



MINUTES

2015 - 2016 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Best Western Plover, 5253 Harding Avenue

Stevens Point, Wisconsin

January 9, 2016 - 8:00 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\*

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

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 L. Vrieze, E1

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

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG J. Noll, B2

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG R. Behm, C2

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 LeCleir-Meyer, E2

PDG, GLT Coord Greg Pryor, A1

PDG, GLT Coord Bob Faliveno, D1

PDG Dwaine Habrat, C1

PDG, PDGO Pres. Dave Sievert, B2\*

PDG, State Conv. Coord. John Jenson, D1

IPDG Shawn Redington, D2

PDG Emil Wasniewski, C1

PDG, Alert Chair, Joe Fisher, D2

Environmental/LCIF, Anita LeCleir, E2

DG spouse Stacey Nesseth, E2                      DG spouse Doris Bradley, E1  
DG spouse Yvonne Henning, C1                      DG spouse Patty Krug, C2  
DG PIS, Ruth Selner, B2                              DG spouse, Diane Henke, B1  
DG spouse, Mary Daines, D2

VDG spouse, Mary Olson, D2                      VDG spouse R. O'Connell, E1  
VDG spouse Laurie Holthaus, D1

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG spouse Mary Vrieze, E1                      2<sup>nd</sup> VDG spouse, Denise Gibbons, A1

MD Affiliate Chair, Joan Post, A1                      Advisory Chair, Marcia Knapp, B2

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

Changes to the agenda: #9F, International Convention Committee report and  
#12, State Convention report, will be moved up before the LCI committee reports.

#17, Other business – add “Reach Out and Read Program” along with a short presentation  
from Lion Anita LeCleur on the Environmental packet.

**Motion #33** by DG Nesseth/DG Henning to change the agenda to above mentioned.

10-0 carried.

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

**Motion #34** by DG Krug/DG Schwedsky to approve the October 3, 2015 COG Minutes.

10-0 carried

8        **Correspondence** – DG Greg Krug

Christmas card received from ID Karla Harris.

Per CC Evett, letters of endorsement went out regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> International VP and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
International VP candidates. Acknowledgement was received and they thanked MD27  
for their endorsement.

9        **LCI Committees and Reports**

A. ID Karla Harris – **REPORT(S)**

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

PID Wayne addressed the Council Friday night and he reminded the Incoming  
Governors to get in their LCIF chairperson to him so they can be approved.

C. Alert – PDG Joe Fisher

Please email PDG Joe at [ltcjfisher@yahoo.com](mailto:ltcjfisher@yahoo.com) if your Alert chair's information is  
incorrect in any way so he can make the changes.

- D. Global Leadership Team – PDG Greg Pryor/PDG Bob Faliveno – **REPORT**  
PDG Greg informed all that the MD has been approved for the “Leadership Development Grant” that he had applied for from LCI. This means that any 1<sup>st</sup> VDG that attends throughout the year will receive up to \$100 reimbursement. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG’s will receive up to \$75 reimbursement. PDG Greg will be filing all necessary paperwork so please send him a copy of all receipts including hotel.

Reminder that CLAL will not be held Friday evening this year. It will only be held Saturday-Sunday, January 30-31, 2016.

PDG Bob Faliveno asked to have it clarified when the deadline to appoint a chair of the committees will be. This needs to be done by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- E. Global Membership Team – PID Art Marson – **REPORT**  
We are right on target with bringing new lions into the state (836), however our problem lies with retention (-900). When new members are inducted, please take a little time to speak with the sponsor on their responsibility to work with that new member and get them involved in their lions club. Also take a look at the Lions mentoring program.
- F. International Convention Committee – PDG John Jenson – **REPORT**  
At this time it will cost \$50 more to attend for the registration fee.
- G. Leo Chairperson – TBD
- H. Lions Services for Children – TBD
- I. Protocol Chair – PID Art Marson  
There is an order of precedence. At the last International board meeting they included the GMT and GLT coordinators in the introduction for the first time.

Please take a moment to pronounce the names correctly and introduce in the order of precedence correctly. PID Art has a copy of the precedence if you would like one.

- J. Public Relations/Technology – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jodi Burmester – **REPORT**  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Eric spoke about the directory process and how he and CC Evett are in discussions on how the process can be made much simpler by possibly using an Excel spreadsheet. The current program converts 11 files into one word file and that takes an incredible amount of time to convert. The incoming Council will still need to oversee that each of their clubs are entering all the information into the MyLCI asap, so we have as complete information as possible. A further report will be given at the March COG meeting.

CC Evett thanked 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Eric for sitting down with her and trying to make this an easier process for all.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Eric stated that it would be a good idea for all club secretaries to start cleaning up all MyLCI information. Example: First and last name capitalized, do not capitalize the entire names, etc.

It is recommended by this year’s Council that the Incoming Council approve \$150 be added to the budget for an LCI download of directory information.

**Motion #35** by DG Krug/DG Bradley to approve a standing MyLCI coordinating committee. 10-0 carried

- K. Quest Chairperson – Lion Joanne Heup – **REPORT**  
District Governors please keep in mind if you have anyone interested in the Quest chairperson position as Lion Joanne will be resigning as of February 2016.
- L. Youth Exchange – DG Larry Bradley – **REPORT**  
New camp dates for 2016. They are July 31-Aug 7, 2016.  
Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup> is Visitors Day.
- M. Youth Outreach - TBD

10 **MD27 / State Committees and Reports**

- A. Birch-Sturm Endowment – DG Marvin Henke  
Meeting was held second Saturday in September, 2015. Everything went well.
- B. Diabetes Focus Group – (reported with WLF)
- C. Lioness Affiliate Liaison – Lion/Lioness Joan Post – **REPORT**  
The question was brought up as to whether or not the Affiliate District Presidents are a part of the Cabinet for their respective Lions Districts and do they get voting rights at the District Cabinet meetings?  
Per DG Mike Drew, he read from the International Constitution & ByLaws which stated that the Lioness are affiliates of the local clubs and are not to be a district or multiple district project. Therefore they do not have voting rights.  
  
The Lioness are particularly interested in knowing if their help is needed in any way at the State Convention. Please let them know if you would like their help.
- D. Lions Pride Endowment – DG Susan Selner – **REPORT**  
PDG Dewey sends his regrets. Please keep PDG Dewey in your thoughts as he recovers from surgery.
- E. Merchandise – DG Gary Daines
- F. PDG Organization - PDG Dave Sievert – **REPORT**  
Please keep PDG Dave in your thoughts as he recovers from shoulder surgery.  
PDG Dave has compiled a list of seminar suggestions for the State Convention.  
It has to be brought down to about 10-15 of the top suggested seminars from the Council.
- 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**

This year’s Council has decided that they were going to do something to not keep losing money funding the newspaper.

Some rough figures were given that in 2014-15 roughly \$98,500 was spent on the paper with 12 issues. The number of issues was reduced to 10 issues this year, which brought the cost down to roughly 87,500. The Editorial Board has come back with a proposal to

do 10 issues with 4 being printed and 6 online. The proposed savings to the state would be roughly \$35,000. This was brought to the Council of Governors at Friday night's meeting. There was a lot of discussion on this Friday night.

**Motion #36** by DG Drew/DG Selner to have the Editorial Board look into the costs of having 4 digital, printable, quarterly online issues, with state news only, and report back the costs at the March 2016 COG Mtg. The quarterly dates would be: July, Oct, Feb & May. The estimate should also include the constant contact. Constant contact is what they will use to contact the Lions members that have emails in the MyLCI system to tell them the paper is online and available. 10-0 carried.

To clarify: this motion is not to approve going ahead. It's to approve the Editorial Board coming back at the March COG meeting with the actual costs of going this direction.

The District Governor's, if they choose, would have to post to their own District website, articles for/from their District.

CC Evett asked DG Dick to convey to the Editorial Board that the Council appreciates all the work they have done and what they are going to do. The Council is aware that it is a lot of work.

- K. State Pin Committee - Lion Brian Overturf  
Per CC Evett, the February Lions issue will have an ad for a pin design for 2017. This will be a 1 year special pin for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A \$50 prize will be given per policy for the chosen design. They do not have to be a lion to submit a design.

**Motion #37** by DG Selner/DG Henning to approve a \$100 payment to Lion Bob Blunck, out of Merchandise account #6133, for 2 years of past pin designs. 10-0 carried

- L. State Resolutions-Constitution and By-Laws Committee - PDG Dwaine Habrat  
Report handed out at COG meeting.  
To be considered for action at the 2016 MD27 Convention, all resolutions must be submitted to the chair of the committee by February 20, 2016.
- M. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – IPID Mark Hintzmann – **REPORT**  
Please note: The Hilton or Embassy Suites are the new co-headquarters. The Hilton is attached to the convention center. DO NOT STAY AT THE DOUBLETREE. If you have already booked to stay at the Doubletree, he encourages you to call the Forum office to move to a different hotel. Any questions, please contact IPID Mark at 920-988-1810.
- N. Wisconsin Lions Foundation – DG Jay Nesseth - **REPORT**
- O. State Convention Site Inspection Committee – PDG John Jenson  
CC Evett is asking the Incoming Council for 5 members to alternate, 1 from each letter district, of the A2, B2, C2, D2 and E2 for a 2 year term starting July 2016.
- P. Personnel (in closed session, if necessary) – DG Mike Drew  
DG Susan was given a list from Kathy of the work load and it will be reviewed to see if anyone is asking for items that should not be done from the State Office.

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

- A. Leader Dog – DG Mike Drew  
Report handed out at COG meeting.  
A bus is being looked at to go to Leader Dog. Anyone interested please send an email to [jjones@stanleyboyd.k12.wi.us](mailto:jjones@stanleyboyd.k12.wi.us)  
This is totally separate from the VDG's trip. Anyone can go. It will be July 8-10, 2016.  
Hotel will be included with the trip.
- B. Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin – DG Greg Krug – **REPORT**  
Audit complete for LEBW. There were no concerns.  
June 23, 2016 – golf outing  
July (date TBD) - annual meeting in WI Dells or Madison  
March 10, 2016 – Crystal Vision Award, location TBD

Not all the free vision screening/glasses from the Shopko stores have been used up for the year. The clubs need to identify when there are still certificates available and get those to needy people.

- C. Restoring Hope Transplant House – DG Robert Klockow – **REPORT**  
We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Transplant House Capital Campaign. Goal was \$500,000.00. Currently pledged or contributed funds are \$417,000.00.

Submitted to DG Mike Drew for policy consideration: Creating a cabinet position for each of the Districts to help with fundraising and dissemination of information of Restoring Hope Transplant House.

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

12 **State Convention(s) Report**

- A. State Convention(s) update– PDG John Jenson – **REPORT**  
**Motion #38** by DG Selner/DG Daines to accept the theme “Unlock the Magic of Lionism”. 10-0 carried

**Motion #39** by DG Henke/DG Daines to approve the following fees:

Registration Fee (Regular) - \$15.00

Registration Fee (Leos) - Free

Friday Luncheon - \$20.00

Saturday Luncheon - \$20.00

Saturday Banquet - \$28.00

Convention Pin – \$4.00

10-0 carried

**Motion #40** by DG Nesseth/DG Klockow to approve a late fee of \$2.00 to be added to registration and meals (if available) received after May 1. 10-0 carried

**Motion #41** by DG Selner/DG Henning

Approve the program booklet advertising rates as follows:

Outside back cover - \$300.00

Inside front and back covers - \$200.00

Full page - \$125.00

Quarter page - \$50

Half page - \$80.00

10-0 carried

**Motion #42** by DG Henke/DG Schwedrsky to approve the entry fee for the Annual State Golf Tournament of \$75.00. 10-0 carried

**Motion #43** by DG Daines/DG Nesselth to approve a display table charge for commercial vendors of \$100.00. 10-0 carried

Reminder to make your hotel reservations with the Paper Valley hotel at your earliest convenience.

PDG John will be taking care of the State Convention registrations for the sitting Council of Governors, the PID's, WLF President, LEBW President and PDGO President, (those covered under Policy F-1) prior to the March Council meeting.

There have been 3 proposals received for the 2019 State Convention:

- a. Holiday Inn – Stevens Point
- b. Chula Vista Resort – WI Dells
- c. Madison Marriot West – Middleton

The Site Inspection Committee will be taking a look at these and make a recommendation at the March Council meeting.

13 **Break**

14 **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

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

Per DG Jay Nesselth, the Centennial Ride is scheduled to be on September 10, 2016. More information will be coming after the A1 convention.

B. MD27 Stuff the Bus committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jodi Burmester

C. State Office Operations

CC Evett will try to meet with ID Karla before the March COG meeting to discuss this topic.

D. MyLCI District Expert – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Jodi Burmester

15 **Finances** – DG Susan Selner

A. 2015 - 2016 Budget

Most items are running on target. With the decline in membership there is a decline in dues, which affects the bottom line.

Some proposed changes are:

1. Set up a checking account for Youth Exchange. There will be restricted funds that will be available to YE. They have done an outstanding job in the past and with their own checking account they will be able to shop sales when available. They will also be subject to audit by the State Office just like in the past.

2. PDGO has set up their own checking account.

B. Audit update

Proposal from a new firm, Tostrud & Temp, S.C. to do our audit. We have accepted their proposal of \$1,000 for this audit.

- 16 **Policy Committee** – DG Mike Drew
- A. Discussion of suggested Policy changes  
Submitted Policy changes will be worked on and submitted to the Council at the March COG meeting.
  - B. Requests for Resolutions  
Deadline is February 20, 2016 to submit Resolutions to PDG Dwaine Habrat for committee review.
- 17 **Other Business**
- A. Request of Excel spreadsheet for “Can Do Canines”  
This is not affiliated with Leader Dog. Discussion on this topic was done.  
Per DG Susan Selner, in the past, “Can Do Canines” was allowed to do some advertising. Because selected state projects have been approved, no matter how worthy the cause, if we allow a spreadsheet of information to anyone that makes that request it will open up the door to allowing anyone to solicit.  
  
DG Dick Schwedersky also commented that he has heard a lot of concern about giving out emails because Lions are concerned about being spammed.  
  
It was decided by the Council that each District Governor can contact “Can Do Canines” themselves if they wish to have them set up a table at their convention. “Can Do Canines” contact is Alan Peters, Executive Director, New Hope, MN  
[www.can-do-canines.org](http://www.can-do-canines.org).  
  
This is no reflection on the organization requesting the information but setting a precedence.
  - B. Steve Watson from Children’s Hospital  
Lion Steve was not able to make the COG meeting. DG Mike Drew will be going back to him with some additional questions that were brought up at the Friday night session.
  - C. Lion Anita LeCleir spoke on Environmental  
An Environmental red folder was handed out to the Council. This is for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to learn about the environment and the Lions. The child will earn an enclosed certificate when they finish the pages in the red folder.  
**Motion #44** by DG Nesseth/DG Drew to send report to webmaster to put on website.  
10-0 carried
  - D. CC Evett presented a certificate of appreciation for her dedication and service to Lions, to PCC Connie LeCleir-Meyer, from Past International President Joe Preston.
- 18 **District Governor Team Activities**
- A. Curling Bonspiel banquet, January 15-17, 2016 (Cottage Grove)



- B. A1 Convention, January 15 – 16, 2016 (Lake Geneva)
- C. D2 Convention, February 5 - 6, 2016 (Lake Delton)
- D. A2 Convention, February 19 - 20, 2016 (Oconomowoc)
- E. D1 Convention, March 4-5, 2016 (Middleton)
- F. State Bowling – February 27, 2016 - Oshkosh

19 **Guest Comments**

20 **Announcements / Awards Deadlines**

- A. Peace Poster contest
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners
    - 27-D1, Jerilyn Larsen, \$100
    - 27-B1, Louie Hartfield, \$75
    - 27-B2, Cameron Harbridge, \$50
  - b. First place winner has been submitted to LCI; results will be announced February 1 – submissions will be on display at upcoming District Conventions!
- B. LCI Essay contest
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners – only one entrant this year.
    - A1, Jenna Prock, \$100
- C. LCI Environmental Photo contest – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- D. Presidential & Leadership status – December 1, 2015
- E. Helmer Lecy Sight Service – December 31, 2015
- F. Presidential Appreciation Certificates – for District Conventions

21 **Next Council of Governors Meeting: March 11-12, 2016**

- A. March 11 (Friday evening) - DG Work Session at 7:00 p.m.
- B. March 12 (Saturday) – Council Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

22 **Adjournment**

**Motion #45** by DG Henning/DG Nesseth to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. 10-0 carried