



MINUTES
2015 - 2016 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Best Western Plover
Stevens Point, Wisconsin
October 3, 2015
8:30 A.M.

1 **Call to order** – Council Chair Evett Hartvig

Those present were: (* excused)

Council Chair E. Hartvig

DG M. Drew, A1

DG M. Henke, B1

DG R. Henning, C1

DG D. Schwedrsky, D1

DG L. Bradley, E1

DG R. Klockow, A2

DG S. Selner, B2

DG G. Krug, C2

DG G. Daines, D2

DG J. Nesseth, E2

VDG G. Posorske, A1

VDG T. Berendes, B1

VDG D. Wasniewski, C1

VDG E. Holthaus, D1

VDG R. O'Connell, E1

VDG D. Montaine, A2

VDG G. Schlender, B2

VDG M. Lorbetske, C2

VDG J. Olson, D2 *

VDG T. Rutledge, E2

2nd VDG J. Gibbons, A1

2nd VDG F. Gebhart, B1 *

2nd VDG D. Hartvig, C1

2nd VDG J. Burmester, D1

2nd VDG L. Vrieze, E1

2ND VDG G. Moegenburg, A2

2nd VDG J. Noll, B2 *

2nd VDG R. Behm, C2

2nd VDG P. Hart, D2

2nd VDG B. Barth, E2

ID Karla Harris, A1 *

IPID Mark Hintzmann, A2

PID Art Marson, D2

PID Wayne Heiman, B2

PID Peter Cerniglia, D1

PID Ron Duffe, E2 *

PID Phil Ingwell, D1 *

WLF Pres. Jack Reindl, A2

LEBW Pres. Jerry Wille, A2

IPCC Connie LeCleur-Meyer, E2

PDG, GLT Coord Greg Pryor, A1

PDG, PDGO Pres. Dave Sievert, B2

PDG Dwaine Habrat, C1

PDG Tom LeCleur, E2

DG spouse C. Schwedrsky, D1	VDG spouse R. Berendes, B1
DG spouse Y. Henning, C1	VDG spouse L. Holthaus, D1
DG PIS, R. Selner, B2	VDG spouse R. O’Connell, E1
DG spouse D. Bradley, E1	2 nd VDG spouse M. Vrieze, E1
DG spouse S. Nesseth, E2	2 nd VDG spouse E. Barth, E2
DG spouse P. Krug, C2	
DG spouse, D. Henke, B1	

2 **Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Council Chair, DG Jay Nesseth

3 **Prayer**– DG Gary Daines

4 **Song**– DG Robert Klockow

5 **Introduction and Opening remarks** – CC Evett Hartvig

6 **Approval of Agenda** – CC Evett Hartvig

Number 10-o, Personnel Cmte will be moved to 11-j, prior to the break.

7 **Approval of July COG Minutes** – DG Greg Krug

Motion #17 by DG Nesseth/DG Drew to approve the July COG minutes. 10-0 carried

8 **Correspondence** – DG Greg Krug

Letter was received from WLF thanking for donation of \$640 for Diabetes Education.

9 **LCI Committees and Reports**

A. ID Karla Harris

IPID Mark spoke on ID Karla’s behalf as she is currently in Budapest, Hungary.

Motion #18 by DG Drew/DG Klockow to endorse as 2nd VP, PID Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir from Iceland and 3rd VP, PID Jung-Yul Choi from Republic of Korea. 10-0 carried

IPCC Connie LeCleir-Meyer has announced her candidacy for International Director. She is currently our only candidate running for ID. IPCC Connie has submitted her papers to LCI and her campaign chair is Lion Mary Vrieze.

It is very important that all DG’s make time available for IPCC Connie to speak at their District Conventions so the visiting International guests will get to know her.

Per IPID Mark, the sitting Council needs to fill out the forms for both a Leadership medal and a Presidential medal. These forms are online. These medals will be given out at the State Convention during the business meeting. Do not confuse these with the Certificates of Appreciation, that will be given out at your convention through your International guest.

If someone has already received a Presidential or Leadership medal you cannot submit their name again. They can only receive it once. A list of the previous winners will be sent to the Council as soon as it has been updated by ID Karla.

B. LCIF – PID Wayne Heiman - **REPORT**

C. Alert – PDG Joe Fisher

- D. Global Leadership Team – PDG Greg Pryor/PDG Bob Faliveno – **REPORT**
This year a record number of 7 candidates from WI were accepted into the advanced Lions Leadership in Chicago. 1 candidate was accepted into the Faculty Development Institute.

A grant was submitted to help offset some of the 1st VDG training. Word has not come back yet as to whether we will receive any money from that grant.

There are currently 3 candidates for CLAL. Please submit your name if you would like to attend.

- E. Global Membership Team – PID Art Marson – **REPORT**
Membership growth in our Association centers around chartering new Lions clubs. Goal is to have 279 new members this year.
The GMT and GLT will try to have a workshop the first week in December.

- F. International Convention Committee – PDG John Jenson

- G. Leo Chairperson – TBD

- H. Lions Services for Children – TBD

- I. Protocol Chair – PID Art Marson

An updated Protocol book is on the website and a hard copy can be purchased through the State Office for \$5.

- J. Public Relations Coordinator – Lion Jodi Burmester

If you are on Facebook, please “like” the State Lions facebook page.

Motion #19 by DG Krug/DG Daines to allow the Lions PR chair authorization to disseminate the Veterans Celebration to the clubs through the State newspaper and other media. 10-0 carried

Additional Motion (#25) made under 14-a regarding the key note speaker at the State Convention addressing all the Veterans in the audience.

- K. Quest Chairperson – Lion Joanne Heup

- L. Youth Exchange – DG Larry Bradley – **REPORT**

VDG Diane Wasniewski wanted to thank everyone for coming to this year’s Youth Exchange Camp. It was a successful camp this year.

- M. Youth Outreach - TBD

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MD27 / State Committees and Reports

- A. Birch-Sturm Endowment – DG Marvin Henke
A meeting was held Sept 12, 2015.

- B. Diabetes Focus Group – (reported with WLF)

- C. Lioness Affiliate Liaison – Lion/Lioness Joan Post - **REPORT**
2,124 Lioness currently with 85 clubs.

- D. Lions Pride Endowment – DG Susan Selner – **REPORT**

PRIDE Chairman Dewey is doing well and expects to be at C1, B1 and B2 Conventions.

E. Merchandise – DG Gary Daines
If you are in need of any additional merchandise that is not being offered please contact DG Gary.

F. PDG Organization - PDG Dave Sievert - **REPORT**
The PDG Organization no longer has their funds going through the State Office. They will now be doing their own 990 filings.

The membership lists are being updated. There are currently 105 lifetime members.

The PDGO, in an effort to bring up their attendance, has started to bring in some informational presentations such as a recipient from the Hope Transplant House and Lion Jodi speaking about the Centennial Celebration.

Next meeting for the PDGO will be Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 1:30 at Shooter's.

G. Research and Long Range Planning Committee – PID Art Marson

H. State Bowling Committee – Lion Dennis Christianson

I. State Curling Committee – Lion Dennis Christianson

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

An 8 ½ x 11 mock-up was handed out to the Council for review.

a. Editors Contract Bids-extended through June 2016.

b. Printing Contract Bids-extended through June 2016.

At the January 2016 Council meeting, the 1st VDG's will be brought in to help discuss where they want to go with their year on the newspaper. This will be a joint effort between both Councils.

K. State Pin Committee – TBD

Motion #20 by DG Daines/ DG Henke to approve Lion Brian Overturf as the Pin Committee chair. 10-0 carried

L. State Resolutions-Constitution & By-Laws Committee – PDG Dwaine Habrat-
REPORT

Background of what the State Resolutions-Constitution & By-Laws committee does: To consider Resolutions that are submitted which will amend the current Constitutions and By-Laws. Per the By-Laws they are required to have at least one meeting and that will be held on January 9, 2016. If a second meeting is necessary it will be held on March 12, 2016.

All Resolutions to be acted upon must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the Multiple District Convention. That deadline is February 20, 2016.

Final recommendations will be presented to the Council at the March COG meeting.

M. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – IPID Mark Hintzmann
WI was noticed in their red shirts at the Forum, per IPID Mark.
More information on Omaha will be forthcoming.

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

WLF President Jack Reindl stated that a check for \$36,187.33 was presented to the WLF from PRIDE and Chairman Dewey Carl.

Since the Camp's inception, there have been 66,649 campers.

A new PR Manager, Julie Wierzba, was hired and will start October 12, 2015.

- O. Personnel Committee – DG Mike Drew (in closed session if necessary)
Moved to 11-j

11 **MD27 Chairpersons and Appointments**

- A. Leo (LCI) – NEED CHAIR
None at this time

- B. MD Youth Exchange (LCI) – NEED CHAIR
Motion #21 by DG Henke/DG Schwedrsky to approve Ben August as MD Youth Exchange chair. 10-0 carried

- C. Information Technology (LCI) – NEED CHAIR
None at this time

- D. Lions Services for Youth (LCI) – NEED CHAIR
None at this time

- E. Sergeant-At-Arms Committee – NEED CHAIR
None at this time

- F. Youth Outreach (LCI) – NEED CHAIR
None at this time

- G. State Elections Committee – NEED CHAIR
Motion #22 by DG Drew/DG Nesseth to approve Lion Reid Meyer as State Elections Committee chair. 10-0 carried

- H. State Pin Committee – NEED CHAIR
Lion Brian Overturf was previously approved in Motion #20 (10-k)

- I. State Convention Tailtwisters Committee - NEED CHAIR
None at this time

- J. Others
 - a. State Convention Credentials Committee –
None at this time

 - b. Personnel Cmte in closed session 9:45 a.m.

12 **Break**

Session reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Motion #23 by DG Krug/DG Henke to have Kathy approved to go 28 hours per week with a maximum of 30 hours. 10-0 carried

- 13 **Initiatives Supported by the Lions of Wisconsin**
- A. Leader Dog – DG Mike Drew
 - B. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – DG Greg Krug – **REPORT**
LEBW President Jerry Wille stated that 50% of the tissues they receive need to be sent to Iowa to be cut down and processed differently.

In the last 6 months there has been an increase in tissue placement of 24%.
 - C. Restoring Hope Transplant House – DG Robert Klockow – **REPORT**
Motion #24 by DG Bradley/DG Krug to recommend that there be a Restoring Hope Transplant House chair from each district. 10-0 carried
 - D. Wisconsin Lions Missions – PDG Bill Taubman
- 14 **State Convention Reports**
- A. State Convention(s) – PDG John Jenson
Motion #25 by DG Selner/DG Nesseth to give permission to have the State Veterans Affairs secretary as the keynote speaker at the Friday luncheon at the State Convention. 10-0 carried

Motion #26 by DG Henning/DG Schwedrsky to allow a special recognition session for the Vietnam Conflict Veterans. 10-0 carried
- 15 **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**
- A. LCI/WI Centennial Celebration Cmte – ID Karla Harris – **REPORT**
 - B. MD27 Stuff the Bus Committee – Lion Jodi Burmester – **REPORT**
Motion #27 by DG Drew/DG Nesseth to approve August 13, 2016 as the state wide date for Stuff the Bus. 10-0 carried
 - C. State Office Operations
 - D. MyLCI District Expert – Lion Jodi Burmester
There was a comment made that the attachments cannot be opened on WebEx. Lion Jodi will look into this.

It is encouraged that because many committees do not need to meet face to face that they utilize WebEx for those meetings.
- 16 **Finances** – DG Susan Selner – **P&L and Balance Sheet Reports**
- A. 2015 - 2016 Budget
Motion #28 by DG Susan/DG Schwedrsky to add to the budget \$500 for red WI buttons, which are now taking the place of the red WI stick-ons because of cost. 10-0 carried

It is asked of the Centennial Cmte to submit a budget for future expenditures.
 - B. Audit
Per the Constitution and By-Laws it does state that an annual audit is required. It also states that it needs to be done by a certified public accountant. It does not state that it has to be a complete audit report. This has been getting very expensive in the past, with last year's audit costing \$5,300.00. In discussion with the PID's and the CC it was stated that there is no reason it has to be such a formal audit. The

Council is encouraged to find a CPA that is willing to come in and go through the books and sign an affidavit that they had done just that and their findings.

Motion #29 by DG Nesseth/DG Henning to approve an ad be placed in the Lions newspaper, looking for a CPA to do an informal audit and to receive a maximum monetary donation of \$1,000. 10-0 carried

17 **Policy Committee** – DG Mike Drew

A. Discussion of suggested Policy changes – Dress Policy

A policy will be drawn up for the January 2016 COG meeting regarding the dress code for the 1st VDG's and 2nd VDG's.

B. Requests for Resolutions Committee

Reminder if anyone has a Resolution to please make sure you have something with you at the January 2016 COG meeting so the Resolutions committee can look at them then.

18 **Other Business**

A. Possible endorsement of International V.P., 2nd and 3rd #9-a, Motion #18 addressed this endorsement.

B. State Bowling date

Saturday, Feb 27, 2016 in Oshkosh

C. Words from IPCC Connie LeCleur-Meyer

2014-15 PCC leadership plaque was presented to IPCC Connie LeCleur-Meyer.

Motion #30 by DG Schwedrsky/DG Gaines that the PR Committee look into a simpler directory process.

19 **District Governor Team Activities**

A. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

B. C1 Convention, October 16 - 17, Wausau

C. B2 Convention, November 6 - 7, Green Bay

D. B1 Convention, November 13 - 14, Appleton

E. Reminders regarding ID host requests

20 **Guest Comments**

Motion #31 by DG Klockow/DG Daines that the PDGO be involved in the seminar planning at the State Convention. 10-0 carried

21 **Announcements / Awards Deadlines**

A. Presidential & Leadership - December 1

B. Helmer Lecy Sight Service – January 1

C. Presidential Appreciation Certificates – for District Conventions

D. Peace Poster

- a. District – Clubs mail ONE poster to DG by Nov 15
- b. MD – DG to mail ONE poster to CC by Dec 1
- c. LCI – CC mail ONE poster to LCI by Dec 15
- E. Environmental photo contest – January 15

22 **Next Council of Governors Meeting: January 9, 2016**

- A. January 8 (Friday evening) - DG Work Session at 7:00 pm
- B. January 9 (Saturday) – Council Meeting at 8:30 am

23 **Adjournment**

Motion #32 by DG Nesseth/DG Henning to adjourn. 10-0 carried