

MINUTES OF THE MD19 WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

February 18, 2017

West Langley Hall, Langley, B.C.

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Enoch Rowland at 8:30 am. Invocation was given by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and signed the Attendance Sheets.

I. Council of Governors

Enoch Rowland, Council Chairperson
Jon Whitman, Vice Council Chairperson
Al Beddows, Past Council Chairperson
Patty Allen, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Simon Yau, District Governor 19-A
Mar Murillo, District Governor 19-B
Jan Weatherly, District Governor 19-C
Wanda Carisse, District Governor 19-D
David Walk, District Governor, 19-F
Monte Ward, District Governor 19-G
John Moralek, District Governor 19-H
Alan Guy, District Governor 19-I
Eric Keller, PDG 19-A
Janet Rinehart, PDG 19-B
Al Hedstrom, PDG 19-C
Shelley Costello, PDG 19-D
Bob Yeoman, PDG 19-E
Viva Metz, PDG 19-F
J.D. Nellor, PDG 19-G
Don Wight, PDG 19-H
Brian Phillips, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Brien Patton, Budget & Finance
PDG Bob Yeoman, CARE
PDG Steve Somerset – BC Centennial Coordinator
PDG J.D. Nellor – US Centennial Coordinator
EST Patty Allen, 2017 International Convention
PID Anne Smarsh, USA / Canada Leadership Forum
PDG Tom Smarsh, Diabetes
PDG Bob Ayotte, Leadership
PCC Al Beddows, Training
PDG Al Hedstrom, Facilitator Development Training
PDG Brian Phillips, Leadership Development Coord.
PZC Ken Ball, Information & Technology
PZC Sandy Ball, Webmaster
PID Don Shove, International Participation
PCC Polly Voon, LCIF- Canada
Barry Shiles, LEO Clubs
PDG Rosemary Richert, Parliamentarian
PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Strategic Planning

Foundations & Societies

Barry Shiles, CLERC
PCC Gary Reidel, MD19 Lions Service & Leadership FDN
Bill Lundin, Northwest Lions Foundation

III. Lions, Lioness, LEOs and Guests

ZC Peter Anderson	Gloria Hardan	Laura Patton
Rebecca Anderson	1 st VDG Grace Hwo	PID Roger Richert
Sonia Ayotte	1 st VDG Bill Karcher	Sunny Shove
Michele Barrie	PDG Erma Kemp	1 st VDG Ron Smircich
PZC Jane Beddows	PCC Jim Kemp	PDG Dori Somerset
PDG Norma Bent	PDG Shella Keung	1 st VDG Crystal Walk
1 st VDG Joyce Boyle	1 st VDG Harry Lippincott	1 st VDG Corinne White
2 nd VDG Michael Dukes	PDG Kay Metz	1 st VDG Greg Vicars
2 nd VDG Gord Graves	PCC Hal Palmer	PDG Carol Whitman
Bobbin Fuller-Vanderber		

MOTION: A motion was made by PCC Al Beddows and seconded by PDG Eric Keller, 19-A to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Spokane, WA, October 20, 2016. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

DIABETES REPORT by PDG Tom Smarsh, Chairperson:

"Update:

- Set up and manned a diabetes table at the MD19 Annual Convention in Spokane, WA last October, 2016.
- Contacted the American and Canadian Diabetes Associations to find an activity that our Lions might be a part of this year.
- Scheduled to set up and man my diabetes table at 19-B District Conference, May 4-5, 2017.
- Produced a monthly newsletter and shared with MD19 Office and other Diabetes Chairpersons.
- Asked it to be shared in the *Border Crossing* and the *Busy B* publications."

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT by Dr. Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:

“As the Environment Chairperson for Multiple District 19, I work to encourage Lions to include environmental projects in their array of service projects, and to highlight the good work that Lions are doing.

Multiple District 19 Lions Featured in Lions Quarterly Video

LQ - October 2016
18:10 minutes

Nancy Messmer
Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions Club

Farralee Morris
Kalaloch Clearwater Lions Club

George Doucley
Sequim Bay Lions Club

Pacific Northwest Coastal Clean-Up

In the October 2016 Lions Quarterly, watch the latest centennial video, Lions and LCIF—Humanitarian Service Around the world; see how Lions are coming together to provide aid to Syrian refugees; learn how Lions in the Pacific Northwest United States are partnering for coastal clean-up; and be inspired as you see Lions legacy of service come to life. Available with closed captions.

washington CoastSavers
Beach Cleanup

© 2016 Lions Quarterly, watch the latest centennial video, Lions and LCIF—Humanitarian

Lions Quarterly is the Video Magazine published by Lions Clubs International.

In the spring of 2015, the video crew came to film Lions of Multiple District 19 (Washington, British Columbia, N. Idaho) assembling to clean Rialto Beach as part of the Earth Day Beach Clean-up along the whole coastline of Washington. Organized by MD19 Environmental Chairperson, Dr. Nancy Messmer, Lions from the following Clubs participated: Clallam Bay Sekiu, Sequim, Port Angeles, Forks, Clearwater - Kalaloch, Hoquiam, Bellingham Harborview, Lynden and Gabriola Island.

Stories are planned far in advance, and the MD19 Lions were featured in the fall 2016 video. The October 2016 video is one in a series of Centennial videos. Go to this website to see the latest 18 minute video and the past videos, including the series of Centennial Videos; <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news---media/videos/videos.php?id=gBe7c9> The whole movie is inspirational, as it tells how the Lions Clubs International Foundation serves those in need around the world.

As Lions work around the world to 'Protect our Environment', we conduct cleanups in our communities, in urban areas and along shorelines, including Gabriola Island Lions whose YouTube video is included in this clip. To specifically watch the Pacific Northwest clip (Washington and British Columbia) enter this web address: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news---media/videos/videos.php?id=gBe7c9OPgB>

Lions, as your clubs complete cleanups this spring, please send photos and information to me and I'll share it in multiple venues.

Share Our Work



Emphasize to Lions that we need to share our great work. Ask fellow Lions (or their kids or grandkids) to take lots of photos. Focus on action pictures. Submit articles to local newspapers, community newsletters, your Club Facebook page and to me. I'll write articles and post on the MD19 Environment Page, create posters, and make a database of environment projects when you send photos and information about Lions at Work on Protecting the Environment.

'Protecting Our Environment' is one of the four Centennial Global Service Action Campaigns

Lions all over the world are implementing projects to improve and protect our environment locally and globally. MD19 Lions spearhead community and environment improvement projects and also join other groups in coordinated projects. These projects are highlighted in the *Border Crossing* and media presentations. The LCI website presents a cornucopia of project ideas, media, and support materials: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planningprojects/community-environment/index.php>

Lion Nancy Messmer, Ph.D. Multiple District 19 Environment Chairperson
Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions. able@olypen.com 360.963.2442

YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE REPORT by PDG George Robison, Chairperson:

"Over the past month, I have contacted current and past Lions serving in various capacities with Lions Youth Camp Exchange, as well as current District Governors. Many have responded with explanations of why they have chosen to no longer participate in Lions YCE. Some have explained the Youth Exchange activities in their clubs and districts, as well as the difficulties faced in obtaining host families. I have not attempted to convince anyone who has chosen to become inactive that they should return to their vibrant past participation. These contacts have been for information gathering rather than selling participation. Some who were invited to email me their comments have chosen not to participate.

A sit-down meeting has been scheduled for May 6, 2017, in Kelowna and was featured on the first page of the most recent *Border Crossing*. That meeting is intended to garner more specific information about the lack of current participation and form a recommendation to the MD19 Council.

When I became active in MD19 fourteen years ago, after moving to Gig Harbor from California, I noted that most of the districts were not actively participating in the MD19 Lions Youth Exchange Program. I became active in the 19C PDG group and found that most had never been involved in Lions YEP. That lack of participation is counter-productive to a successful program. Since that time, several of the 19C DGs have tried to increase participation and are to be commended for that. I have tried to expand participation, with nominal success a couple of years but mainly with success only in my own club.

Input received to date has hinted that problems facing Lions YCE in Canada are different from the problems in the U.S. At the May 6th meeting, we will discuss those differences. In the meantime, DGs are invited to submit their comments about Lions YCE."

LCIF – US REPORT by PDG Joan Hunter, Chairperson:

"Lions Clubs International Foundation is asking all Lions to have an LCIF Club Coordinator by June 30, 2017. Some clubs seem not fully aware of LCIF and its potential. It is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. The monies donated from Lions Clubs come back to our communities all over the world. Last year LCIF gave out more funds than received.

The programs for Lions are also financed through this avenue. When there is a shortfall, it may not be able to sustain some of its programs. Charitable requests are acknowledged first.

Now, a Club LCIF Coordinator would receive information regarding LCIF operations. Our district coordinators are doing excellent work, but can use help at the club level.

The Club President may appoint a member to chair this position or the club can make this an elected position. Should the club decide to make this an elected position, this individual would be a member of the club board.

Some clubs already have a Club LCIF Chairperson and they are working very well. Please take appropriate action - unless your club already has a chairperson - so that your club has an LCIF Chairperson in place by June 30, 2107 for the coming Lions year 2017-18."

MD19 LEO REPORT by Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

1. “Coming LEO Events:
 - a. First USA / Canada LEO Leadership Forum, August 2-6, 2017.

To be held in New York City. Contact Information: 646-481-3238 or info@usalf.org We would like to send a LEO or two to participate in this forum. This the first forum of its kind in North America. In other countries of the world these forums, similar to Lions Annual Conventions, have been going on for 30 or more years. This our catch up.
Contact info: Our regional coordinator is Cheryl Kerns 913-221-3040 or ckerns@bluevalleyk12.org or LEO Kyle E. Boutilier, 604-652-8883 kyle.e.boutilier@gmail.com
 - b. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, Oregon

September 21- 23. The Forum organizers want four LEOs to participate on two panels on Saturday (morning and afternoon) with a wide variety of LEO topics and education. This can be seen as a step forward for the LEO program as they are included in more and more important information sessions. The Forum will help Lions and Lions Clubs see the value of LEO Clubs. 'LEOs are the Future of Lions.' Our main difficulty is funding the LEO's trip, gas, meals, hotel, etc.
My question is how can this be done - Northwest Lions Foundation Grant, Lions individuals, or LEO or Lions clubs or other sources? Contact info: registrar@lionsforum.org or 604-723-4007.
 - c. LEO of the Year Nominations: We have two with the promise of at least two more. We would like to see one from each district, totaling nine entries. This would give us at least one 'LEO of the Year' to award in each district, with an overall MD19 'LEO of the Year' winner. Funding of the MD19 LEO Awards such as plaques and certificates is provided by MD19.
 - d. District 'A': Is holding a LEO orientation panel in the coming month and held a very successful panel in Feb. with 20 LEOs going to LEO orientation school. LEO Orientation panels can be held like this at a separate meeting or at the club meeting. It is recommended that LEOs, LEO Officers, Prospective LEO Officers all be given some form of LEO education.
 - e. Districts B, C, D, E, F, G and H LEO Clubs are doing many community services of their own and helping their sponsoring Lions Clubs with many projects, including Food Bank donations, Christmas Bureau donations, 1800 pairs of socks and gloves for the homeless, seniors projects, battered women's shelter goody bags, mental health hygiene Christmas boxes. Basketball tournament with proceeds, toys and funds to Christmas Bureau. There are many more community service activities, too many to list in fact.
2. LEO Information and Publicity: Work is being done on getting more reports of LEO activities so they can be reported to the MD. We have heard from Districts H and C. Articles were in the last two *Border Crossings*. To facilitate this acquiring and sending out of information, we have prepared an email list of all the District Public Relations Chairpersons and all District Bulletin Editors along with the MD19 Bulletin Editor and all LEO Club Advisors - (29) email addresses that were available.

The Lions Districts Bulletin Editors did an excellent job of putting me on their email mailing lists. I have now received all of district A through I bulletins and will get them every month, which will help with LEO Info getting out to the MD and Districts. LEO advisors, PLEASE send reports of LEO Activities and Service Projects to me or your own District Bulletin Editors.

3. Locating LEO Clubs and LEO Advisors: while compiling the email lists, it was determined that there is a lot to fix in our LEO, LEO Advisor, LEO club, LCI information. Right now we have two LCI lists that are different, LEO Advisors' emails need to be coordinated with LEO Club Location info at LCI, There are many reasons for this: Lions Secretaries not reporting, or not reporting correctly and Lions clubs not reporting at all. Is your LEO club still active? Does your LEO club have any members? In one case a District has six LEO clubs on the LCI club locator list but only one Advisor on the email list. Where are the other five LEO Advisors?
4. LEO Club Excellence Awards: Call for Nominations will be coming soon. MD had two winners last year, Kwantlen Park LEOs out of Surrey B.C. and N.K. Vikings out of Poulsbo WA. KP was the only winner in all of Canada and the 2 winners in the MD. We hope to have more entries and more winners this year. These nominations should be in before May 1, 2017. The nomination form is on LCI's website.
5. LEOs are a huge asset for Lions Clubs: LEOs provide more community service by simply having more available bodies working beside their Lions members. Enthusiastic, young strong LEO help never goes wrong. Some of the LEO Clubs are actually doing more fund raising and service activities than their sponsoring Lions Club.
6. Start a LEO Club: I have LEO Club Organization kits available for your Lions club, for your schools, your community groups, your LEO Advisors (it tells the LEO story, and is an excellent resource from LCI). The Kit has the how, what, why, when, and where of LEOs. A lot of Lions and Clubs fear the LEO program. You can be assured the rewards to the Lions Club of having a LEO club are more than the work you put into the activity. LEOs are well worth the effort."

LIONESSE REPORT by PZC Linda Shaffrick, Chairperson:

"The Lioness clubs of MD19 are all busy.

There are 14 Lioness clubs in MD19 with 260+ members (no report from one club)

A very brief overview of the some of their activities in this quarter: making and selling cookie trays for the holiday season; ringing bells for the Salvation Army; bingo's at Senior homes; decorating trees for Habitat for Humanity; making food trays for foster children's party; Christmas raffles; providing Christmas dinner for a seniors complex; craft fairs; children's Christmas parties; participating in Santa parades; packing Christmas hampers; sending Christmas cards to the Canadian troops; attending Remembrance Day services; collecting eyeglasses; pancake breakfast for seniors; delivering hot lunches and making muffins for elementary schools; Arena Concessions; knitting shawls for care homes; assisting the needy with 'Santa Sacks'; tree chipping; Chinese New Year Dinner - This is naming only a few of the many projects that the Lioness do.

Donations were made to: Salvation Army; Women's Shelter; Camp Winfield; animal outreach; Warming Centre; Emergency relief; Lions Foundation of Canada; CARE; White Cane Club; Bike Safety for Kids; flowers for Care Home; Food Bank; Timmy's Telethon; Christmas hampers; Shoe boxes; school muffin program; soup kitchen; purchase children's books...and many more worthy causes.

We Serve Too"

MD19 LIONS QUEST – BC REPORT by PZC Michael Stanford, Chairperson:

"Lions Quest Canada has rolled out the newest version for Lions Quest and are holding webinars for Lions who would like to learn more about the program. Lions can get together through Web Meetings, which is a very handy communication tool and very cost effective.

District 19H has had two Lions Quest workshops for teachers. The first, in Abbotsford was hosted by the Abbotsford Lions Club with approximately 30 teachers trained. The second was in Langley at the Trinity Western University. Approximately 30 graduate teacher students were trained. These workshops were paid by the LCIF Grant and local Lions Clubs. If your Lions Club would like to host a Lions Quest Workshop, please contact me or PDG Mel Stokes.

The new Lions Quest Program is being well received by B.C. Teachers. It will be just a matter of time before it will roll through the Province. I think it is time for other Districts to plan and organize their Lions Quest committees, apply for LCIF Grants and raise funds to match grant requirements.

Lions Quest Fellowships are available through Lions Quest Canada. These awards are a great way to recognize caring people who go the extra mile for children. Please take the time to learn about the Fellowship. Lions Quest Canada needs our support. It would be great to see all Lions Clubs recognize at least one person in their community with a Fellowship. Their website: www.lionsquest.ca

If any Lion would like to learn more about Lions Quest, I would be happy to speak to them.

Thank You Lions, for supporting Lions Quest Programs.”

CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR – US REPORT by PDG J.D. Nellor, Chairperson:

“First, a reminder of some basics so you do not have to refer back to past reports:

I am one of two MD19 Centennial Coordinators: PDG Steve Somerset is the MD19 *Canada* Centennial Coordinator and I am the MD19 *U.S.* Centennial Coordinator. This means that you get to read two reports on the Centennial Celebration— PDG Steve will cover Districts A, D, E, H and I and my report covers Districts B, C, F and G. And, yes, there will be some overlap.

You may contact me for Centennial Celebration help at:

Emailjdnellor@comcast.net
Mail.....901 Umatilla Way
Vancouver, WA 98661
Home phone.....(360) 696-1657
Work phone.....(360) 816-2241

Each District in MD19 has a district level coordinator. They are:

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District 19CPZC Bob Johnsonbobjohnson39@live.com
District 19DPDG Norma Bentbentnj41@shaw.ca
District 19EPDG Kim DiRienz.....kdirienz@hotmail.com
District 19FPZC David Heathdabid@fairpoint.net
District 19GPDG Doug Hall.....liondoug@gmail.com
District 19HPDG Al Stobbart.....stobbarta@shaw.ca
District 19IPDG Brian Phillips.....lion.brian.phillips@telus.net

District A, D, E, H and I Coordinators have been reporting to PDG Steve Somerset and Districts B, C, F and G Coordinators have been reporting to me. This seems to be working.

On to some details.

Centennial Program Grant

Development of projects for use of the ‘MD19 Centennial Promotions’ grant are in full swing. Districts C and G have Centennial Promotion activities, have applied for and have received their shares of the grant, \$1,372.50 each.

District 19C is spending its money on a street fair event to be held at the Marymount Event Center in Spanaway, Washington, in August, 2017. The event will include food, entertainment, a beer garden, fun and games, opportunities for vendors, a car show, and (as they say) more...

District 19G used its grant funds to purchase ten 4 foot by 8 foot parade and event banners, and other promotional materials (brochures and leaflets). Each 19G Zone receives two banners which are available to clubs for parades and other public events— clubs may ‘check out’ the banners from their zone chairperson for a specific event, and then return them so another club can use them at another event.

The District Coordinator is building an event calendar for the entire District that will be published for the clubs and posted online so clubs throughout the District can join local Lions clubs in their community events over the remaining 18 months of the Centennial Celebration.

There is \$1,372.50 waiting for Districts B and F. District B is voting on which of three potential projects the District will adopt, so I anticipate receiving a District B grant request soon. District F has been discussing potential promotional activities.

For the Districts that have not yet gotten their grant funds, I need to approve your project. For me to do so I need a project plan with a proposed budget showing how the District plans to spend \$1,372.50. If you have already spent money and need reimbursements, send me the receipts with the budget. If you have not spent money yet, send me the purchase orders or invoices with the grant request. If you are struggling with how to put the budget or project plan together but otherwise have a general idea about what you want to do, contact me and I will help you put together the paperwork— the goal is for each District to get their money. Once I approve the project, the MD19 office will send you a check.

There is also a deadline. I have to provide an accounting for the use of the grant funds to LCI by June 30, 2017. So, Districts have to have one or more promotional events planned and budgeted by May 31, 2017. The Centennial Project grant funds are held in trust for the Districts and are not part of the MD general funds. *If the funds are not used by a District, they must be returned to LCI.*

Sandwich Board Inserts

Part of the LCI Centennial Promotion grant funds (\$3,849.00) were used for the purchase of Centennial inserts for the sandwich boards that MD19 distributed to clubs last fiscal year. Each club gets two Centennial sandwich board inserts. Those inserts were distributed to each District Governor at the Annual Convention, in Spokane, WA.

Legacy Projects

Centennial Community Legacy Projects are one of the three components of LCI's Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to our communities that commemorate the Association's Centennial and create a lasting legacy of Lions service contributions.

Worldwide, 10,701 Legacy Projects have been reported from 5,147 clubs.

In our neck of the woods:

- District B clubs report 17 Legacy Projects completed. District B is working on a District level Legacy Project.
- District C clubs report 35 Legacy Projects completed.
- District F clubs report 16 completed Legacy Projects.
- District G clubs report 27 completed Legacy Projects. Three zones in District G report Zone level Legacy projects.

The continuing challenge with Centennial Community Legacy Projects is for the clubs to report what they are doing to their District Coordinators (so the District Coordinators can report to me and I can report to LCI). My experience visiting clubs and zone meetings is that perhaps even most clubs do projects on a regular basis that qualify as Legacy Projects, but either do not know what a Legacy Project is, or just do not know how to report them.

Centennial Service Challenge

A second component of the Centennial Celebration is LCI's Centennial Service Challenge— LCI originally challenged clubs worldwide to serve 100,000,000 people during the four-year Centennial Celebration, 25,000,000 in each of four, traditional, Lions service areas: Sight; Hunger; Youth and Environment.

As of January 9, 2017, 33,886 clubs worldwide have reported 133,734,856 people served since the challenge began.

In the Districts reporting to me, for just the fiscal year 2016–17 (as of January 5, 2017):

- District 19B clubs have reported 33 Centennial Service Challenge Projects that have served 78,400 people.
- District 19C clubs have reported 47 Centennial Service Challenge Projects that have served 140,500 people.
- District 19F clubs have reported 46 Centennial Service Challenge Projects that have served 129,900 people.
- District 19G clubs have reported 41 Centennial Service Challenge Projects that have served 128,600 people.

Let's do the math: 167 Centennial Service Challenge Projects that have served 477,400 people by the clubs in Districts B, C, F and G during the first six months of this fiscal year!

Membership Drive

The third component of the Centennial Service Challenge is the Centennial Membership Drive. LCI is offering special, limited edition awards to Lions, clubs, and District Governors who contribute to membership growth during the Centennial Celebration.

Worldwide, as of January 9, 2017, there are 353,088 Centennial members (new members added during the Centennial Challenge) from 3,007 clubs.

A little closer to home, so far this fiscal year (through January, 2017):

- District 19B clubs have reported 59 Centennial members.
- District 19C clubs have reported 73 Centennial members.
- District 19F clubs have reported 57 Centennial members.
- District 19G clubs have reported 47 Centennial members.

Remember as well that the March is almost here— the MD 19 'Spring Forward' membership drive is just around the corner.

Resources

There are many resources available for the Centennial Celebration. I encourage everyone in Lions to go to the LCI website (www.lionsclubs.org) and click on the 'Lions 100' link at the top of the main page. Then click on the 'Toolbox' link. You will find brochures, press releases, banners, logos, advertising, billboard art, all free and available for download. All are useful in showing off and raising public awareness of your clubs, and LCI. And if you are interested in Centennial merchandise (shirts, cups, and what-not), you will find that there as well.

In conclusion, Districts B, C, F and G clubs are actively engaged in the Centennial Celebration. Visceral evidence is that club awareness of the Centennial Celebration is growing. MD19 clubs are getting more involved in the various components of the Celebration and are doing a better job of reporting.

Now is the time for our Lions to show off.

So don't forget: This is a CELEBRATION. There is no reason to be humble. 100 years of Lions is a big deal! We have 18 months left to celebrate our Centennial. So, let's celebrate!"

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

CANADIAN CLERC REPORT by Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

"I believe I can now report that the problems with shipping used eyeglasses from District I, Vancouver Island are officially over. We had some final details to fix and now glasses should flow freely and easily off the Island. Our final few shipping problems were some clerical, which challenged my creative abilities, but the box labels are now done. Victoria, Comox, Ladysmith to Calgary, AB should now function smoothly and easily.

Our other problem was a huge backlog of three years of glasses. We retrieved 250 boxes from Lions Carol and Joe Buczkowski's house and shed with probably 400-500 pairs of glasses per box—estimated at

125,000 pairs, which sounds impressive but there was another 4-6 skids estimated at 500 -600 boxes of glasses. These headaches were solved by Lion Gord Prusky, of the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Calgary. And it was a monumental problem to solve (estimated additional 450,000 glasses). You will note that all the glasses collected were accomplished by the Lions of District I. What a remarkable amount of glasses they collected. District I Lions continue to serve those in need of eyeglasses throughout the world.

Districts A and H are also actively collecting and shipping glasses in large numbers to our depot in Calgary.

Our community partners, two large shipping companies, who by the greatest of luck work closely together and ship to each other on a daily basis, are a gift to Lions. They deserve all the accolades we can give for their community service because they very strongly believe in our community service. The success we as Lions have experienced thanks to our community partners serves to reinvigorates Lions. We are not alone in our efforts *To Serve*.

Supplemental: The Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Calgary needs our monetary donations to operate. They need to buy collection boxes, which are \$2 each and ship them; little zip lock bags for each pair of glasses, which doesn't sound like too much until you send out close to a million glasses a year - and many other supplies and equipment which add up.

My suggestion is this: clubs that collect and ship glasses already support the program and if they could send a donation it would help. Most already do.

Lions clubs that don't collect glasses could help by sending a small donation to CLERC Calgary. Donations from \$50 to \$100 will to help finance the program, equipment and supplies."

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA – GUIDE DOGS REPORT by PDG Mel Stokes, Provincial Director:

"As the MD19, District H and BC & Yukon Director of the Lions Foundation of Canada, I can communicate with numerous Lions throughout BC. Contact is ongoing with all Canadian District LFC Chairpersons and am pleased to announce that PZC Linda Schaffrick, from Oliver, B.C. has agreed to Chair LFC for District D. Regretfully, we do still do not have a chairperson for District E.

To assist the District Chairpersons, donation results have been forwarded to them each quarter. In addition, emails have been forwarded with the latest information received from the Foundation to keep all within the loop. I am continuing to produce a quarterly LFC bulletin, the last submitted in November, 2016. The intent is to email all Lions in BC to provide them with information on what the Foundation is, how we work and how the Lions can, as a club or individual, donate to ensure ongoing viability. I am planning to attend four 2017 Spring Conferences with a display table, banner and pamphlets to help in advertising as well as providing information.

I was honored to attend and participate in District A's LFC fundraiser on January 18th. Between club, personal and raffle donations, they have raised \$60,000 for Dog Guides. A special thank you goes out to Chairperson PDG Shella Kueng, her committee and District Governor Simon Yau.

This year to date in BC, clients have received a total of six Dog Guides. This equates to a cost of approx. \$150,000 to the Foundation.

Overall the Foundation fundraising is up this year because of higher investment income. We still need your help. Please ask all clubs to consider additional financial support.

The following are a few of the ways to donate and some of which members can be recognized:

- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship and progressive \$500
- LFC Fellowship \$250
- Life Membership and progressive \$100
- Adopt a Puppy \$100
- Memorial Forest \$250

- Dog Guide Sponsor from \$4,000 to \$12,000 (can be over several years)
 - Leave a Legacy through a bequest
- Planned Giving whether a lump sum or periodic payments
 - Organize a Walk for Dog Guides
- Donate your reward points – Aeroplan, Airmiles, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Optimum
 - Open donation to the Foundation”

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:
“Council Chairperson Enoch, fellow Council Members, Lions and Guest’s, greetings.

We, the Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society are working very hard to provide a one-of-a-kind service to our communities; making it easier to communicate with one another and making life a little better for those who cannot afford hearing aids.

We offer new hearing aids with a three-year warranty and batteries to clients. We still offer ‘Refurbished’ hearing aids but have had very few takers.

So far this year we have provided eighty (80) Hearing Aids to deserving clients.

We received used hearing aids from most of our districts for recycling. We will be sorting and sending over four thousand (4,000) used hearing aids to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center for them to use or recycle.

My friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help. For more information about our Society and all our programs, please check our web site at: www.lionsofbchearingsociety.org

I want to thank all the Lions members, District Governors, Zone Chairpersons and the Hearing Chairpersons for supporting and promoting this great organization.”

NORTHWEST LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING REPORT by Kerby Kee, President:

“As the new president of Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center and with a staff of new officers, we are looking forward to an exciting year at NWLERC. We are financially secure, with our property free and clear. We are also in the process of having an architect prepare a set of blueprints for a new structure. A grant from the Nisqually Indian Tribe has been given to us which will be put towards our building fund.

Since July we have received 118,605 pairs of glasses, which is considerably more than last year. We have supported 11 missions this year with a total of 8,914 glasses being sent. Total glasses received at NWLERC since LERC's inception is 2,065,139.

We have a group of volunteers from the local area working with the Lions that help make NWLERC so successful. They sort and wash glasses and are lensometer techs. Being thankful for them doesn't say enough. To the Lions of MD19 who collect glasses, a heartfelt thanks. We would sincerely like Lions members to visit our facility.

I would also like to invite the Council Chairperson, District Governors and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors to visit our NWLERC facility.”

NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by Bill Lundin, Trustee Chairperson:

“It is with great pleasure, that I present some great news on the growth of SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation for the 4th Quarter and calendar year of 2016.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible growth with over 30,421 corneal transplants this calendar year. This is a 24% increase from 2015 and includes thousands of additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program.

SightLife raised over two million to support our growth and global programs, in addition to raising funds to accelerate our shared mission to eliminate corneal blindness by 2040.

In 2016, SightLife completed the integration of Ocular Systems and The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank. Our local Foundation Trustees worked with the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation to help them develop programs that are similar to programs provided here in MD19.

SightLife growth has significantly helped our Foundation. This year, SightLife's financial support increased to over \$480,000. These funds go directly to our Lions community service programs.

The Foundation Board completed the development of a comprehensive network of Hearing Care professionals across Washington State and Northern Idaho. This new hearing program has reduced the cost to local Lions Clubs and allowed us to deliver over \$400,000 in modern digital hearing aids.

We expanded our relationship with Group Health Co-Operative (soon to be Kaiser Permanente). Our Tacoma program in District C has improved our ability to expand the scope of our community services in that area. Based on that success, Group Health has committed to fund two new projects in Everett and Spokane Washington, with a value of \$80,000.

Our Health Screening Program has served over 35,000 individuals (mostly children). We also worked with the Washington State Board of Health to formally include health screening into the Washington Statutes. This gives our Foundation some additional liability protections.

Finally, The Foundation distributed over \$150,000 in organizational and individual grants to those providing sight or hearing services to low-income patients in local Washington State communities.

In closing, The Board of Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would like to thank all the Lions and Lions Clubs in MD19 for their continued support of White Cane Days. Our totals for the year exceeded \$100,000. Thank you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities."

CONVENTION AND FORUM REPORTS

MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION – SPOKANE, WA REPORT by PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth and PZC Cliff Miller, Co-Chairpersons:

"Multiple District 19 Convention: Held October 20-22, Hotel Red Lion, Spokane, WA. Theme: 'Roaring with Lions'

A check was sent to MD19 for approx. \$6,000 from the Convention Committee

Counts:

Registration – 391	Saturday Lunch - 234
Pin Trader Tables - 5	Saturday Banquet PR - 138
Vendor Tables – 5	Saturday Banquet CH - 154
Foundation Tables-8	Service Project - 32
Thursday Kick-off Lunch – 116	Strides Walk - 34
Friday Lunch - 172	Tour - 41
Friday Dinner - 252	First Conference - 34
Fun Night only – 52	New Lion - 12
Saturday Breakfast – 72	Key members - 113
Total Fun Night – 303	

Raffle took in \$3,300 but only \$2,967 was deposited due to Canadian conversion.

Special events at convention:

WSU College of Nursing students providing health screenings
Massage Therapy students from Inland Massage providing massages
Swing Dancers providing lessons
Tour of Victorian Homes

International Guest: ID Bruce Beck was wonderful and engaging. Enjoyed by all.

Special thanks:

Spokane Central Lions Club, Host Club
 Don Peters, Spokane Central, Treasurer
 PZC Lonnie Morse, Rathdrum, Convention Registration
 Priest Lake/Kaniksu Lions Club for the Spectacular Fun Night
 Coeur d' Alene Lions Club, Raffle
 Medical Lake Lions Club, Coffee
 Spokane Shadle North Lions Club, Hospitality Room
 Spokane Valley Lions Club, Gift Bags for dignitaries
 ZC Ed Brandstoettner, Photographer
 Esquimalt Lions Club, Memorial Service
 PDG Tom Smarsh, STRIDES Walk

Many compliments were received from Lions attending regarding the outstanding convention it was overall and what a great time people had between seminars and convention events."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H and seconded by PDG J.D. Nellor, 19-G to accept the Consent Agenda reports as presented with the exception of the USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum Report and the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Foundation Report, which were removed to be given orally. Motion Passed.

An announcement was made regarding the election that took place after the Pre-Council Meeting to replace the current Executive Secretary-Treasurer. It was announced that ZC Peter Anderson, from 19-G will be the next Executive Secretary-Treasurer. His training will begin May 1, 2017 and he will be coming on board full-time beginning October 1, 2017.

MOTION: A motion was made by VCC Jon Whitman and seconded by District Governor Alan Guy, 19-I to destroy the election ballots. Motion passed.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE GIVEN ORALLY

LCIF-BC REPORT by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:

*"Every day, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) works to fulfill our mission: **'To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects.'** Since our founding in 1968 we have strived to sustain Lions' humanitarian service goals throughout the world, awarding over 12,000 grants totaling more than US\$900 million, in the four key areas of sight, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian efforts.*

Following is a recap of donations to LCIF for the period between July 1, 2016 and December 31st, 2016 from MD19 Canadian district/clubs.

District	# of Clubs	Clubs Donating	Participation Rate	Donations
19A	57	9	15.79%	\$11,439.61
19D	51	10	19.61%	\$3,929.32
19E	52	11	21.15%	\$5,765.63
19H	50	20	40.00%	\$14,452.99
19I	51	4	7.84%	\$1,277.68
Totals	261	54	20.69%	\$36,865.23

The challenge for 2016-2017 is for each district to work towards a goal of either \$20.73 per member or a 10% increase over 2015-2016. The following chart is repeated for your reference on the status of each of your districts' level of donations to LCIF so you can compare with the current year which has six months to go. As you can see, every district needs to step up in the last half of this year to meet the goals set for this year.

District	District Coordinator	2013-2014 Funds Raised	2014-2015 Funds Raised	2015-2016 Funds Raised	District Membership	Per Member Goal	2016-2017 Per Member Goal	10% Increase Goal
19A	Marilyn Martin	\$ 71,103.18	\$ 27,885.53	\$ 18,205.68	1117	\$ 20.73	\$ 23,144.24	\$ 20,026.25
19D	Frank Karas	\$ 19,202.98	\$ 15,079.53	\$ 14,979.54	1378	\$ 20.73	\$ 28,565.94	\$ 16,477.49
19E	Bob Yeoman	\$ 7,081.39	\$ 21,579.21	\$ 16,742.93	1470	\$ 20.73	\$ 30,473.10	\$ 18,417.22
19H	Kenny Lee	\$ 19,495.23	\$ 36,076.25	\$ 23,837.57	1691	\$ 20.73	\$ 35,054.43	\$ 36,121.33
19I	Denise Charest	\$ 22,875.85	\$ 19,101.89	\$ 11,629.13	1219	\$ 20.73	\$ 25,269.87	\$ 12,792.04

District Governors – We CAN meet these goals by the end of this 2016-2017 Lions Year! MD19 has been fortunate in receiving many substantial grants and to ensure that funds continue to be available for us to access whenever the need arises, we **MUST** encourage our members and clubs to support LCIF financially. Your District LCIF Coordinators stand ready and willing to do their job within your Districts on your behalf so please call on them and give them opportunities to promote LCIF.

19A LCIF Coordinator, PDG Marilyn Martin followed up with LCIF on a couple of mail-ins to LCIF via the JP Morgan Chase Lockbox Processing which were returned undelivered. As a result, please note that there is a new address for Canadian donations to LCIF. **If no tax receipt is needed and just a donation acknowledgement letter is sufficient**, donations may be sent to the new address - Lions Clubs International Foundation/Lions Clubs International, P O Box 2425, Station "A", Toronto, Ontario, M5W 2K5. Donations may also be sent in through the District Coordinator and/or the MD19 Office. In all cases, it is **IMPORTANT** to remember that, to avoid delays or misdirected donations, all cheques must have proper identification of donors (full club name/club number and member name/number) and send the donations in promptly.

LCIF Chairperson IPIP Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada made a surprise two-night stop (12Jan-14Jan, 2017) in Vancouver BC following the LCIF Board of Trustees and LCI Board Meeting in Chicago on his way to the FOLAC Forum in South America. Dr. Yamada asked to visit the medical equipment sponsored through the LCIF matching grant program in the Vancouver area. He met with research and medical staff at the BC Cancer Research Agency (equipment at the Genome Sciences Center), at the Eye Care Center (pinpoint laser device), and at the BC Children's Hospital (ultrasound system). Lack of advance notice of his brief Vancouver stop precluded us from arranging a Lions event during his visit.

LCIF is OUR Foundation!"

CARE REPORT by PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairperson:

"CARE Project for the next two years is called Educational Opportunities for Girls. The expected results of the project are as follows: 1) An increase in the number of secondary school girls who remain in school and complete all grades, and a related reduction in teen pregnancies; 2) An improvement in the self-confidence, social abilities, leadership skills and life plans of secondary school girls and 3) An increased awareness and active commitment to the education of girls among parents, teachers and principals from secondary schools.

Our goal for this year is \$40,000. At this time we should have 20K and are far short of that figure as we have only \$11,715. However, I have great confidence in our CARE Reps and District Governors in promoting CARE the final five months of the year. We are asking each Rep to contact clubs and promote the CARE Project by email, visits and through district newsletters, etc.

Something my club does, above our budgeted CARE donation, is each member donates \$5.00 during the month they were born. With 53 members that brings in an additional \$265.00. As we need to finish strong, let's start thinking about next year and what can we do to increase giving.

To achieve our goal of \$40,000.00 we need to average \$4.444 per District. We have a couple of districts that are nearing that goal already, thank you. Others need to push the remainder of the year.

Through 12/31/2016 here are the totals by District

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| A) \$700.00 | D) \$1050.00 | G) \$50.00 |
| B) \$1150.00 | E) \$2285.00 | H) \$3575.00 |
| C) \$1250.00 | F) \$805.00 | I) \$850.00 |

Total \$11,715.00

Mail Checks to: MD19 Lions, 4141 West Maplewood Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226

For more info go to: <http://www.care.org/about>

Support Your MD19 CARE Project!

MD19 CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR – BC REPORT by PDG Steve Somerset, Chairperson:

“Each District Centennial Coordinator reported on Clubs involvement in Centennial Legacy Projects and Centennial Service Challenge activities in December.

In recent weeks we have seen an increasing number of inquiries from clubs who are asking how they may access grant funds for their clubs Centennial Legacy projects. Unless the Club project is going to be a District wide project the funds that the MD has received for District wide projects cannot be used for individual club's projects. Clubs will need to source out where funding may be available including LCIF.

As a reminder, Districts need to get their District Projects finalized as to what they are going to do to promote the centennial throughout their District as soon as possible. We have to submit our final centennial Grant report by May, 2017. Any unused funds will be returned to LCI.

District Coordinators need to continue promoting the centennial to all Zone Chairpersons and Clubs. Furthermore we need to hear about the successes and Legacies being left in our communities.”

2017 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT by EST Patty Allen, Chairperson:

“What a Celebration It Will Be – 100 Years of Service!

Lions 100th Annual International Convention June 30 – July 4, 2017

Will you be there? 73 MD19 Lions have registered so far. It promises to be BIG!

Two Delegation hotels a couple of blocks apart: The Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza and the Hampton Inn Chicago Downtown West Loop. The hospitality Room will be in the Holiday Inn. Get signed up now!!!

Sign up for tours on the LCI website and for hands-on service projects with Lions from around the world! What an amazing opportunity!

Hear Chicago and The Beach Boys at the International Show. Visit Lions Clubs International Headquarters!

All the fun under one roof at McCormick Place.

March in the Parade of Nations! We have one of the most photographed uniforms in all the parade! If you can't borrow one of the NEW MD19 VESTS from someone in your district, you can purchase or rent it now. New shipment of vests has just been received. We can't mail the hat, but if you order and pay for the uniform before your spring conference, we will bring to the conference.

Contact the office today at md19lions@lionsmd19.com or 360-733-4911. You must have the official cowboy hat and new vest to march in our Centennial Parade!

Make sure your slacks, skirts, shirts, shoes, and hat are stark white rather than cream colored. If you are going to carry a camera or water, get the red MD19 bag. It's worth all the effort once you get to the parade.

If you are wondering how to pack the hat, just talk to someone who has been to the International Convention before. It's very doable!"

MD19 LIONS SERVICE & LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION REPORT by PCC Gary Reidel, President:

"In 2003 Lion Leaders of MD19 created the MD19 Service and Leadership Development Foundation as a result of receiving a generous bequest.

The Foundation's Mission

'To provide education and leadership training programs for the development of tomorrow's leaders in school, community, business and service organizations.'

The Foundation achieves its mission by: providing training opportunities in leadership skill development; communicating the need for assuming voluntary leadership roles; developing leadership skills and encouraging personal growth and the participation of those with abilities in national and international skill building opportunities.

Grants we provide: Northwest Leadership Institute – an annual leadership course of three days training. Honing leadership skills for up to 90 Lions and non-Lions. We provide for fee reduction, on a 'first come' basis, covering about half the cost of training, meals and lodging.

Other Items we cover: *Border Crossing* support; Leadership 101; leadership training for Camp LEO; leadership training for Camp Horizon counselors; District Governor Elect, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors Elect and Zone Chairpersons Elect training; MD19 Support Team and MD19 Go-to-Meeting.com account.

Fundraisers: Lions ties and scarves and through donations.

You can become a Founding Partner:

\$50	Contributing member
\$100	Lion of Pride
\$200	Senior Leader
\$1,000	Legacy Leaders
\$5,000	Circle of Light

MD19 Leadership Foundation Essay Contest

Subject is a 500 word essay on a leader, past or present that the writer admires. As examples: Winston Churchill, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Ghandi, Pierre Trudeau, Margaret Thatcher and others.

As there are many hundreds of high schools in Washington, B.C. and Northern Idaho it would logistically impossible to offer an Essay Contest to all high schools Multiple District 19 wide. We just do not have the people to oversee a project of this magnitude.

Here is a suggestion on how we can make this contest work. We offer it to each district on a limited basis. Each district could receive \$500.00 for prize money. The Governor picks a Zone and out of the Zone it is offered to 3-6 schools. Each school will pick a winner and that winner will receive a \$100.00 or \$50.00 prize depending on the number of schools participating. The school would pass their winner on to the District Governor. The governor will form a committee and pick a district winner from the 3-6 applicants and award a \$200.00 prize and forward on to the MD19 Council Chairperson.

The Council Chairperson, after receiving the 9 entrants will form a committee of three, one being from the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Foundation to judge the essays and declare a winner. The winner will receive a \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00 cash prize.

Nine districts x \$500.00 = \$4,500.00
Multiple District \$2,000.00 (\$1000.00)
Total cost to the Foundation = \$6,500.00 (\$5,500.00)

Doing a trial run in District I:

The contest will be open to grades 10-12 in three schools in the Sooke School District and three schools on the Olympic Peninsula. Each school will select a winner and that student will be awarded a \$200.00 cash prize. The same procedure for the three American Schools.

Once a selection from each group is determined, those two essays will be forwarded on to our Multiple District Council Chairperson and a winner will be selected and offered a \$1000.00 cash prize.

Judging criteria:

At the school level the essays will be judged by their English teachers (or English department), where spelling and composition will be taken into account.

At the District / Multiple District levels the essays will be judged on content and relevance to Leadership."

USA / CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT by PID Anne Smarsh, Chairperson (Oral Report)

This is an opportunity to attend a great leadership party in Portland, OR, September 21-23, 2017. It will be our 41st Forum and PID Roger Richert's 41st Forum! This year Roger will be a Moderator at the Forum for one of the sessions. Along with Roger, we have several other Lions from our Multiple District serving at the Forum as moderators: PZC Pat Burch and PDG Bob Yeoman. We also have some presenters: EST Patty Allen and PDG Steve Somerset.

The Theme for the Forum is "Leadership with Imagination; Service with Creativity". There will be amazing speakers, one of which will be Colonel Don Pettit, who is fourth most experienced Spacefarer of all time, Pettit has spent 370 days in space and 13 hours walking in space. He is from Silverton, Oregon. Also speaking will be Willie Jolley, who is the number one motivational speaker in America today.

There will be 91 seminar sessions. We will be traveling on public transportation, a shuttle train that goes all around Portland (MAX light rail system). Those attending the Forum will receive free public transportation for the duration of the Forum. The MAX will be the only transportation provided between the hotels & the Convention Center.

We will also be doing a service project - Lions Backpacks for Kids. Attendees are asked to bring a children's stocking cap, gloves, scarf and socks. During two one-hour sessions at the Forum, one of each of these items will be stuffed into these Lions Backpacks for Kids which will be distributed to homeless school children in Portland. Please keep your donations gender neutral. Monetary donations are also welcome.

So, Governor's please, with your district forum chairperson promote attending this forum. In two short years we will be hosting the 2019 USA / Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane, WA! So we all need to learn what it is all about.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

"The proposed 2nd half budget you are receiving has a deficit of \$15,997. There are two issues that stick out that are hurting a balanced budget. The first item is the lack of collecting dues from the clubs. Some Districts have done a great job in collecting their dues and others need some help. The districts collected 85.78% of the first half dues owed. We need to collect all the dues or we will continue to struggle with deficit budgets. Collected dues are the key to making our budget balance.

The largest change in the budget is line 125 exchange expense. We budgeted for \$9,000 and we are at \$26,497 which is a difference of \$17,497. We charged 1.30 as the rate of exchange when dues statements are sent to the clubs. We have to charge the rate that LCI charges us according to our policy manual. We collected \$11,074 at that exchange rate but that is still \$6,423 less than what we were charged when we brought money down across the border to pay bills. The amount collected in exchange when dues are paid by Canadian Clubs doesn't have a line in the income section of the budget. The rest of the budget we are proposing has little changed for the second half of the year. We can answer any question at the Council meeting.

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Proposed 2 nd Half Budget for 2016-17									
Income					6%	6%			
MD19 dues, \$18.60	1/31/2017	4/30/2016	4/30/15	12/31/2016	2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	2016-2017
MD19 Dues	Members		less 2%	% Dues Pd	Budget	1/31/2017		Budget	Budget
District A	1076	1172	1159	71%	\$1282	\$656	\$(626)	\$1282	\$1282
District B	780	829	884	85%	\$907	\$686	\$(221)	\$907	\$907
District C	1390	1434	1413	86%	\$1568	\$1294	\$(274)	\$1568	\$1568
District D	1307	1376	1417	83%	\$1505	\$970	\$(535)	\$1505	\$1505
District E	1405	1479	1466	83%	\$1618	\$1194	\$(424)	\$1618	\$1618
District F	1285	1328	1346	89%	\$1452	\$1193	\$(259)	\$1425	\$1452
District G	1269	1344	1365	85%	\$1470	\$926	\$(544)	\$1470	\$1470
District H	1631	1705	1698	96%	\$1865	\$1324	\$(541)	\$1865	\$1865
District I	1210	1217	1253	94%	\$1331	\$950	\$(381)	\$1331	\$1331
Totals	11,353	11,884	12,002	85.78%					
MD19 Operations Account – 89%					\$192,793	\$136,386	\$(54,407)	\$192,793	\$192,793
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%					\$6499	\$4597	\$(1902)	\$6499	\$6499
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%					\$2166	\$1532	\$(634)	\$2166	\$2166
MD19 Bldg Reserve Account – 1%					\$2166	\$1532	\$(634)	\$2166	\$2166
Total Dues Income (gross)					\$216,622	\$153,243	\$(63,379)	\$216,622	\$216,622
					2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
MD19 Other Income					Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
MD19 Annual Convention					\$5000	\$5899	\$899	\$5899	
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)					\$1800	\$1800	\$ -	\$1800	
Grant for Leadership Development (LCI)					\$1500	\$ -	\$(1500)	\$1500	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (Foundation)					\$ -	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	
Grant District & Zone Officer School (Foundation)					\$6000	\$8777	\$2777	\$8777	LCI:\$1552, \$1225 FDN \$6000
MD19 District Support Team Grant (Foundation)					\$1386	\$5886	\$4500	\$5886	FDN Grant 4500
Building & Grounds Improvements					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Building-Memorial Garden					\$2500	\$1790	\$(710)	\$2000	
District Budget Support					\$1800	\$1800	\$ -	\$1800	
International Convention					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia					\$1300	\$596	\$(704)	\$650	All unpaid 1 st Half
Postage Recovered					\$300	\$98	\$(202)	\$200	
Printing Recovered					\$450	\$110	\$(340)	\$200	
Sales –Award Banner Patches					\$175	\$ -	\$(175)	\$175	
Sales - Other					\$1200	\$692	\$(502)	\$1200	
Pins – Sales Income					\$1200	\$ -	\$(1200)	\$1400	1500 pins @ \$1 ea
Uniforms – Sales Income					\$1500	\$702	\$(798)	\$1500	
Roster / C&A Sales					\$250	\$294	\$44	\$302	
Roster / C&A Advertising 2016-17					\$1200	\$1225	\$25	\$1225	
Bulletin Subscriptions					\$250	\$123	\$(127)	\$123	
Bulletin / AWeber Advertising					\$500	\$135	\$(365)	\$200	
Lioness - Awards					\$200	\$196	\$(4)	\$200	
Lioness-Roster					\$180	\$178	\$(2)	\$180	
Miscellaneous Income					\$3000	\$2972	\$(28)	\$2972	Med Ins. & donations
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund					\$10	\$ -	\$(10)	\$10	
Exchange Income					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Income					\$30	\$645	\$615	\$645	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total MD19 Other Income					\$31,731	\$35,417	\$3686	\$40,345	
Total MD19 Income					\$248,353	\$188,660	\$(59,693)	\$256,966	
EXPENSE					2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
District Ops Accounts 12/31/16					Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
District A	1076				\$1282	\$656	\$626	\$1282	
District B	780				\$907	\$686	\$221	\$907	
District C	1390				\$1568	\$1294	\$274	\$1568	
District D	1307				\$1505	\$970	\$535	\$1505	
District E	1405				\$1618	\$1194	\$424	\$1618	
District F	1285				\$1452	\$1193	\$259	\$1452	
District G	1269				\$1470	\$926	\$544	\$1470	
District H	1631				\$1865	\$1324	\$541	\$1865	
District I	1210				\$1331	\$950	\$381	\$1331	
Total District Operations Account					\$12,997	\$9195	\$3803	\$12,997	

			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
International Convention Forum / Director			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Council Chairperson – Fukuoka, Japan			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Elect (Seated VCC) Fukuoka, Japan			\$400	\$400	\$ -	\$400	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Convention Chairperson - Fukuoka, Japan			\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$400	
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) Fukuoka, Japan			\$ -	\$155	\$(155)	\$155	2017 Hosp Rm DP
VCC to USA / Canada Forum			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
VDG to USA / Canada Forum – Omaha, NB			\$1200	\$300	\$900	\$300	\$2700 max-FDN
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director			\$2000	\$855	\$1145	\$1255	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
Capital Outlay			Budget	1/31-17		Budget	
Major Capital Expense (i.e. roof replacement)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Equipment			\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$200	
Copier Lease (Minolta)			\$2960	\$1727	\$1233	\$2960	
Vehicle Purchase Cont.(\$402.86 p/m - \$4834.32)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Capital Outlay			\$3160	\$1727	\$1433	\$3160	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
MD19 Convention Expenses			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)			\$1500	\$148	\$1352	\$1500	
MD19 Annual Convention			\$5000	\$3324	\$ -	\$5000	
Total MD19 Convention Expenses			\$6500	\$3473	\$3027	\$6500	
EXPENSE			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
MD19 General Operations			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)			\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
Credit Card Fees			\$350	\$43	\$307	\$350	
Accounting Review / Services			\$3000	\$3389	\$(389)	\$3389	
Bank Charges			\$400	\$65	\$335	\$400	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)			\$1000	\$538	\$462	\$1000	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)			\$1200	\$554	\$646	\$1200	
Bond – Employee (This appears to be covered in Commercial Policy)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Business License / Non Profit Corporation			\$10	\$10	\$ -	\$ -	
Maintenance Contract – Minolta Copier			\$670	\$ -	\$670	\$670	
Maintenance – Auto			\$1300	\$456	\$844	\$1300	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)			\$400	\$108	\$292	\$400	Fire extinguishers
Security System			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel			\$900	\$ -	\$900	\$900	
Post Office Box Lease U.S. & Canada			\$70	\$77	\$(7)	\$70	Canada PO Box
Postage			\$5000	\$3579	\$1421	\$5000	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)			\$550	\$410	\$140	\$550	Renamed
Office Supplies			\$500	\$386	\$114	\$500	
Printing and Stationary Supplies			\$2500	\$2167	\$333	\$2500	
Printing Outside			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing Roster / Contests & Awards Books			\$3800	\$3792	\$8	\$3800	
Purchases – Other Sales			\$1000	\$783	\$217	\$1000	Dist & Zone school
Purchases – Trading Pins			\$1000	\$1484	\$(484)	\$1484	
Purchase Vest Rental Refund			\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$100	
Purchases – Uniforms for Sale			\$1100	\$5324	\$(4224)	\$5324	100 vests
Computer Programs			\$600	\$617	\$(17)	\$617	
Exchange Expense			\$9000	\$26,497	\$(17,497)	\$26,497	Can dues Cover
Utilities			\$6200	\$3005	\$3195	\$6200	
Total MD19 Operations – General			\$41,150	\$53,284	\$(12,134)	\$63,761	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
Insurance – Auto/Building			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Auto Insurance			\$1680	\$1720	\$(40)	\$1720	
Commercial Pkge Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)			\$2323	\$2453	\$(130)	\$2453	
Total Insurance – Auto/Building			\$4003	\$4173	\$(170)	\$4173	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
Personnel-Calendar Year			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Part Time Employee: Bookkeeper			\$500	\$410	\$91	\$500	
Bulletin Editor			\$1800	\$1005	\$795	\$1800	
Medical Insurance – April 2016			\$14,760	\$9156	\$5604	\$14,760	

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Payroll – Admin Assistant - \$12.57			\$26,246	\$15,310	\$10,936	\$26,246	
Payroll – Executive Secretary \$21.49			\$44,871	\$25,788	\$19,083	\$44,871	
Payroll – Receptionist \$11.00			\$13,390	\$7966	\$5424	\$13,390	
SUI (Employ. Security 2.04% x \$42,100 max per employee 1/2015)			\$1000	\$1097	\$(97)	\$1000	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
FICA – 1/1/2016 Soc Sec 6.2% gross 1/2015			\$5600	\$3130	\$2470	\$5600	
FUTA – 1/1/2016 Fed. Unemployment 0.006% x \$7k max			\$168	\$46	\$122	\$168	
Medicare – 1/1/2016 Medicare 1.45% gross 1/2015			\$1470	\$732	\$738	\$1470	
L&I –SDI (Worker's Comp –L&I .1588 x reg hrs) 1/2015			\$943	\$487	\$456	\$943	
Pension-Exec Sec. 6% or .06 of gross payroll (6/30/2015)			\$2692	\$2785	\$(93)	\$2692	
Pension-Admin Asst. 6% or .06 of gross Payroll (6/30/2015)			\$1563	\$1647	\$(84)	\$1563	
Pension-Reception. 6% or .06 of gross payroll			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Personnel			\$115,003	\$69,558	\$45,445	\$115,003	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Taxes (non-personnel)							
Personal Property Tax			\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$100	
Building Property Tax			\$4800	\$2361	\$2439	\$4800	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)			\$4900	\$2361	\$2539	\$4900	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Support: Club, Zone and District							
International Director Candidate			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings (\$800 + \$800)			\$1600	\$144	\$1456	\$800	
Awards & Trophies – Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroidery, Certificates			\$1300	\$708	\$592	\$1300	
MD19 Bulletin (Border Crossing): Total Expense of printing & AWeber			\$800	\$289	\$511	\$800	
Council Chairperson Expense			\$3500	\$599	\$2941	\$3500	
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at MD19 Council Meetings (\$2500 + \$1000)			\$3500	\$1644	\$1856	\$2500	
Council Meeting - Fall	Spokane, WA 2016		\$2300	\$1918	\$382	\$1918	
Council Meeting - Winter	Langley, B.C., 2017		\$2800	\$ -	\$227	\$2800	
Council Meeting - Spring	University of B.C. 2017		\$2500	\$413	\$1229	\$2500	Room Deposit
Dist & Zone Officer Training – travel	University of B.C. 2017		\$12,500	\$120	\$12,380	\$12,500	
Dist & Zone Officer Training - Admin			\$ -	\$1456	\$(1456)	\$1 -	
Executive Secretary Expense			\$4000	\$2973	\$1027	\$4000	
MD19 District Team Expenses			\$1386	\$2026	\$(640)	\$2000	
Membership / Rebuilding Programs			\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$200	
Extension Chairperson	50%		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Club, Zone and District Support			\$36,386	\$12,250	\$24,136	\$34,818	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Telephone							
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)			\$3800	\$2557	\$1243	\$3800	
Website			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Telephone & Website			\$3800	\$2557	\$1243	\$3800	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Zone Chairperson							
Zone Chairperson – Expenses			\$10,000	\$5441	\$4559	\$10,000	FDN Help
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention			\$6200	\$5883	\$317	\$5883	
Total Zone Chairperson			\$16,200	\$11,324	\$4876	\$15,883	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Reserve							
Payable to MD 19 Reserve			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Payable to Building Reserve			\$2300	\$1532	\$768	\$2300	
Total Reserve			\$2300	\$1532	\$768	\$2300	
			2016-2017	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/17		Budget	
Contingency			\$264	\$ -	\$264	\$ -	
Total MD19 Expense			\$248,399	\$172,289	\$76,111	\$286,550	
Total MD19 Expense Budget			\$248,399	\$172,289	\$76,111	\$286,550	
Total MD19 Income Budget			\$248,853	\$188,660	\$(59,693)	\$256,966	
Net Income / (Loss)				\$16,371	\$ -	\$(11,584)	

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H to have the MD19 Budget and Finance Committee explore viable solutions to address the loss of dollars when Canadian dues are converted to American Dollars and bring these possible solutions to the Spring Council of Governors' Meeting. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Alan Guy, 19-I to approve the updated MD19 2016-17 2nd half budget. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed for break at 9:55 AM
Meeting resumed at 10:08 AM

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT by EST Patty Allen for PCC Larrie Taylor, Chairperson:
"Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the Council meeting.

To date we have only received the following suggested amendment items for consideration. These are from EST Patty Allen to make one of the sections read a little more smoothly and be a little more concise:

ARTICLE VII 'BL' SECTION 3 a. 4.

A District Cabinet may only endorse one (1) candidate for each position above the district level. The District Cabinet endorsement of the Vice Council Chairperson will be secured at a regularly scheduled District Cabinet Meeting prior to December 31st of the Lions Year in which the election will take place for the offices of ~~candidates for~~ Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson. A letter from the District Cabinet Secretary along with the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting where the endorsement was passed must be received by the Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer ~~from the district cabinet secretary~~ prior to December 31st. The incumbent Vice Council Chairperson is not required to seek endorsement of his/her District Cabinet as a candidate for the office of Council Chairperson"

ARTICLE V SECTION 6

*Regular meetings of the Multiple District Council of Governors shall be held The Vice Council Chairperson (Incoming Council Chairperson) may convene a ~~an unfunded~~ special meeting of the following year's Council of Governors at the ~~Annual Convention~~ **regularly scheduled Spring Council of Governors' Meeting** for the primary purpose of ~~considering and reviewing the~~ **approving the** appointments of the MD19 Committee Chairpersons **and members** and the ~~approved MD~~ **Multiple District Budget for the following Lions Year."***

If members of Council have any items, they wish the Committee to consider please forward them to me so I can circulate them for review by the Committee."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Jan Weatherly, 19-C and seconded by PDG Brian Phillips, 19-I to recommend a Do Pass vote for the two proposed amendments, Article VII 'BL' Section 3 a. 4. And Article V section 6. Motion passed.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS REPORT by PDG Janet Rinehart for PZC Nancy Sorensen, Chairperson:

"The following is the response of the Contests and Awards Committee to the Motions passed at the Council of Governors' Meeting of October 20, 2016:

1. Club Brochure, Club Business Card, and Club Scrapbook. The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) recommended the Club Brochure, Club Business Card, and Club Scrapbook Contests all be eliminated. The Contest and Awards Committee (C and A) disagreed with the SPC . Very few clubs participate in the Club Scrapbook Contest and it may be appropriate to end that contest (although the clubs that do prepare scrapbooks do a beautiful job and obviously take it seriously). Regarding the Club Business Card and Club Brochure Contests, the C and A Committee believes it worthwhile to encourage clubs to develop publications to be shared with the public. If the SPC is intent on limiting the number of contests, the C and A Committee suggested a Club Publications Contest, with sub-categories for a brochure or a business card, depending on which is submitted. The judging forms would remain the same as they are now.
2. Uniform Parade. The C and A Committee recommends no changes to the Uniform Parade. The SPC recommended this contest be eliminated. The C and A Committee notes there is good

3. participation and a good deal of fun with this activity. The Uniform Parade is something that everyone, not just the leadership, can participate in at meetings that can otherwise be very dry and boring.
4. Environmental Photos. The C and A Committee does not see much purpose to this contest which results in pretty photographs that are simply filed away. Photographs should be encouraged to be about Lions and Lions' activities, and shared in the public press, newspapers, Facebook, other internet sites, and Lions publications such as the Lions magazine, the Border Crossing, or publications such as the Busy B (published by District 19 B). Scores should be based on how widespread the distribution is of the photos, the quality of the photos, and what they portray of Lionism. A new and different contest would be created. The C and A Committee could develop contest rules and a judging form if the Council of Governors decides to proceed with this.
5. Humorous Story. The SPC recommended that the Humorous Story Contest include comedy entertainment and skits. The Council of Governors rejected that recommendation at its October 20, 2016 meeting (see page 28 of the minutes) but the C and A Committee is willing to re-visit this issue if the Council of Governors changes its position. The C and A Committee agrees with the SPC recommendation and notes this would require only a minimal change to the judging criteria and form.
6. Talent Show. The SPC had also recommended a Talent Show at the MD19 Convention. The Council of Governors rejected that recommendation (see page 28 of the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting). The C and A Committee is willing to develop specific rules but some parameters need to be set (Is it judged or non-judged? Are the participants to be selected at the District conferences?) The C and A Committee does not know what the SPC had in mind when it made this recommendation.
7. Remainder of Contests. The SPC recommended that the remainder of the contests remain as they currently are and the C and A Committee agrees. The Council of Governors rejected that recommendation (see page 28 of the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting) but it is not clear what the Council of Governors had in mind when it rejected the SPC recommendation. The only change the C and A Committee recommends is to revise the Club Achievement Contest rules to clarify that this contest may highlight either a service activity OR an activity for the benefit of the club."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Alan Guy, 19-I to suspend the deadline of February 28th as the date for which all Contests and Awards changes must be submitted to the Committee to that of the May Council of Governors' Meeting and that there would be recommendations brought to the Council for the current set of proposed changes with a committee being formed to look at those changes. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by PDG Brian Phillips, 19-I to approve the appointment of Laura Patton from 19G as a three-year member of the MD19 Contests & Awards Committee. Motion passed.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION REPORT by PID Don Shove, Chairperson:

"To Create and Foster a Spirit of Understanding among the PEOPLES of the World'

Club Twinning – Lions Day at the United Nations – Youth Exchanges are examples

District Conferences / Conventions: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I

MD19 Conventions

Lions Clubs International 100th Convention, LCI.ORG

Activities:

Leadership Training	LEOs
Ronald McDonald House	Scholarships
Membership	Vision
District Centennial Project	Environment
Camps	Youth

Local area activities you select in addition to the FEW mentioned above.

What are your plans for your district conference / convention? What are your plans for the 100th celebration of Lions in Chicago?"

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT by PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Chairperson:

"The Strategic Planning Committee continues to work on the following:

1. Replacement of MD19 Secretary/Treasurer.
The committee will continue to monitor the hiring of the new Secretary/Treasurer until the process is completed.
2. Formation of a 'Project Club'. Nothing new to report at this time.
3. Multiple District 19 Wide Membership Drive. The committee continues to follow the progress of the Spring Ahead Membership Drive. There has been a lot of information put out about the membership drive. It appears there are many clubs planning to take part in the drive in March.
4. Change The Timing of Regional Progress & Planning Meetings. Request came to committee to have Regional Progress & Planning Meetings changed so more people could attend the meetings. It was suggested to hold the meetings at a Spring Conference. Subject was turned over to MD19 District Support Team.
5. LEO Members Tracking and Training. The Strategic Planning Committee is looking at a possible 3-5 year plan for tracking members and the training of LEO Club officers. More information will be provided as things develop.
6. Change the way voting takes place at our MD19 Annual Conventions. There was a request to change how voting was done at the MD19 Annual Conventions to be similar to how the voting is done at the Lions International Conventions. Committee turned the subject over to Council Chairperson, Enoch Rowland and Vice Council Chairperson, Jon Whitman to speak with their District Governors. Should also hear more about this topic tomorrow at council meeting.

POLICY MANUAL REPORT by PCC Jim Kemp for PCC Jim Knight, Chairperson:

"Chapter IV 'Committees and Other Appointees of MD19'

ELECTION / CERTIFICATION – MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION

B. PURPOSE:

4. Supervise the balloting for **items on the ballot**. ~~Multiple District Officers and all other balloted items.~~
Assist in counting the ballots at the close of the elections."

Chapter VI 'Conventions'

Add Under Annual Convention either as #2 in the list or #20 in the list under that heading:

'The Executive Secretary arranges for the screening and selection of the Convention speakers with the MD19 Leadership Chairperson /GLT, the Seated Council Chairperson, the Incoming Council Chairperson and the Annual Convention Chairperson. In the selection of the International Guest for the MD19 Annual Convention, the seated International Director or the most recent Past International Director will make recommendations and be involved with this selection process.'

Chapter X 'Multiple District 19 Headquarters and Staff'

'3b The MD19 Office currently has an Administrative Assistant and Receptionist. ~~who normally work 40 hours a week.~~ The Administrative Assistant is full time and the Receptionist is part-time.'

Chapter XII 'Rules of Audit'

'B. SEATED 1st and 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

J. DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT and 1ST and 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECT:'

L. 4. a) The District Leadership, Extension, Membership, Public Relations and Retention Team (Club Support Team), which includes the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor and any Club Support Team Sub Committees, may receive travel expenses for the ~~two required Regional Club Support Team Meetings~~ **Progress and Planning Meetings held regionally**. At the discretion of the District, Zone Chairpersons may also be invited to participate in the above mentioned ~~two meetings~~ **Progress and Planning Meetings held regionally**.

Chapter XIV 'Officer Job Descriptions and Leadership Training'

Delete the following:

~~D.4. Training shall be conducted in a one (1) day format, preferably on a Saturday or Sunday and be not less than 6 hours in duration."~~

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor David Walk, 19-F and seconded by PDG Brian Phillips, 19-I to accept the recommended changes to the MD19 Policy Manual as shown above. Motion passed.

The MD19 Office will determine the best location for the recommended addition in Chapter VI, Conventions.

2016-17 District Governors Alan Guy, 19-I; Simon Yau, 19-A and Wanda Carisse, 19-D shared one fun event from their year as Governor.

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Bob Ayotte, Chairperson:

"The Vice District Governor Bi-Weekly Conversations using Go-To-Meeting are continuing. They are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00pm and finishing at 8:30pm. Two new members have been invited to attend, as they are now the elected 2nd VDG's from Districts 19-B and 19-H. Generally, most of the 1st VDG's and 2nd VDG's attend regularly.

I have now been notified by Lions Club International that it is pursuing minor changes to the structure of the Global Leadership and Membership Teams. These changes will be determined by the International Directors at their next meeting in March of this year. That message also talked about Multiple District and Districts still continuing their task of replacement of the Multiple and District Global Leadership Team and Global Membership Team, whose terms listed by LCI are expiring on June 30, 2017, mine included. New terms will be 2017 to 2020.

There has been some discussion by various Lions in the Multiple District regarding the Regional Progress and Planning Meetings taking place at some other time, other than November 18, 2017. The discussion lies around timing of the RPP with the Convention in the Fall. Any comments this Council could give me would be much appreciated. I still feel the timing to be correct in mid-November. Convention time is quite a busy time, and these meetings would occupy at least the time of three seminars to equal the all-day effort of the RPP. Also, location would be a problem. Not all members attend Convention, but a few extra attend a local Planning Meeting. There would also be increased distraction for the facilitators of the Planning Meeting. I would advise that the status quo (leaving at November 18, this year) is far better than any change contemplated by others. Also, the incoming District Governors will have another opportunity to communicate the District's Goals and Action Plans for 2017-2018 at the upcoming District and Zone Officer School.

Plans for the District and Zone Officer School are progressing. It will take place at University of British Columbia, Vancouver Campus on May 25, 26 and 27. More from MD19 Training Chairperson IPCC Al Beddows.

The final draft of the revised Leader Development Program is now in place, and our Coordinator, IPDG Brian Phillips will speak further about that.

There is continuing progress on the updates for the Club Officer Training packages being prepared by Lion 1st VDG Ron Smircich. These must be in place prior to Club Officer training starting soon. More from Lion Ron.

There have been some minor changes to the Leadership portion of the Policy Manual. I have discussed those changes to the Policy Manual at our recent District Support Team with regards to some minor details and name changes that have been done in this past year. Nothing has been done with that so far."

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:43 AM
Meeting resumed at 12:50 PM

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS - Continued

FACILITATOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING REPORT by PDG Al Hedstrom, Chairperson: (Oral Report)

I stepped into this position for facilitator training and I will be working with PDG Steve Somerset as he is going to be presenting on this particular subject next month. We are going to compare notes and see where we can improve to make it better. We are going to be scheduling these sessions and I would like to see a facilitator training scheduled in conjunction with one of the conferences, although I realize this may be short notice.

I also want to point out that we are gearing up for Club Officer Training. It is going to be available multiple district wide. It's going to be available in a variety of ways. It will be downloadable so you can conduct the training yourself. We can do it on-line so that many club officers, from different districts can participate together. The modules for all officers are currently available. Information for obtaining the modules will be sent to the District's Leadership Chairpersons as well as the District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. Also, the information will be sent to the MD19 Webmaster for placement on the website.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT by PDG Brian Phillips, Chairperson: (Oral Report)

The Leader Development program will replace Leadership 101. The Leadership 101 that ran last weekend should've been the last one. The new program is very similar. We completely 'guttled' Leadership 101 and Membership 201, retaining the best of both of them. There are a couple of slides that need to be added to the new program to finish it off and the handbook is just about completed. The entire program is sitting at about 99% right now.

We will be running the initial course on March 4th in District I. Participants will be the guinea pigs and afterwards the District Support Team will have a go-to-meeting on March 7th where we will discuss how the presentation went.

One of the other items that we are changing is the evaluations at the end of each unit. We're doing away with the numbered system (1-5) and we are asking participants to write a little narrative on each question so we will have a written answer. This was done at the last convention in the fall and it seemed to go over pretty well.

It's going to be a learning process with this and as we get feedback we'll be doing the updates to the program.

Each of the District Governors have been given a handout of the program. The couple of errors found have already been dealt with.

Since the program is a combination of both Leadership 101 / Membership 201 it will still take the same amount of time to do. Some items, such as covering agendas were removed in order for no overlapping to occur with club officer training. We then enhanced the membership/retention aspect. What we are trying to do is to give our potential leaders more information to help them present in front of a club rather than give club officers another lecture on how to do their jobs.

It will get presented the same way that Leadership 101 did, through PowerPoint. We'll have two facilitators. Right now we are still going with two facilitators from outside the district but one of the things we've been discussing is, do we need to look at having one facilitator from outside the district and one

from within? And we still have the requirement of using a recent graduate from the Northwest Lions Institute as well to do one of the sections.

We are looking at the realization that it is getting expensive to hold these courses when you have to pay for two people to get to where the presentation is, especially when you look at Vancouver Island, we're tacking on \$200 to \$400 extra dollars for the presentation of the course and we haven't even started it.

MEMBERSHIP (GMT) REPORT by VCC Jon Whitman for PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Chairperson:

"Thank you to the District Global Membership Teams for their dedication and reporting. I certainly appreciate you taking the time to file your quarterly LCI reports and also sending reports to me. We are actively seeking a replacement for the MD GMT position for 2017-2020. I certainly encourage anyone interested to contact me. We have a wonderful Multiple District team that you will be working with.

Our members are doing amazing community work. I would strongly encourage clubs to take the attitude of getting new members in to be a part of the community service we do and not because we need new members. Do you know our MD has given 269,919 hours of Lions service since July 1, 2016? This is done with 11,356 members (as of December, 2016). This really makes me proud to be a Lion and serve. How many more hours could we have with more members?

Our MD has started the 'Spring Ahead' Membership Program. We are encouraging clubs to have an Open House, Club Quality Initiative programs and mentoring programs as a way of promoting membership. Use March, when we spring ahead our clocks, to conduct great membership programs and encourage new members to join. Let's end this year with a bang. The District Support Team is available to help in any way possible.

I would like to strongly encourage our districts to look at their MMR reporting. Encourage your Zone Chairpersons to call on clubs who have not reported. Let's get an accurate count of how many members we actually have and how many service hours we have.

A: Clara Chow: encouraging CQI, mentoring, Open Houses, Host Service Projects, Stronger Club Blueprints. Promoting Centennial Membership Awards and Key Membership Awards. Through December: 57 clubs, 2 cancelled clubs, YTD add: 98, YTD drop: 127. Great pictures on Facebook.

B: Janet Rinehart: Working with club membership chairpersons to promote membership drives in clubs. Clubs: 33, 1 cancelled club, YTD add: 58, YTD drop 64.

C: Pat Burch: Became chairperson late, but is doing a great job. Organizing to have a LCI New Member Recruiting Specialist come and conduct a workshop the end of January. Sends out membership tips. Promoting Open Houses. Membership/Retention 201 will be conducted in February. Young Adult Specialist canvassing campus. Clubs: 46, Clubs cancelled: 1, YTD add: 71, YTD drop 139.

D. Sandy McMurray: Encouraging clubs to do what works best for them. ZCs are available, as well as advisors. Clubs: 51, Clubs cancelled 3, YTD add 68, YTD drop 151.

E. Brian Ross: Promoting the Spring Ahead program. Prepares a monthly report for CST which has all numbers on a spread sheet for easy analyzing. Prepares report for each District newsletter. Clubs: 52, 0 clubs cancelled, YTD add: 64, YTD drop 122.

F. Paul Kauzlarich: Making a big push with the Spring Forward Membership Drive. Clubs: 46, 0 clubs cancelled, YTD add: 48, YTD drop 67.

G. David Rich: Just agreed to take the position—paperwork still in the works. Has some great ideas from the MD he came from. Stay tuned for more. Clubs: 41, 0 cancelled clubs, YTD add 46, YTD drops 86.

H: Georgia Johnson Carrol: Looking at creating a yearly all club function idea. Clubs: 50, 0 cancelled clubs, YTD add 89, YTD drop 151.

I: Lyne Moreau: Really promoting Open Houses. Hoping to have every club in district hold at least one. She works with club membership chairpersons. Promoting CQI and Open Houses for clubs under 20. Clubs: 51, 0 cancelled clubs, YTD add 83, YTD drop 102.

Overall in the Multiple District—as of Dec. 31, 2016 All numbers from LCI reports

Clubs: 427

Cancelled Clubs: 7

Current Membership: 11,356
YTD Add: 625
YTD Drop: 1009
YTD net growth: -384
Membership Dec. 31, 2015: 11,786
% of clubs with less than 20 members: 42%
Members lost due to cancelled clubs: 100
% of no MMR reports in 3 months: 7%

Addendum

Thank-you to the DGs, VDGs, Membership, Retention and Extension Chairpersons for doing a great job and being dedicated to the Lions in your districts and your communities.

I am sorry to miss the COG meeting, but I had cataract surgery on Wednesday (no, this is not a sign of age) and when I went for a post op visit on Thursday, my surgeon would not release me to drive long distances yet as I still am seeing double. Enjoy your time together.

My report was sent in, so you all have a copy of it, but I did want to bring the following to your attention:

- Would like to encourage the District Governors to put a membership focus in their conferences this Spring.
- Membership as of Feb. 17- Per MyLCI: 11,381, which is a gain of 28 this month. We are still down 357 members since the start of the year, but I am encouraged by the gain so far this month.
- **Really want to stress our Membership Drive: Spring Ahead.** Encourage your clubs to focus on ways they can promote membership in their clubs. We do such amazing service for our communities, so let's share these opportunities with others. I know Paul and Kathy will be talking about this.
- Looking for someone who would like to become the MD19 GMT. The term of office is 2017-2020. Great opportunity to meet and get to know some amazing Lions. Please contact me if you are interested and I will give you more details.
- LCI offers many great trainings for membership. I would encourage all to take advantage of the offerings to grow membership.

Let's really put a push in these last few months for increased new members, keeping the members we do have and putting in new clubs."

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT by VCC Jon Whitman for PDG Kathy Crawford, Chairperson:

Currently, the main focus for Public Relations is the Spring Ahead Membership Drive, taking place March 1 – 31, 2017.

We recently announced prizes of \$300 each for 3 club categories:

- * Clubs with 20 or fewer members
- * Clubs with 21 to 50 members
- * Clubs with 51 or more members

Each winning club will also receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement.

We are receiving emails from quite a few clubs since the last AWeber announcement went out. We've had questions about both Lioness and LEO Clubs qualifying for this contest. Both will be eligible for a prize.

Our pin buttons handed out in Spokane were so popular that we ordered another 500 and distributed them to District Governors to share with their clubs.

Information that clubs are sharing about their plans is being posted on our Facebook page, 'Spring Ahead Membership Drive.' Please 'Like' our page and share in your districts.

District Governors, please continue to help promote Spring Ahead Membership Drive. It will help you reach your membership goals.

Spring Ahead Membership Drive What Is It?

The Spring Ahead Membership Drive is a 2017 project that will ask each Lions Club (and Lioness and LEO Club) in MD19 to hold a membership event anytime during March 2017.

Why should my club participate?

Almost all Lions Clubs will benefit from new members. More members equal more service. New members bring new energy, new talents, and new ideas. Also, participating clubs have the opportunity to win some great prizes. We will send more prize information in the coming months.

So what do we do next?

1. Plan a membership event for any day March, 2017. You can plan an open house, contact potential members at a community event, or walk your local businesses with membership applications – whatever works best for your club.
2. Send an email to MD19 Public Relations Chairperson Kathy Crawford at katmc@live.com to let us know that you are going to participate. We will share the names of clubs that plan to participate.
3. "Like" our Facebook page and share your ideas and questions.
<https://www.facebook.com/SAMD2017/#>

The MD19 Membership Manual includes a complete Open House manual. This is a proven method for holding an open house. We encourage you to follow the manual and avoid taking short cuts. Here's a link to the manual:

<http://www.lionsmd19.com/manuals/2016%20Membership%20and%20Open%20House%20manual.pdf>

The link here takes you to a LCI website page where you will find a lot of ideas and resources for gaining new members: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/index.php>

Spring Ahead Membership Drive Prize Announcements

The Spring Ahead Membership Drive is a 2017 project that asks each Lions Club (and Lioness and LEO Club) in MD19 to hold a membership event during the month of March 2017.

Three prizes will be awarded:

- **Best increase in membership by percentage for clubs with 20 or fewer members (as of February 28, 2017), \$300.00 prize**
- **Best increase in membership by percentage for clubs with 21 to 50 members (as of February 28, 2017), \$300.00 prize**
- **Best increase in membership by percentage for clubs with 51 or more member (as of February 28, 2017), \$300.00 prize**

How can my club participate?

1. Plan a membership event for anytime during March, 2017. You can plan an open house, contact potential members at a community event, or walk your local businesses with membership applications. Come up with your own unique plan.
2. Send an email to MD19 Public Relations Chairperson Kathy Crawford at katmc@live.com to let us know that you are going to participate. We will share the names of clubs that plan to participate and share your ideas.
3. Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SAMD2017/#>

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TRAINING REPORT by PCC Al Beddows, Chairperson:

"As you are now aware, the District and Zone Officer Training will be taking place May 25-27 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C. One of the complaints from last year was the costs for the Canadian Zone Chairpersons were high due to the exchange rate for U.S. dollars. Not so this year. For the U.S Officers your dollar goes a lot further north of the 49th.

At the last Council of Governors' Meeting I asked the seated governors if they could give me some feedback on how our training last year prepared you for your year as governor. I have had no feedback to date. Now that you are further along in your year, are there things that you are encountering that we could have done a better job in training you? Please let me know so we, the District Support team can make improvements for the 2017-2018 officers."

2016-17 District Governors Mar Murillo, 19-B and John Moralek, 19-H shared one fun event from their year as Governor.

OLD BUSINESS

Endorsement of Lions Clubs International 3rd VP Candidate Judge Haynes Townsend

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H and seconded by PDG Brian Phillips, 19-I to remove the tabled motion from the Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting regarding endorsement of candidate Judge Haynes Townsend. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H and seconded by PDG Eric Keller, 19-A to endorse the candidacy of Judge Haynes Townsend for Lions Clubs International 3rd Vice President. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT by PCC Al Beddows for PDG Joan Hunter, Chairperson:

This is a personnel committee so it is not governed by Chapter IV of the MD19 Policy Manual. Chapter X of the MD19 Policy Manual explains the purpose, the make-up and the member selection of this committee.

Purpose: The Evaluation Team will provide consistent job description reviews for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. In addition to conducting these reviews the team will share the information with the Council. The Team is a liaison between the Council and the Executive Secretary and staff of the MD19 Office.

Make-up of the Evaluation Team: It is made up of the Council Chairperson, or Vice Council Chairperson and three Lions serving staggered progressive three-year terms. Each team member will serve as the chairperson during his/her third year. One team member represents A, H and I; one member B, C and G and one member D, E and F. I am currently the third year member, which means I am the chairperson and I represent D, E and F.

For a variety of reasons we only have one member currently serving on this team. Therefore, at the Council meeting I will be bringing forth two names to fill the current vacancies for A, H and I and B, C and G. These Lions must have been:

1. An MD19 Lions for ten years,
2. A Past District Governor,
3. A three-year member of one of the following committees: Extension, Leadership, Membership, Public Relations, Budget & Finance, Contests and Awards, Constitution & By-Laws, Strategic Planning or Policy Manual.

The names being proposed to fill these vacancies are: 1-year position, PCC Allan Hunt representing A, H and I and he will chair the committee during the next Lions year and for the 2-year position, PDG Rosemary Richert, representing B, C and G.

The person to replace me on this committee will be brought forward at the Spring Council Meeting in May and will be from nominations submitted by the Immediate Past District Governors of D, E and F., Shelley Costello, Bob Yeoman and Viva Metz. The Evaluation Team will select the name from the nominees to be brought forward to the Council for endorsement.

MOTION: A motion was made by PCC Al Beddows and seconded by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D to accept the proposed Evaluation Committee Members for A, H and I, PCC Allan Hunt (1-year) and PDG Rosemary Richert for B, C and G (2-year). Motion carried.

PCC Hal Palmer and PDG John Kirry were both asked to come forward and speak on the positions they are running for: Hal Palmer for International Director; John Kirry for Vice Council Chairperson.

EST Patty explained the procedure for voting for the Vice Council Chairperson candidate at this years' District Spring Conferences and for both the CC and VCC next year.

2018 MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION PROPOSAL – WHISTLER, B.C. REPORT by EST Patty Allen, Oral Report
I am first going to pass some packets to the Council Members concerning the Whistler Resort.

Our MD19 Constitution & By-Laws says that we are to have three MD19 Conventions in the works and we're working on number two. Number one is going to happen in Surrey, B.C. in October, 2017. Now, we would like to present to you the possibility of having our 2018 MD19 Annual Convention in Whistler, B.C.

There's a saying in Whistler - When you go to Whistler you get all the amenities of a world class resort while being in a cozy little village at the bottom of the mountain. And it's very, very true. It's a beautiful place to be especially in the Fall.

One very nice thing about Whistler is that in 2010 when the Winter Olympics were there they had to improve the road getting to Whistler! It's called the Sea-to-Sky Highway and it is an amazingly beautiful drive. Whistler is described as the "outdoor adventure capitol of the world", ranging from wild to mild. You can bike, walk, go bungee jumping or test out the zip line.

Now, as I said this was one of the sites of the 2010 Olympics and you can still see the Alpine skiing area and where the Luge races were held at the Whistler Sliding Centre. We are going to try and arrange a tour so you can see the Luge track.

They also have had the Paralympics in Whistler. Instead of holding their opening and closing ceremonies as well as the award ceremonies in Vancouver, B.C. they held them in Whistler. And the Olympic Rings are there so you can have your picture taken with them.

If you're not interested in sports you can check out the new arts museum, the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre and some restaurants, Pubs and Spas. They also have another tour in the works and that is to the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre. It is amazingly beautiful with a display of the Haida Indian Culture, complete with a longhouse that can be explored. They also have a very nice gift store where you can leave some of your expensive US dollars.

The Conference Centre has been renovated since we were last there in 2003. It is very beautiful and adequate for our needs. Lots of space for break out rooms, voting and meals. A wonderful area for the display tables and the vendors.

We are talking about two possible host hotels. First is the Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa, which is the one we were in the last time only it was under the Delta flag. It has the same layout but it has been renovated. Then there is the Marriot Whistler Village Suites, which has pretty snug rooms and no large space to hold larger events, such as the Council meeting. We suggest holding your Council Meeting in a hotel rather than the convention centre, because it will be less expensive. The Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa is located about a ½ block from the Convention Centre and it has adequate space for the Pre-Council and Council Meetings and the luncheon. The food is very good and there is a lovely restaurant located on the premises. The rooms are a

third larger than that of the Delta Whistler but it is worth the money, \$143.00. So my recommendation to you would be to choose the Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa.

I just want to add something that I have learned over the 40 years that I have worked in the Multiple District Office and that is money is not what keeps people from attending the Annual Conventions. They want to go somewhere fun and exciting and if the location looks like it will be, they will pay the money to go there. Our job is to convince them to start saving their money so they can attend the convention and go zip lining, hiking, go on a helicopter ride and more. All these things are available there and they are all amazing.

Both hotels charge for parking but there is free public parking just across the street from the Hilton. So you could unload your car at the hotel and then park in the free parking for the three days of the convention.

Zone Chairperson George Sim (Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club) has agreed to be the Convention Chairperson and for our new Executive Secretary there is nothing better than having a very confident and capable chairperson to help you through your first convention. If the Council gives the go-ahead with this the theme may be Oktoberfest. We are currently working with the convention centre on our bid for room rental and meal prices. We've sent them the costs of meal prices that we've paid for the past six years at annual conventions. But we may be paying close to what we are paying for meals in Surrey (2017 Convention).

It will be later in the month of October, the 24-28 as this was the time frame in which we could get the best prices. I think we can get up 600 people coming to this convention and I believe we will get a lot of younger members to attend.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Eric Keller, 19-A and seconded by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H to endorse going to Whistler in 2018 for the MD19 Annual Convention and to get the best prices we can possibly get and to promote Whistler to the Lions of MD19. Motion carried.

The winner of the MD19 Environmental Photo contest was announced by PDG Janet Rinehart to be Mark Uhart from the Kalama Lions Club, 19-G. His photo is called, "Triple Falls".

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NW Lions Leadership Institute	April 21-23, 2017	Crowne Plaza, Lake Oswego, OR
2017 Spring Council Meeting	May 25, 2017	UBC Campus
2017 Dist. / Zone Officer Training	May 25-27, 2017	UBC Campus
2017 MD19 Annual Convention	October 12-14, 2017	Surrey, B.C.
2018 NW Lions Leadership Institute	TBA	

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 pm.