

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
MISSION POINT RESORT, MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN
FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Sugar Loaf Room of the Conference Center at Mission Point Resort. District 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; Bob Ryan, 11 D2; Wayne Kreitner, 11 E1; Beverly Bodem, 11 E2; and Don Wojakowski, SD 10. Vice District Governors in attendance were: Linda Tate, 11 A1; Jim Bone, 11 A2; Barb Treichel, 11 B1; Don Brown, 11 B2; Fran Osborne, 11 C1; Marion Ramer, 11 C2; Gary McCray, 11 D1; Jerry Howard, 11 D2; Laura Johnson, 11 E1; and Bill Stenback, 11 E2. Also present were: ID Carl Young; PID Dennis Cobler; Council Chair Bob Jenkins; CC-Elect Frank Cunningham; State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck; and Executive Secretary Mary Brown.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

MOTION – Daoud, Wojakowski, to approve the proposed agenda. Carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, Storberg, to approve the minutes of the March 2010 Council Meeting. Carried.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Esther LaMothe, PDG

When she accepted the Leadership Development Chairmanship last year, Esther LaMothe took it for one year and agreed to mentor a successor (Dr. Tom Doyle). She announced her intention to step down, effective July 1, 2010. She will be serving in positions on the Michigan Eye Bank and Bear Lake Camp Boards next year.

MOTION – Walters, Storberg, to accept Esther LaMothe’s resignation, with regrets. Carried.

MOTION – Vredberg, Storberg, to recommend that the 2010-11 Governors appoint Dr. Tom Doyle to fill the remaining term as MD 11 Leadership Development Chair. Carried.

REVIEW OF CAMPAIGN HANDOUTS

Campaign handouts for Dr. Gary Anderson and Linda Bosma were reviewed by the Council of Governors.

MOTION – Kreitner, Storberg, to approve the handouts as presented. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Past District Governor name badges and decals were distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

The magazine shows a small profit through April. It probably will break even by the end of the year. Postage increases continue to impact the bottom line; however, some of this cost has been offset by eliminating mailings to family members.

Falling interest rates and the family/student dues structure implemented last year have had a negative impact on revenues. Treasure Hemeryck urged the incoming Governors to study the financial situation

of MD 11 carefully. Continuing declines in membership might make it necessary to implement additional cost cuts and/or raise dues.

A committee was appointed to make recommendations regarding the Grace Lange Memorial Fund. It will be composed of Kevin Storberg, Terry Walters, Bob Ryan, Paul Hemeryck, and Frank Cunningham.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL RECORDS

CPA Bob Heemer has offered to audit the 2009-10 financial records for the Lions of Michigan/Magazine.

MOTION – Storberg, Ryan, to approve Bob Heemer to perform the annual audit. Carried.

MD 11 CONVENTION REPORT – PDG Bob Sturgis

Pre-registration figures show 445 people registered for the convention. Meal totals are: Saturday breakfast - 276; and Saturday Banquet -341. These figures are significantly higher than last year.

Each Governor received a booklet of agendas, introductions and seating arrangements. They were asked to facilitate the voting process by assisting with credentials and elections.

The 2011 convention will be held in Auburn Hills at Marriott Centerpoint. The 2012 convention will take place at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids.

LIAISON REPORT – PID Bill Hansen (via conference call)

The MERL program is likely to undergo changes in the upcoming year. LCI will present a dues increase proposal at the convention in Busan, Korea or Hamburg, Germany (\$4 per member per year).

There will be 14 candidates running for seven United States seats on the International Board this year. Michigan definitely will not get two of these slots—and there is no assurance that they will get one. The Liaison Committee will meet tomorrow afternoon with the Council of Governors and Michigan’s endorsed candidates (SD 10 and MD 11)for the purpose of reviewing and approving their campaign budgets.

EVALUATIONS

The Governors commended Paul Hemeryck for the time and effort he puts in as State Treasurer.

MOTION – Vredberg, Daoud, to recommend that the DGEs retain Paul Hemeryck as State Treasurer next year. Carried.

MOTION – Vredberg, Storberg, to use the same evaluation form to evaluate the State Treasurer that is used for committee chairs. Carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, Storberg, to donate \$150 from the tail twister fines toward a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow for Paul Hemeryck. Carried.

MOTION – Storberg, Vredberg, to amend the amount to \$250. Carried.

VOTE ON THE AMENDED MOTION – Carried.

MOTION – made and seconded to approve a \$1,000 bonus for Mary Brown. Carried, 8 to 2.

GIFT PRESENTATIONS

Gifts were presented to Council Chair Bob Jenkins, Vice Council Chair Wayne Kreitner, and PID Dennis Cobler.

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Governor Storberg lamented the decline in attendance at district conventions. Governor Holler spoke against consolidation of all of the district conventions into one big multiple district convention.

WRITTEN REPORTS

The written reports submitted by committee chairs will be included as part of the minutes of the MD 11 Convention. These reports include: All State Band, Hearing, Information Technology, International Convention, Leader Dog, Leadership Development, Lion Pride Magazine, Membership, Michigan Forum, Orientation, Retention, Sight Conservation/Diabetes Awareness, Welcome Homes, White Cane, and Youth Exchange.

MOTION – Kreitner, Vredberg, to receive all of the written reports. Carried.

REVISIT COUNCIL GOALS

The Council established two goals at the beginning of the year: (1) to reduce membership drops by 13% and (2) to implement a multiple district orientation program. They are well on their way to achieving the retention goal. All districts have Orientation Chairs, and many clubs have appointed one as well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Addendum: On Saturday, May 22, 2010, the following motion was presented:

MOTION – Daoud, Holler, to approve the wording of a resolution of appreciation for PID Larry and Harriet Young, as drafted by Lion Ed Weessies. Motion carried.

Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS, PID William “Larry” and Harriet Young have given their lives to the service of their fellow man, and

WHEREAS, PID Larry and Harriet Young have served the Lions of the world with honor and devotion, and

WHEREAS, PID Larry and Harriet Young have served the Lions of Multiple District 11, especially District 11 A1, promoting Lionism, recruiting new members, and encouraging service to the citizens of their area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lions of Multiple District 11 do hereby express their gratitude to PID Larry and Harriet Young for their many years of service.