

Lions International

Multiple District 11

(Lower Michigan)



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**4th Council of Governors Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Grand Rapids, MI
February 16-17, 2018**

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The fourth meeting of the 2017-2018 Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chair Peggy Allen at 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI. Governors in attendance were: DG Terry Treppa, A1; DG John Bingham, Jr., A2; DG LuAnne Bullington, B1; DG Barb Stutesman, B2; DG Julie May, C1; DG Brent Beracy, C2; DG Jeff Hunt, D1; DG Fred Sullivan, D2; DG Peggy Walls, E1; DG Bob Gingerich, E2. 1st Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Shirley Kelly, A1; VDG Jack Patton, A2; VDG Roger Spriggs, B1; VDG Fran Grabowski, B2; DG Joe Bogar, D1; DG Jack Kriete, D2; VDG Al Roeseler, E1. 2nd Vice District Governors in attendance were: VDG Bruce LaBelle, SD 10; VDG Norris Turner, A1; Michael Scott, 11 B1; VDG Steve VanTol, D1; VDG Don Spinks, D2; VDG Jackie Glazier, E1. Also in attendance: Council Chair Peggy Allen, State Treasurer PCC Paul Hemeryck, PDG Jeff Mayuiers, GLT Chair; Lion Lula Gardfrey, GMT Chair; IPCC Justin Faber, GST Chair; Council Chair Elect Barry Allen; PIDs Esther LaMothe and Gary Anderson; International Director Jenny Ware and Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director.

The meeting began with the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and song.

Changes to the agenda were proposed: Move from Sunday to Saturday, Public Relations report; add to New Business Executive Director's attendance at LCI-Con;

MOTION: Beracy, Stutesman, to approve changes to the agenda. Motion carried.

MOTION: Gingerich, Beracy, to approve the minutes of the December 2017 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION: Gingerich, Bingham, Jr., to approve the Written Reports as submitted. Motion carried.

Lion Ed Weessies provided a report on mandates to the Constitution and By-Laws by Lions Clubs International. Changes were acknowledged and supported by the Governors, and updates will be added to the MD 11 Constitution and By Laws.

Public Relations Report –Lion Laura Hunt, MD 11 Chair

The initial order of 550 signs was delivered at the December Council of Governors meeting. Since that time, 3,050 were purchased by clubs though out the entire state. Signs were delivered to the Crowne Plaza and dispersed at the Michigan Forum. District 11 D2 ordered the largest quantity: 530 signs. Lion Laura asked if there was interest in placing an order for additional signs. Governor Jeff Hunt pointed out there would be a minimum quantity required to receive the lowest price. Governors were instructed to contact Lion Laura if they would like to order more, and she will follow up on orders at a later date to see what quantity is requested.

MD 11 Convention Report –PDG Bob Sturgis, MD 11 Chair

There will be two breakout sessions added to the Friday agenda this year at the convention. This is to allow for more educational learning opportunities for attendees and activities for those arriving early for the convention. Five (5) breakout sessions in all will be offered: Nutrition for the Diabetic; Human Trafficking; Recruiting in a New Century of Service; Diabetes

Awareness/Prevention and Travel Tips to LCI-Con Las Vegas. The pre-convention picnic will be held at Lions Bear Lake Camp. GST Chair Justin Faber is working on a service project for all attendees to participate in. The GST committee is looking into providing something to benefit the campers, and will work with Director Dennis Tomkins on suggestions.

VP Gudrun has officially accepted our invitation to attend. We have requested her arrival date to be on Thursday, hoping she will attend the picnic. This year's theme is "Kicking Off a New Century of Service." Friday night we will have a band perform. The Bayou River Band is a 6-piece band from Mason. Asked if there would be a theme for the evening, Lion Bob explained that the committee felt with dwindling participation from the attendees dressing up, they would forego promoting a themed event. A suggestion was made to play off of the "Bayou" theme to tie it in with the band, and Lion Bob said it would certainly be considered.

PDG Sturgis reported that suggestions for the 2020 location are welcome, and to send any referrals to Lion Wendy. He noted once again that smaller Districts wishing to hold one-day conventions could do so at the MD 11 Convention. 2019's MD Convention will be at the Center Pointe Marriott, Pontiac.

PCC Jim Pettinato expressed a desire to fire up the golf outing which was held in the past during the convention. He was encouraged to move forward on a plan to include golfing at the convention again this year.

Lions Bear Lake Camp Report –PCC Jim Pettinato, MD 11 Chair

2017 was another great year at camp, involving 461 special needs children. There was a celebration of Big Al's 50th year as a Lion, which had a great turnout. A Classic Car and Motorcycle event raised \$1,500.00 for the camp. Future fundraising events include a golf outing and wild boar dinner. Grants have been applied for to help offset costs of repairs on the 20-year old building.

Saturday, May 12 is the Annual Worker Bee Day. Cost for overnight stay and breakfast is \$10.00. Sunday, July 1 is the Open House that all Lions and guests are welcome to attend. A new design was revealed for a covered porch for the dining hall. Special funding has been received and the project should begin soon.

Total Lions Clubs donations last year were \$169,964.00 and all districts in MD 11 and SD 10 showed financial support.

Global Leadership Team Report –PDG Jeff Mayuiers, MD 11 Chair

After a very active quarter for GLT, Friday was the final training for the Vice District Governors. During their time spent together, VDGs created 28 modules to work from. The appropriate forms have been submitted to LCI for application of funds to offset training expenses. GLT District Chairs have been instructed to apply for available funds from LCI. \$250.00 is available for each district.

Global Membership Team Report –Lion Lula Gardfrey, MD 11 Chair

LCI has approved funding for Phase I of the Women's Symposium. Up to \$2,000.00 is available if the entire program is approved. Lion Lula will provide the paperwork and hopes to be approved on all aspects of the symposium as outlined by LCI.

Membership: Through January 2018, SD 10 has 55 Clubs and a membership of 1,465, which is down by 34 members. MD 11 has 382 Clubs and 10,439 members, which is down by 185. It has been reported by District GMT Chairs that some are working diligently to start new clubs; membership recruitment plans are underway; presentations are scheduled for clubs and potential groups to discuss benefits of membership.

The entire GMT committee will meet in March at the Lions State Office to continue work on:

- Increasing club membership growth by 2%

- Decrease drops by 5%

- Increase new club adds by 2%

- Reduce non-reporting of activities to LCI by 50%

- Increase female membership by 1%

- Increase leadership development of members by 1%

There will be a breakout session at the MD 11 Convention on “Recruitment in a New Century” by members of the GMT.

Global Service Team Report –IPCC Justin Faber, MD 11 Chair

Over 100 participated in assembling and packaging just over 1,000 first aids kits, which were donated to Special Olympics coaches and volunteers in Michigan. This was an outstanding service project, led by the Global Service Team, and included participation from all of MD 11 and SD 10, making this a state-wide project of the Lions of Michigan. The Lions of Michigan Foundation generously donated the cost of the zippered bags, which included the logos of LMF, Lions of Michigan name, and MI Special Olympics. IPCC Justin encouraged everyone to report their service to LCI.

Another service project is in the works to benefit Lions Bear Lake Camp. The GST is working on filling backpacks with camping needs for summer campers. The GST committee will meet soon to discuss this event.

IPCC Justin asked the Council to consider a partnership with the Masons by working together on a service project as a means of greater exposure to our association.

Tail Twister fines were collected by DG John Bingham, Jr., and the meeting was recessed until 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

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LCI Update –International Director Jenny Ware

ID Jenny serves on the Long-Range Planning Committee. The committee is working toward the goal of having phones staffed around the globe to answer calls nearly 24/7. With offices in India, Tokyo and the US, this has become a necessity. “Business as the sunsets/sun rises” will be implemented soon.

As Governors prepare for their guest speakers to arrive for upcoming conventions, questions may arise on hosting protocol. PID Esther LaMothe will assist with any questions that need immediate answers.

At the MD 11 Convention, there will be a brief Liaison committee meeting following the close of voting after the Business Session. This meeting will include Liaison committee members, seated Governors, Council Chair and International Director Candidates. At this time, IPCC Justin Faber is the only candidate. IPCC Faber will have a budget prepared for his trip to Las Vegas. Per the MD 11 Policy Manual, funds are available for certain expenses. If IPCC Justin is asked to step back by LCI and return in Milan, the budget/reimbursement schedule will change. An endorsement for International Director Candidates remains intact for three (3) years.

Notable upcoming events at LCI: Leo Clubs are celebrating 60 years; LCIF is celebrating 50 years. A new, \$300 million Capital Campaign will be unveiled during the convention in Las Vegas. This 3-year fundraising effort will enhance the Sight-First program and tie in all five (5) service platforms. IPIP Corlew will chair this event, and ID Jenny has been asked to serve as vice-chair of the Capital Campaign. The US is broken into seven (7) areas and PID Esther LaMothe has been named an area leader, which encompasses Michigan, and PID Gary Anderson will chair the personal donor committee for the Capital Campaign.

Financial Report –PCC Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

Treasurer Paul Hemeryck provided copies of the financial report showing all account records through January 31, 2018. There were no reports of unusual activity for the first six (6) months of the year. The Leadership Institute was down financially, but it is hoped that the LCI Grant will be approved for 2019 and Treasurer Paul does not see this as an ongoing trend.

The investment account showed a very healthy gain of \$27,689.74. Hopefully, that will remain the trend for the next few months. Most all of the Districts have paid their 2nd half dues statements. Lion Wendy has consulted with Treasurer Paul on ways to handle clubs who feel they should not owe for members who dropped after December 31. Treasurer Paul explained to the Governors that Lion Wendy sends out membership dues statements twice a year, based upon LCI’s membership totals provided through June 30 and December 31. Lions of Michigan do not pro-rate dues or give rebates. When billed in January, districts are actually paying for the previous 6 months. LCI’s structure is different from the Lions of Michigan. Governors were

reminded that the membership numbers cannot be altered from the statements sent to the District Treasurer.

When asked if there were other ways to raise funds for the administrative fund, Treasurer Paul state the only other option for raising money is to raise dues.

MOTION: Beracy, Stutesman, to receive the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

Lions Michigan Forum Report –Lion Wendy Burns

265 pre-registered for the Forum this year, down from 310 last year. This could have been due to the location change, but the committee felt strongly that a change from the Lansing location was for the best. In 2019, the committee voted to move the Forum to Grand Blanc, Holiday Inn Gateway Center. One reason for this was the lack of availability at the Crowne Plaza. As reported, the service project was well supported and well attended! Next year, we will improve on the size of space allowed for a large project. The multiple boxes of first aid kits will be transported to CMU's Special Olympics headquarters. Evaluations will be reviewed for follow up with the committee. PCC Linda Tate will be in her third year as Chair in 2019. This term will end after that, and the decision can be made next year as to a new chair or even a renewal of the current chair's service to this committee. Merchandise has become a big hit at the Forum, with shirts, hats and pins selling well.

Lions of Michigan Foundation – Council Chair Peggy Allen

Lion Chad McCann, Executive Director for the Lions of MI Foundation, has applied for an LCIF Standard Grant for a Multiple District 11 and Single District 10 KidSight Expansion Project. The Foundation has applied for a \$47,000.00 grant which would enable them to obtain three fully equipped KidSight Mobile Vision Screening Units and eight new hand-held electronic vision screening devices. Lions of Michigan Foundation will cover all costs to maintain equipment and insurance, as well as reimburse Lions for mileage. Their goal is to successfully assist in vision screening.

MOTION: Treppa, Bullington, to approve the Lions of Michigan Foundation LCIF Standard Grant Application for a Multiple District 11 and Single District 10 KidSight Program Expansion Project. Management of all aspects of the funds for the Michigan KidSight Program to be managed by the Lions of Michigan Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications –Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director

Governors were provided with flags to represent the state/country their guest speaker resides in for use at District Conventions. Governor, VDG and PDG crests for 2018-2019's Council were provided to them, as well. Crests can be presented during the District Convention if desired.

The MD 11 Convention will kick off with a picnic at Lion Bear Lake Camp. It is hoped that VP Gudrun's travel plans will allow for her to arrive early enough to attend. We are still working on transportation to/from Bear Lake. Registration, additional forms and convention details can be located on the Lions of Michigan website. Governor's note: Complete the registration form and return. You do not pay for registration for you or your partner.

Governors were asked to vote on meeting locations for the 2018-2019 Lion year. Proposed dates and locations:

Friday, August 3-Saturday, August 4, 2018	Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids
Friday, October 5-Saturday, October 6, 2018	Quality Suites, St. Ignace
Friday, November 30-Saturday, December 1, 2018	Holiday Inn Grand Blanc
Saturday, February 23- Sunday, February 24, 2019	Holiday Inn Grand Blanc
Friday, May 17, 2019	Marriott Hotel, Pontiac

MOTION: Bingham, Jr., Gingerich, to approve the dates and locations of the 2018-2019 Council of Governors meeting. Motion carried.

Defense Against Diabetes –DG Peggy Walls

District 11 E1 was highly successful in obtaining and executing a \$45,000.00 grant from LCIF for diabetes. The money enabled them to implement a pilot program, Defense Against Diabetes. The program covers Diabetic Retinopathy screenings, nutrition education and A1C screenings. The committee members worked with professionals throughout the district. Not only were they able to complete a very successful project, they were able to show what Lions contribute to our state.

Governor Walls asked the council for support in applying for a Core 4 Grant through LCIF and raise matching funds from each club, enabling us to implement the “Defense Against Diabetes” program as outlined by District 11 E1.

There are several options for consideration:

- Each club donates \$100, generating close to 50,000.00 for a 25% match.

- With a 25% match from Lions of Michigan, we would qualify for \$150,00.00 from LCIF.

- The amount of funds dispersed to each district would be based upon how much they raised.

- Each District would appoint a fund administrator, project coordinator and treasurer.

- There would be a designated state fund administrator and project coordinator.

With the experience already behind the process, the E1 Committee Chairs PDG Ron Gibson and Lion Bill Bradfield have agreed to provide training to the districts. It was noted that LCIF recommends a state proposal as opposed to individual district requests. This is a highly effective way to support our diabetes service and gain exposure as Lions in our state.

DG Walls asked for approval to enable the grant be submitted by the May 18 deadline.

MOTION: Gingerich, Bullington, to support application for a Core-4 Grant for MD 11 and SD 10 to be used for Defense Against Diabetes.

DG Beracy was in support of these efforts to focus on diabetes in Michigan. VDG LaBelle questioned whether a Core 4 Grant need be a vote of the membership, and it was determined that is not required. DG Hunt praised the E1 Committee who so successfully paved the way for others who intend to follow this program. PID Anderson warned the council not to rush the application process in order to meet a May deadline. All grant applications received before May 18 will be submitted to LCIF for review at the June board meeting. Applications after that date will still be reviewed at future board meetings.

DG Gingrich withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Beracy, Hunt, to form a review committee to begin the process of gaining approval and support from each District in MD 11 and SD 10 to apply for a Core-4 Grant for the Defense Against Diabetes project. Motion carried.

PID Anderson reminded the council that money raised for the grant by clubs must be “new” money raised, not existing administrative funds. ID Ware recommended a committee be appointed to review the grant and report to the Council of Governors in May. Governor Treppa suggested our Sight and Diabetes State Chair work with the team of District Chairs, forming the committee to oversee the project. It was also pointed out that if a district wishes to abstain from participating, this will not disqualify us for a grant.

Leader Dogs for the Blind –Council Chair Peggy Allen

Council Chair Allen received an update from Leader Dog on the incident regarding the person making slanderous comments after the death of a Leader Dog. The following statement was read:

“Miller Canfield is pursuing every remedy available to Leader Dog. We have learned we are not the only victims of this person’s penchant for making false statements, as she has made many false and hateful statements online. We have chosen to confront her and secured a preliminary injunction. Since then, she has failed to answer numerous information demands made by our attorneys. Her own attorney has apparently been unable to secure her cooperation. At the appropriate time, our attorneys will secure a permanent injunction that should put an end to this nonsense.”

LCI Leo of the Year Nominations –District Governors

LCI nominations for Leo of the Year were reviewed. This award is available to any current Leo club member who is in good standing, meets membership age requirements, has all the required endorsements, and is not a previous recipient of the award. Each multiple district or single district (not a sub-district of a multiple district) may nominate one Leo annually.

With just two Districts submitting nominations to be considered for LCI’s Leo of the Year Award, the Governors held discussion on the process. Feeling that they were rushing to gather information on a Leo member and submit it in time for a vote at the February meeting, it was agreed time would be extended to the Governors.

A March 15 deadline was set for each DG to submit a nominee for Leo of the Year to either Lion Wendy or Council Chair Peggy. All nominee forms will be sent in a group email to the Governors who will personally rank highest to lowest, their choice of nominee. Governors will send their vote to the Council via email no later than March 22, 2018.

It is the job of the Leo Club Advisor to certify the information on the application and the Council Chair sign the application submitted to LCI, confirming this nomination has been approved by the MD 11 Council of Governors.

Governor Julie May reminded fellow Governors the rules of electronic voting state you must “reply all” when submitting your vote. Governor Luanne Bullington clarified that all applications be sent to Council Chair Allen by March 15; rank in order of preference your

selection of nominee. March 22 Council Chair Allen is to submit with her signature one nominee from MD 11.

MOTION: Hunt, Bingham Jr., to submit all District Leo of the Year nominations to Council Chair Allen by March 15 and to send an electronic vote by March 22. One nomination will be submitted to Lions Clubs International for consideration. Motion carried.

VCC Jeff Hunt pointed out that with so many different award nominations allowed by LCI and no annual list of award timeline, there isn't a set protocol to follow. Governor Brent is looking into creating a list of awards/submission dates to prevent rushing into nominations in the future.

USA/Canada Forum Report –Lion Cheryl Anderson, Chair

The Columbus Forum is September 20-22. Registration is \$260.00 for the Early Bird rate and will go up after May 31. Over 80 seminars and four (4) meals are included in the rate. 715 are currently registered to attend the Forum.

Keynote speakers include: John Pinero; Micelle; VP Gudrun Yngvadottir and Jon Petz. Lions University grads will walk the stage to receive their diplomas.

As we get closer to the date, Lion Cheryl will ask for volunteers to assist with various activities.

PID Gary Anderson challenged the District Governors to bring in the most attendees from Michigan. Each year at the Forum, one Multiple District receives an award for the most attendees. In 2017, the Forum in Grand Rapids MI, Ohio won this award.

International Convention –Vice Council Chair Jeff Hunt

PDG Bill Simpson, LCI-Con Chair, approached Council Chair Allen with a request to ask the Governors to consider sending Executive Director Wendy to the convention in Las Vegas. He stated her support in 2017 was of great assistance in helping to coordinate events at the hotel and during the Michigan Night. Expense reimbursement is outlined in the MD 11 Policy Manual and states it is a decision of each Council to determine if the Executive Director attends the International Convention. PDG Simpson asked for a motion of support.

MOTION: Treppa, Stutesman, to send the Executive Director to this year's LCI-Convention in Las Vegas, NV, with expenses paid as outlined in the MD 11 Policy manual. 9 votes in support; Walls, E1, opposed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

VDG Jack Kreite brought up the Environmental Photo Contest and inquired as to whether or not LCI has made changes to the contest. No updates have been made to their website at this time, and the assumption was the rules remain the same.

Review of State Treasurer & Executive Director

1st and 2nd VDG's were given the option to remain for the State Treasurer and Executive Director annual reviews. The Governor's went into closed session and all others were dismissed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director