



## MINUTES

2015 - 2016 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
Best Western Plover Hotel & Conference Center  
5253 Harding Avenue, Plover, WI  
July 25, 2015  
8:30 A.M.

### 1 **Call to order** - Council Chair Evett Hartvig at 8:30 am

Those present were:

Council Chair E. Hartvig

DG R. Klockow, A2

DG M. Henke, B1

DG S. Selner, B2

DG R. Henning, C1

DG G. Krug, C2

DG D. Schwedrsky, D1

DG L. Bradley, E1

DG J. Nesselth, E2

VDG G. Posorske, A1

VDG D. Montaine, A2

VDG G. Schlender, B2

VDG M. Lorbetske, C2

VDG E. Holthaus, D1

VDG J. Olson, D2

VDG R. O'Connell, E1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG J. Gibbons, A1

2<sup>ND</sup> VDG G. Moegenburg, A2

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG F. Gebhart, B1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG D. Hartvig, C1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG J. Burmester, D1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG P. Hart, D2

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG L. Vrieze, E1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG B. Barth, E2

PID, Mark Hintzmann, A2

PID, GMT Coord. Art Marson, D2

PID, LCIF Coord. Wayne Heiman, B2

PID Peter Cerniglia, D1

PID Phil Ingwell, D1

WLF Pres. Jack Reindl, A2

GLT Coord., PDG Greg Pryor, A1

GLT Coord., PDG Bob Faliveno, D1

PDGO Pres., PDG Dave Sievert, B2

IPDG Chuck Steinmetz, A2

PDG Dwaine Habrat, C1

LEBW Pres, Jerry Wille, A2

IPDG spouse K. Steinmetz, A2

DG spouse Y. Henning, C1

DG PIS, R. Selner, B2

DG spouse D. Bradley, E1

DG spouse S. Nesselth, E2

DG spouse P. Krug, C2

DG spouse C. Schwedrsky, D1

VDG spouse L. Holthaus, D1

VDG spouse R. O'Connell, E1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG spouse M. Vrieze, E1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG spouse D. Gibbons, A1

- 2     **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Council Chair, DG Jay Nesseth
- 3     **Prayer** – DG Gary Daines
- 4     **Song** – DG Robert Klockow
- 5     **Introductions and opening remarks** – CC Evett Hartvig  
CC Evett asked all in attendance to introduce themselves, speak loudly when giving a report and please feel free to add any additional information when giving your report but to not reread your report in its entirety as the District Governors have already read the reports prior to the Council meeting.
- 6     **Approval of Agenda** – CC Evett Hartvig  
2 changes to the agenda:  
#7 approval of the June Council meeting will be moved to #9b.  
#13G Affiliate Clubs liaison will be moved to #11C.  
**Motion #1** by DG Henning/DG Nesseth to approve the agenda. 8-0 carried
- 7     **Approval of June COG meeting minutes** – DG Greg Krug
- 8     **Correspondence** – DG Greg Krug - none
- 9     **Ratification of previous action and minutes**  
A. Council positions  
Correction: Leader Dog representative to be DG Mike Drew and not DG Jay Nesseth.  
**Motion #2** by DG Nesseth/DG Klockow to approve 2015-16 Council positions with the correction to Leader Dog. 8-0 carried
- B. Depository for MD27 funds  
**Motion #3** by DG Selner/DG Schwedrsky to approve depository of Community First Bank in Rosholt. 8-0 carried
- C. Other actions
- D. Approve destruction of State Convention ballots  
**Motion #4** by DG Henke/DG Schwedrsky to approve the destruction of the state convention ballots. 8-0 carried
- 10    **LCI Committees and Reports**  
A. ID Karla Harris – **Report**  
PID Mark spoke about the Leadership and Presidential medals. These will be handed out at the State Convention. The requirements should be coming to the DG's within the next month. DG's will receive a copy of all past recipients from Kathy at a later date.
- There is currently 1 candidate in the running for International Director and this will be voted on at the State Convention.

B. International Relations Committee – ID Karla Harris

C. LCIF – PID Wayne Heiman – **Report**

All donations to LCIF should be sent to the Carol Street Illinois address.

Over 39 million dollars was collected last year from Lions worldwide for LCIF. Over 46 million dollars was dispersed in LCIF grants last year.

D. Alert

E. Global Leadership Team – PDG Greg Pryor/PDG Bob Faliveno – **Report**

Reminder: Jan 30-31, 2016 will be CLAL, Communicate Like a Leader.

This will be 8 am Saturday – 2:30 pm Sunday, Best Western, Pover.

PDG Greg would like to limit the class to no more than 30 participants.

PDG Dwaine Habrat spoke on the Faculty Development Institute that he attended May 31-June 2, 2015. The Institute is set up by Constitutional areas and the invitation went out to Constitution I, which is United States, Canada, Bermuda and Bahama. PDG Dwaine was one of 40 applicants that were selected. What was taught was Adult Learning Principals, Presentation Skills and How to do Research.

PDG Greg handed out applications to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's for the Advanced Lions Leadership.

F. Global Membership Team – PID Art Marson – **Report**

Last year's membership ended up with -178 members.

Positive membership starts with new clubs.

G. International Convention Committee – PDG John Jenson

H. LEO – TBD

I. Lions Services for Children – TBD

J. Protocol Chair – PID Art Marson

K. Public Relations Coordinator – Jodi Burmester – **Report**

The 2015-16 Directory has been uploaded to the state website and is available online.

WebX - Online meeting subscription – can be used by any committee instead of the costs of meeting face to face. Yearly subscription cost of \$468.

MyLCI coordinators – percentages have gone up since the MyLCI coordinators have worked with their districts. Please reach out to them if you need assistance.

\$150 has been added to the budget for the LCI download for next year's directory information.

\$468 has been added to the budget for WebX, online meeting subscription.

\$250 has been added to the budget to create a new website address of wisconsinlions.org. Wislions.org will redirect to Wisconsinlions.org when also used.

L. Quest – Joanne Heup - **Report**

M. Youth Exchange – DG Larry Bradley – **Report**

Youth Exchange was a success again this summer. 9 DG's attended visitation on Thursday and 1 DG attended visitation on Friday.

N. Youth Outreach

11 **MD27 / State Committee Reports**

A. Birch-Sturm Endowment – DG Marvin Henke

B. Diabetes Focus Group (reported with WLF)

C. Lioness Affiliate

Lion/Lioness Joan Post was present and has applied for the Lioness Affiliate position. Lioness Marcia Knapp, advisory chair, was also present. \$1262 was raised at the State Convention and was distributed to the Hearing Fund, Leader Dog Kennel project and to the Burn Camp equally.

**Motion #5** by DG Krug/DG Schwedsky to approve the appointment of Joan Post as MD27 Lioness Affiliate chair. 8-0 carried

D. Lions Pride Endowment – DG Susan Selner – **Report**

PRIDE Chairman Dewey Carl was recently released from the hospital, where he had an infection removed from his arm. He is doing well. We all wish him well.

Friendship 100 Riders (non-lions) of 12 motorcyclists brought \$5205 with them this past week.

E. Merchandise – DG Gary Daines

**Motion #6** by DG Selner/DG Nesseth to discontinue the sale of all apparel at the State Office. 8-0 carried

**Motion #7** by DG Nesseth/DG Bradley to have PDG Chuck Steinmetz take over current apparel inventory to sell at conventions and all sales of apparel in the future. All Lions now wishing to purchase apparel will contact PDG Chuck directly through his company "Bee-Seen Promotions LLC". 8-0 carried

F. PDG Organization – PDG Dave Sievert

PDG Dave stated that the PDGO is scheduled to get their own tax ID #. When this is accomplished, the PDGO can then be taken off the MD27 Quickbooks program that the state currently uses.

G. Research and Long Range Planning Committee -

H. State Bowling – Edd Hanke

I. State Curling – Dave Lemke

J. State Newspaper – DG Dick Schwedrsky – **Report**

We are currently at 10 issues with the July/August and the Dec/Jan issues being combined.

**Motion #8** by DG Bradley/DG Selner to have a proposal drawn up for the October Council meeting, to redesign the State Newspaper to 8 ½ x 11 format. 8-0 carried

K. State Pin Committee -

L. State Resolutions-Constitution and By-Laws –

M. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum –

September 2015 - Seats on the bus still available.

Anyone going to the Forum should wear their red WI shirt.

N. Wisconsin Lions Foundation – DG Jay Nesseth – **Report**

WLF President Jack stated that the initial focus group of screeners went very well. There was great attendance. They discussed technology and deadlines. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

WLF President Jack also reminded everyone that August 15<sup>th</sup> will be the “Fun Run” at the WLF camps.

O. Personnel Committee – DG Mike Drew

Break at 10:07 am

Reconvened at 10:30 am

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

A. Leader Dog – DG Jay Nesseth

B. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – DG Greg Krug – **Report**

LEBW President Jerry Wille stated that the Lions Eye Bank golf outing and annual meeting will be held July 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Youth Exchange visited the Eye Bank on Wednesday. 62 visitors from 25 different countries, with 16 advisors.

C. Restoring Hope Transplant House – DG Robert Klockow – **Report**

PID Peter Cerniglia spoke on behalf of Restoring Hope transplant house which has been open since January 2013. This is a home away from home for families that have a loved one that has been given a death sentence. If they are not given a transplant they will die. The charge is only \$35 per night. Since its opening, there have been 274 families that have stayed at the house.

D. Wisconsin Lions Missions – PDG Bill Taubman - **Report**

a. proposed trip to Haiti – PDG Bob Faliveno – **Report**

PDG Bob discussed a possible partnership with Dr. Franz Large (also a Lion) and expand the Lions Mission Program to Haiti.

13 **MD27 Chairpersons and Appointments**

A. MD International Convention (LCI)

**Motion #9** by DG Schwewdrsky/DG Selner to appoint PDG John Jenson as chair. 8-0 carried

B. MD Alert (LCI)

**Motion #10** by DG Henning/DG Nesseth to appoint PDG Joe Fisher as chair. 8-0 carried

C. International Relations (LCI)

ID Karla Harris will remain as chair

D. GMT/GLT Chairs (LCI)

GMT – PID Art Marson

GLT – co-chairs PDG Greg Pryor and PDG Bob Faliveno

E. LCIF Coordinator

2015-2018 PID Wayne Heiman will remain as chair

F. LEO (LCI)

G. MD Affiliate Clubs

Lion/Lioness Joan Post appointed by Motion #5, 11C.

H. Protocol (LCI)

PID Art Marson will remain as chair

I. MD Research and Long Range Planning

PID Art Marson will remain as chair

J. MD Youth Exchange (LCI)

K. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Promotion

PID Mark Hintzmann will remain as chair

L. Information Technology (LCI)

M. Quest (LCI)

N. Diabetes

Lion Willard Brenner and Lion Mary Vrieze

O. Public Relations (LCI)

**Motion #11** BY DG Schweddrsky/DG Krug to appoint Lion Jodi Burmester as PR chair. 8-0 carried

P. MD Youth Outreach (LCI)

Q. Lions Services for Children (LCI)

- R. State Convention Coordinator (LCI)  
PDG John Jenson will remain
- S. State Elections Committee
- T. State Resolutions, Constitution and By-Laws Committee  
**Motion #12** by DG Henning/DG Bradley to appoint PDG Dwaine Habrat as chair. 8-0 carried
- U. State Pin Committee
- V. Any Others  
State Convention Parliamentarian Cmte - PID Art Marson  
State Convention Curling Cmte - Lion Dennis Chrisianson  
Stuff the Bus – Lion Jodi Burmester  
LCI/WI Centennial Celebration Cmte – co-chairs ID Karla Harris and Lions Jodi Burmester.

14 **State Convention - Reports**

- A. State Convention 2016 – PDG John Jenson
- B. State Convention 2017, 2018 updates  
**Motion #13** by DG Klockow/DG Nesseth to authorize the 2018 convention be held at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, WI. May 3-5, 2018

2017 State Convention updates: Will be held in LaCrosse the first weekend In May 2017.

- C. State Convention Credentials Committee
- D. State Convention Parliamentarian Committee
- E. State Convention Sergeant-at-Arms Committee
- F. State Convention Site Screening Committee
- G. State Convention Tail Twisters Committee

15 **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- A. LCI / WI Centennial Celebration committee –ID Karla Harris – **Report**  
In 2016-17 clubs will be encouraged to promote participation and then move forward in 2018 with the Celebration.

There will be information on the State's website regarding the Centennial Celebration.

The \$15,000 grant applications for the Centennial Celebration were supposed to be ready immediately following the International Convention, however they are still not available.

It will be asked that the Centennial display be passed around from District Convention to District Convention by the DG's. It will NOT be the responsibility of the DG's to set up the display. Your Centennial coordinator will be responsible for the set up.

B. MD27 Stuff the Bus committee – **Report**  
August 8<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for Stuff the Bus.

C. MyLCI District Expert

16 **Finances** – DG Susan Selner

A. 2015 – 2016 Budget – **Report**

Currently the 2015-16 Budget states that it will run in the deficit. There are several things that are put into place that future councils should be able to take care of and some cost savings to bring us into balance. No money will be borrowed. There are funds available in the state account that will cover this deficit until the newspaper costs are brought more into line.

A line item of \$150 has been added to cover the download from LCI for directory files. This will save tons of man hours in the future.

The current line item to the International Convention in Japan has been reduced for the sitting council from \$25,600 to \$10,000 based on number of council members attending.

\$3700 line item eliminated for sitting council to visit LCI headquarters.

**Motion #14** by DG Henning/DG Schwedsky to approve the 2015-16 budget as presented. 8-0 carried

B. 2015 – 2016 Bonding Insurance Assessment

C. Establish Directory sales price

**Motion #15** by DG Selner/DG Nesseth to approve the order of 200 directories and charge \$10 each. 8-0 carried

D. Establish 2016 pin price

The current 2016 pin cost is \$2.00 if you sell person to person. The cost through the state office is \$2.25 to cover some postage.

17 **Policy Committee** – DG Mike Drew

A. Discussion of suggested Policy changes

None at this time



18 **Other Business**

- A. Open Review of 2015 International Convention Honolulu, Hawaii
- B. State Office Operations AdHoc  
ID Karla will be sending in some ideas with the direction of that committee.

19 **District Governor Teams' Travels**

- A. Youth Exchange Camp
- B. LCI
- C. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum  
Per PID Mark, the dress is pretty much red shirts for during the day.  
The Saturday evening dress code for DG's is red jackets and black pants.  
The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG's in attendance should also wear their jackets.
- D. Deadlines  
CC Evett passed out a handout to all on the Council regarding deadlines and suggestions on awards. Keep this handy and review regularly!!
- E. Awards  
Question came up on the Helmer Lecy Award. CC Evett will look this up and get back to you.
- F. Other

20 **Guest Comments**

21 **Next Council of Governors Meeting**

- A. October 3, 2015 at Best Western, Plover  
Friday evening work session  
Saturday morning Council meeting

22 **Adjournment**

**Motion #16** by DG Henning/DG Schwedrsky to adjourn at 11:51 am.  
8-0 carried