

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Meeting Minutes
Multiple District – 31
Saturday, February 7, 2015, 9:AM
Crown Plaza, Charlotte, NC**

The North Carolina MD-31 Council of Governors met Saturday, February 8, 2015, at 9:AM in the Crown Plaza, Charlotte, NC. Governors present were: David Titus, Sharon Weddington, Norma Jean McKinney, Chris Headley, Lynn McCaskill, Ron Beltran, Carol J. Weeks and Jana Underwood Peedin. Council Chair Ron Kelly presided.

For the record, a State Council work session was held Friday evening, February 6, 2015, beginning at 7:PM and ending at 11:PM.

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order and made several comments, noting that MD-31 has lost 623 members since July 1, 2014, and is now under 7,000 members. He encouraged the Governors to work to turn the declining numbers into growth.

He welcomed Lions and guests in attendance and asked Vice-Council Chair Chris Headley to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chaplin Lynn McCaskill offered the invocation.

Recognition of the International Family followed. PIP Sid Scruggs reported that while the United States has lost 4,960 members this year, India has gained 7,000 new members. He cautioned that historically with redistricting there is a dip in membership before there is any increase.

PIP Scruggs reported that items to be considered at the International Convention in June include reinstatement of the office of 3rd Vice-President, reallocation of three International Directors from North America to Asia over a three year period and changing Leadership Department to “Leadership Development.” He told the Governors that their request for Presidential and Leadership Medals has been submitted, but noted that since MD-31 is below 7,500 members the full request may not be honored.

PID Harvey Whitley reported that The Lion Magazine will be all-digital January 1, 2018, but to not expect a dues reduction as a result. He said there is already a free Lion Magazine app. He shared the newsletter from PID Naresh Aagerwal who was endorsed earlier in the year by the NC Lions Sate Council for the office of 2nd International Vice-President. He also encouraged Lions to attend the 2015 USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Iowa, next fall.

PID Lacy Presnell thanked those in attendance for their interest and participation.

There were no communications to be shared. PDG Skippy Jackson was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Weddington with second by Governor Headley, the minutes of the November 8, 2014 regular meeting and the November 9, 2014 called meeting of the NC Lions State Council were unanimously approved.

attachment # 1

State Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White presented the financial report covering July 1, 2014 through February 4, 2015, noting that revenues are as expected and expenditures are currently lower than anticipated. He said that the second round of dues billings have been sent to the district Treasurers.

After discussion and upon motion of Governor Headley and second by Governor Beltran, the vote was unanimous to accept the financial report as presented.

attachment # 2

PDG Tim Williams, Chair of the 2015 Lions State Convention, reported on the upcoming convention in Charlotte, including several corrections to the registration form. He called on the Governors to boost attendance and to sell advertisements for the program. He announced that the State Convention pins are on sale at the Promotions committee table and urged the Governors to complete their registration form before returning home.

attachment # 3

State Convention Chair Gwen White and PDG Herb Justice reported that contracts have been signed with the Crabtree Marriott Hotel in Raleigh for the 2016 State Convention. PDG White said 2017 will be a banner year for Lions and she is still looking for a host for that State Convention. She said the International President may be available to attend the Centennial Convention.

North Carolina Lions, Inc, (NCLI) President Mike Flora announced that there would be a NCLI board caucus at 4:PM in preparation for the Sunday Board Meeting. He invited Lions to participate in the May 15-17 Camp Dogwood Fun Weekend, asked Lions to push to make the Brighter Vision drive a success and announced that Matching Funds are running short as the result of increased needs for glasses and eye exams. He said another \$15,000 will be needed to provide Matching Funds through the end of May.

PDG John Owens, State Global Leadership Coordinator, said that the leadership training for District Governors-elect had gone well. He reviewed the fall and winter training schedule and thanked Lions Clubs International for providing \$600 to help cover training cost. He encouraged Lions to take advantage of the webinars, on-line classes and Lions University for club and district training resources. He also said there are regional training opportunities.

attachment # 4

PDG Vince Schimmoller, State Global Membership Coordinator, congratulated districts 31-A and 31-E for having positive membership growth. He said unfortunately many clubs have been dropped, He said districts F, J and D are working on new Lions Clubs.

attachment # 5

Under unfinished business PDG Dave Butler, Constitution and By-laws Chair, reported on proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual, explaining that the changes were approved at the November Council Meeting and would need final approval at this meeting. He began by explaining and answering questions about the State Free Trading Pin Policy change. **Upon motion of Governor Titus, second by Governor**

Weddington, the motion to approve the Pin Policy as presented was unanimously approved.
attachment # 6

PDG Butler continued by explaining and answering questions about several Policy and Procedure Manual changes to reflect actual administrative practice and new titles. **Upon motion of Governor Headley with second by Governor McKinney, the vote was unanimous to approve the changes as presented.**

attachment # 7

After a break Council Chair Kelly called the meeting back to order and asked if there was any new business. **Upon motion of Governor Beltran, second by Governor Titus, the vote was unanimous to appoint PDG Carlton Weeks to another three year term as MD-31 LCIF Coordinator.**

Upon motion of Governor Peedin with second by Governor Weddington, PDG Gwen White was appointed to a three year term as MD-31 Centennial Coordinator, term running July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2018.

PDG Butler returned to the podium to present several proposed Constitution and By-laws changes. He explained that if approved by the Council, the changes would be presented to the delegates at the 2015 Lions State Convention for a vote. He noted that the Lions of North Carolina would have to be given at least a 30-day notice of the proposed changes prior to the convention vote.

PDG Butler provided an item-by-item explanation and review of each proposed change. After explaining and answering questions about Article V changes which would prevent spouses from serving on the same Council, **a motion by Governor Peedin, second by Governor McKinney, to send the proposed change to the State Convention for a delegate vote was unanimously approved.**

attachment # 8

PDG Butler explained that the proposed change to Article VIII would eliminate the special dues that were implemented to help support the candidacy of PID Sid Scruggs through the International Vice-presidency and Presidency. **Upon motion of Governor Headley, second by Governor McCaskill, the vote was unanimous to send the proposed change forward for a delegate vote at the State Convention.**

attachment # 9

PDG Butler explained that Article X, Section 1, is a new section that provides for and defines the District Cabinet as provided in Article VIII, Section 7 of the International By-laws. He explained that Article XIV, Section 1, addresses the make-up of the district budget committees; that Article XVI, Section 2, allows proposed amendments to be advertised by written copy or electronic means, and that Article XVI, Section 3, changes the word Foundation to Incorporated. **Upon motion of Governor Beltran, second by Governor Weddington, the vote was unanimous to approve the changes and schedule them for a vote by delegates at the 2015 Lions State Convention in April.**

attachment # 10

PDG Butler explained proposed changes to clean-up or reflect title changes in the By-laws, Article 1, Sections 3, 4, 7, 10(b), 10(c), 10(f), 10(g), 10(h), 10(i), 10(j), 10(k), 10(m) and 10(n). **Upon motion of Governor Peedin with second by Governor Titus,**

the vote was unanimous to approve the By-law changes for a vote by delegates at the State Convention. attachment # 11

Next was a new section, Article III, Section 10(r), creating the Diabetes Awareness and LEHP Committee. After explanation by PDG Butler, **a motion was made by Governor Beltran with second By Governor McKinney, to recommend the new section for a vote at the state Convention. The motion passed unanimously.**

attachment # 12

PDG Butler explained Article VI, Section 2, which would allow electronic notification of proposed By-laws changes; also Article VI, Section 3, that changes the word Foundation to Incorporated. **Upon motion of Governor Headley, second by Governor Weddington, the vote was unanimous to endorse the changes and schedule them for a vote by delegates to the 2015 State Convention.**

PDG Butler then presented language for a Constitutional change that would increase the state dues, either to \$5.00 annually or \$5.50 annually. He noted that there had not been a dues increase since 1995 and that the membership had declined more than 4,000 persons during that time which results in less funds to provide the same administrative services. There was considerable confusion due to the heading of Article VII: State Convention and State Council Fund, which it was noted does not relate to the annual State Convention.

Much discussion followed with concerns about raising dues at the same time of redistricting. Several questions were asked allowing for more discussion.

Governor McCaskill made a motion with second by Governor Weddington, to recommend that a proposal to increase the NC Lions State dues by \$1.50 per year be prepared and presented for a vote by the delegates at the 2015 Lions State Convention. After a voice vote was inconclusive, a show of hands indicated the motion failed by a vote of five no votes and three yes votes.

Reports of Statewide Committee Chairs followed.

PDG Gary Green reported on Boys and Girls Home for Chairman Gary Elliott. He thanked the Lions for support of the Lions Cottage.

attachment # 13

Lion Harriett Walton presented the report on Celebrate Liberty and asked for permission to complete the design and order of Celebrate Liberty pins, focusing on the signers of the Declaration of Independence from North Carolina. **Upon motion of Governor Weeks, second by Governor McKinney, the vote was unanimous to authorize pin design and order of 500 pins.**

attachment # 14

Lion Judy Jackson reported on the Diabetes Awareness Peer Support Program (DAPS). She said there is progress on getting the program underway in new communities and said additional training is needed for DAPS leaders. She encouraged the Governors to advertise the DAPS program, then thanked PDG Paul Bledsoe for his support in creating a video production for DAPS use. She also complimented clubs that support the STRIDES Walk for Diabetes.

PDG Howard Wallace, Historian, made another appeal for historical documentation of clubs such as copies of charters and club history books. He also reviewed his efforts to begin cataloging historical information on Camp Dogwood.

attachment # 15

Lion George Culp reported on Information and Technology, including work on the websites and readiness for the new district start-ups in July. He announced that two districts currently have on-line meeting technology and will share it with Lions who need such capabilities for committee meetings.

There was discussion about a billboard in Raleigh that features Lions Clubs but has inaccurate web site information. Lion Culp explained that the web site has expired and the existing web sites will be replaced by new web addresses in July. Lion Culp and PID Lacy Presnell volunteered to contact the billboard company to see if a patch could be added with corrected information.

attachment # 16

Lion Liz Steele reported that there are now 31 Leo Clubs in the state, but only 15 students have registered for the February 22-24, Leo State Convention at Camp Dogwood. She said help is needed from Lions to pack 10,000 Stop Hunger Now meals during the Leo Convention, beginning at 11:AM, Sunday. She asked Governors to have their clubs plan a Leo program during the month of April which is Leo Awareness Month.

MD-31 LCIF Coordinator and PDG Carlton Weeks announced that 97 grants have come to North Carolina from LCIF since the foundation was organized in 1970, totaling \$2,867,496.40. He urged clubs to support LCIF which has supported North Carolina Lions.

attachment # 17

PDG Johnny Berry, Nominations Chair, presented information on the candidates for offices in the NCLI and State Council, noting that some offices are now without any candidate.

attachment # 18

Promotions Committee Chair, PDG Terry Cauble, indicated that his report would be given during the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

attachment # 19

With no other business or reports the meeting was adjourned by Council Chair Ron Kelly.

This the 7th day of February, 2015.

Rhett B. White, Council Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald Kelly, Council Chair

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Meeting Minutes
Multiple District – 31
Saturday, November 8, 2014, 9:AM
Hampton Inn & Suites, Aberdeen, NC**

The North Carolina MD-31 Council of Governors met Saturday, November 8, 2014, at 9:AM, in the Hampton Inn & Suites, Aberdeen, NC. Governors present were: David Titus, Sharon Weddington, Norma Jean McKinney, Chris Headley, Lynn McCaskill, Ron Beltran, Carol J. Weeks and Jana Underwood. Council Chair Ron Kelly presided.

For the record, a State Council work session was held Friday evening, November 7, 2014, beginning at 7:PM and ending just short of mid-night.

Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order and asked Governor Underwood to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. She did so after recognizing all military veterans present as Veteran's Day nears. Governor McCaskill delivered the Invocation.

Chairman Kelly welcomed all Lions and guests attending the meeting, followed by recognition of the International Family.

PIP Sid Scruggs thanked the Governors for stopping the decline in membership this fall and encouraged continued efforts to maintain membership while organizing new clubs.

PID Harvey Whitley thanked the Governors for recognizing veterans who are in attendance. He encouraged attendance at the USA-Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Iowa, next September 17-19. He noted that there is now a web based Lions University with PDG Gary Steele serving as one of the faculty members. He reported that PDG Paul Bledsoe is in his seventh year on the Forum Planning Committee.

Diabetes Awareness Chairperson Judy Jackson reported on the Diabetes Awareness Peer Support (DAPS) Program, explaining that there is an urgency during the first two years that requires a commitment to training, record-keeping and reporting that demands dedicated Lions. She said Robeson County is one targeted county where four Lion volunteers are needed. She reported that the grant request form the Doris B. Duke Foundation was not funded, but said UNC-Chapel Hill will fund the training sessions in November.

Chairman Jackson complimented PDG Vince Schimmoller for his role in organizing a successful District 31-F Women's Forum in Fayetteville. She also volunteered to travel to inform about and support the DAPS Program

Secretary Rhett B. White reported that one email communication was received from PID Naresh Aagerwal, thanking the Council and North Carolina Lions for the Resolution of Endorsement supporting his candidacy for Lions International 2nd Vice President.

PDG Andy Lilliston was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Headley, second by Governor McCaskill, the vote was unanimous to approve the August 9, 2014, NC Council of Governors Meeting Minutes. attachment # 1 as previously posted

Secretary-Treasurer White presented the July 1, 2014, through November 3, 2014 Council financial report. He noted that the budget will be tight and will require an amendment of at least \$2,500 to cover redistricting expenses. He said \$10,000, as budgeted, has been moved from the Money Market Account to provide cash flow early in the budget year. He also explained that an extra \$650.00 will be needed to provide a uniform allowance for the five District Governors-elect that did not select a uniform jacket and shirts as 2nd VDGs. **Upon motion of Governor Beltran, second by Governor McCaskill, the financial report was unanimously accepted.**

attachment # 2

Secretary-Treasurer White also presented copies of the Audit Review conducted by Peeden & Sasser, CPAs, PLLC, on the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014. He noted that the form 990 Return of Organizational Exemption from Income Tax for the Tax Year has also been filed. He thanked PDG Keith Peeden for his work on the annual audit. **Upon motion of Governor Underwood, second by Governor Titus, the audit review was unanimously accepted.**

PDG Tim Williams reported on planning that is underway for the 2015 Lions State Convention in Charlotte. He presented a revised 2015 State Convention Logo for consideration. **Upon motion of Governor Underwood, second by Governor Headley, the vote was unanimous to approve the revised logo design as presented for use on Convention promotional and printed materials.**

PDG Williams stated that each district will need to provide \$200 for their First Vice-District Governor to support the Convention hospitality Room. He noted that the hotel rooms are \$95.00 plus tax but that meal costs have not been determined yet.

PDG Gwen A. White, State Convention Chairperson, reported that the future District 31-S has interest in hosting the 2016 Lions State Convention in Raleigh. She suggested that future District 31-I may be interested in hosting the following year.

She reported on a hotel review and preliminary negotiations with the Marriott at Crabtree in Raleigh, explaining expectations of the hotel and of the local planning committee. She then asked for permission to sign a contract with the hotel, pending written confirmations, and that the 2016 Lions State Convention be awarded to District 31-S with PDG Herb Justice named to serve as 2016 State Convention Chairperson. **Upon motion of Governor Underwood with second by Governor Titus, the request was unanimously approved.**

PDG Paul Bledsoe, 2nd Vice-President of the North Carolina Lions, Inc. (NCLI) reported that operations are going well at NCLI. He thanked the Governors for their support of Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood fundraising, complimented the VIP Fishing Tournament for a successful event, reported a 40% increase in usage of Camp Dogwood, and reviewed the recent Camp capital project upgrades. He also complimented the Lions for their association and support of eye research programs at UNC-CH, Duke and Wake Forest universities. He challenged the Governors to continue to tell the story of North Carolina Lions.

PDG John Owens, State Global Leadership Chairperson, informed Lions attending of the status of PID Howard and Emma Leigh Stallings. He said they welcome calls and cards from their Lion friends.

He reported that the first of several training sessions for the new District Governors-elect and 1st Vice-District Governors was held at Camp Dogwood with the next session scheduled for December 12-14, and a third session in Atlanta, Georgia, January 3, 2014. He reported that Lions International will provide a \$600.00 training grant for work with the DGEs.

PDG Owens encouraged Lions to use the Lions University and other Lions resources for training and information. attachment # 3

Global Membership Chairperson, PDG Vince Schimmoller, complimented the Council for five districts currently having positive membership numbers. He said overall North Carolina is down 27 members with a loss of five clubs expected statewide.

PDG Schimmoller announced a plan to secure new members and handed out "Just Ask 1" stickers to use as a reminder to invite family, associates and acquaintances to become Lions. He reminded Governors that each district has a goal for at least one new Lions Club this Lions year. He indicated that District 31-F is working on a health professionals club in the Fayetteville area. He encouraged the use of Lions Clubs International extension representatives to assist with new club organizing.

attachment # 4

PDG Dave Butler brought several proposed Constitution and By-Laws revisions for first time consideration. These included proposed Constitution changes to Articles V, VIII, X, XIV and XVI. By-Laws changes were proposed for Articles I, III, including a new section 10, and Article VI. *(These proposed changes were presented in detail and discussed at length during the Friday evening Council work session.)*

He asked if the Council wanted the State Convention date to be in the Policy and Procedures Manual rather than the Constitution and By-Laws. **Upon motion of Governor Titus, second by Governor Weddington, the vote was unanimous to place the State Convention date in the Policy and Procedures Manual.**

Following PDG Butler's presentation, **Governor McKinney made a motion, seconded by Governor Weddington, to recommend approval of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes at the February Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.** attachment # 5

PIP Scruggs asked that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee look at changing references that define districts by counties. Chairman Butler asked for direction and an opportunity to study the recommendation.

PDG Butler then presented several proposed Policy and Procedures Manual changes. **Upon motion of Governor McKinney, second by Governor Titus, the vote was unanimous to approve the recommended changes and recommend their approval at the February Council Meeting.** attachment # 6

PDG Butler then turned to the Promotions Ad-hoc Committee proposed revisions to the State "Free State Pin Promotion Policy". He explained the changes recommended by the Ad-hoc Committee due to the declining number of state trading pins being ordered and the cost of free pins. PDG Butler and several other Lions in attendance noted that the

state trading pin free pin policy was designed to promote North Carolina Lions at the International Convention, but increasingly fewer Lions are attending the convention. The committee recommendation will provide quantities of pins for Lions officers who will attend the convention, but not for Lions who will not be attending.

Upon motion of Governor Titus with second by Governor Weeks, the vote was unanimous to approve the changes to the free pin policy and recommend that the changes be scheduled for final approval at the February State Council of Governors Meeting.
attachment # 7

Reports from Statewide Committee Chairs followed. There was no report from Boys & Girls Home Chair Garry Elliott.

Celebrate Liberty Chairperson Harriett Walton provided information on the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest. She reported that District 31-J is supporting the Blue Star Mothers and that other districts may be able to develop a project around that support organization. She said a new Celebrate Liberty pin design will be ready for consideration in February.
attachment # 8

PDG Howard Wallace, Historian, said he is still requesting copies of club charters for an archival display. He is beginning work on a history of Camp Dogwood.
attachment # 9

Information and Technology Chair George Culp introduced Lion John Lynn from the Apex Lions Club and they rolled out the new nclions31.org website, explaining how districts I, O, N and S will share the same format. He said the work includes new facebook pages. He said information is needed from the DGEs by January 1, 2015, in order to have the new websites operational by July 1, 2015 when the new districts become effective.
attachment # 10

Leo Chairperson Liz Steel announced that three new Leo Clubs have been organized. She said the goal is two new Leo Clubs in each district. She requested that each district provide \$312.50 toward the Leo State Convention project and reported that Leo pins are for sale at \$2.00 each. She noted that there are still pins available from last year.
attachment # 11

PDG Carlton Weeks, LCIF MD-31 Coordinator, reminded the governors of LCIF support to clubs and disasters in their districts. He urged support of the LCIF program.
attachment # 12

PDG Johnny Berry, Nominations Chairperson, reported on the L, I, O, N and S elections and announced that PDG Carlton Weeks is an announced candidate for 2nd Vice-President of NCLI. He said that later in the day four candidates for 2015-2016 Council Chairperson will be interviewed by the DGEs. He said there was one candidate for State Secretary-Treasurer.
attachment # 13

PDG Terry Cauble, Promotions Chairperson, indicated he would report during the afternoon Promotions Committee Meeting. He also announced the Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade in Charlotte, encouraging Lions to participate as a way of promoting Lionism.
attachment # 14

PDG Chris Hardee said there was no report from the Long Range Planning Committee.

Upon motion of Governor Headley, second by Governor Underwood, the vote was unanimous to appoint an ad hoc committee to research the suggestion by PIP Scruggs concerning the district boundaries.

Upon motion of Governor Underwood, second by Governor Weeks, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelly.

This the 8th day of November, 2014.

Rhett B. White, Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald F. Kelly, Council Chairperson

**NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Multiple District 31
Sunday, November 9, 2014, 12:50 PM
17 Beasley Drive, Pinehurst, NC**

A Special Called Meeting of the North Carolina Lions State Council was held Sunday, November 9, 2014, beginning at 12:50 PM, at 17 Beasley Drive, Pinehurst, NC. Attending were District Governors: David Titus, Sharon Weddington, Norma Jean Mckinney, Chris Headley, Lynn McCaskill, Ron Beltran, Carol Weeks and Jana Underwood. Council Chair Ron Kelly presided and Secretary Treasurer Rhett White participated.

Chairman Kelly called the special meeting to order and said at least two items need attention. He asked Governor Titus to address the first.

Governor Titus made a motion, seconded by Governor Underwood, to ask the Constitution and By-laws committee to consider drafting language that will disallow a Council Chairperson from serving on the same Council of Governors with a spouse who is serving as Governor. Discussion followed about the potential for conflict of interest, with smaller councils the potential for undue influence and the potential difficulty if it became necessary to remove a Council Chairperson as now allowed by Lions Clubs International. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on the second item, recommended changes in NCLI Board membership to address the redistricting changes. It was noted that the NCLI Constitution and By-laws provides for three Board members from each District and that currently the eight districts use different procedures for designating or selecting Lions to represent them on the NCLI Board. It was noted that as of July 1, 2014, there will be five new districts that will not have the ability to designate their NCLI Board membership until their August Cabinet Meetings. Also, of concern is the added influence of the NCLI Executive Committee with a smaller Board of Directors.

It was noted that this situation affects both the Lions Districts and the NCLI. **Motion was made by Governor Titus, seconded by Governor McCaskill, to appoint an ad-hoc committee to consider changes in board membership, the selection of board members from the districts, the structure of the board and qualifications of Board members, and that this committee be charged with reporting recommendations to the Council and to the NCLI President at the next meeting of the Council of Governors and NCLI Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

A brief discussion followed on the proper roll of the Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee. It was the consensus that a charge to the LRP Committee might be to develop a three to five year plan and the leadership to increase membership from 7,000 to 8,000 members. This will be considered at the February meeting.

PIP Sid Scruggs shared thoughts on the Lions International Presidential and Leadership Medals.

Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

This the 9th day of November, 2014.

Rhett B. White
Council Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald F. Kelly
Council Chairman

**North Carolina Lions State Council
2014-2015 Council Budget
July 1, 2014 – February 4, 2015**

INCOME:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 7,411.85	\$ 7,411.85	100
State Dues (6,884 average x \$3.50)	24,094.00	12,573.25	110
Interest	10.00	1.75	120
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasury Bonds	417.50	417.52	130
State Convention Income*	0.00	10,766.51	150
Youth Exchange	0.00		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00	888.00	170
LCIF Grant	0.00		180
GLT Training Grant	600.00	600.00	185
Leo Clubs Income	4,000.00	2,967.50	190
Appropriations from Money Market	12,686.15	10,000.00	192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,024.41	195
Total Income	\$ 50,069.50	\$ 46,650.79	

EXPENSES:

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	\$ 475.00	200
District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.50	210
State Secretary-Treasurer Bond	103.00	103.00	215
Clerical Services-NCLI	600.00	1,200.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary-Treasurer)	375.00		230
Printing(NCLI and Secretary-Treasurer)	400.00	148.73	240
Postage(NCLI and Secretary Treasurer)	300.00		250
Telephone (Secretary-Treasurer)	0.00		260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	2,000.00	173.64	270
State Council Conference Calls	500.00	92.76	280
Expenses-State Secretary-Treasurer	3,000.00		290
Expenses-State Council Chair	4,000.00	2,818.73	300
Incoming CC Intl'. Convention Expenses	3,500.00		305
State Convention Cash Advance	10,000.00	10,000.00	310
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,100.00	91.74	320
State Convention Committee	200.00		330
District Extension Workshops/Matching Funds	0.00		335
History Committee	200.00		340
Leadership/Global Membership Team	5,000.00	3,054.30	350
State Council Committee Expenses	4,500.00	1,449.09	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00		370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00		380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	146.01	390
Leo Clubs Expenses*	2,500.00	476.15	395
Youth Exchange*	0.00		400
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,000.00	606.89	410
Redistricting Expense	2,500.00	3,796.76	415
LCIF Grant	0.00		420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Expenses	600.00		425
Diabetes Awareness	2,500.00	1,472.14	428

Campus Clubs	0.00		429
1 st VDG Clothing Allowance(5@\$130)	650.00	1,200.00	430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance(2@\$130)	260.00	130.00	431
CC, SST, DGE & 1 st VDG Jacket Crests(12@\$22)	264.00		435
Contingence Expenses	0.00		440
Transfer to Money Market*	0.00		442
Total Expenses	\$ 50,069.50	\$ 27,852.44	

Checking Balance on Hand – February 4, 2015	\$ 19,644.32
*Money Market Balance – February 4, 2015	<u>44,584.82</u>
Total Council Assets	\$ 64,229.14

**North Carolina Council of Governors Meeting
Crowne Plaza Charlotte Executive Park
5700 Westpark Drive, Charlotte, NC 28315 910-693-4330
Saturday, February 7th. 2015 9:00 a.m.**

Report of the State Convention Site Committee Chairperson:

Plans are well underway for the 2015 Lions State Convention in Charlotte. PID Harvey and I will be meeting with the District Governors this weekend to iron out a few agenda details. Registration forms are available on line. Please note: If you have an old copy of the registration form (one that lists the time of the golf tournament as 8:00 a.m.), the time of that event has been pushed back to 9:00 a.m. Also on that version of the form, the telephone number for the hotel is incorrect. It should read 1-866-380-0612 (instead of ...-1612). If your form lists the golf tournament as starting at 9:00, both corrections have been made, and it is all correct (as far as I know).

I have been in touch with PIP Judge Brian Stevenson, and he and his wife, Lion Patricia, are looking forward to their upcoming visit to North Carolina.

We are planning a really great fun night on Friday. Wear your best baseball attire, because we're taking you out to the ballgame! (Unfortunately, only figuratively. The Charlotte Knights have away games scheduled for the convention weekend.) Expect to eat well at the hamburger/hogdog buffet and to have a good time listening to the music of Village Green and watching the antics of some of our state's leading buffoons (otherwise known as tail twisters).

Saturday's meals include a traditional breakfast buffet, a club croissant with soup for the PDG luncheon, and your choice of ribeye steak or grilled salmon at the Saturday evening banquet.

A special note: the banquet is dedicated to OUR GLORIOUS PAST as embodied by our 50-Year Monarchs, those Lions with fifty or more years of service in our organization. We plan to honor those Lions at the banquet. Please make every effort to reach out to your clubs so that we can have as many of our 50-Year Monarchs as possible at the banquet on Saturday night.

Respectfully Submitted
PDG Tim Williams
State Convention Site Committee Chairperson

**Global Leadership Report
N C L I MD 31
February, 2015**

A major training session was held at Camp Dogwood on the week-end of December 12-14, 2014. Sessions were held for district governors-elect, their spouses, and cabinet secretary/treasurers. Presenters were Lions GLT Area Leader Joe Pitts, PID Harvey Whitley, Council Chair Ron Kelly, PCC Diane Whitley, and myself.

A training session for 2015-16 First Vice District Governors will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 7 in Charlotte.

The following training sessions have been scheduled for 2015-16:

- First Vice District Governors – October 2-4, 2015 and February 19-21, 2016
- Second Vice District Governors – December 11-13, 2015

We have received and deposited the \$600 reimbursement check from LCI, designated for training.

I encourage all Lions to participate in the rich training exercises offered by LCI including online courses, Lions University, webinars, USSA-Canada Forum, and workshops.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the council of governors in this capacity.

Lion John Owens, MD -31 Global Membership Team
Coordinator

Lions Leadership Institute of the South
June 4-7
Spartanburg, SC

Faculty Development Institute
Oak Brook, IL
May 31-June 3

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Feb Council Meeting report

From: "Vince Schimmoller" <vschimmoller@gmail.com>

To: "Rhett White" <rhett_townofcolumbia@yahoo.com> "Vince Schimmoller" <vschimmoller@gmail.com>

Lion Rhett,

Below is my report for the Feb meeting.

Districts A and E are the only 2 Districts with positive numbers.

District J is still working on a club at College of the Albemarle; They will also start efforts to organize a club in Hyde County. Hyde County does not have a Lions Club.

District F has lost 4 clubs. They are in the process of chartering a new club in Fayetteville and it should be on line in late March or April.

I have not heard from the other Districts.

Gains and Loses per District as of Jan. 31 are:

A- +5
B -40
D -13
E +4
F -85
G --49
H --37
J -6

This results in a total loss of 221



MD-31 Constitution & By-Laws, and Policy and Procedures Report (February 2015)

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC, Chairperson

Council Chairperson Ron, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. Today I will cover several items as a required follow-up from our November Council meeting for final approval, official formatted proposed MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws changes, and some new items that have come in since our November meeting.

First, I will cover the “Free State Pin Promotion Policy” that was revised and reached a consensus at the Open Official State Council meeting in November. Final approval is required at this Open Official State Council meeting per our Policy and Procedures Manual.

Second, I will cover other proposed Policy and Procedures Manual revisions that reached a consensus at the Open Official State Council meeting in November. Final approval is required at this Open Official State Council meeting per our Policy and Procedures Manual.

Third, I will cover proposed official formatted MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws revisions for State Convention delegates from our November Council meeting –**plus a couple of new items requested by the Council for Council action.**

Thank You

Policy: Free State Pin Promotion Policy

Action: Covered at Open Council Meeting November 8, 2014 For Changes and Consensus

Final Action: Will be taken at February 7, 2015 Open Council Meeting

By Lion Dave Butler, PCC Policy and Procedures Chairperson

Free State Pin Promotion Policy

Effective July 1, 2015

Free State Pins and number, to promote North Carolina at the International Convention, will be provided as follows:

1. Current District Governors*
2. Sitting Council Chairperson*
3. Council Chairperson Elect---50 pins (Pins presented at May Meeting).
4. 1st VDG's (*DGE's*) ---50 pins each (Pins presented at May Meeting).
Delete--2nd Vice District Governors---25 pins each.--Delete
5. Sitting International Executive Officer or LCI Board Appointees---100 pins (per year).
6. Past International Executive Officer**
7. Sitting International Director or LCI Board Appointees---100 pins (per year).
8. Immediate Past International Director (1 year) ---50 pins. (Pins Presented at May Meeting).
9. Past International Directors**
10. Winning State Pin Designer/Coordinator---25 pins.

***Note: Current District Governors and Current Council Chairperson will voice their commitment to go to the International Convention at the February Promotions Meeting. Pins will be ordered and 25 pins will be presented to any of the above registered to go to the International Convention at the May Promotion Meeting.**

****Note: All Past International Executive Officers and Past International Directors will voice their commitment to go to the International Convention at the February Promotions Meeting. Pins will be ordered and 50 pins will be presented to any of the above registered to go to the International Convention at the May Promotion Meeting**

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting---

Policy & Procedures Manual Annual Review and Upgrades Needed

Covered at Open Council Meeting November 8, 2014 For Changes and Consensus

Final Action will be taken at February 7, 2015 Open Council Meeting

By Lion Dave Butler, PCC Chairperson

- 1. Change all References to NCLF, North Carolina Lions Foundation, and North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc. to **NCLI, North Carolina Lions Incorporated, or NC Lions, Inc. as appropriate.**
- 2. Change all references of State newspaper to State **Publication.**
- 3. Page 4. Revise State Council Chairperson Selection Procedure to: **Current District Governors or Past District Governors.....**
- 4. Page 5. Replace Council Chairperson’s Duties Section A. with current **LCI Article X, Section 1 of the LCI By-Laws:**

Section 1. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.** The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district council of governors.

In cooperation with the council of governors, the council chairperson shall:

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association;
- (b) Assist in communication information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events;
- (c) Document and make available the goals and long range plans for the multiple district as established by the council Of governors;
- (d) Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings;
- (e) Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention;
- (f) Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the council of governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors;
- (g) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws;
- (h) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- (i) Facilitate, at the close of his/her term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/her successor in office.

5. Page 15. State Convention Agreement:

Add Under Heading--MD-31 State Convention shall be held the last full weekend of April. Only in an extreme situation can this date be changed by the North Carolina Lions Council of Governors!

Page 16. State Convention Agreement: ~~4.1.7 NC Lions Pin Traders Club (NCLPTC) – Provide a room with long tables and chairs for Friday and Saturday afternoon. Average attendees 30-40 persons.~~

Page 19. State Convention Agreement: ~~4.7.3 The current MD-31 trading pin for each registrant.~~

Thank You, Lion Dave Butler, PCC

A. Proposed MD-31 Constitution Changes:

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Article V State Council

Present: Section 1. The Council Chairperson position shall be filled by an active Past District Governor with preference given to the Immediate Past District Governor who has not served as a Council Chairperson. Consideration may also be given to any active Past District Governor who has not served as Council Chairperson.

This Council Chairperson position shall be filled in accordance with the Policy and Procedures Manual.

Article V State Council

Proposed: Section 1. The Council Chairperson position shall be filled by a Current District Governor or Past District Governor who has not served as a Council Chairperson. A District Governor and Spouse/Partner shall not serve concurrently as District Governor, Council Chairperson or any other voting member on the same State Council.

Removal of Council Chairperson: Follow procedure provided in Article VIII, Section 6, of the International By-Laws.

This Council Chairperson position shall be filled in accordance with the Policy and Procedures Manual.

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Article VIII Committee and Fund for the Promotion of North Carolina at the International Convention

Present: Section 1. (Second Paragraph) Beginning July 1, 2005, an additional tax of \$2.00 shall be levied annually upon each member in each District and shall be paid in advance by each club in the District in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: one-half (1/2) on September 10th and one-half (1/2) on March 10th, with all proceeds there from, through June 30, 2012, being placed in the Executive Officer Campaign Savings Account. If a North Carolina Lion is elected International Second Vice President in 2007, all proceeds there from during the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2012, shall be used, as approved by the Promotions Committee, to promote and Honor said International Executive Officer through his/her term as Immediate Past International President. If no North Carolina Lion is elected International Second

of this

Article must be submitted, in writing, to each chartered Lions Club at least thirty days prior to the first business session of the next State Convention.

Article XVI Amendments

Proposed: Section 2. Any proposed amendment for consideration pursuant to Section 1 of this

Article must be published by regular post (written copy) or electronic means, to each chartered Lions Club at least thirty days prior to the first business session of the next State Convention.

Article XVI, Section 3 Amendments Change word Foundation to Incorporated.

B. Proposed MD-31 By-Laws Changes:

Housekeeping and Other Proposed Changes:

Article I, Section 3. Change 5(c) reference to 6(c).

Section 4. Change words “before the report is rendered” to “prior to the day of its report to convention”.

Page 2 of 3

Section 7. Change Article III reference to Article II.

Article III, Section 8. Change word Foundation to Incorporated.

Section 10(b) Two places change NCLF to NCLI.

Section 10(c) Change title Extension to Extension/GMT MD-31

Coordinator

Section 10(f) Change title Leadership Development to Leadership Development/ GLT MD-31.

Section 10(g) Change title and two other places: Leo Clubs to Leo/Campus Clubs.

Section 10(h) Change title LCIF/Sightfirst to LCIF MD-31
Coordinator.

Section 10(i) Change title Liberty Day to Celebrate Liberty.

Section 10(j) Change Membership title to Membership/CMT MD-31
Coordinator.

Section 10(k) Add the following sentence to the first paragraph: This committee shall also serve in this capacity for North Carolina Lions, Inc.

Section 10(m) Add the following sentence to the description: This committee shall also serve in this capacity for North Carolina Lions, Inc.

Section 10(n) Change Retention title to Retention/GMT MD-31

Coordinator.

Article III New Section 10(r) DIABETES AWARENESS AND LEHP

This committee's duties will be: To participate in the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP). Utilize current resources from official diabetes associations to become knowledgeable about diabetes and diabetic retinopathy. Visit clubs and encourage them to appoint a Club Diabetes Awareness Chairperson. Promote club awareness of the opportunity to earn the annual New Horizon In Diabetes Education Award. Partner with local diabetes associations and health care professionals. Take the lead in planning and facilitating Diabetes Awareness presentations for forums, zone meetings, district and multiple district conventions. Stress to clubs the importance of helping educate the public about diabetic retinopathy and action steps needed to reduce the new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy. Encourage Clubs to carry out joint diabetes screening projects with other health care organizations, as well as combining a test for diabetic retinopathy with glaucoma testing whenever such activity is undertaken. Encourage clubs to participate in the following diabetes-related events: Diabetes awareness Month (November), World Diabetes Day (November 14) and World Sight Day (second Thursday in October).

Article VI Amendments

Present: Section 2. Any proposed amendment for consideration pursuant to Section 1 of this

Article must be submitted, in writing, to each chartered Lions Club at least thirty days prior to the first business session of the next State Convention.

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Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina Inc.
Lion Garry T. Elliott State Chairman MD-31
PO Box 607 Jackson, NC 27845
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Phone: home (252)-534-3561 cell (252)-532-6050

February 3, 2015

Dear Lions of MD-31

On behalf of President and CEO Gary Faircloth and myself (both of us being alumni) I would like to say thanks to the great lions of MD-31 for their support to the young gentlemen in the Lions Cottage. Total donations from Lions and Lions Clubs during current fiscal year: \$31,045.18. For last year's entire fiscal year, Lions and Lions Clubs donated \$56,422.97. Our Lions goal is \$80,000 annually.

There are currently seven boys in the Lions Cottage. They have been on campus from six months to 37 months. Two are in the ninth grade, two in the 10th grade, one in the 11th grade, one in the local GED program, and one in the local community college.

During Christmas, several Lions clubs visited campus, enjoying home-cooked chicken dinner with the boys. The boys were also hosted on trips to Sanford and to basketball games at Campbell University.

Below is a list of items that Clubs may purchase or donate funds designated for any specific item

- Waffle maker
- Microwave
- Toaster oven
- Carpet cleaner machine
- Couch and or love seat for office
- New office chair
- Coffee maker
- Iron metal or heavy duty patio set
- Sports equipment
- Cottage wooden furniture set
- Any outings with clubs
- Digital camera for cottage trips
- Comforters for twin beds and sheet sets
- Pillows for beds
- Heavy duty desk for resident rooms
- Lions flag for cottage
- Interior décor for cottage
- Heavy duty vacuum

Please contact your district chair or Lion Gary Greene or myself on a program on Boys and Girls Homes

Again thanks to the great lions of North Carolina for their support to the young gentlemen in the Lions Cottage at Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina.

Yours in Lions,
Lion Garry Elliott

Chairman Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina Lions MD-31
Alumnus Boys and Girls Homes of NC 1969-1972

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

CELEBRATE LIBERTY REPORT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015

LION HARRIETT WALTON, CHAIR

Governors:

The deadline for the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest is March 1. I have reminded each District Chair that the essays are due to me by that date. I will keep you up to date on how many entries I receive. The essays will be judged by a former school teacher/librarian in District J, and I will let you know who the winner is.

I have sent each District Chair a copy of the essay that won the contest last year. Anita Handrick from Overhills High School in District H won, and has given us permission to reprint or distribute her essay. Today, I have provided each of you with a copy of the essay as well. I have encouraged the District Chairpersons will distribute the essay to the clubs in their district and to suggest that someone in each club read the essay to their members. This could be a program for celebrating July 4, Veterans Day, Constitution Day, March 16 – James Madison's birthday (remember he's known as the father of the US Constitution) or just to show pride in our country.

I hope that the winner of the contest this year will be asked to participate on the agenda of the State Convention this year here in Charlotte.

I know that there are a large number of the Constitution booklets available from the NC Lions Inc. office at Camp Dogwood. I reminded the District Chairs that they can obtain booklets by requesting that the booklets be sent to them or to clubs who want to distribute them.

I know it's early to be thinking about another Celebrate Liberty Pin, but I need your permission to begin the process of selecting a person to be featured on the pin, and getting a quote on prices. I suggest that the pins be distributed to the incoming Governors of Districts, L, I, O, N, and S for distribution after July 1.

LIONS HISTORY CHAIRMAN - NCLI
Council of Governors

February 7 , 2015

Charlotte, NC

LION Magazine:

- O. Jan, 2015: o. Vass Lions Club - 61st annual Christmas Food Drive, delivered 235 baskets to needed families**
 - o. Franklin Lions Club - Netted more than \$4,100 for July 4th barbecue**
 - o. Buies Creek Lions Club - 50 years in Lions**
- o. Feb, 2015: "Turning Trash Into Treasure" -Etoway Lions Club, District "A" [Dave Titus, DG] Debbie Hicks, Vice Dist. Gov.**
- o. District "J" - Please let Lion Frances Jordon, Rocky Hock Lions Club, NCLI's Appreciation of the work she & other Lions did to establish the "John A. Holmes LEO Club.**
- o. Special thanks to DG's who send emails of District events.**

My report is as follows:

I. CHARTERS

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- o. Email requests have been sent to all Lions Clubs - some may not have received, pending Email addresses -**

District - no email address:

A -1. Murphy Lions Club

2. Swannanoa Valley Lions Club

3. Sylva Lions Club

B - 1. Avery County LC

2. Balls Creek LC

F- 1. Buies Creek LC

2. Candor LC

2. Dublin LC

4. Fayetteville Massey Hill LC

G-1. Carrboro LC

2. Franklinton LC

3. Rolesville LC

J-1. Scotland Neck LC

2. Sharpsburg LN

Last Council report, DG Sharon Weddington, who handed Charter on side of road. Well, Chairman Gary Steele, tried to top that. While at District E's Banquet He told me to wait while he went up-stairs to get Stanfield LC charter.

II. CLUB HISTORY BOOKS:

keep searching --- I've received only 1 - Madison LC

III. Camp Dogwood History booklet/pamphlet

O. Had several tele conversations w/Robert "Bob" Spencer. While he no longer has any historical documents --- he talked about the planning for the beginning of the Camp.

O. Visited Camp Dogwood, this week and was shown a special room that Contains historical documents. Plan to visit and spend a day researching.

O. Susan King & her staff have emailed about ten (10) pictures of Camp Dogwood events. Many more pictures/clippings to follow.

O. Spoke with Lion Paul Bledsoe, who's looking through his files for information

O. Request your help -- if you have historical documents, including events that involve Camp Dogwood

NCLI - Public Information and Education

NC Lions Council of Governors – Information and Technology

Lion George Culp, Chair February 7-8, 2015

Goals and objectives.

Use Your Talents to Light Your World

NC Lions are blessed by the talents of the Lions of this state. Many of your members are already busy in making these objectives a reality. Public Information requires communications to the masses with

NC Lions State Website with five Sub-Folder Sites for L I O N and S

Mass eMail Capabilities

Online Meetings and Webinars

The Advocate

Social Media Workshops at the District and Zone Level

Focus on the methods of communication between clubs, districts, zones, and members

Initiative 1: An active Information Technology committee empowered to keep the state Lions abreast of the latest technology and to assist local Districts and Clubs where needed.

Initiative 2: Continue and complete the effort to standardize and consolidate eight websites into five in conjunction with July 1, 2015 redistricting of NC Lions.

Initiative 3: Continue to publish The Advocate (three issues) while encouraging readership of a digital version thus saving printing and mailing cost. Continue work to provide an eBook version to our VIPs.

Initiative 4: Successfully download NCLions information from LCI into a database. This information will be used to communicate quickly to NCLions by specified groups. Examples are: Council of Governors, Districts, Zone, Officers, and of course, all Lions in the state who have email.

Initiative 5: Support and train our clubs and members in the use of Social Media. The use of social media throughout the world continues to grow. A recent report indicates that internet users now top 2.7 billion. Millions worldwide share their information via Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter. Communicating our service to others is a requirement for member growth and retention.

Activities

Website and Redistricting Committee continues to pursue the transition to our goal of new websites for loading new district information by the end of October 2014.

Recent Activity:

Previously reported: Websites domains, Google Calendars, Facebook – all set to go.

November – January Met as needed via Webinars with Webmasters of new districts.

February 2, 2014 Notified 2015 - 16 Lions Council elect with a reminder of the need of information from the new districts. (copy attached)

eMail the Masses –eMail provides a quick direct line of communication to one or many. The ability to provide this capability to our Lion leaders is paramount to the success of communication within our organization.

Recent Activity: Continue to test. Budget Item to be presented to 2015 - 2016 Council.

Online Collaboration – There are potential savings in time and travel expenses by providing a means of collaborating communications online. Research is needed in how we might provide Webinar capabilities for training and online meetings.

Recent Activity: Two subscriptions exist within the state. For now I suggest we continue to use the two we have and expand its use within the state. A procedure will be prepared and tested.

The Advocate – Just completed Spring issue.

Recent Activity: The Spring issue should arrive by February 15. As a reminder, the intent of the magazine has been to focus on our service to others. With the publishing and mailing expense, publishing Lions Club information is not warranted. District newsletters should cover this need. We continue to search and find people whose lives have been enhance by the Lions of NC.

Challenge:

- We continue to test an eReader version. Our volunteer technician has been unable to volunteer his time in the research
- Pursuing the use of a monthly newsletter to ‘fill the communications gap’ between issues. This activity has stalled due to time constraints. A newsletter editor volunteer would be appreciated.

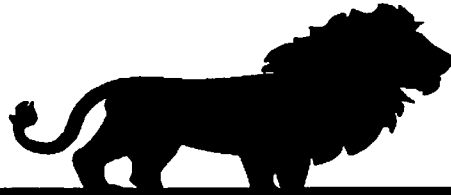
Please remind the board that The Advocate is dependent on Lions of NC to be our eyes and ears for stories that inspire others to join our organization. We also encourage all to forward the digital link to their friends and prospective members. And, placing read copies in waiting rooms, churches, etc. is a good way to tell our story of We Serve.

Social Media – There is a need for training our clubs in the use of Social Media. **No Activity**

Recent Activity: There have been no request for training.

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp



A New Day for Lionism in North Carolina

TO: District Governors Elect NC Multi-District 31

District	L	Lion Debbie Hicks
District	I	Lion Allen Reinhardt
District	O	Lion Randall Clapp
District	N	Lion Vince Schimmoller
District	S	Lion Mary Boehm

DATE: February 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Website for Districts L I O N and S

Our committee continues in their effort to have your new websites operational prior to July 1, 2015. Your new websites are underway and are in need of your information. Please review the below information and begin funneling the info as it becomes available to you Webmaster.

These are the current webmasters that are working on your sites

District	L	Lion Tony Angel
District	I	Lion Elizabeth Rummage Lion Carolyn Sprinkle (Information Chair)
District	O	Lion Michael Johnson
District	N	Lion Mike Elmore
District	S	Lion John Lynde

We are now ready to begin loading data to these websites. While everything on the list may not be available, we are requesting that you send what you can as quickly as you can so that we can begin building the sites. Send to your webmaster or designated Information Chair.

Each District will need:

- ✓ **Contact person for Calendar updates.** Each district will be provided a district calendar. Please provide the name and contact info (email address) of who will need access to update the district calendar (if not your webmaster).
- ✓ **Contact person to receive requests for information from the "Contact Us" form** (if not your webmaster)
- ✓ **An image of the DG Pin, logo, or theme.** High quality image is preferred - it's easier for us to shrink it to the right size needed. Send your picture also. (We can update it prior to July 2015 if you wish.)
- ✓ **Pictures, Contact Information and Bios for each of the cabinet members** (along with their titles, etc.). High quality images preferred. We can always shrink to fit.
- ✓ **Pictures and Contact Information for each Committee Chair.**
- ✓ **Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, Lists of clubs** in each zone
- ✓ **Any documents like Constitution, Bylaws, Forms, etc., you want on the web**
- ✓ **Links to any District Projects** you have (or expect to have)
- ✓ **District Goals** (whatever you want to list - could be financials, whatever you have so far)
- ✓ **Any other documents, pictures, etc. that you want on your site.** We'll do the best we can to work these things in.

Begin preparing your "**Message from the District Governor**". This will be a place holder that will appear on the front page. It most likely would be the same as your first district newsletter. This item will stay at the top above all posts and it will contain the head shot picture of the District Governor. Likewise, we will need **articles from your 1st and 2nd VGs.**

The committee appreciates your assistance and looks forward to working with each of you in this mission of providing information regarding our clubs and districts to our members and those who visit your site.

Please contact LionGeorgeCulp@gmail.com with your questions. We look forward to working with your council.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion George Culp

NC Lions Information and Technology Chair

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

February 7, 2015

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Being a Lion means caring about our communities and about the well-being of others. Lions want to help people have better lives and Lions Clubs Foundation supports that compassionate work. Through vision screenings, service projects and community involvement, Lions and LCIF are making positive contributions every day. An even more contagious and deadly disease is measles. Measles kill 330 children each day, and may create lasting health issues for those who survive.

Questions have been asked, does all moneys that we give to LCIF go overseas? The answer is **NO**. Since LCIF inception to date, the United States has received 3,318 grants totaling \$115,232,649.15. A closer look at grants for North Carolina, the total is 97 grants totaling \$2,867,496.40.

Your District Coordinators serve as ambassadors for Lions Clubs International in your district. They oversee the implementation of LCIF development strategies within your district. Educate your Lions about the mission and success of LCIF, its importance to Lions Clubs International, and also encourage the support of LCIF through all aspects of fundraising in your district.

Grants approved in 2012-2013 totaled \$39,297,388.00.

Carlton Weeks,
LCIF MD-31 State Coordinator

**N C Lions, Inc. Board
Council of Governors
February 6-8, 2015
Charlotte, NC**

**These are the candidates for the N C Lions, Inc. year of 2015-2016.
President Paul Bledsoe, 1st VP Charles Holleman, 2nd VP, Carlton Weeks, Treasure Tim
Williams and Secretary_____ . These officers will be elected at the
May meeting in Wilmington.**

**For the Council of Governors, we now have candidates for 2nd VDG in all the 5 new
districts. District L is Curtis Ericson, District I is Clarence Conrad, District O is Karl
Ernst, District N is James Kiser and District S there are 3 Stephen McLaurin, JoAnne B.
Parrott and Nathan Medlin. These will be elected at the first official meeting of the new
districts.**

**I have a new e-mail address if anyone is planning to run for an office, you need to send it
to: JohnB1942@charter.net.**

**Johnny E. Berry
Nominations Chairman**