

**MD 11 Council of Governors Meeting
Lansing, Michigan
Friday, August 7, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Michigan Room of the Ramada Inn by Council Chair Bob Jenkins. Governors present were: John Daoud, 11 A1; Ron Holler, 11 A2; Terry Walters, 11 B1; Al Vredberg, 11 B2; Bob Schalow, 11 C1; Kevin Storberg, 11 C2; Keith Cregar, 11 D1; Robert Ryan, 11 D2; Wayne Kreitner, 11 E1; Beverly Bodem, 11 E2; and Don Wojakowski, SD 10. First Vice District Governors in attendance were: Linda Tate, 11 A1; Jim Bone, 11 A2; Barbara Treichel, 11 B1; Don Brown, 11 B2; Fran Osborne, 11 C1; Marion Ramer, 11 C2; Dr. Gary McCray, 11 D1; Jerry Howard, 11 D2; Laura Johnson, 11 E1; and William Stenback, 11 E2. Others present were: PID Bill Hansen; PID Chuck Weir; PID Bill Hanel; Council Chair Bob Jenkins; PDG Esther LaMothe; IPDG Jim Williams; State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck; and Executive Director Mary Brown.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA – Governor Al Vredberg requested the addition of the following discussion items: (1) VDG training issues, (2) agency to negotiate and execute contracts, (3) Sunday sessions of the Council of Governors, and (4) MBOs and goals for office staff.

MOTION –Holler, seconded, to approve the proposed agenda, with additions. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEETING RULES

MOTION – Cregar, seconded, to limit Tail Twister fines to \$5 per Council weekend. Motion carried.

MOTION – Schalow, seconded, to encourage Vice District Governors to participate in discussions, but to have them request permission to speak from their District Governor. Motion carried.

MOTION – Schalow, seconded, to amend the motion to state that in the absence of the DG, the VDG can be recognized to speak by the Chair, but he does not vote. Motion carried.

Vote on the original motion as amended: Motion carried.

The group agreed that there shall be no smoking in the meeting room or the hospitality room during Council Meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION – Cregar, seconded, to approve the minutes of the special meetings held on May 15 and July 23. Motion carried.

MOTION – Ryan, seconded, to review the procedures for calling and conducting special meetings of the Council, as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws and the Policy Manual. The motion was tabled until Saturday afternoon so the Governors could discuss it with Ed Weessies, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mary Brown, Executive Director

Meeting arrangements have been confirmed for the October 9-11, 2009 Council of Governors Meeting at the Quality Inn in St. Ignace. The 2010 state pins are now in stock and can be purchased for \$2 each.

The Youth Exchange Committee Chair has requested contact information on the new committee appointees from 11 A1 and 11 C1.

LEADERSHIP REPORT – Esther LaMothe, PDG, MD 11 Leadership Chairperson

Training for 1st and 2nd VDGs was conducted today. Jack Pyle worked with them on public speaking. PIDs Hansen and Cobler covered the role of the Council of Governors, ethics and chain of command. Dr. Tom Doyle discussed expense claims, rules of audit and Michigan lottery laws. Esther covered the training schedule, leadership institutes, setting goals and district administration. The next training session will be for 1st VDGs and will take place in St. Ignace on the afternoon of October 9.

PDG Tom Doyle is being mentored as a trainer for VDG sessions, and he will lead some areas of the training agenda. Tom and Esther will be presenters at the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis.

With the addition of the 2nd VDG position, it may be necessary to increase the budget for Leadership training this year. FDI graduates will be asked to present seminars at the Michigan Forum in February. Esther will work with the MD Convention Committee to determine seminar needs for the May 2010 Convention.

A meeting of the Leadership Development Committee is scheduled on September 12. Esther will encourage district representative to spend time and energy in their respective districts to build and develop leadership. This is a critical year for 2nd VDGs to learn how their districts operate.

REVIEW OF 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Approximately 150 people from Michigan attended the International Convention in Minneapolis, including the District Governors-Elect and their spouses. Both the Convention Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend due to family emergencies. With help from the State Treasurer and State Secretary, the three committee members who were in attendance were able to pull things together for the parade, the hospitality room and transportation arrangements to the baseball game.

The Governors experienced some problems at their hotel, but the Convention Committee was not responsible for those arrangements—DGE housing is handled by LCI. It is common for the DGEs to have a different “convention experience” than the Michigan delegation due to their hotel location.

2010 CONVENTION IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – Dennis Lautzenheiser, PDG, Convention Chair

The headquarters hotel for the Michigan delegation is the Novotel Sydney Darling Harbor. The room rate is \$225 Australian (approximately \$180 US). It is .1 mile from the convention center. Delegations from several other states are assigned to the same hotel, including Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. Governors-Elect will be housed at the Four Points Sheraton or the Star City Hotel.

The committee will explore options for a Michigan Night event when they meet on August 29. They will also discuss the Michigan Breakfast, Caucus, Hospitality Room, and parade giveaways. Airlines will not quote rates more than 330 days out; best estimate is approximately \$1,200 to \$1,400 per person round trip from Detroit to Sydney. Optional group tours before and after the convention are also being investigated.

REVIEW PROGRESS OF COUNCIL GOALS – DGs reviewed the goals they set in May, which included a 13% reduction in drops. Governor Holler reported that he is emphasizing this goal at every Cabinet Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF ORIENTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Governor Walters nominated Clem Ruiz to chair the Orientation Committee, seconded by Kevin Storberg. The Governors voted unanimously to appoint Clem Ruiz.

ADOPTION OF OFFICE POLICIES

A number of changes have been implemented in the IRS Form 990. They are designed to enhance transparency in nonprofits to insure that they are accountable for accomplishments and ethical behavior. Although organizational policies are not required under the IRS Code, the absence of such policies can raise questions whether the organization is involved in activities or processes that are not appropriate for tax-exempt organizations.

MOTION – Holler, seconded, to adopt the Code of Ethics. Motion carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to adopt the Document Retention and Destruction Policy. Motion carried.

MOTION – Cregar, seconded, to approve the Discrimination/Harassment Policy. Motion carried.

MOTION – Schalow, seconded, to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion carried.

MOTION – Ryan, seconded, to adopt the Whistleblower Policy. Motion carried.

MOTION – Vredberg, seconded, to include all of these policies in the MD 11 Policy Manual. Motion carried.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to include a directive in Policy Manual to require each year that the District Governors turn in a completed Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement by the end of the August Council Meeting. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MD 11 EXTENSION AND RETENTION CHAIRS

Two Lions were nominated for the MD 11 Extension Chairmanship: PDG Eric Schuman from 11 C2 and PDG Harry Johnson from 11 E1. A vote was taken, and Harry Johnson was elected.

No applications were received for the position of MD 11 Retention Chair. Gov. Storberg will contact PDG Shirley Marshall to find out if she is interested in the job, and Gov. Bodem will contact PDG Flo Kelpinski.

MOTION – Daoud, seconded, to table the appointment of the Retention Chair until contacts can be made. Motion carried.

VDG TRAINING

MOTION – Vredberg, seconded, to direct that a current electronic copy of the VDG training curriculum be maintained by the Executive Director. Further, that updated copies be provided as the curriculum is further developed/refined. Motion carried.

MOTION – Vredberg, seconded, that a second instructor be appointed to team teach the VDG curriculum and serve a 3-year term, that the current instructor be asked to serve for two years, and that subsequent appointment be made to 3-year terms to provide continuity and ensure orderly transitions. Motion defeated, 9 to 1.

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LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT – PID Bill Hansen, Chairperson

The Leadership Institute is scheduled on November 13-15, 2009. The deadline for applications is September 30th. Space is limited to approximately 90 participants. A \$10,000 grant from LCI has been approved. This is the 11th consecutive year that LCI has supported Michigan's Institute. In order to demonstrate to LCI that the Leadership Institute is receiving local support, each district is asked to contribute \$300. First Vice District Governors are allowed to attend the Leadership Institute at no charge if their district donates \$300. Attendance by the spouse of the 1st VDG is not complimentary—he/she must pay the registration fee and participate in all classes in order to stay at the MacMullan Center.

This year, the mentoring program will be incorporated into “The Essence of Leadership.” The Saturday evening session will be optional, in response to evaluations indicating that an entire day of training is too intense for some attendees. PDG Jenny Ware from SD 10 will be added as a faculty member.

For the past two years, a Faculty Development Institute was conducted at the same time as the Leadership Institute at Higgins Lake. LCI will not provide funding for the FDI, so plans are moving ahead to conduct a Senior Lions Leadership Institute (for graduates of the Leadership Institute only). It will be held at the same facility, but the classes will be separate and it will start on Thursday. The District Governors were asked to submit names of potential participants from their districts to PID Hansen. Attendance is limited 22 people (two per district). The same instructors will teach at both the Leadership Institute and the Senior Leadership Institute.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to replace Chuck Nicklas with Jenny Ware on the Leadership Institute Committee. Motion carried.

LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT – PID Bill Hansen, Chairperson

The Liaison Committee has discussed the timing of presenting a candidate for international office. An endorsement is valid for two years; however, multiple districts are not allowed to have back-to-back

directors. The committee agreed that spending money on a campaign when there is no possibility of getting elected is ineffective and costly.

At this point, the International Board has not officially endorsed a candidate for 2nd VP. The 100th anniversary of LCI is in 2017, and it is anticipated that an effort will be made to have an American President that year. This effort will influence the Vice Presidential choices that are made in years leading up to 2017.

PID Hansen reviewed the speakers he has lined up for District Conventions next spring. He reminded the Governors to submit a Speaker Request Form in order to have LCI pay for transportation expenses. He urged the Governors to email their newsletters to their convention speakers. Guidelines for requesting speakers at club anniversaries were also reviewed.

International President Eberhard Wirfs has published his criteria for Presidential and Leadership Medals. Strong emphasis will be placed on membership growth and new clubs. Based on past experience, it is likely that MD 11 will receive 6 Leadership Medals and 4 Presidential Medals. PID Hansen suggested that the Governors begin now to develop a list of potential nominees, including detailed documentation of their achievements in order to justify the reasons they deserve these awards. The deadline for submitting nominations to the State Office is November 15—and that deadline will be strictly enforced. Award recommendations are initiated by the Governors, but it is required that endorsement and submission of names comes from the most recent PID.

GMT Report (Written) – PID Dennis Cobler

The collective goal of this year's Governors (SD 10 and MD 11) is net growth of 20 clubs and a net gain in membership of 435. This goal is aggressive, but attainable if the Governors work with their respective district teams and try to reach the club level. Success or failure lies in the hands of the club presidents, who know their membership and their communities.

VISIT TO LCI HEADQUARTERS – Vice Council Chair Wayne Kreitner will coordinate arrangements for a visit to Lions International headquarters for the DGs, VDGs and spouses. The group selected Tuesday, October 20 as the date. An overnight stay in Michigan City, Indiana on Monday was suggested. The following morning, the group will car pool to Oak Brook and meet in the lobby at 9:00 a.m. They will meet with the heads of departments at LCI and tour the facilities. The visit will conclude around 2 or 3 o'clock, enabling the group to get out of Chicago before rush hour.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Paul Hemeryck, PDG, State Treasurer

Financial Reports – PDG Hemeryck reviewed the preliminary financial reports for the fiscal year 2008-09. He explained that year-end totals have not been finalized because there are still outstanding bills. The magazine absorbed a postage increase of \$2,000 last year, but still managed to make a small profit. Treasurer Hemeryck explained what the money is used for in the Grace Lange Fund and the Office Fund. He also explained the difference between an operating fund, a designated fund and a restricted fund. He reviewed the dues allocations per member for MD 11 and SD 10 and also showed a comparison of projected dues income against actual income.

The final page of the financial report included a summary of membership totals by district for years between 1997 and 2009. Last year's net gain was the only net increase in membership for MD 11 since 1997.

Five-Year Summary - Treasurer Hemeryck provided the Council with a 5-year summary of income and expenses (2004-05 through 2008-09) for 25 accounts administered by the Lions of Michigan. He noted that it was a historical document to enable the group to look back before looking ahead.

Projections – PDG Hemeryck presented 5-year projections for the dues-funded accounts. Net losses have already begun to occur in some of the accounts during 2008-09. Nearly all will show deficits in 2009-2010 due to the impact of the family/student dues plan, which has reduced revenues. He explained that the family/student plan does not affect magazine subscriptions, just dues.

Budgets – Treasurer Hemeryck presented proposed budgets for 2009-10 for the State Office, Magazine International Convention and the Council/Committee/Treasurer Account. He requested input from the Council on amounts that are set at the discretion of the Governors.

MOTION –Kreitner, seconded, to set the amount for bonuses in the Administrative budget at \$1,500. Motion carried.

MOTION –Storberg, seconded, to approve the proposed budget for the State Office. Motion carried.

MOTION –Bodem, seconded, to approve the proposed budget for the Council/Committee/Treasurer Account. Motion carried.

MOTION –Kreitner, seconded, to approve the proposed budget for the magazine. Motion carried.

MOTION –Storberg, seconded, to approve the proposed budget for the International Convention Committee. Motion carried.

A proposed Liaison budget of \$23,085 was presented. Committee expenses total \$6,500, while potential campaign expenses are budgeted at \$16,585. Campaign funds will not be made available until/unless a candidate for International Director is endorsed next spring. The proposed budget was adopted by the Liaison Committee during their meeting on July 25.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to approve the proposed Liaison Committee budget, but to consider funding for additional expenses in the future, when presented. Motion carried.

DISTRICT EDITOR REPORT – PDG Jim Leach, Chair, District Editors Committee

One district is featured in each issue of the Lion Pride Magazine. In the past, the “spotlight” has included an editorial from the Governor, the Club of the Month, a membership article, and a district project. Because the articles on membership and district projects have become repetitious, but also due to space constraints and lack of submissions, the committee agreed to discontinue those two items.

The printing schedule for 2009-10 was distributed. Each District Governor is asked to write an editorial for publication in his/her assigned month, as well as providing information on a “Club of the Month.” Lists of previous Clubs of the Month and Governor’s editorial topics were distributed. This year’s publication schedule is as follows:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>District Assignment</u>	<u>Copy Deadline</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Sep/Oct	11 A2	Aug. 15	Sept. 1, 2009
Nov	11 B1	Oct. 15	Nov. 1, 2009

<u>Issue</u>	<u>District Assignment</u>	<u>Copy Deadline</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
Dec	11 D2	Nov. 15	Dec. 1, 2009
Jan/Feb	11 C1	Dec. 15	Jan. 1, 2010
Mar	11 E1	Feb. 15	Mar. 1, 2010
Apr	11 B2	Mar. 15	Apr. 1, 2010
May	11 E2	Apr. 15	May 1, 2010
Jun/Jul	11 D1	May 15	Jun. 1, 2010
Aug	11 C2	July 15	Aug. 1, 2010
Swing	11 A1		

The “swing” district assignment was explained. Nine issues are published each year, but there are 10 districts; therefore, the Governor of the “swing” district is asked to submit his/her information early in the year to fill a vacancy should a District Governor fail to submit the requested items. Otherwise, one issue will feature two districts.

PUBLICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – PDG Jack Becher, Chairman

The committee sees a problem developing, with postal rates increasing each year. Another concern is that the USPS computes postage based on the percentage of advertising each issue contains. This makes the selling of ads a double-edged sword—it creates revenue for the magazine, but more ads precipitate an increase postage fees. In addition, more ads sometimes make it necessary to increase the number of pages to be printed.

Over the past five years, the committee has implemented a number of cost-savings measures. However, options are becoming limited. During the meeting held on August 3, the committee voted to change the page size from 14.5” to 13.5” tall. This will result in an annual savings of approximately \$990. The committee is adamant that they do not want to cut the number of issues published each year. They will meet again in January to re-examine the financial status of the magazine and determine whether additional measures need to be taken.

MOTION – Daoud, seconded, to approve the size change recommended by the Publication Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Concern was expressed about the possibility of an amendment coming forth to charge half price for magazine subscriptions for student/family members. This would result in a reduction in revenue of nearly \$2,500 and would be as devastating as the yearly postage increases. In the current economy, it would be very difficult to ask for a subscription increase, but it might become necessary. It has been 16 years since the rate was last raised.

Each month, the Post Office sends back a large number of “returns” for improper addresses (at 50-cents each). These address changes are forwarded to LCI, but they don’t seem to modify their mailing list accordingly.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to drop the endorsement so returns are not sent back by the Post Office. Motion carried.

TAX ISSUES – Paul Hemeryck, PDG, State Treasurer

By May of 2010, the IRS predicts that half a million nonprofits will lose their tax-exempt status because they failed to file a Form 990-N. Changes in tax laws require ALL nonprofits (including Lions Clubs) to file

some version of the Form 990. Starting in 2008, tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file a Form 990 because their gross receipts were less than \$25,000 were required to file an annual electronic notice, known as Form 990-N. The form has no paper version and must be filed electronically. An organization that fails to file for three consecutive years is dissolved automatically. There are also fines for failure to file; and tax penalties can be a personal liability for the club members. Treasurer Hemeryck will write an article on this topic for publication in the Lion Pride Magazine.

STATE OFFICE RENOVATION REPORT – PDG Mike Johnson

An ad soliciting bids from interested contractors to remodel the Lions State Office was run in the Lion Pride Magazine. No response was received by the deadline date of July 15. PDG Johnson spoke to PDG Joseph Griggs, and they have agreed to take on the project at no profit (just labor and materials) for a total of \$18,000. Griggs would do the construction work, and Johnson would handle the cabinets. Work would start in September and be completed by October.

MOTION – Ryan, seconded to award the bid to Griggs and Johnson at a cost not to exceed \$18,000. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN PARADE SHIRT

MOTION – Ryan, seconded, to lower the price on all shirts to \$10. Motion carried.

MD 11 CONVENTION REPORT – Bob Sturgis, PDG, Chair

The MD 11 Convention takes place on May 21-23, 2010 at Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island. The room rate is \$89 single or double, plus tax. Children 18 and under stay complimentary in parent's room.

The committee agreed that the convention on Mackinac Island needs to be more fun and family-friendly. They suggested changes in the convention agenda to allow more free time for attendees. A breakfast will be scheduled on Saturday morning, followed by the business session. Then attendees will have free time until the banquet that evening. Two committee members are working on arrangements for a golf outing (possibly hosted by the Mackinaw City or Mackinac Island Lions Club), but numerous other tours, attractions and activities are being investigated.

An inspection trip is scheduled in early September. Items to be reviewed include: Ferries service, horse taxis, luggage transfers, meeting space, menus, handicap accessibility, local attractions, cost of bringing bikes over on the ferry, and availability of the mayor or Governor Granholm during the convention.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Jim Williams, PDG, MD 11 Membership Chair

MD 11 realized a net gain in membership last year. MERL efforts this year need to keep the momentum going. Clubs are encouraged to increase public relations efforts because publicity helps promote membership. Use the Michigan Membership Model. Bring in more than one new member at a time.

After completion of the MERL training in Memphis in September, PDG Williams will pass along information to the committee to help them at the district level. Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership Chairs need to work together as a team.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – Ed Weessies, Chairperson

The Constitution and By-Laws of MD 11 contain “housekeeping” provisions that allow the Council of Governors to automatically include changes that have been adopted by LCI without the necessity of a vote by the delegates at the MD Convention. Neither of the amendments approved at the convention in

Minneapolis require changes in the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws. Chairman Weessies noted, however, that the language relating to redistricting should be considered should any redistricting within MD 11 be proposed.

MOTION – Ryan, seconded, to remove from the table the motion to review the procedures for calling and conducting special meetings of the Council. Motion carried.

MOTION – Vredberg, seconded, to accept the explanation from the Constitution and By-Laws Chairman confirming the correctness of the procedures used by this Council for regular and special meetings. Motion carried.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to ask DG Terry Walters to obtain three professionals (i.e., high school or high school arts instructors) to assist in judging entries for the Peace Poster Contest. Two additional judges shall be Lions members. Motion carried (opposed by Daoud, 11 A1).

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to award a \$50 check to the multiple district winner of the Peace Poster Contest. Motion carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to have a display of the district winners of the Peace Poster Contest at the Michigan Forum. Motion carried.

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POLICY MANUAL CHANGES

PDG Hemeryck pointed out a conflict between language in the Policy Manual and the Constitution regarding the appointment of the State Treasurer.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to appoint Paul Hemeryck as State Treasurer for 2009-2010. Motion carried.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to place the terms of office for committee appointees in the Policy Manual. Motion carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to change the color of the parade uniform pants from white to tan/khaki. Motion carried.

The Governors discussed changing the parade shirt for Australia, but decided that a phase-out period is needed to sell the remaining inventory of shirts.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to keep the current shirt as the official parade attire for Australia, but to obtain an American flag patch to be worn on the left sleeve. Motion carried.

MOTION – Holler, seconded, to eliminate the section on term limits from the Policy Manual. Motion defeated, 8-1.

MOTION – Daoud, seconded, to change the wording under Patches to read, “One District Governor patch and one Partner patch (if applicable) will be provided to each Governor-Elect, and one VDG patch to each **First and Second** Vice Governor-Elect, with the cost to be paid by the Council and Committee Account. One name badge for each **First and Second** VDG and partner (if applicable) will also be provided, with the cost paid by the same account. Motion carried (opposed by C2 and E1).

MOTION – Walters, seconded, to delete reimbursement for spouse travel to the International Convention for the State Treasurer and Executive Director. Motion carried.

MOTION – Daoud, seconded, to change to six the number of days at the Lions International Convention that meals and hotel expenses will be reimbursed for the State Treasurer, Executive Director, and International Convention Chairperson—i.e., arrival the day before the official start of the convention (usually Sunday) and departure the day after adjournment of the convention (usually Saturday). Also to change the number of days at the Lions International Convention that meals and hotel expenses will be reimbursed for the Liaison Chairperson, depending on whether the Lions of Michigan have an endorsed candidate for International Director or 2nd International Vice President. The number days shall be seven when there is a candidate (Saturday arrival/Saturday departure) and six when there is no candidate (Sunday arrival/Saturday departure). Motion carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to authorize the purchase of a digital conference recorder with satellite speakers at a cost not to exceed \$1,500, with the money to come from the Office Fund. Motion carried.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to eliminate the section entitled “Pre-Convention Inspection Trip” under the directives for the International Convention Committee, and to request that the committee chairperson gather information online or via email or telephone. Motion carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to eliminate payment of the \$50/day stipend to members of the International Convention Committee who attend the convention. Motion carried.

MOTION – Daoud, seconded, to adopt the Policy Manual with the modifications approved during the August 2009 Council Meeting. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MD RETENTION CHAIRPERSON

Governor Bodem reported that a potential candidate from 11 E2 had declined the position. Governor Storberg reported that he was unable to reach a potential candidate from his district. All Governors were encouraged to submit names of applicants to the State Office as soon as possible. Training for MD MERL Chairs is scheduled to take place after the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis in September.

Meeting adjourned.