful. The total number of campers was 1373. October 22, 2012 is clean-up day at the camps.

Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc.
Report to Council of Governors

Andrew Deinhammer, WLF Board President
October 8, 2011

Our Gun Hunt for Hunters with Handicaps is being held the same day as your Council Meeting, Saturday, October 8th. I have already committed to helping our Facility Manager with the Hunt, so WLF Vice President Eric Holthaus will be available at your meeting if there are any questions.

The 2011 Summer Camping Season is complete and was a great success. The Who's Who List is complete and will be distributed to all clubs right after the Board Meeting next week. Each of you will also receive a copy in the mail.

Total club donations for the 2010-11 Lionistic year were $727,081.61. Most of the Directors have received their club awards and started handing them out as they make their visitations.

The 14th Annual Birch-Sturm Memorial Golf Outing was held on Saturday, July 23rd in Iola. If any of you were there, you know the weather was quite hot and humid. However, that didn't stop the 137 golfers from having a great time, while raising just over $21,000 for the Camp. Next year's Outing will be on Saturday, July 21st so mark your calendars.

Open House was held on Saturday, September 17th. The number of participants in the 5K Run/Walk and Bike Ride increased from last year; however, attendance for Open House was not very good. As you all know, the Board voted to hold Open House in 2012 on August 19, with the hopes that the weather will be much warmer that time of the year. Our Lions Camp for Kids Raffle winners were drawn at Open House. The winners have received a congratulatory letter and a check from the WLF Office and all winners have been posted on the Foundation's website, as well. A list of winners will also be listed in the November issue of the state newspaper.

Fall Work Day is Saturday, October 22, rain or shine. Unfortunately, it's scheduled the same time as the District 27-C1 Convention, but we're confident we will get enough volunteers to help get the Camp ready for the cold winter months. If you plan to help out that day, please fill out a registration form and send it to our Facility Manager Dale Schroeder. Forms can be downloaded of our website, www.wlf.info or call the Office and one of the Staff will be sure to send you one.

The WLF Administrative Staff is working with Board Committees to have a 2012 proposed budget for the upcoming Board meeting. Our goal is to have the budget approved before the end of the meeting on October 15th.

My wife Shelly and I are looking forward to attending the upcoming District Conventions. I would ask that if you would like a camper and/or family to speak at your Convention, please give the Office at least three weeks notice so they can find someone in your area that would do a good job talking about the Camp and their experience.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew J. Deinhammer, President
Wisconsin Lions Foundation, Inc.

C. Birch-Sturm Endowment – DG Doell

The Endowment Committee met with a phone conference call and they have a meeting scheduled for November.

D. Pride Endowment – DG Koch

Lions Pride Report:

The restructuring process continues to move forward all necessary paperwork has been filed.

Pride is preparing for the upcoming C-1 convention and will be presenting a seminar on Planned Giving at their Convention, special thanks to DG Rich Koch and his convention committee for this opportunity. The seminar will be conducted by Mike Lisle, owner of Mike Lisle and Associates, a financial planning firm with a business emphasis on Estate Planning, Financial Planning and Charitable Giving. It remains our hope that convention committees will continue to find time for Lions Pride on their convention schedules.

Lions Pride welcomed PDG Stan Carlson as the newest member of the Lions Pride Endowment Fund, Inc. Board; he served on the steering committee during the formulation and development of the Pride Campaign.

At the Investment meeting held Friday July 29, 2011 it was determined a distribution could be made to the WLF. It would be distributed according to our investment policy with the first distribution September 1st and the second March 1st 2012.

The Lions Pride Endowment Fund, Inc. Board met on September 17. The board is in the process of drafting a Corporate Policy Manual and Employee Manual. They are also formulating their committees and assignments. The board is also engaged in the SWOT Analysis conducted every year and used as the basis for formulating Pride's strategic Plan for the new year.

The annual newsletter "Connecting Lions & their Friends" was mailed out in September to all our donors, Governors who have not yet become members of the Pride family were sent a courtesy copy.

We currently have 371 clubs (Lion, Lioness & Leo Clubs make up this number) who have made a gift or pledge to the Lions Pride Endowment Fund. Their gifts and or pledges total $915,320.33

Respectfully Submitted,
PCC Dewey Carl
Lions Pride Endowment Fund, Inc. CEO/President

Lion Geri Schlender
Lions Pride Endowment Fund, Inc. Executive Director

E. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – DG Winchell

Lions Eye Bank Report-Council of Governors- October 8, 2011

The LEBW is pleased to announce the hiring of Art O'Neal as our new Executive Director. Art began his duties on October 3, and brings extensive tissue and eye banking experience to our Lion eye bank. Previous to joining the LEBW he was Vice-President of Donor Services at Tissue Banks International based in Tennessee. He was responsible for managing the Executive Directors of several Eye Banks where he was responsible for each location's number and quality of tissues recovered and transplanted, as well as FDA inspections and Eye Bank Association certifications. Prior to his work in Tennessee, he worked as Group Director of Marketing at Medtronic Sofamor Danek and at DePuy Orthopedics. He earned his BS degree in Business administration, marketing and finance at the University of Houston.

The LEBW has been very busy with an increased level of tissue donation and if the current pace remains for the rest of the calendar year, we should exceed all previous year's donations. Consequently our transport network set a new record in September with over 300 individual transport legs! We can't thank the transporters enough for the help they provide the eye bank. We're also pleased to report that the State donor registry program has now registered nearly 1 million people in Wisconsin, with 29,000 directly on line and 971,000 through the Dept of Transportation driver's licensing offices. This is indeed great news as the original goal was two million so we are half way there and we've only been at this a year and a half. The Lions efforts utilizing the 350 registry kits distributed in the state promoting the online registry are paying off. A news conference will be held tentatively on October 11 to commemorate this milestone.

While our Capital Campaign has concluded, there is still an opportunity for clubs to donate to the LEBW transporter room and have their club's or personal names on the plaque. We asked clubs to submit a $10 donation/transporter in order to have their club or transporters listed, and we're extending this program until May at the conclusion of the Lions State Convention. Please remind your clubs of this opportunity for recognition. As in the past, the popular Knight of Sight program continues to be available to recognize Lions and clubs that donate at the $1000 level. We also thank all Lions clubs for their fantastic support of our Capital Campaign last year.

Finally, we're looking forward to attending your conventions this fall and next spring. The Eye Bank will want a table at each of these and when possible, a chance to speak briefly about the LEBW. In addition to President Tom King, either Jerry Rabbach or Rick Daluge will be attending each convention and Executive Director Art O'Neal will try to attend several of the conventions as well.

F. Youth Exchange- DG Schaefer

The Y E committee had its annual fall meeting two weeks ago. We reviewed the camp expenses and planned our current year's budget. We do not expect to need an increase in funding. We are very proud that the Lions of Wisconsin and our great volunteers make it possible to offer our camp free to the students from around the world. Not all Lions Y E camps can do that. Our camp director is working on securing a contract for next year at Camp Vista.

It might interest you to know that this year our camp cost per day was $30.54 for 11 staff, 15 counselors and 54 students. And Dianne our chair and food manager feeds everyone for an average of $2.25 per meal.

If you wish more information you may contact our Chair Diane Wasniewski. 715 693 6457
or ediwas@mtc.net

Don't forget to speak about the youth exchange program needs in our district at your club visits. I am available to visit clubs or zone meetings . We want students to go overseas for a month. We also need host families to accept foreign students for a month next summer.

Yours in Lionism,
Gene Koci

G. Merchandise - DG Strelow

DG Strelow suggested that we wait to order any new pins at this time. It is still early in the year regarding sales and they do not anticipate as many pins going to Korea for the International Convention.

H. State Convention – DG Doell and PDG John Jenson

DG Doell stated that the State Convention Committee is comprised of 4 clubs in A Zone: Wrightstown, Kaukauna, Denmark and Bellevue. They have identified the Royal St. Patrick Golf Course in Wrightstown. Friday night entertainment is called "Let Me Be Frank Productions". The ticket price is $25, which of $10 that will go to a Lions Pride Fundraiser.

Report of the State Convention Coordinator

On Wednesday, September 14, 2011 I met with Scott Dettmann, the Director of Sales for the Hotel Sierra and the KI Convention Center to review the contract and inspect the facilities for the 2012 State Convention in Green Bay, May 17 – 19, 2012. I was informed by Mr. Dettmann that the hotel will become a Hyatt property sometime during the last quarter of 2011. Because of the change over, he did not have any menus to review. He indicated that once the change is competed we would be able to discuss the menus for the luncheons and banquet. The hotel furnishes a breakfast with the room so the idea is to not have an all convention breakfast, but if we need to honor Birch Sturm and Melvin Jones Fellows we could do so at another function during the convention.

Later that day on my way to the Convention Host Committee meeting in Wrightstown, I stopped at two golf courses that were being considered for the convention golf outing. I inspected Hilly Haven Golf Course in De Pere and Royal St. Patrick's Golf Course in Wrightstown. Both facilities were found to be adequate for the convention golf outing.

At 6:00 pm that evening I met with Convention Host Committee at the Tiger's Den in Wrightstown. The Host Committee is made up of Lions from Wrightstown, Demark and Kaukauna. Lion Sue Selner from the Denmark Lions Club will serve as the Host Committee Chair. Various other sub-committee chairs have also been selected. I asked whether they have a contract with the Wisconsin Lions to host the convention and was told they did not. Without a contract with the Wisconsin Lions, I am not sure of their status going forward. It is possible that a verbal agreement exists, but no one on the committee was aware of one.

In the past, the State Convention Fund with certain holdbacks was turned over to the Convention Host Committee for use in putting on the convention. However, in the current budget I can identify that portion of the dues which goes to the State Convention Fund, but I do not find a like expenditure for putting on the convention. In light of this revelation, I encouraged the committee to develop a budget for the convention by our next meeting.

The Host Committee recommends that the theme of the convention be "Planting seeds of success". I will be seeking Council approval of the theme. In addition they have given thought to the Friday night hospitality. The Host Committee seeks approval to have "Let Me Be Frank" a musical comedy tribute from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at a cost of $25.00 per person with $10.00 of each admission going to Lions Pride Campaign if at least 300 tickets are sold. General hospitality would run from 8:00 to 11:00 pm and would feature a DJ and treats and beverage provided by the Host Committee or other sponsors running for other events.

I believe that the Host Committee is coming together to put on a good convention, however, the items that would normally be covered by contract need to be resolved. Future meetings of the Host Committee are scheduled for October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11 and February 8.

Submitted,
John Jenson
State Convention Coordinator

Motion #58 by DG Doell/DG Christiansen to approve the Host Committee of Wrightstown, Bellevue, Kaukauna and Denmark Lions Clubs. 9-0 (Carried)

Motion #59 by DG Doell/DG Winchell to approve the State Convention theme "Planting Seeds of Success". 9-0 (Carried)

Motion #60 by DG Doell/DG Hale to approve the "Let Me Be Frank" hospitality. 9-0 (Carried)

Motion #61 by DG Strelow/DG Koch to authorize the negotiation of a contract between the MD Council of Governors and the host committee. 9-0 (Carried)

Motion #62 amend Motion #61 to include bonding. 9-0 (Carried)

I.State Newspaper – DG Fisher

Motion #63 by DG Fisher/DG Winchell to extend a Publisher contract to Woodward Printing. 9-0 (Carried)

Motion #64 by DG Fisher/DG Winchell to extend an Editor contract to Jodi Burmester. 9-0 (Carried)

Editorial Board Report-In that the major agenda item is the two contracts (Editor and Printer) and that the deadline for submission is 30 Sept we have set up a teleconference the next week (which may be set as an Affirmation by e-mail if no other applicants surface) tentatively on Monday 3 October. I just proposed that to my board. If they accept I will be able to get the results to you 3-4 October. In that any other agenda items are not time perishable they will be deffered to our December teleconference.

J. Mission to Mexico – PID Ron Duffe – No Report

K. Global Membership Team – IPDG Doug Fleming

IPDG Doug stated that Guiding Lion training will be starting to help build our clubs. You can go online to get recertified. We currently have 548 clubs. We lost 1 club this year so far. We have 303 new members. Reinstated members are 16 and transfers are 14. For a total of 333. 437 have dropped this year. Total is 19,138.

GMT Report 2nd Quarter 2011/2012

This is my 2nd quarter report from PDG Doug Fleming State Coordinator for GMT.

Although we are through the first quarter of the year we are not seeing a lot of big changes as of yet. Part of the reason is that we are still putting into place the components in order to start moving ahead as set forth by LCI.

The first is CEP (Club Excellence Program) which will help us indentify and work with clubs to help them grow. This after the training that we'll receive this weekend will help those of us in both GMT/GLT to be able to go out and train others to work with their clubs in there and then work with the clubs in order to rebuild clubs. This will create success stories and using them as well as the CEP training we'll be able to move forward helping more and more clubs.

The next thing we need to put into place is to retrain Guiding lions so we can start new clubs. As you know the guiding lion program has changed and everyone needs to be retrained. This will help all those areas in need of a new club and help those clubs trying to finish their roster to become their own Lions Club from a current branch club.

After this are done my GMT State team needs to be allowed to go to the Districts and help them become successful in making the clubs both start and grow which every the case may be.

Our State Team is myself PDG Doug Fleming (E2) Coordinator, PDG Jerry Wille (A2), and PDG Kathy Friske (D2).

If you have any questions please feel free to call one of us.

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GMT BUDGET FOR 2011-2012

This a purposed budget for the GMT but may change, the amount is $ 5,000 and this is a breakdown of what and how it may be spent but is subject to change since this the first year that this is purposed and I'm not clear how we are going to disburse the funds yet.

Travel ---------- $ 2100.00
Meals ---------- $ 350.00
Lodging---------- $ 900.00
Postage---------- $ 50.00
Printing---------- $ 400.00
Telephone---------- $ 100.00
Meeting Charges---------- $ 300.00
Equipment (including software) ---------- $ 600.00
Supplies related to GMT---------- $ 200.00

Total = $ 5,000

L. Global Leadership Team – PDG Connie LeCleir-Meyer

Global Leadership Team (GLT)

1. MD GLT Update

a. GLT Team continues to work on established goals and action plan.

b. Three MD GLT Team teleconferences have been held since last Council meeting; one Area joint GLT/GMT Teams webinar has been held

c. Area GLT/GMT will be purchasing webinar / teleconferencing software for MD GLT/GMT teams to use for meetings and small training sessions

d. Received LCI Grant for Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI), however only six applications were turned in by due date. RLLI training will be cancelled this year. The MD GLT Team will hold a strategic planning session on January 7 to review and renew the curriculum with plans to reapply in the spring for an LCI grant.

e. PDG Karla and PDG Connie participated in a webinar demonstration on teleconferencing software for purchase, hosted by PDG Tom Clausen. Approximate cost is $250/year

f. PDG Connie attended USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum seminars (was Moderator for one seminar); also co-hosted an LCI webinar titled "My Club/My Family" with PID Gary Fry and a second one with PID Mark Miller

g. PDG Connie and PDG Karl provided Zone/Region Chair training prior to the C2 Cabinet meeting

h. PDG Connie collaborated with MD GMT Coordinator Doug Fleming and DG Rick Steinberg to update Policy B5.

i. Prepared proposed draft of new MD GLT Budget for submission to Council, per Policy B5.

j. Held a joint District GLT/GMT Coordinators retreat at Lions Camp on August 27, 2011. Eight of ten districts were represented from GLT.

k. PDG Connie addressed PDGO on status of MD GLT and requested mentoring strategies for leadership succession.

l. CEP (Club Excellence Program)

i. Training hosted by PID Gary Fry to be held after October Council meeting on October 8

ii. PDG Connie and IPDG Karla will receive facilitator training at this training session

2. GLT Training Update

a. Connie:

i. E2 no trainings, but leadership training planning discussions held for district convention

ii. C1 no trainings, but leadership training planning discussions held for district convention (Lions Voice)

iii. C2 Zone/Region Chair training and discussions for district convention leadership seminars

b. Dean: i. B1 no trainings held but leadership training planning discussions held for district convention

ii. B2 no trainings held but leadership training planning discussions held for district convention

c. Karla: i. A1 Zone / Region Chair training and leadership training planning discussions held for district convention

ii. A2 no trainings held but leadership training planning discussions held for district convention

d. Karl: i. E1 no trainings held

ii. C2 Zone/Region Chair training

e. Rob: i. D1 no training held

ii. D2 no trainings held

3. Requests for Council of Governors:

a. Encourage the PDGs in your District to help identify Lions interested in leadership development

b. Work closely with the District GLT Team to assess the leadership needs within their district, create strategies for meeting those needs, and forward that information to the MD GLT Coordinator for tracking.

c. Collaborate with your Convention Committees (include the District GLT as an active member) and promote at least one leadership development seminar

d. Determine if your District has the appropriate budget for training expenses

e. Personally invite a Lion to attend the Communicate Like a Leader training in February

f. Support leadership development efforts by documenting your support and activities in articles submitted to the Lions newspaper.

Respectfully Submitted
PDG Connie LeCleir-Meyer, MD27 GLT Coordinator
On behalf of the MD27 Global Leadership Team

MD27 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM PROPOSED BUDGET
(July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

MD GLT Team

PDG Connie LeCleir-Meyer (Coordinator), PCC Dean Haas, IPDG Karla Harris, PDG Rob Sherman, PDG Karl Schmid

SUMMARY	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	OVER BUDGET	UNDER BUDGET	NOTES
Total income	0.00	6,650.00			
Total expenses	0.00	6,650.00			
Income less expenses:	0.00	0.00			

INCOME DETAILS	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	OVER BUDGET	UNDER BUDGET	NOTES
From MD27: CLAL		1,150.00			Communicate Like a Leader
From MD27: DGE Workshop		500.00			
From MD27: GLT / Leadership		5,000.00			
Total income:	0.00	6,650.00			

EXPENSE DETAILS	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	OVER BUDGET	UNDER BUDGET	NOTES
CLAL EXPENSES					
Supplies		30.00			From MD27: $1,150
Postage		20.00			
Meals / Refreshments		950.00			These figures come from the last training held in 2011
Mileage		200.00			
Lodging		400.00			
Meeting Room Charges		150.00			
Total CLAL expenses:	0.00	1,750.00	600.00		
DGE SCHOOL EXPENSES					
Supplies		50.00			From MD27: $500
Postage		20.00			
Mileage		400.00			
Total CLAL expenses:	0.00	470.00		30.00	
ADMINISTRATIVE					
Office supplies		150.00			From MD27: $5,000
Travel		1,000.00			Subject to approval by Coordinator
Postage		50.00			
Meals		500.00			Conventions, etc.
Lodging		500.00			
Printing		50.00			
Telephone		30.00			
Meeting Room Charges		200.00			Training venues
Other		550.00			
Total admin. expenses:	0.00	3,030.00			
EQUIPMENT					
Software		500.00			Teleconferencing software 1year
Equipment purchases		750.00			New Projector; Headphones; thumb drives
Other		150.00			Extension cords
Total equipment expenses:	0.00	1,400.00			
Total expenses:	0.00	6,650.00			

PDG Connie stated that they are continuing discussion with the GLT/GMT leaders on a more sophisticated system than the teleconferencing software outlined in #1e. PDG Connie is willing to discuss with anyone the reason why they did not accept the grant from LCI. They only received 6 applications. The next Leadership Training will be held in February 25-26, "Communicate Like a Leader". VDG will be attending. They have 30 seats available. It is a very popular course.

M. LCIF – PID Wayne Heiman

MD-27 Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinator Report
PID Wayne Heiman

We Care. We Serve. We Accomplish

1. By the Numbers:
    a. U.S. Tornado Relief: LCIF is mobilizing $606,000. "I know that our district…has the support of 1.35 million Lions members through the work of our Foundation." 18E District Governor Charles Smith from Georgia
    b. Hurricane Irene Relief: LCIF is mobilizing $110,00 for immediate relief assistance
    c. There was a 40% increase in total donations 2010-2011 ($47,992,421) over 2009-2010 ($34,34,310); Contributing Memberships were up by 27%.
    d. There is a current YTD increase of 71% 6,903,044 versus $4,035,760
2. District LCIF coordinators will be asked again to set goals; they will be asked to do this in a different format, i.e. do this on-line - -and will be receiving information on this from the LCIF Department; success stories related to LCIF activities are encouraged to be shared on the new LCIF website; and MJF applications can be completed on-line as well. Contributing member pins are being distributed; I will be asking some of you to take them back home to your District LCIF Coordinators.
3. District Coordinators are receiving monthly reports
    a. MJF/PMJF listings by clubs
    b. Status of Installments reports- -the amount of MJF credits accumulated by Lions & clubs in your respective districts
    c. Recap of Donations report-an itemized list of donations made by Lions and clubs in your district for this current fiscal year; steer requests for information in their direction
4. District Coordinators have additional resources available via the updated LCIF website
5. Suggested ways to increase LCIF donations to provide hope to even more people:
    a. Promoting the Foundations activities and results to Lions
    b. Encouraging every club to participate
    c. Encouraging every Lion to participate (e.g. contributing membership; MJF or PMJF)
    d. Promoting the MJF program and the credits available through previous donations
    e. Recognizing donors at events
    f. Promoting bequests or other planned giving
    g. Demonstrating the amount of funds received by the district or MD through LCIF grants.
6. There were $36,657,722 in LCIF grant dollars, via 519 grants, awarded in 2010-2011. The U.S. received 119 grants (23%); the U.S gave 17% of the donations.

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LCIF and the Measles Initiative

1. LCIF formally joined the Measles Initiative (MI) in 2010. LCIF received a matching grant of $400,000 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
2. Measles Initiative priorities include:
    a. The reduction of measles mortality and morbidity
    b. The strengthening of routine immunization systems
3. Why Measles?
    a. It is one of the world's most contagious diseases- -90% of those without immunity will quickly contract measles, when exposed to the measles virus. (witness the most recent 3 cases reported in Milwaukee)
    b. Poor children are most likely to have severe complications from measles- -it causes brain damage, hearing loss and blindness.
    c. Measles can be prevented through a safe and inexpensive vaccination.
4. Why the Measles Initiative?
    a. The Measles Initiative is successfully working to eliminate this deadly disease; thanks to the MI there has been a 90% reduction in measles deaths in every country but India.
    b. The Measles Initiative is one of the greatest success stories in public health- -a child's life can be saved for less than U.S. $1.00
    c. The work of the Measles Initiative supports the UN's Millennium Development Goals- -in the last 10 years, the Initiative has reduced global childhood mortality by 24%!
5. 2010-2011 Pilot Projects
    a. The Lions in Madagascar, Ethiopia, Nigeria and Mali supported measles immunization campaigns through social mobilization and advocacy.
    b. More than 40 million children were immunized against measles!
    c. Lions helped to achieve at least 90% coverage in all four pilot countries.
6. How can LCIF Coordinators help?
    a. Learn more about Lions' work with the Measles Initiative
    b. Promote the Measles Initiative & Lions' involvement when they present to clubs and local leadership
    c. Cultivate donors- -including potential Major & Lead Gift donors
7. The Challenge Grant
    a. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will award LCIF a grant of $5 million
    b. LCIF will commit to raising an additional $10 million in support of the Measles Initiative's 2012 campaigns.

DG Winchell introduced LEBW President Tom King. He then passed out LEBW pins to all. LEBW President Tom introduced LEBW Executive Director Art O'Neal.

DG Winchell introduced the WI Lions State Leo Coordinator Lion Bucky Boland.

Added to the Agenda: Leaderdog - DG Strelow
The State of WI is number two again in Leaderdog. DG Strelow stated that Leaderdog is promoting more of the Founder Awards, the bricks, that are similar to the Melvin Jones/Birch Sturm Awards. The Bricks are $250 or $500. There is a pamphlet and form available. Please contact IPDG Jerry Post or you can find them online.

Motion #65 by DG Schaefer/DG Spies to Recess
Called MD27 back into session by CC Boline

N. Affiliate – PDG Chuck Post

PDG Chuck stated that the Lioness raised, at the open house, $1318.00 in the raffle.
Also, it is still in the proposal stage that the Lioness receive voting privileges in full board Session.

Council Chair & Council of Governors

The Advisory met on July 30th and appointed the following: Lioness Sue Robinson, ADP (B1) as Advisory Chair, Lioness Reggie Jacobsky, ADP (A2) as Vice Chair and Lioness Sharon Eberhardt, PADP (A1) as Secretary-Treasurer.

It was discussed to combine the Past Presidents meeting with the Advisory meeting. After concerns were raised, the decision was made to have the Past Presidents meeting to be held first with the State Advisory Committee members attending to observe and then the Advisory meeting to follow.

WLF Representative Lioness Jan Koranda introduced herself and shared a little background information. Everyone welcomed her. It was mentioned that WLF will be proposing that the Lioness Representatives receive voting privileges in full board session. A resolution will be drafted and proposed to the Lions membership at State Convention in May.

A slight color modification was made on the Lioness logo to allow placement on a dark colored shirts as well as hats.

Each member of the State Advisory Committee will be putting together a bio sheet with their picture on it and forwarding it to Lioness Joan Post, ADVP (A1) she will then assemble a book for each member. As of June 30, 2011 there are 2,753 Lioness members statewide.

The Lioness raffle that was held at the Open House on September 17th raised approximately $1,200.00 for the Camp. Thank you to those who bought tickets, this is a wonderful opportunity for the Lioness of the State of Wisconsin to again give back to our Camp.

Respectively submitted,
Lion Chuck Post, PDG
Affiliate Lioness Chairman

O. Personnel Committee (In closed session if necessary) –None

14. State Directory – available in the state office. Cost is $10.00

15. District Governor's Travels

A. C-1 Convention, October 21-23, Weston

DG Koch gave a brief overview of what would be happening at the C1 convention in Weston.

B. B-1 Convention, October 28-30, Manitowoc

DG Strelow and VDG Post gave a brief overview of what would be happening at the B1 convention in Manitowoc.

C. B-2 Convention, November 4-6, Green Bay

DG Doell gave a brief overview of what would be happening at the B2 convention in Green Bay.

D. A-1 Convention, January 20-22, Lake Geneva

IPDG Harris gave a brief overview of what would be happening at the A1 convention in Lake Geneva.

A small award, from CC Boline, will be presented to any District Governor that attends all of the District Conventions in 2011-2012. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

16. Review 2011 USA Canada Forum

The next Forums will be held in Tampa, then Kansas, then Puerto Rico, then Grand Rapids Michigan.

17. Awards Deadlines

A. Presidential and Leadership – due to ID Mark Hintzmann by November 1, 2011.

Please type up your applications. You have been given the form. If you do not have it, you can find it online or contact CC Boline and he will scan it and send it to you.

B. Helmer Lecy Sight Service Award – due January 1, 2012.

CC Boline will be sending out a letter to the District Governors around November 1, 2011, asking you to submit a name for the Helmer Lecy Sight Service Award. CC Barry Boline, ID Mark Hintmann and PDG Jim Schiferl will then meet around January 29, 2012. Two recipients will be awarded at the State Convention. The DG's will have to decide if they want the recipients to be notified ahead of time or not so as to make sure that they are present for the award.

C. Presidential Appreciation Certificates – For District Governors

D. Peace Poster—

1. **District deadline-Clubs mail poster to DG by Nov 15, 2011**
2. **MD deadline-DG's mail one poster each to CC (office address) by Dec 1, 2011**
3. **LCI deadline-CC mails one poster to LCI by Dec 15, 2011**

18. Leadership School- February 24-26, 2012

A. Submit names to PDG Connie as soon as you have them.

The website will have an application for "Communicate Like a Leader"
It would be recommended that the 2nd VDG's also attend "Communicate Like a Leader", along with the VDG's. It would also be encouraged to go two years in a row for a refresher course.

19. Other Business –

DG Fisher stated that there has been a lot of good material in the newspaper. Occasionally there is some white space, but for the most part they do not see that happening much.

DG Doell stated that they will not be doing a "Parade of Checks". Instead they will have a banner that shows which club has contributed. DG Christiansen stated that they also have not done the "Parade of checks" for a few years. A power point presentation can also be done in place of the banner.

CC Boline stated that after reviewing Policy A6, in January, after the COG meeting you will select the Council Chairperson, the Council Rep to the WLF, Council Rep to the LEBW, the Council Vice Chairperson, Council Chaplan, Council Song Leader and the Council TailTwister. Typically the Council has also selected the Council Treasurer and Council Secretary, however you are not required to.

20. Guest Comments-

PDG Tom King stated that the LEBW meeting for this month will be in Wausau, next to Aspirus Hospital.

PID Gary Fry thanked all for being allowed to sit in on the Council meeting.

21. Lunch –served at 11:30 am

22. CEP – Club Excellence Process will begin at 1 pm. – PID Gary Fry

23. Council of Governors Meeting January 6-7, 2012

A. January 6-7, 2012, Econo Lodge, Stevens Point
B. Friday evening VDG training and DG work session
C. Saturday 8 am – 2 pm Council meeting
Election of 2012-2013 CC will take place after adjournment

24. Recess

Motion #66 by DG Winchell/DG Fisher to stand in recess until 1pm, 9-0 (Carried)

25. Adjournment of Club Excellence Process – PID Gary Fry

Motion #67 by DG Winchell/DG Fisher to adjourn meeting at 5:08 pm, 9-0 (Carried)