



The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District 27-Wisconsin

MINUTES

2014-2015 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Best Western Hotel, Plover

March 7, 2015

8:00 AM.

1 **Call to order by Council Chair Connie LeCleur-Meyer at 8:00 A.M.**

Those present were:

Council Chair C. LeCleur-Meyer

DG D. Eberhardt, Jr., A1

DG C. Steinmetz, A2

DG G. Silah, B1

DG F. Sanderson, B2

DG E. Hartvig, C1

DG M. Suckow, C2

DG R. Harrison, D1

DG S. Redington, D2

DG D. LeFaive, E1

DG P. Sandness, E2

VDG M. Drew, A1

VDG R. Klockow, A2

VDG M. Henke, B1

VDG S. Selner, B2

VDG R. Henning, C1

VDG G. Krug, C2

VDG D. Schwedersky, D1

VDG G. Daines, D2

VDG L. Bradley, E1

VDG J. Nesseth, E2

2nd VDG G. Posorske, A1

2nd VDG D. Montaine, A2

2nd VDG G. Schlender, B2

2nd VDG M. Lorbitske, C2

2nd VDG E. Holthaus, D1

2nd VDG J. Olson, D2

IPID, GLT Coord. Mark Hintzmann

PID, GMT Coord. Art Marson

PID, LCIF Coord. Wayne Heiman

PID Peter Cerniglia

PID Phil Ingwell

WLF Pres., Lee Vrieze

GLT Coord., IPDG Greg Pryor, A1

IPDG Dawn Christensen, B1

PDG, PDGO Dave Sievert

PDG, LEBW Shirley Lemke

Lion Jodi Burmester

PDG, State Conv Coord. John Jenson, D1

DG Spouse Don Hartvig, C1 Lion Jo Marson, D2
DG Spouse Kim Steinmetz, A2 VDG Spouse Diane Henke, B1
VDG Spouse, Patty Krug, C2 DG Partner, Amy Erickson, D2
DG Spouse Ken LaFaive, E1 VDG Spouse, Doris Bradley, E1
DG Spouse Brian Sandness, E2 VDG spouse Stacey Nesseth, E2
WLF Pres. Spouse Mary Vrieze, E1 VDG spouse Vonnie Henning, C1

- 1 **Call to order** – Council Chair Connie LeCleir-Meyer
- 2 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Council Chair/Council Chair-Elect, DG Evett Hartvig
- 3 **Song** – DG Pat Sandness
- 4 **Prayer** – DG Pat Sandness
- 5 **Introduction of incoming Council / / Opening remarks** – CC Connie LeCleir-Meyer
CC Connie asked the DG’s to introduce their 1st VDG and asked the 1st VDG to please inform the rest of the current Council what their position/role will be on the Council next year.
- 6 **Approval of Agenda** – CC Connie LeCleir-Meyer
Motion #84 by DG Redington/DGHarrison to approve the agenda. 10-0 carried
- 7 **Approval of January COG Minutes** – DG Pat Sandness
Motion #85 by DG Eberhardt/DG Hartvig to approve the January COG minutes.
10-0 carried
- 8 **Correspondence** – DG Pat Sandness
None
- 9 **LCI Committees and Reports**
 - A. ID Karla Harris – **REPORT**
PID Mark spoke in ID Karla’s absence and stated that ID Karla will be sending recipients of awards to DG’s so they can make sure they are there for the presentation at the State Convention.
 - B. International Relations Committee – ID Karla Harris
 - C. LCIF – PID Wayne Heiman – **REPORT**
Motion #86 by DG Steinmetz/DG Redington to recommend PID Wayne for another 3 years as LCIF Coordinator. 10-0 carried
 - D. Alert – PDG Joe Fisher
 - E. Global Leadership Team – IPDG Greg Pryor/IPID Mark Hintzmann – **REPORT**
2nd VDG new committee member for Finance Cmte is Jim Olson.
2nd VDG new committee member for Editorial Board Cmte is Eric Holthaus.

The VDG’s sat in on the Friday night Council session in preparation for their upcoming year.

DG Delores informed all on the funeral arrangements for 2nd VDG Alan Sackrider. Any donations should be made to the Lions area of your choice. 2nd VDG Alan loved his wife Salena and the Lions of WI very much and will be greatly missed.

- F. Global Membership Team – PID Art Marson
CC Connie reconfirmed PID Art Marson as Global Membership Team Leader, PDG Greg Pryor as co-GLT Leadership Team Leader and PID Mark Hintzmann will continue as needed as co-GLT Leadership Team Leader.
- G. International Convention Committee – PDG John Jenson – **REPORT**
There are currently 47 Lions going to the Int’l Convention. The next cutoff date is March 31st, afterwards the registration will go up another \$20. The WI parade position is in the front this year. Space has been secured for the Council meeting.
- H. Leo Chairperson – NEED CHAIRPERSON
- I. Lions Services for Children – NEED CHAIRPERSON
- J. Protocol Chair – PID Art Marson
- K. Public Relations Coordinator – Lion Jodi Burmester
2nd VDG Eric Holthaus has stepped up to be the driving force of the directory this year, as Lion Jodi steps down. Eric has sent out an excel spreadsheet to all DGE’s for them to fill out. Eric will need that returned to him by May 1st.

The Council has asked to allow the PR committee to move forward with a test run of our emails of our system with a service called “Constant Contact”. This would be a FREE trial with a goal of how many emails are actually accurate in our data base. LCI currently uses Constant Contact. We would use it to hopefully promote the state convention and anything else that the Council would like to promote.

Motion #87 by DG Eberhardt/DG Hartvig to approve the PR committee to move forward with a test run of “Constant Contact”. 9-1 carried

Question was brought up if this would be a manual system that would require data entry. Jodi’s answer to this is “NO”. The information would come directly from LCI and would be updated monthly.

- L. Quest Chairperson – Lion Joanne Heup
- M. Youth Exchange – DG Marla Suckow – **REPORT**
DG Marla commended 2nd VDG Diane on the great work she does with Youth Exchange.
- N. Youth Outreach - NEED CHAIRPERSON

10 **MD27 / State Committees and Reports**

- A. Birch-Sturm Endowment – DG Gary Silah
- B. Diabetes Focus Group – Lion Jerry Gibbons
- C. Lioness Affiliate – Cindy Noack
It is with regret that Lion Dennis must resign as MD Affiliate Chair after this year due to a work commitment at the King Veterans home.

Motion #88 by DG Suckow/DG LaFaive for CC Connie to submit article in newspaper for the MD Affiliate Chair position.

- D. Lioness Affiliate Liaison – Lion Dennis Daniels

- E. Lions Pride Endowment – DG Pat Sandness – **REPORT**
Audit will be completed and a copy sent to the state office per policy.
Update: there are currently 150 Ray Hempel Fellowships.
- F. Merchandise – DG Chuck Steinmetz
If the DG's have any pins that they would like to return and get credit on their invoices, please return them to Kathy asap.
- G. PDG Organization - PDG Dave Hempel – **REPORT**
PDG Dave Sievert spoke on behalf for PDGO President Dave Hempel.
DG's are encouraged to join the PDGO after their year on the Council, so as they can provide leadership to others coming up the ranks. Dues are \$15/year or \$150/lifetime. They currently have approx. 101 lifetime members and approx. 25 annual members.

The PDGO meets 3 times a year. Last week of Sept, first week of Feb and then again at the MD convention.

- H. Research and Long Range Planning Committee
- I. State Bowling Committee - Lion Edd Hanke - **REPORT**
- J. State Curling Committee – Lion Dave Lemke
- K. State Newspaper – DG Marla Suckow – **REPORT**
It was discussed/recommended by the editorial board to have the Wi Lions newspaper reduced to 10 issues a year instead of the current 12 issues. By combining the July/August and the Dec/Jan issues, cost reduction would be \$16,000 based on current rates.

Motion #89 by DG Suckow/DG LaFaive to reduce the number of issues to 10/year immediately. This is a 1 year change only to help ease the current budget. 10-0 carried

The next years Council will address the issues of the newspaper and any changes they would like to make next year.

It was also discussed to have the current newspaper online by Jan 2016 and reduced to an 8 ½ x 11 format.

Per Jodi, the incoming Council will need to attend a training session for 1 hour at the state convention.

- L. State Pin Committee - PDG Robert Blunck – **REPORT**
Motion #90 by DG Eberhardt/DG Steinmetz to order 4400 of the 2016 pins.
10-0 carried
- M. State Resolutions-Constitution and By-Laws Committee - PDG John Jenson - **REPORT**
Motion #91 by DG Hartvig/DG Sanderson to approve Resolution #1 which provides language to allow an alternate date to be selected for the State Convention with the approval of the Council of Governors. 0-10 opposition

Motion #92 by DG Eberhardt/DG Sanderson to approve Resolution #1 with changes which states that we change the wording to be the 1st full 3 weekends be available for the state convention. 10-0 carried

Motion #93 by DG Redington/DG Hartvig to approve Resolution #2 which will allow an option for the selection of a Council Chair from Governors of the Council. 10-0 carried

- N. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
Per PID Mark, seminars will be starting Thursday morning.
There is a bus going from WI and being organized by PID Peter. This is also on the state website.
- O. Wisconsin Lions Foundation – DG Shawn Redington – **REPORT**
Motion #94 by DG Steinmetz/DG Suckow to approve the Lions camp project.
10-0 carried
Motion #95 by DG Redington/DG Silah to approve Eye Glass Recycling project.
10-0 carried
Motion #96 by DG Sandness/DG LaFaive to approve Hearing Aide project.
10-0 carried
Motion #97 by DG Eberhardt/DG Suckow to approve Vision Screening project.
10-0 carried
Motion #98 by DG Sanderson/DG Redington to approve Diabetes project.
10-0 carried
- P. Personnel (in closed session, if necessary)
Motion #99 by DG Suckow/DG Eberhardt to go into closed session for personnel at 9:36 a.m. 10-0 carried
Reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

11 **Initiatives Supported by the Lions of Wisconsin**

- A. Leader Dog – DG Chuck Steinmetz
- B. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – DG Fred Sanderson – **REPORT**
Lion Shirley Lemke, President of LEBW addressed the Council on the LEBW report.
- C. Restoring Hope Transplant House – DG Randy Harrison – **REPORT**
PID Peter addressed the Council on Restoring Hope Transplant House.
- D. Wisconsin Lions Missions – PDG Bill Taubman - **REPORT**

12 **State Convention Report**

- A. State Convention 2015 (Theme: Come Sail Away) – PDG John Jenson – **REPORT**
Delegate cards and certification forms were handed out to the DG's to give to their District Secretaries asap.

An previous email regarding registration was sent from PDG John. Please give it to John asap if you have not yet registered.

- a. Detailed Agenda – district meetings have been moved to right before lunch.
- b. Committee Reports

Motion #100 by DG Eberhardt/DG Steinmetz to approve the tailtwister/skirt-twister
10-0 carried

Motion #101 by DG Redington/DG Suckow to approve the preliminary agenda.
10-0 carried

Motion #102 by DG Eberhardt/DG Harrison to approve the possibility of wine tasting
on Thursday, not to exceed \$25 at approximately 1-3 p.m. More info to come.
10-0 carried

Motion #103 by DG Eberhardt/DG Suckow to reappoint John Jenson for another 2
years as State Convention Coordinator. 10-0 carried

- B. 2016 State Convention update – Appleton Paper Valley
- C. 2017 State Convention update - LaCrosse
- D. 2018 State Convention update – proposal from 1 city so far, Milw. Hyatt Regency

13 **Guest Comments**

PDG John Jenson stated that it is very important that you contact the Lion that you are asking to serve on a committee and ask them if they are willing to participate and commit their time before you add their name to the committee list.

14 **Break** - 10:20 a.m.
Reconvene at 10:35

15 **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

A. LCI/WI Centennial Celebration Cmte – ID Karla Harris - **REPORT**

B. Stuff the Bus committee – Lion Jodi Burmester

Stuff the Bus scheduled for August 8, 2015

Motion #104 by DG Suckow/DG Steinmetz to approve that clubs have the option of signing up for “Roonga” if they so choose, which would allow them to sign up for on line stuff the bus donations. 10-0 carried

Motion #105 by DG Harrison/DG Sanderson to table the discussion until further info given. 2-8 not tabled

C. State Office Operations – Kathy Gruna

Reminder from Kathy: If you have a late or updated report that you are giving for the Council meeting(s), please make sure to email Kathy the report for the records. Our records are only as accurate as the information she receives.

D. MyLCI District Expert

16 **Finances – DG Delores LaFaive**

A. 2014 - 2015 Budget update

B. Collaboration results between 2014 – 2015 / 2015 – 2016 Finance Committees
A meeting was held with the 2 years’ finance committees so as the new year’s finance committee could see how the current budget was established. Another meeting will be held sometime after April 1st.

A recommendation was made that Kathy take an additional Quick Books class to keep current with updates.

A recommendation was made that the PDGO establish their own separate entity at a cost of approx. \$35. PDG Dave Sievert will look into. His concern is that the PDGO has a different treasurer each year which means a different address each year. However it would be easier to have the PDGO's tax id info and bank statements sent to their club address then it would be for the state office to balance their books each month and have this information included on the MD P&L statements.

17 Policy Committee

A. Discussion of suggested Policy changes

Motion #106 by DG Steinmetz/DG Harrison to approve changes to Policy L-2, which include changing the title to "Lions International Contests", and add the Essay contest and Environmental contest and/or any other approved contest by Lions International. 10-0 carried

Motion #107 by DG Hartvig/DG Redington to approve changes to Policy S-2, Section 3 and remove Section 4. 10-0 carried

Based upon a meeting of the Personnel Committee, they recommend that Policy C-1, C5, C7, C8 and C9 either be moved to a policy handbook, updated and/or removed.

Motion #108 by DG Sanderson/DG Suckow to remove Policy C-7. 10-0 carried

Motion #109 by DG Suckow/DG Hartvig to remove Policy C-8. 10-0 carried

Motion #110 by DG Hartvig/DG Sanderson to remove Policy C-9. 10-0 carried

18 Other Business

- A. DG Uniform contracts
- B. Ordering of pins
- C. Bus to USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

19 District Governor Team Activities

- A. D1 Convention – March 13 – 14, 2015 Middleton
- B. E2 Convention – March 20 – 21, 2015 Eau Claire
- C. E1 Convention – March 27 – 28, 2015 Chippewa Falls
- D. C2 Convention – April 10 – 11, 2015 Lac du Flambeau

21 Announcements / Awards Deadlines

- A. Helmer Lecy Sight Service Award update
2 recipients have been selected and will be announced at the State Convention.

B. Environmental Photo contest update

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners have been chosen. The 1st place winner came from District D-1. Second place from District A-2 and 3rd place from District C-2

Motion #111 by DG Eberhardt/DG Sanderson to approve the addition of 2nd and 3rd place for Environmental Photo contest winners and the Essay contest winners, with the monetary value of \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place. 9-1 carried

22 **Comments from 1VDG/DGE on their year of preparation**

Union Grove Lions Club is requesting club secretary mailing information so as they can mail out requests for donations for their annual camp counselor appreciation packages.

Motion #112 by DG Redington/DG Eberhardt to approve sending MD27 club secretary mailing information. 10-0 carried

Motion # 113 by DG Sanderson/DG Eberhardt to recommend WLF and Union Grove communicate regarding the camp counselor appreciation packages. 10-0 carried

23 **Next Council of Governors Meeting (State Convention): May 14, 2015**

A. Location TBD

24 **Adjournment**

Motion #114 by DG Silah/DG Redington to adjourn at 11:53 a.m. 10-0 carried

25 **Lunch & Room Check Out**