

**NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31
Saturday, February 13, 2016, 9:AM
Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk, NC**

The North Carolina MD-31 Council of Governors met Saturday, February 13, 2016, at 9:AM, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kitty Hawk, NC. Governors present were: Debbie Hicks, Allen Reinhardt, Randall Clapp and Mary Boehm. Council Chair Skippy Jackson presided.

Governor Vince Schimmoller was recovering from surgery and unable to attend. First Vice-District Governor Irwin Siegelwax represented District 31-N.

For the record, a State Council work session was held Friday evening, February 12, 2016, beginning at 7:30 PM and ending after 10:PM. Also, for the record, Lion participants traveled through a snowstorm to reach the meeting place and to see snow along the Outer Banks beach front.

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order and thanked those attending for making the extra effort, considering the statewide weather conditions. He asked Governor Reinhardt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Governor Boehm to offer the prayer of Invocation.

Chairman Jackson recognized the International Officers – PIP Sid Scruggs and PID Harvey Whitley, and invited them to make remarks. PIP Scruggs offered greetings on behalf of PID Lacey Presnell who could not attend and invited all Lions to greet the Centennial Bus Tour when it arrives at Camp Dogwood or at one of the stops along the way. He also reported that Lions International will film part of the International President's wrap-up video at the North Carolina Lions State Convention.

PID Whitley said he would share a report on the Centennial Bus Tour with MD-31 Centennial Coordinator Gwen White, then reported on plans for the September USA/Canada Forum in Omaha, Nebraska. He asked for volunteers to help with the Forum Store. He said moderators are also needed.

District reports from the Governors followed.

Governor Hicks reported that District 31-L has a new Leo club and is working on membership, although there is currently a net loss of 48 members for the year. She reported that the district convention was a success. attachment # 1

Governor Reinhardt reported that District 31-I has three new Leo clubs with nine club location possibilities identified. attachment # 2

Governor Clapp reported that the District 31-O Convention that was postponed due to weather will be held February 26-27 in Greensboro and that he has completed 58 of 60 club visits. attachment # 3

First Vice-District Governor Siegelwax reported for District 31- N. He said work is underway to organize a new cyber club for VIPs and that 26 of 64 clubs participated in a successful Strides Walk. attachment # 4

Governor Boehm reported on a successful District Convention with PDG Gwen White endorsed as a candidate for International Director. She said the district struggles with membership but the Gaston Lions Club that was slated to fold has new life with four new members and new club efforts are underway at Elm City and at the three College of the Albemarle campuses. attachment # 5

Council Chair Jackson thanked the Governors for their reports and for their efforts and unity in getting the five new districts off to a good start.

PDG Dave Butler was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Hicks, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented. attachment # 6

Upon motion of Governor Hicks, second by Governor Boehm, the Minutes of the November 7, 2016 Council of Governors Meeting were unanimously approved. attachment # 7

Council Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 2, 2016. He reported that revenues are \$22,967.07 while expenditures thus far are only \$8,955.96. The checking balance stands at \$19,706.23 with \$44,629.44 in the money market account, most of which is reserved. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Boehm, the vote to accept the Financial Report was unanimous.** attachment # 8

PDG Dave Butler, Constitution and By-Laws Chairman, reviewed the proposed changes to the Lions State Constitution and By-Laws and asked for approval so they can be presented for delegate approval at the State Convention in April. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt with second from Governor Hicks, the vote to send the changes to the State Convention for a vote was unanimous.** attachment # 9

PDG Butler then presented for final approval the new policy to cover the MD-31 Lions Reimbursement Policy. He noted this puts the current practice into the Policy Manual. **Upon motion of Governor Hicks, second by Governor Boehm, the vote was unanimous to approve the policy.** attachment # 10

PDG Butler then reviewed for final Council approval the revised State Convention Policy. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Clapp, the vote to approve the revised State Convention Policy was unanimously approved.** attachment # 11

The Council Chair thanked PDG Butler for his long and dedicated service as Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson.

PDG Ron Kelly presented several proposed changes to the selection process (page 11 in Hall of Fame procedures). He noted that this is the first reading of the proposed changes which will be voted on by the Council of Governors at the May meeting. attachment # 12

During discussion several suggestions were made. Governor Reinhardt said the reduced number of annual inductees will make the award more prestigious. PIP Scruggs

noted that Lions “way back” should not be left out. PID Whitley said the Hall of Fame should not be relegated to the Stickley Building.

PDG Paul Bledsoe, President of the NC Lions, Inc., reported that the foundation is doing well. He thanked the Governors for appointing strong Lions as Brighter Visions and Camp Dogwood chairs and urged them to use the work done with NCLI to build clubs and add to Lions membership. He announced that a new dock will greet campers this year and invited those attending to attend the scheduled afternoon NCLI caucus.

Lion Harriett reported for PDG Michael Schwartz, Celebrate Liberty Chair who could not attend. She said the essay contest is underway, Celebrate Liberty pins are being designed for next year and a sponsor for more Bill of Rights booklets is needed. Governor Reinhardt asked Lion Harriett to have PDG Mike send him information on the cost of printing the booklets.

Lion Harriett, as State Convention Chair, also reported that there are two possible sites for the 2017 State Convention – Charlotte or Raleigh, but no one has stepped up as host or volunteered to be the State Convention Chair.

Lion Bill Thompson presented the report on Boys and Girls Home for Chairman PDG Wayne Faber, noting that \$13,270 has been raised thus far this year by Lions. He said success is not just funds raised but is measured in the lives of youth served. He announced that the C. Coleman Cates Award will be reinstated for District Governors this year.

Lion Liz Steele reported on plans for the upcoming Leo State Convention at Camp Dogwood, February 26-28. She thanked the Governors for each district having contributed to make it possible for the Leos to package food for the Stop Hunger Now projects. She said there are 33 alpha clubs and one omega club active at this time.

Lion Judy Jackson reported on the DAPS program and diabetes awareness. She said the existing DAPS programs are doing well but that no new programs are being developed even though there is a need. She complimented 1st CDG Siegelwax for his efforts to organize the successful and visible STRIDE walks. She suggested that the State Convention include a program on diabetes awareness.

PDG John Owens, MD-31 Leadership Coordinator, reported on training for Governors-elect and called attention to the many on-line training resources offered by Lions Clubs International. He said North Carolina has been invited to host a Southeast Regional Leadership Institute next year at Camp Dogwood. He said the cost will be \$8,739 with participant cost of \$145.65. He said a grant for 50% of the cost is available and asked for authorization to submit the grant request to Lions Clubs International. **Upon motion of Governor Clapp, second by Governor Boehm, the vote authorizing the grant application was unanimously approved.** attachment # 13

PID Whitley, MD-31 Membership Coordinator, urged Lions to seek out families of deceased Lions and the parents of children who receive S.P.O.T. eye exams as potential new members. He challenged the Governors that the commitment for new clubs is not being met or even attempted, challenging the Governors-elect to select the Lions with the best qualifications as district GMT Chairs. attachment # 14

PDG Howard Wallace, Historian, was absent and there was no report.

Information and Technology Chair, George Culp, thanked the Governors for great web sites and interesting news letters. He encouraged use of service project photographs on Facebook as well as the local news papers. attachment # 15

PDG Carlton Weeks was absent. There was no LCIF report.

Nominations Chair PDG Johnny Berry reported on District Conventions elections. attachment # 16

Promotions Committee Chair, PDG Chris Headley, said his full report would be given at the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting. attachment # 17

PDG Herb Justice, Host Chairman of the April 2016 Lions State Convention in Raleigh, asked Lions to sell adds in the Convention program book as a way of holding costs down. He said convention hotels are increasing prices and charging for every extra item. He asked the Council for an additional \$6,000 from the Convention Reserve Fund and an additional \$2,000 if needed, explaining that meals will have to be paid for prior to the convention. **Upon motion of Governor Hicks, second by Governor Clapp, the vote was unanimous to approve the \$6,000 request with an additional \$2,000 if needed.** attachment # 18

There was discussion on the tight Sunday morning schedule and the probability of Lions coming in and needing delegate certification to vote at 10:30 AM. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Boehm, the vote was unanimous to extend the delegate certification period fro 7:AM to 10:30 AM and allow the Governors to appoint someone other that the Cabinet Secretaries to certify delegates during the Cabinet Meetings.**

PDG Justice announced that he had thoroughly reviewed the Sate Convention program with the Council during the Friday evening workshop session.

PDG Gwen White, Centennial Coordinator, was joined by PID Whitley and PIP Scruggs to report on plans for the Centennial Bus Tour. PID Whitley reported on plans at Camp Dogwood and urged area Lions to come out for the gathering and to greet International 1st VP Bob Curlew, February 24.

PIP Scruggs outlined the February 25th lunchtime arrival and program at the Raleigh Host Lions Club, including segments on Habitat for Humanity, the Raleigh Clinic for the Blind and the VIP Fishing Tournament.

PDG White said the Centennial Bus Tour will exit North Carolina after a stop in Lumberton with the Lumberton Lions Club and Lions from throughout District 31-N. She said she will stay on the bus as North Carolina's host and to answer questions until the bus leaves the state.

She also reported on the Centennial Coordinators training session in Atlanta and informed the Governors that their District Coordinators are now properly registered by Lions International. attachment # 19

Secretary-Treasurer White announced that the Annual Audit Reports were delivered earlier in the day and are now available for distribution to the Governors. He thanked PDG Keith Peedin and his CPA firm for their work with the annual audit review.

Chairman Jackson said that he needed the Environmental Photo Contest entries so they can be judged.

PIP Scruggs suggested that a Lions Club Flag be added to the stage during council meetings and at conventions. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt and second by Governor Boehm, the vote was unanimous to purchase a flag and flag pole.**

With no other business, Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting.

This 13th day of February, 2016.

Rhett B. White
Secretary-Treasurer

Skippy Jackson
Council Chair

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attachment # 1

Convention - all participated
Elected Lion Alan Lake
as 2nd VDG Elect

District 31L Council report 14 Feb 2016

Kitty Hawk, NC

District 31L as of 10 Feb 2016 has a membership of 1302.

We have had 67 new members this year.

We have dropped 115 members. 17 of those were dropped due to death. The rest were for various reason.

The district is at a net loss of 48 members.

Clubs around the district are going to do a membership initiative in the April time frame.

The district is just about half way to its goal for Brighter Visions. The Governor has sent out emails to each of the clubs and district wide to push for the support of Brighter visions. The test of using the Region Chairs to present the program and talk with the clubs has proven just as effective as having one person travel around the entire district to do the presentation. It lessens the burden on the one person by spreading out the responsibility.

70% of the Zone chairs are doing what is expected of them. Our last cabinet meeting was held in Connelly Springs town hall and hosted by the Rutherford College Lions Club.

District 31L has sent in the support check for the Leo Convention and the stop hunger now initiative and all state and council dues have been paid to date.

District 31L has also sent in ad payment for the State convention ad to follow.

Efforts to reinstate the Murphy Lions club has hit a wall. Mainly trying to cold contact someone who would be interested. Feeler letters have been sent to the town of Murphy and querying people around the area. Still waiting for responses. I have also put out feelers to start a cyber club in the Henderson County area to target the millennial audience with a focus on doing something with the children and partnering with the schools. This is just in the planning stages and started last week.

The district as a whole is in a positive mood with all clubs actively serving their communities in their own way.

We do have one club in Haywood County that is struggling and an effort was made by the Governor team recently to go in and give ideas and ways to reinvent the club. The response and after action report was not as positive as we would have liked it to be. Only time will tell if there are enough members willing to rebuild the club.

Other clubs that may be struggling have not reached out to the district for help. They have been identified and advised to come up with a plan and have the chairpersons relevant to helping them with their membership issues come in and talk with them.

Footnote for report – The membership decline in District 31L is indicative of predictions prior to the redistricting. We have spent the first half of 2015-16 Lions year concentrating on leadership within the clubs and the responsibility of the leaders of the clubs to ensure that they are relevant and if not take the steps to become relevant. The second half of the year is focusing on membership retention and new member initiatives.

Respectfully submitted District Governor Debbie Hicks, D31L 2015-16

District 31-I North Carolina Lions Report to State Council February 13,2016

1. Leo Club
2. 1st Vice
3. 2nd Vice
4. 3rd Vice
5. 4th Vice
6. 5th Vice
7. 6th Vice
8. 7th Vice
9. 8th Vice
10. 9th Vice
11. 10th Vice
12. 11th Vice
13. 12th Vice

November 12-14 District I had a very successful Fall Convention in Clemmons with an attendance of 164. International Director Linda Tincher was our guest.

Congratulations to 1st Vice District Governor Butch Conrad and Co Chair Theresa Matthews and Lions of District I for a great Job. We have had an evaluation meeting of the convention and 2nd VDG George Culp has set planning sessions for this November convention beginning this month

There have been two Leo Clubs formed in District I N. Davidson Middle School and Downtown School Leo Club in Winston Salem
CONCORD

All club official visits have been made except two this month.

January 30 District I had its third Cabinet meeting and a special convention at Camp Dogwood. The cabinet meeting was well represented by the clubs. At the special convention District I Lions Nominated PDG Gary Steele as a candidate for International Director. Lion Gary is a well qualified and dedicated Lion and if elected will represent NC Lions well.

We have opportunities in membership that we are making a priority. At present we have 1364 Lions in District I. Clubs have done well with adding 57 new members But we have dropped 97 for a net loss of 40 Lions. 18 of these are due to death. We will be having Guiding Lion Training March 5. The district is establishing a new club team . We have identified 9 areas that have a potential for a new club and work will begin the 1st of March. Strengthening existing clubs is also a priority. Over half of the 61 clubs in District I have less than 20 members.

Another membership initiative. Glt Tim Williams and GMT Gene Everett have presented a membership plan for the district called Legacy of Lions. We will be targeting Children of deceased Lions and Adult children of current members to carry on the legacy of Lions in our communities. A copy of this plan is in the February District I newsletter.

Four rules for success Drink.Steal.Swear. Lie

DRINK from the fountain of friendship and happiness

STEAL a little time to do an act of kindness for someone and not ask for anything in return

SWEAR to do your job a little better

LIE down at night and thank God for your many blessings and that we live in a free country

DISTRICT O REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

The District O Mid-Winter Convention planned for January 22 - 23 was postponed due to some unwelcomed winter weather and has been rescheduled as the Mid-Winter/Late Winter/Early Spring Convention for February 26 – 27 at the Greensboro Airport Marriott. We will be welcoming International Director Rhoderick Wright to District O.

The District Governor Team has visited 58 of the 60 clubs for the “official visit”. One of the remaining two clubs is scheduled for the official visit this week weather permitting. The District Governor team including zone chairs and region chairs continue to follow up and visits clubs as they are able. Zone meetings and VIP events are the priority for the DG team.

The clubs in District O collectively to date have reached 42% of the years District Goal of \$140,000 toward Brighter Visions. Ten clubs have met the district goal per member.

The District Peace Poster Winner is Jesse Mills from Craine’s Creek Middle School in Moore County and he will be recognized at the District O Convention. District O also has entries into the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest and the Environmental Photo Contest.

District O lost two clubs during the month of December. The Aquadale Lions Club and North Chatham Lions Club ended their service activities. The Aquadale Club was chartered in 1952 and North Chatham was chartered in 2014. We thank them for the years of service in their local communities.

Also, Past International Director Howard Stallings of the Oxford Lions Club passed away in January. Lions from across the state came to celebrate his life of service and compassion to the community. We will all miss Lion Howard and will continue to pray for blessings upon his family.

Thanks

Randal Clapp



District Governor O

COMMENTS FOR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12-14
KITTY HAWK, NC

MEMBERSHIP

As of Jan. 31 we had 1293 members. We had dropped 96 and added 79 for a net loss of 17

CAMP DOGWOOD-

On Saturday, March 12, Lions for District N will be traveling to Camp Dogwood for an opportunity for those Lions that have never been to Camp Dogwood to see what we are offering the VIPs when then come to camp. Folks will drive to Camp Dogwood to arrive about 11:00, we will then have lunch, followed with a tour of the camp and then return home the same day. We are hoping to have 50-60 Lions attend the District N Day at Camp Dogwood

ORGAMI CRANES

The East Caterat LEOs club is making origami cranes to be presented to IP Dr. Yamada at the State Convention in Raleigh. When I last checked with Advisor Lion Eileen Wills, she said they had 100 made and should have 300 made by convention time. I have talked about this with Lion Liz Steele and she is trying to get other LEOs to join in this activity.

MID-WINTER CONVENTION SURVEY

District N had a successful combined convention with District S on Jan. 14-16. ID Jerome Thompson was the International Rep. and did a great job. I was talking to Lion Jerome about attendance at conventions and what we could do to increase more Lions to attend. He suggested that we send out a survey and ask them what they would want. ~~we have developed a survey and have sent it to all clubs~~ *we have developed a survey and have sent it out to all clubs* asking that the members provide input telling us what they liked about the convention or why did you not attend and what could we do differently to encourage you to attend.

ZONE MEETING

Lion Janice Boone planned and coordinated a Zone meeting with ⁸² Lions in attendance from 8 clubs. This comes close to equaling the District Lion attendance at our most recent mid-winter convention.

NEW CLUBS

VIP CLUB-District N is in the process of starting a new VIP club for all VIPS in the District as well as the State. DG Vince picked up on this idea when visiting with ID Jerome Thompson when he visited the District N & S Mid-winter Convention. He talked about a VIP club in Alabama so we are trying to follow what they have learned. All meetings are conducted over the phone so travel to the meeting sight is not an issue. Lion Vince participated in one of the Alabama VIP meetings a couple of weeks ago and was impressed with what they do. It gives our VIPs another opportunity to socialize with other VIPs besides Camp Dogwood and the VIP Fishing Tournament. Let Irwin or Vince know if you think of any VIP that would be interested in this type of club. The club will be open to VIPs from anywhere in the State.

SWANSBORO-Plans are under way to start another club in District N. Contact has been made with LCI to provide a Consultant to help us with the recruiting. Will probably be doing recruiting in late March or April.

LEO CLUBS

The Snow Hill Lions club met with the local high school on Feb 8 on plans to start a LEO club.

7 get applications, Next meeting ~~at~~ Mon March 7.

The Anderson Creek and the Western Harnett Lions clubs are exploring the idea of starting a LEO club in the Overhills High School. There is some parent support in this idea. (If anything more develops on this I will let you know)

1st year

Strides Walk/Events

*1st year 26 of 64 Clubs participated
approx 26,000 raised.*

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We are having a great year in District S. The clubs are working hard to raise funds for BV and to attract new members. There are a lot of clubs planning spring and summer fundraisers to help with their BV donations. We have met 47% of our obligation for this year so if your club has not sent in their money please encourage them to do so.

District N/S had a combined convention on January 22-23. Our guest speaker was ID Jerome Thompson. He was very interesting.. His message was get ready set grow. He believes we can grow our membership. Many thanks go out to Anne and Carlton Metts for putting the convention together and ~~as far as I know~~ things went along smoothly. We had 206 people to attend this year. \$1,785 was raised at the Saturday morning auction and \$565 was raised from ticket sales for a total of \$2,350 raised. It was a great convention and I have heard good things about the programs and the food.

During our Cabinet meeting we elected our officers for next year. DG Elect is Lion Barbara Beltran North Raleigh LC, 1st VDG is Lion Steve Mclaurin Raleigh Host Club, and Lion Nathan Medlin is our 2nd VDG and ~~was~~ from Warrenton LC. ~~At~~ our two year director PDG Wayne Faber from the Apex Club. Lion Adrianne Makawski First flight LC submitted PDG Gwen white as a candidate for LCI Board of Directors. District S voted to support Lion Gwen in her endeavors.

Gaston LC had written International that they wanted to turn in their Charter. I met with them and they decided to try to rebuild their club. I have turned in a Priority Club plan and International accepted that plan. I am now waiting for Gaston to tell me when we can meet and put our plan in action. PDG ~~Ron Beltran + Jim Powell~~

District S is struggling with membership. I am going to call the town manager ~~for~~ ^{* looking from Guiding Lion} in Elm City and see what the possibility of starting a club there ~~is~~. I am also waiting for confirmation from Ahoskie to work on restarting a club there. Hopefully by June 30th we will have at least one club in place.

69 clubs
1,246
added 67
dropped 118

Rhett - has contacted a
Mike ~~the~~ Twiggy (who works in the
school) to work on a cyber club

have visited 63 of our clubs

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Council Meeting – Agenda
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Call to Order	Council Chair Skippy Jackson
Pledge of Allegiance	Governor Allen Reinhardt
Invocation	Governor Mary Boehm
Welcome to Lions and Guests	Chairman Jackson
Recognition of International Officers	Chairman Jackson
Remarks	International Officers
District Reports/Comments	District Governors
Appoint Parliamentarian	Chairman Jackson
Approve Agenda	Council of Governors
Minutes of November 7, 2016 Council of Governors Meeting	Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White
Financial Report	Council Secretary/Treasurer

Unfinished Business:

1. Constitution and By-Laws Changes PDG Dave Butler
2. Hall of Fame Rules/Procedures Changes PDGs Dave Butler & Ron Kelly

3.

New Business:

1.

2.

Report from North Carolina Lions, Inc.

President Paul Bledsoe

Reports/Discussion from State Committees:

- * Boys and Girls Home PDG Wayne Faber, Chair
- * Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs Lion Liz Steele, Chair
- * Celebrate Liberty PDG Michael Schwartz, Chair
- * Diabetes Awareness/DAPS Lion Judy Jackson, Chair
- * Leadership PDG John Owens, GLT
MD Coordinator
- * Membership PID Harvey Whitley, GMT
MD Coordinator
- * Historian PDG Howard Wallace, Chair
- * Information and Technology Lion George Culp, Chair
- * LCIF PDG Carlton Weeks,
MD Coordinator
- * Nominations PDG Johnny Berry, Chair
- * Promotions PDG Chris Headley, Chair
- * State Convention Lion Harriett Walton, Chair
- * 2016 State Convention PDG Herb Justice, Host Chair
- * Lions Clubs International Centennial PDG Gwen White,
MD Coordinator

Other Business:

Announcements

Chairman Jackson

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Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order and asked Governor Schimmoller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. He called upon Governor Boehm for the invocation. He then welcomed the Lions and guests that were in attendance.

Chairman Jackson recognized the International Officers and invited remarks. PIP Sid Scruggs said that he made his comments during the Friday evening work session but announced that there is a chance for clubs associated with the Special Olympics to win money.

District Governor Reports followed.

Governor Hicks reported on activities underway in District 31-L. She said utilization of Region Chairs is proving to be beneficial. She added that a zone project underway at the same time as the Council meeting is a car show in Gaston. She reported a net loss of 15 members since July 1, 2015. attachment # 1

Governor Reinhardt of District 31-I reported a net loss of two members since the Lions year began. He indicated that more than 80% of his club visits have been completed and that a new Leo club has been chartered. attachment # 2

Governor Clapp reported that the District Governor team has visited 48 of 62 clubs. He said a new Leo club has 56 members. attachment # 3

Governor Schimmoller said a District 31-N emphasis has been the Strides Walk coordinated by VDG Irwin Siegelwax and other diabetes awareness activities. He said the Leos from East Carteret High School are making paper-folded cranes for the Lion's International President's visit at the State Convention in April, suggesting that other Leos might want to do the same project. He reported that a \$10,000 disaster relief grant from LCIF was secured after the damaging storm and flooding in Brunswick County, but that only \$3,836 has been expended. He indicated that 20 new members have been added while 56 were lost, but the small Washington Lions Club is ready to induct four new members.

Governor Schimmoller said a day at Camp Dogwood is planned for district Lions to travel to the camp to view their assets. He closed by recognizing Bob Bailey who was representing MIRA, guide dogs for blind children.

Governor Boehm said she and VDG Barbara Beltran have visited 56 clubs. She said membership lags with 56 drops and only 25 additions. She noted that PDGs Mack Jones and Frank Brooks passed away. attachment # 4

Chairman Jackson complemented the Governors for bringing their districts together following redistricting last year.

PDG Dave Butler was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller and second by Governor Boehm, the vote to approve the agenda with the addition of the Wake Forest University Grant approval, was unanimous. attachment # 5

Upon motion of Governor Hicks, second by Governor Boehm, the Minutes of the August 15, 2015 Council of Governors Meeting were unanimously approved. attachment # 6

Council Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White presented the quarterly financial report. He reported that dues have been received from four districts and that districts have been billed for their Celebrate Liberty pins. He said the checking balance is \$18,168.92 and the Money Market holds \$44,618.20, reminding the Council that the Money Market holds \$26,831.00 reserved for State Convention and \$6,384.62 for Youth Exchange. He pointed out that the flexible money in the account is only \$3,324.08.

Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt and second by Governor Boehm, the Financial Report was unanimously accepted as presented. attachment # 7

Under unfinished business, PDG Paul Bledsoe speaking for the committee that considered whether the DAPS Program should become part of the NCLI programs, reported that NCLI is not in a position to undertake additional programs. He said Diabetes Awareness Chairperson Judy Jackson has been made aware that there are funds available for diabetes education (LEAP for example) and that he would assist in grant seeking.

Governor Reinhardt reported for the Youth Exchange Funds Committee. The Committee recommended that the available and earmarked \$3,324.08 in Youth Exchange funds be used on a one-time 2017 Centennial Year Youth Exchange Camp. He said PDGs Larry and Paulette Gasperson have agreed to coordinate the state wide youth activity for foreign youth.

Lion Liz Steele, State Leo Chair said Leos need to be involved with youth exchange and cautioned against just spending the money to clear the books. PDG Dave Butler suggested that the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 District Governors need to be on board since the activity will occur during their terms and will be a Centennial Project. After more discussion, **Governor Reinhardt presented the committee report (contained in attachment # 8) as a motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

attachment # 8

Constitution and By-Laws Chair, PDG Dave Butler, began by saying any recommendations on changes to the Hall of Fame selection process would be delayed until more input from the Governors is secured. He stated that all of the proposed Constitution, By-Laws and Policy changes were thoroughly discussed during the Friday evening work session.

He presented the Article VI, Section 7, proposed Constitutional change that would allow PDGs delegate rights and a vote at all State, District and Special Conventions.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Clapp, the motion to recommend that delegates be allowed to vote on the amendment at the State Convention was unanimously approved. attachment # 9

PDG Butler presented the Article VII, Section 2, proposed change that would increase the annual state dues from \$3.50 to \$5.50 per year. He noted that the dues were last increased in 1995. **Upon motion of Governor Hicks, second by Governor Schimmoller, the motion passed unanimously to schedule the change for a vote by delegates at the 2016 State Convention.** attachment # 10

PDG Butler presented Policy No. 19 for consideration. He explained that this would set the MD-31 Lions General Reimbursement Policy, according to current practice. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt with second by Governor Boehm, the vote was unanimous to approve the policy subject to final approval at the February Council Meeting.** attachment # 11

Finally PDG Butler presented several changes to the State Convention Policy and Procedures. He explained that this policy was last addressed in 1999, but several changes have since taken place. He reviewed the changes line-by-line and answered questions about the policy language and stated procedures.

PDG Gwen White explained that NCLI signs contracts for meeting site arrangements for the November and February meetings, although those sites are selected by the Council of Governors.

Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt with second by Governor Boehm, the vote was unanimous to approve the changes as presented. attachment # 12

By consensus the Council delayed any further action on the Hall of Fame Policy to allow PDG Butler to confer with DDG Ron Kelly.

Council Chair Jackson introduced Bob Bailey of MIRA, who spoke about the work of his organization to provide guide dogs for children. He said he had listened to discussion on a number of projects and challenged North Carolina Lions to focus their activity on eye problems and on work with the visually impaired. He said there are 230,000 visually impaired adults in the state, 17,000 plus visually impaired children and 850 blind children in the state, all needing help. He thanked the Lions for helping MIRA.

With Parliamentarian Butler having to leave, PDG Gary Steele was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian.

Under new business Governor Schimmoller said he had already presented the Leo paper folding project proposal and needed no further discussion.

Two Resolutions for Endorsement for candidates for International Offices were considered after presentation by PIP Scruggs. Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Clapp, the vote was unanimous to endorse the candidacy of PID Jung-Yul Chio of Korea for International 3rd Vice-President and PID Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir of Iceland as International 2nd Vice-President. attachment # 12-B

Lion Steve Walker, Executive Director of NCLI asked the Council to approve the close-out documents for the \$62,951.00 LCIF Grant to the Wake Forest University Eye Center. He explained the purpose of the grant and reported that all conditions have been

met. Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Hicks, the motion to approve the grant close-out package was unanimously approved and the Council Chair was authorized to sign the document. attachment # 13

NCLI President Paul Bledsoe reported on activities at Camp Dogwood and with NCLI programs and services. He announced that donations can now be accepted on-line and that new technology allows broad communication about the work of North Carolina Lions. He urged all Lions to stay for the Sunday Board Meeting and to listen to the various committee reports for more information.

State Committee Reports followed.

PDG Wayne Faber, Boys & Girls Home Chair, had to leave so his report was given by Lion Gary Green. He announced that a capitol campaign is underway and urged Lions Clubs to sponsor children at Christmas. attachment # 14

Leo and Campus Chair Liz Steele reported that there are 30 alpha and 2 omega clubs. She said assistance is needed to grow the Leo program. Announcing the 2016 Leo State Convention at Camp Dogwood, February 26-27, 2016, she said each district will be asked to provide \$580.00 for the Leo "Stop Hunger Now" project and congratulated Leo Chad Tyson who was named Leo of the Year.

There was no Celebrate Liberty report.

Lion Judy Jackson, Diabetes Awareness Chair had to leave early to participate in the Beaufort, NC Strides Walk, but discussed her program during the Friday evening Council work session.

PDG John Owens, MD-31 GLT Coordinator reported on leadership activities. He said the \$600.00 leadership grant from LCI is on hold due to funding shortage, that there is one application for the Florida Southeast Leadership School and announced next year's training dates. attachment # 15

PID Harvey Whitley, MD-31 GMT Coordinator also left early, but covered membership with the Council during the Friday evening works session. He provided a written report and list of clubs that do not have a designated membership Chairperson on file attachment # 16

Historian, PDG Howard Wallace, told the Council about an early directory that had been located and about the Lions Song Book that is seldom seen anymore. He said copies of 28 club charters have been secured and noted that help will be needed to determine which artifacts will be maintained at Camp Dogwood. attachment # 17

Information & Technology Chair, 2nd VDG George Culp, reported that photo coping of interactive forms for the website is underway. He said Pay Pall will be used to accept donations, then announced that he had emailed his report to Council members prior to the meeting.

PDG Carlton Weeks, MD-31 LCIF Coordinator, challenged the Governors and their clubs to contribute to LCIF and asked the Council to consider the difference that even two or three additional clubs participating would make. attachment # 18

Nominations Chair, PDG Johnny Berry, reported that there is at least one candidate for each position at the upcoming District Conventions. attachment # 19

Promotions Chair, PDG Chris Headley, reminded Lions of the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting. He said his report would be given at that time.

Lion Harriet Walton, Chair of the State Convention Committee said a host site for the 2017 State Convention is still needed.

PDG Herb Justice, Host Chair of the 2016 State Convention, reminded those attending that the next convention will be at the Raleigh Crabtree Marriott, April 21-24, 2016. He said plans were thoroughly covered during the Friday evening work session and reminded Governors of needs that should be provided by the Council of Governors immediately. He noted that it will be increasingly more difficult to keep Convention fees down to the spiraling cost of food and the growing tendency to charge additional fees for every service or item of use. attachment # 20

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller with second by Governor Boehm, the meal prices were unanimously approved as presented. attachment # 21

PDG Gwen White, MD-31 Centennial Coordinator asked the Governors who had not done so to appoint District Centennial Chairs and to begin planning for 2017 100th Anniversary activities. She asked for suggestions for the 2017 International Parade uniform and urged ever district to organize at least one new club during each year of the Centennial Celebration. attachment # 22

Chairman Jackson reported that the proposed Hall of Fame policy changes had been withdrawn.

Governor Schimmoller asked if the 50-year pins would be presented at the state Convention again this year. The consensus was yes and it was noted that PDG Ron Kelly is holding the remaining pins.

Governor Schimmoller noted that this is the third year that Aberdeen has hosted the November Council and Board meetings which places a burden on the local clubs in terms of manpower and funds. He suggested that each Lion donate \$10 or some other amount as they visit the hospitality room.

Council Chair Jackson announced that the next meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kitty Hawk, moved to that location because the Crabtree Marriott will still be undergoing renovations in February.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Boehm, the vote to adjourn was unanimous. Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting.

This the 7th day of November, 2015.

Rhett B. White, Secretary-Treasurer

Skippy Jackson, Council Chair

**North Carolina Lions State Council
2015-2016 Council Budget
July 1, 2015 – February 2, 2016**

INCOME:	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 14,285.95		100
State Dues (6,572 average x \$3.50)	23,002.00	\$11,732.00	110
Interest	5.00	1.23	120
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasury Bonds	318.00	254.40	130
State Convention Income*	10,000.00	8,996.94	150
Youth Exchange	0.00		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00	62.00	170
LCIF Grant	0.00		180
GLT Training Grant	600.00		185
Leo Clubs Income	4,000.00	1,740.00	190
Appropriations from Money Market	0.00		192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	180.50	195
Total Income	\$53,060.95	\$22,967.07	

EXPENSES:




Annual Audit	\$ 600.00		200
District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Bonds	318.00	\$ 318.00	210
State Secretary/Treasurer Bond	103.00	103.00	215
Clerical Services-NCLI	600.00	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary-Treasurer)	375.00		230
Printing(NCLI and Secretary-Treasurer)	400.00		240
Postage(NCLI and Secretary Treasurer)	300.00		250
Telephone (Secretary-Treasurer)	0.00		260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	1,500.00	366.04	270
State Council Conference Calls	500.00		280
Expenses-State Secretary-Treasurer	3,000.00		290
Expenses-State Council Chair	4,000.00	831.40	300
Incoming CC Intl'. Convention Expenses	3,500.00		305
State Convention Cash Advance	6,000.00		310
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,100.00	224.37	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	1,493.75	350
State Council Committee Expenses	4,500.00	1,687.97	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00		370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00	675.00	380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	412.09	390
Leo Clubs Expenses*	2,500.00	505.58	395
Youth Exchange*	0.00	500.00	400
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,000.00		410
Redistricting Expense	0.00		415
LCIF Grant	0.00		420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Expenses	600.00		425
Diabetes Awareness	1,750.00	1,028.26	428
Campus Clubs	0.00		429

1 st VDG Clothing Allowance(5@\$130)	650.00		430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance(2@\$130)	260.00	130.00	431
CC, SST, DGE & 1 st VDG Jacket Crests(17@\$23)	391.00		435
Contingence Expenses	0.00	80.50	440
Transfer to Money Market*	<u>10,713.95</u>		<u>442</u>
Total Expenses	\$53,060.95	\$8,955.96	

Checking Balance on Hand – February 2, 2016	\$ 19,706.23
*Money Market Balance – February 2, 2016	<u>44,629.44</u>
Total Council Assets	\$ 64,335.67

2/2/16 4:30 pm

Accounts

 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4815	Available Balance \$19,706.23
 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4823	Available Balance \$12,838.06
Money Market (Business) XXXXXX0757	Available Balance \$44,629.44
 Money Market (Business) XXXXXX5714	Available Balance \$9,307.94

**MD-31 Constitution & By-Laws, and Policy and Procedures
Report (February 2016)**

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC, Chairperson

Council Chairperson Skippy, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. The Policy and Procedures covered in November will be addressed for final approval by the State Council. Also, I need Council approval of the Official Proposed MD- 31 Constitution Changes to be sent to all North Carolina Lions Clubs, as required, for Delegate action at the State Convention:

First: I will cover for final Council approval the proposed revisions to the MD-31 Constitution.

Second: I will cover for final Council approval the proposed New Policy covering “MD-31 Lion’s Reimbursement Policy”

Third: I will cover for final Council approval the revised “State Convention Policy”

Thank You

OFFICIAL NOTICE: RESOLUTION: Whereas the Council of Governors has approved presenting the following proposed changes to the Multiple District 31 Constitution and By-Laws; Therefore be it resolved, that On Sunday, April 24, 2016, in the Marriot Crabtree, at Raleigh, NC, the Certified Delegates at the Multiple District 31 State Convention will vote on these changes. Note: Proposed Changes will be in Bold, Italics, and Underlined.

Article VI

STATE CONVENTION

Present: Section 7. Each chartered Club in the State in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the Club, or major fraction thereof, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five or more members. Each District Governor and every Past District Governor in good standing in the state shall be a full delegate in his/her own right at any and all conventions, shall have all privileges of every description that any other delegate has and this in no way will affect the number of delegates or alternates to which each club is entitled. Each such vote based on membership as well as each vote based on being a District Governor or Past District Governor can be cast only by a delegate present in person at the convention, registered, qualified, and certified, and no delegate shall cast more than one vote on each question.

Proposed: Section 7. Each.....members. Each District Governor and every Past District Governor in good standing in the state shall be a full delegate in his/her own right at any and all **STATE, DISTRICT, and SPECIAL** conventions; shall have all privileges of every description that any other delegate has and this in no way will affect the number of delegates or alternates to which each club is entitled. Each.....question.

Article VII

State Convention and State Council Fund

Present: Section 2. In lieu of a State Convention registration fee, an annual per capita State Convention and State Council Administration Tax of \$3.50 shall be levied upon each member in the State and shall be paid in advance by each club, in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$1.75 per member on September 10th and \$1.75 per member on March 10th of each year. Billings of said tax will be based upon the roster of each club as of the first day of July and the first day of January respectively. This tax shall be collected from the clubs in each District of the State by the respective Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers, who shall place the money so collected in a special account to be turned over to the State Council Secretary-Treasurer upon order by the Council Chairperson. Said fund shall be used exclusively for defraying the State Convention and the State Council Administrative Expenses such as postage, reporting proceedings, printing Credential Certificates, Official Convention Program, ballots, Convention proceedings, delegate, alternate, and registration cards, badges, office rent, and such other expenses as in the discretion of the State Council are deemed State Convention and State Council Administrative expenses. Said fund shall not be used for any other purpose, and shall be expended only for items approved by the State Council Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one other member of the Council, preferably the Chairperson. None of said funds shall be paid, remitted or returned in any manner to any Sub-District for any purpose whatever.

New and Reorganized Clubs shall be billed for State Convention and State Council Administrative Fund Tax the same as old established clubs, except that any New or Reorganized Club shall pay pro-rated Per Capita State Convention and State Council Administrative Fund Tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of their Organization.

Article VII

State Convention and State Council Fund

Proposed: Section 2. In lieu of a State Convention registration fee, an annual per capita State Convention and State Council Administration Tax of \$5.50 shall be levied upon each member in the State and shall be paid in advance by each club, in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$2.75 per member on September 10th and \$2.75 per member on March 10th of each year. Billings.....Council Chairperson. Said fund shall be used exclusively for defraying the State Convention and the State Council Administrative Expenses such as postage, reporting proceedings, printing Credential Certificates, Official Convention ~~Program~~ Rules, Agenda, ballots, Convention proceedings, delegate, alternate, and registration cards, badges, office rent, and such other expenses as in the discretion of the State Council are deemed State Convention and State Council Administrative expenses. Said fund.....Organization.

New Proposed Policy for MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual:

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC MD-31 Policy and Procedures Chairperson

Policy No. 19:

MD-31 Lion's General Reimbursement Policy

A. Mileage:

1. Maximum Per Mile amount: .41

B. Meals:

1. Maximum per meal: \$25.00

C. Hotel:

1. Maximum per day: \$75.00

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

**North Carolina Lions MD-31
State Convention ~~Agreement~~ Policy and Procedures
Between
The Council of Governors and the Host Lions Club(s)
(Revised and Approved 5-1-1999 (2-13-2016))**

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!

Note: Requests for Multiple District Awards and Multiple District Convention Speakers shall be coordinated and endorsed following the appropriate approved protocol: 1. The most current past international president, if there is one. 2. If not, then the current board member, if there is one. 3. If not, then the most current past international director.

This ~~agreement~~ ***Policy and Procedures*** defines the responsibilities of the North Carolina Lions Council of Governors (referred to as The Council or Host Council) and the Lions Club(s) which agree to provide the Facilities, leadership and management for a Multiple District State Convention (Referred to as the Host Club).

Normally at their February meeting The Council will designate the Host Club(s), the city and the primary facilities for the State Convention two (2) years in advance (i.e. in February of 1996 2013 the Host Club, city and primary facility for the 1998 2015 State Convention were designated). The Convention Chairperson shall be recommended by the Host Club(s) and appointed by The Council as soon as possible thereafter, ***and he/she shall work with the State Convention Committee Chairperson.***

Prior to the Convention, the ***Host Club(s)*** Convention Chairperson shall meet with The Council and present reports as follows:

3.1 At the August meeting of The Council serving as Host Council to the Convention.

3.1.1 A preliminary site report will be made.

3.1.2 A preliminary budget will be submitted for approval.

3.1.3 A Progress report detailing the planning to date will be made.

3.1.4 State Council will appoint Chairpersons for the required Convention Committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Constitution & By-Laws, Attendance, Elections, Rules, Tail Twisters, and Sergeant at Arms.

3.2 At the November meeting of the Host Council.

3.2.1 Submit a preliminary ~~program~~ ***agenda*** for the entire Convention for updating and approving. This ~~program~~ ***agenda*** shall be ~~read~~ ***reviewed and approved*** in its entirety with copies to the members of The Council.

3.2.2 Make a detailed report on the progress of the planning, noting problems and concerns of the committee.

3.3 At the February meeting of the Host Council, held at the Convention site, the following reports need to be made:

3.3.1 Submit, for final update and approval, ~~a program~~ ***an agenda*** for the entire Convention, This ~~program~~ ***agenda*** shall be ~~read~~ ***reviewed and approved*** in its entirety with copies to the members of The Council.

3.3.2 Make a detailed report on the progress of the planning and/or problems and concerns of the committee.

~~3.4 At the May meeting of the Host Council.~~

~~3.4.1 Submit for review the final version of the program for the entire Convention. This program shall be read in its entirety with copies to the members of The Council.~~

~~3.4.2 Make a detailed report on the progress of the planning and/or problems and concerns of the committee~~

4. The Host Club(s) shall be responsible for the following:

4.1 The Host Club(s) shall contract with the designated Convention Hotel and/or other locations to provide the facilities for the annual Lions State Convention. The activities normally requiring facilities are:

4.1.1 Thursday night dinner (does not have to be at the Convention Hotel) which is complimentary for the Host Council, State Secretary-Treasurer, *First Vice-District Governors(DGEs), Council Chairperson Elect*, International Guests, Past International Officers, International Officer Candidate(s) and spouses or guests (one Guest per Lion). If not at the Convention Hotel, transportation must be provided. Average attendance,, ~~fifty (52)~~ *approximately forty two (42)* persons. The Thursday night dinner is to be covered in the Convention budget.

4.1.2 Friday night event at the discretion of the Host Council Average attendance ~~275-325~~ *250-275* persons.

4.1.3 Saturday morning breakfast honoring Key Members and featuring Tail Twisters. Average attendance ~~350-400~~ *250-275* persons.

4.1.4 *Friday and Saturday all-day* - There must be a Registration area and *at times (per agenda)* a Certification room.

4.1.5 General Convention session - Average attendance ~~250-300~~ *175-200* Lions and guests.

4.1.6 Saturday noon or Sunday morning - A special luncheon or breakfast as designated by the Host Council honoring the Past District Governors. Average attendance ~~80-100~~ *65-80* persons.

4.1.7 Seminars - Provide rooms to accommodate 50-75 persons.

4.1.8 Hospitality Room(s) ~~on Saturday afternoon~~ as designated *and provided* by the *First Vice District Governors(DGEs), per Agenda*.

4.1.9 District Governors' Banquet will be held Saturday evening. Average attendance ~~450-500~~ *250-300* persons.

4.1.10 Service of Remembrance will be held Sunday morning. The average attendance is ~~300~~ *250* persons.

4.1.11 District Cabinet meetings will be held Sunday morning. This requires one (1) room per District. Currently there are ~~nine (9)~~ *five (5)* districts.

4.1.12 General Convention session will be held Sunday morning. Average attendance is ~~350-450~~ *250-300* persons.

4.1.13 *Council Chairperson, District Governors, and First and Second Vice-District Governors, and State Secretary/Treasurer Elect Reception Receiving Line* will be held Sunday ~~morning~~ *at the conclusion of the Convention*.

- 4.2 Provide for the official gift for the Honored Guest Speaker. This gift is to be chosen as representative of the area and meeting the desires of the Honored Guest as indicated on his/her individual biographical data sheet. The Council Chairperson as the official host will receive this information from Lions Clubs International.
- 4.3 Compile the Official Program with the assistance of the Host Council.
- 4.3.1 The Host Club(s) shall make all arrangements as to the printing and distribution of the Official Program. Sale of ads for the program will offset this and other Convention expenses.
- 4.3.2 ~~Thirty (30) copies~~ **Copies** of the Official Program shall be ~~delivered~~ **provided** to the Host Council by ~~the May meeting of the Host Council~~ **April 1st** for ~~distributing and mailing to the Host Council~~ distribution to, ~~candidates and dignitaries~~ prior to the Convention.
- 4.4 The Host Club(s) shall make arrangements for all Convention functions, meals and entertainment. At each of the planned functions and / or meetings, the following items shall be provided and in place prior to the start of ~~me~~ **the** function or meeting.
- 4.4.1 A United States flag, a North Carolina flag and the flag of the home country **or state** of the Honored Guest.
- 4.4.2 A reliable sound system appropriate to the occasion.
- 4.4.3 A piano for any function requiring one.
- 4.4.4 An appropriate podium or speakers stand.
- 4.4.5 Facilities at the General Sessions and Banquets to display all District Banners.
- 4.4.6 Appropriate head table(s) for all occasions.
- 4.4.6.1 At the District Governors' Banquet: Two (2) head tables are Required; one at floor level and one on a raised platform. Each table is to be draped and seat at least ~~26~~ **20** persons.
- 4.4.6.2 Key Members / Tail Twisters' Breakfast: One (1) head table draped and will seat at least twelve ~~(12)~~ **20** persons.
- 4.4.6.3 Past District Governors' Luncheon or Breakfast: Head table to be determined by the current President of the PDG organization.
- 4.4.6.4 Other special events and meals as requested by the Host Council.
- 4.4.6.5 General Sessions: Head table for twenty (20) persons and reserved seating for State Committee Chairs at the front of the room.

4.4.6.6 District Meetings: Single table with ~~pedium~~ and seating for 2 to 4 persons.

~~4.4.7 Corsages and boutonniere for the Host Council, Vice District Governors, spouses and guest seated at the head tables at the District Governors' Banquet (approximately 52 persons):~~

4.4.7 Provide at the District Governors' Banquet The National Anthem of the United States and the National Anthem of the Honored Guest, if other than the National Anthem of the United States.

4.4.8 Provide facilities and printed program for the Service of Remembrance working closely with the District Governor in charge of the service.

4.4.9 Establish prices for all meal functions, concurring with the Host Council.

4.4.9.1 Print and sell tickets (or provide an alternative method of accountability as approved by the Host Council) for all functions and meals.

4.4.9.2 Provide to the Host Council complimentary tickets (*or alternative*) for all meals and functions as follows:

Host Council and Spouses
Past and Present International Officers *and Spouses*
International Guest and Spouse
State Secretary-Treasurer and Spouse

4.5 Provision of a registration area with tables, chairs, other necessary equipment and personnel to register all Lions and guests.

4.5.1 ~~All~~ *It is suggested that* registrations are to be kept separate by Districts.

4.5.2 All materials are to be passed on to the succeeding State Convention Chairperson.

4.6 Provisions of a function room or area for the certification of delegates and alternates by the respective Cabinet Secretaries.

4.6.1 One table with ~~three (3)~~ two (2) chairs is required for each district. Currently we have ~~nine (9)~~ five (5) districts.

4.6.2 Delegate and alternate delegate cards are to be provided, to the District Cabinet Secretary / Treasurers, by the State Council Secretary / Treasurer.

4.7 Provision of the registration packets for all Lions and guests. These packets shall include, but not be limited to the following:

4.7.1 Official Convention Program.

4.7.2 Identification Badges (not the sticky back)

4.7.3 The Host Club(s) and / or Host Council may wish to include brochures and advertising give-aways from area businesses or organizations.

4.8 Provision of a common area for the set-up of booths and displays as may be approved by the Host Council.

4.8.1 Sale of tickets for the benefit of Camp Dogwood will be in this area. (The Host Club(s) shall contact the NCLI regarding these arrangements.)

4.8.2 The cost of the vendor booth space will be established by *the Host Council* and paid to the ~~Host Council~~ *Host Club(s) State Convention Account*.

4.8.3 Certain organizations may be granted a waiver of the booth rental at the discretion of the Host Council.

4.9 Pay all bills and accounts incurred as Convention expenses. These shall be kept in two separate and distinct categories.

4.9.1 State Administrative expenses.

4.9.2 Host Club(s) expenses.

4.10 As soon as possible, but no later than the second meeting of The Council following the close of the Convention, a final financial statement for the Convention shall be submitted to the current Council of Governors for their approval and records.

4.11 The Host Club(s) shall arrange to provide the following complimentary accommodations at the selected Headquarters Hotel / Motel for the Host Council and the Honored Guests.

4.11.1 Two (2) suites consisting of at least one (1) bedroom with an adjoining parlor. One of these is for the International Guest and one is for North Carolina's International Officer ~~or most recent Officer~~. *Order of Precedence*.

4.11.2 Up to ~~fourteen (14)~~ **ten (10)** bedrooms (for Past International Officers and the Host Council in attendance at the Convention. The actual number may vary.)

4.11.3 Three (3) complimentary rooms should, where possible, be relatively near each other for Past / Present International Officers.

4.12 Observe the Rules of Protocol as defined by Lions Clubs International and the Host Council.

4.12.1 Arrange transportation for the Honored Guest (s) to and from the airport and any other place deemed necessary during the course of the Convention.

4.12.2 Provide fruit and refreshments in the suite of the Honored Guest *as indicated in the information from Lions Clubs International.*

4.12.3 Provide fruit and refreshments in the suite of the North Carolina highest ranking International Officer,

4.12.4 Provide fruit in the rooms of the Past International Officers and the Host Council.

5. The Host Council shall be responsible for the following:

5.1 Assuring that the Convention Chairperson and others *he/she* designates, be placed on the mailing list to receive notification of The Council meetings, etc.

5.2 Providing the Welcome Banners owned by the State Council of Governors for display at the Convention.

5.3 Provide the International Flag Set for use at the Convention.

5.4 Assuring that each District Governor provides his District Banner for display at the Convention.

5.5 Appoint, at their earliest convenience, the District Governor in charge of the Service of Remembrance.

5.5.1 Provide the list of deceased Lions to the Host Club for printing purposes.

5.6 Set the rates for the Vendor Booths that are made available at the Convention site. *Clubs and Individuals raising funds will pay Vendor rates for Booths, if available.*

5.6.1 Determine if any organizations are to be given their booth space rent free.

5.7 Provide, in a timely manner, any photo or copy that is to be placed in the official Convention Program.

5.8 The Host Council will be responsible for paying any facility charges for meeting room areas due to our not meeting the reservation and attendance requirements as specified in the contract with the hosting facility.

6. The Host Club(s) is to furnish a list of suggestions and a financial statement with actual attendance figures to the current Council of Governors at the August meeting following the Convention.

7. ***Solicitation at State Conventions: Due to the importance of encouraging our Lions to attend State Conventions and since the Lions are considered a captive audience at these functions, no individual or Club solicitation is permitted for any purpose of the attendees.***

Note: The 1997-98 Council of Governors at the February 1998 Council Meeting, voted to establish a format for maintaining and recording the Past District Governors' List that is printed in the NC Lions State Convention Program. The approved format is: District by letter, the year served. District Governor's Name and the Home club name of the Governor the year he or she served as Governor. As in the past, the following indications are to be recorded; died in office, deceased, inactive, served as Council Chairperson and served as an International Officer.

Approved: By NC State Council May 1, 1999

Amended: At "open" State Council Meeting---February 7, 2015

Amended: At "open" State Council Meeting---_____

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MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual

"North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame"

**First Paragraph
Currently reads**

Purpose: The mission of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame is: to honor, in perpetuity, those Lions whose contributions to Lionism in North Carolina are of great value.

Suggested wording

Purpose: The mission of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame is: To recognize and honor the State's most Outstanding Lions for their extraordinary accomplishments on the Club, District, State, and/or NC Lions Inc. levels.

**Second Paragraph
Currently reads**

Criteria: Nominees may be living or deceased. Their contribution should be of enduring value and of major importance in furthering the goals of Lionism in North Carolina.

Suggested wording

Criteria: Nominees may be living or deceased. The Nominee must have had at least ten (10) years of service if living, or deceased for at least five (5) years, unless death occurs in the year the candidate was being considered for a living Hall of Fame Award.

**Third Paragraph
Currently reads**

Who Decides: The Council of Governors.

Suggested wording

Who Decides: The Council of Governors. All living NC Lions Hall of Fame recipients will serve as a resource to the Council of Governors, in the nomination process, when requested.

**Fourth Paragraph
Currently reads**

Nominations/Number Chosen: Any District may nominate and submit a resume for one (1) living and one (1) deceased Lion each year. From the nominations submitted, the Council Governors will select up to four (4) living and up to four (4) deceased Lions for induction into the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame. Submissions should include pertinent information as outlined on the attached Nominations Form. The deadline for submission to the respective District Governor is January 31st so that

State Council may decide on the inductees at its February meeting,

Suggested wording of the ~~Second Sentence~~: ^{NO. OF NOMINATIONS / NUMBER OF COUNCIL} Any District may nominate and submit a resume for one (1) living and one (1) deceased Lion each year. From the nominations submitted, the Council of Governors shall select up to two (2) Living and up to three (3) deceased Lions for induction into the N.C. into the North Carolina Hall of Fame. Submissions should include pertinent information as outlined on the relevant Nomination Form. The deadline for submission by the respective District Governor is January 31st so that the State Council may decide on the inductees at their February meeting

**Fifth Paragraph
Currently reads**

Induction: Honorees will be inducted or posthumously announced at the District Governor's Banquet during the N.C. Lion's State Convention. For the living nominee, the presentation will be made by the recipient of last year's Award who will be assisted by the Council Chair and the recipient's District Governor. For the deceased nominee the award will be announced at the District Governor's Banquet at the State Convention and the presentation made to the family by the District Governor of the Nominee's home district at the appropriate time and place.

Suggested wording

Induction/Award Presentation: Honorees will be inducted or posthumously announced at the District Governor's Banquet during the N.C. Lion's State Convention. For the living inductee, the presentation will be made by the Council Chairperson assisted by the recipient's District Governor. For the deceased inductee, the presentation will be made by the Council Chairperson and the appropriate District Governor to the family of the inductee, if present. If the family is not present, the appropriate District Governor will be responsible for making the presentation to the family at the appropriate time and place.

Sixth paragraph
Currently reads

Display of Honorees: Each Recipient's name and year will be shown at Camp Dogwood in an appropriate location. Honoree's name and year may be shown on the North Carolina Lion's website.

Suggested wording **Display of Honorees:** Each Honoree's name, district, and year of induction will be affixed to a permanent plaque and displayed in an appropriate location at Camp Dogwood and may be shown on the North Carolina Lion's website.

Global Leadership Team

attachment # 13

Report to Council of Governors

February, 2015

Since our November meeting, we have had our Second Vice-District Governor Training at Camp Dogwood in December, and Governor-Elects and I have attended an area training session in Atlanta in January. Their next training will be at Camp Dogwood next week-end.

GOAB

I have been given the names of the four Second Vice-District Governors-Elect, and as soon as the fifth one becomes official in two weeks, I will be in touch with them with suggestions for on-line training that they can complete before our formal training.

At our last meeting, I gave you an incorrect date for a VDG training session in 2017. The correct date for that session is February 17-19, 2017. Other training dates for next year are -

District Governor Elect – November 4-6, 2016

Second Vice-District Governor – December 9-11, 2016

As before all Lions are encouraged to take advantage of training materials available on the LCI website and on the Lions University site.

*Forum
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Omaha*

In an email earlier this week, I explained specifics about a possible Regional Lions Leadership Institute to be held at Camp Dogwood in March, 2017. I would like to ask the council's approval of these plans and permission to proceed. I will be glad to answer questions.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to serve the council; however, I will not be present at the May meeting because of a vacation trip.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion John Owens

Regional Expense Form

Expense Category	Individual	Total
Faculty		
Lodging	3 nights for 3 faculty @\$30. Per	\$270.00
Meals	B \$8.50 L \$10.50 D \$11.50	\$243.00
Travel	3 @ \$300.00 each	\$900.00
Total Cost for Faculty		\$1413.00
Participants		
Lodging	3 nights for 30 part. @ \$30. Per	\$2700.0
Meals	B \$8.50 L \$10.50 D \$11.50	\$2430.00
Materials	30 notebooks @ \$50.00 each	\$1500.00
Total Cost for Participants		\$6630.00
Meeting Facility		
Room Rental		
Refreshments	4 Breaks @\$3.00 per	\$396.00
Audio visual equipment		
Materials		
Name tags, Certificates, etc.	30@ \$10.00	\$300.00
Total Est. Cost of Institute		\$8739.00

Break down of expenses for meals

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Breakfast \$8.50 per	Breakfast \$8.50 per	Breakfast \$8.50 per
	3 Faculty = \$25.50	3 Faculty = \$25.50	3 Faculty = \$25.50
	30 Part. = \$255.00	30 Part. = \$255.00	30 Part. = \$255.00
	Break @ 3.00 per	Break @ 3.00 per	
	33 = \$99.00	33 = \$99.00	
	Lunch \$10.50 per	Lunch \$10.50 per	
	3 Faculty = \$31.50	3 Faculty = \$31.50	
	30 Part. = \$315.00	30 Part. = \$315.00	
	Break @ 3.00 per	Break @ 3.00 per	
	33 = \$99.00	33 = \$99.00	
Dinner \$11.50 Per	Dinner \$11.50 Per	Dinner \$11.50 Per	
3 Faculty = \$34.50	3 Faculty = \$34.50	3 Faculty = \$34.50	
30 Part. = \$345.00	30 Part. = \$345.00	30 Part. = \$345.00	

Total Cost of Institute \$8739.00

LCI pays 50% = \$4369.00

30 Participants pay \$145.65 = \$4369.50

GMT Coordinator Report to MD 31 Council

February 13, 2016

As we finish the first 7 months of the 2015-2016 Lions year, membership continues to be in a downward spin. At the end of January, we have 6,532 members which reflects 310 new members and 526 drops with a net growth of -216. Since the beginning of the year, 46 of the members dropped were due to the canceling of 9 clubs. Of those 9 clubs canceled, the average member age is 55, so not all the canceled clubs are due to members aging out.

Our member count per district is not healthy. At the end of January the total for each district was as follows: L-1,309, I-1,363, O-1,322, N-1,293, S-1,245. District S is already below the 1,250 mark and the other four districts not far behind.

The 2015-2016 MD 31 District Governors set a collective goal for this year of 7 new clubs, To date, we have not chartered any new clubs. A few weeks ago, I sent out a request to all the District GMT Coordinators for an update on new club extension. Only three of the five responded and in those cases I contacted the District Governor. We do have some activity for new club formation in N and S with them requesting a New club Consultant from LCI. It is not too late to form a club this year but time is running out quickly.

We still have five months to go and if we can form at least one new club in each district, that is at least a +100 increase in the membership total.

At our Area DGE training in Atlanta last month, I had the opportunity to present the Membership module to the Southeast area DGE's. I thought it was a very positive experience as we worked with them in setting their membership and leadership goals and action plans. Emphasis was placed on the need to involve the entire GMT Team in the membership process. This includes not only your District GMT Coordinator but also your Vice District Governors, Region and Zone Chairs and your District GLT. Membership is a TEAM effort.

During the Area Training, I also emphasized that careful consideration should be given to who is appointed District GMT. This position is an LCI appointment and has certain qualifications which you will find attached to this report. These qualifications are taken directly from the GMT -D Appointment application. As sitting District Governor, I strongly advise you to consult with your incoming District Governor as to whether the current District GMT fits these qualifications, but above all how are they performing?

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your MD GMT.

PID Harvey Whitley

MD 31 GMT Coordinator

QUALIFICATIONS—GMT-D

The district GMT coordinator candidate must possess the abilities and skills to identify, expand and present membership, new club development, club success and member satisfaction programs that meet the needs of their district. Additional qualifications include:

1. Extensive knowledge of membership, new club development, club success and member satisfaction programs; needs of district, regions, zones, clubs; LCI policies.
2. Ability to commit to a three-year term as district GMT coordinator, accepting no other position(s) within the association that would potentially conflict with the time and effort necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position.
3. Demonstrated membership expertise through sponsorship of new members and development of new Lions clubs.
4. Ideally a recent graduate or faculty member from LCI Lions Leadership Institute (Advanced or Faculty Development) with high evaluation score.
5. Ability to participate in membership, new club development, club success and member satisfaction training and development opportunities sponsored by LCI.
6. Ability to effectively collaborate with GLT counterpart to address district needs.
7. Ability to mentor and identify future leaders.
8. Ability to travel within the district.

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. Placing read copies in waiting rooms, churches, etc. is a good way to tell our story of .

Newsletter –

The monthly Newsletter is being published monthly on or around the 15th of each month.

The newsletter is being emailed using a new database of NC Lions. See below **Email Services**.

Education

Our committee has been asked to focus on providing more education to both Lions and the general public about the benefits of supporting our program of Brighter Visions.

Communication

Advocate –Publishing and Digital Issues – Continue effort to reduce publishing cost by encouraging readers to link to issues. Consider a survey to see if the mail version is being read. Educate NC Lions that a copy is being mailed to them perhaps even emailing a notice when the issue is mailed.

Email services – We continue to monitor the statistics of the number of email being opened and read.

Online meetings and seminars Research and recommend online solutions to conduct meetings and seminars that will eliminate the cost and time of travel by the participants.

The interest in this endeavor is being to grow.

Participating in Long-range planning for NCLions.

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp

**Council of Governors
Kitty Hawk
February 13, 2016**

By this time we should have had all the elections for the in coming officers, however due to a rescheduling of District O's convention they are not complete. Their convention will be the last week-end of February. The following have been elected for the coming year.

District L

**District Governor Max Bumgardner Canton Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Curtis Erickson Mills River Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Alan Lake Black Mountain Lions Club**

District I

**District Governor Butch Conrad Davis Townsend Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor George Culp Concord Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Carolyn Sprinkle Sparta Lions Club**

District N

**District Governor Irwin Siegelwax Calabash Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor James Kiser Buies Creek Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Don Eggert Shallote Lions Club**

District S

**District Governor Barbara Beltran North Raleigh Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Steven McLaurin Raleigh Host Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Nathan Medlin Warrenton Lions Club**

District O.candidates for the coming year are :

**District Governor Laraine Dupree Wingate Lions Club
1st VDG Karl Ernst Siler City Lions Club
2nd VDG Susan Dailey McLeansville Lions Club**

Best regards,

Johnny E. Berry, Nominations Chair



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Report of the Promotions Committee:

The promotions committee has received the clothing inventory from PDG Terry Cauble and has found his record keeping and inventory to be in order. Additional inventory was purchased from Industries for the Blind Inc. of Kingston, NC and now have a fresh supply of North Carolina Lions clothing. The sales at the August Board Meeting in Greensboro was \$391.00. Promotions is now accepting credit and debit cards for all purchases.

Lion's apparel sales will be held at all Council of Governors and Board meetings, in addition to the State Convention and each District Convention.

Promotions is still working on a breakfast for the 2016 International Convention in Japan. Registration forms are on the International web site with a discount if your register by December 31st, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Chris Headley PDG

State Promotions Committee State Chair

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attachment # 18

**2016 STATE CONVENTION REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
KITTY HAWK, NC
FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

The State Convention Committee is continuing to work on making your 2016 Convention a success. Some Ads are beginning to come in as well as some registrations, however, they are not as we would like to see at this point. We realize that it is still early.

I am handing out Registration Forms for those involved in the Thursday Night International Night Dinner and would like for you to return them to me today. There are two copies, keep the one with your name written across the top for your record and reference. I will make room reservations for the International Family and District Governors. District Governors Elect must make their own reservations with the hotel. **REMEMBER, WHITE COATS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE HEAD TABLES AT THE BANQUET.**

I am also including a revised Ad Form for your use. All DG's, DGE's and 1st VDG's should have an Ad in the Program. The revised form indicates that we will provide assistance to anyone that would like help in designing an AD. I would like for each District to insert this new Form in their next newsletter along with the Golf Tournament Registration and the Convention Registration. All District Governor's should point out that the Convention is supported by ADS and support their Convention in their newsletters.

The renovation of the Hotel is progressing on schedule and should not affect our Convention.

. The Program will consist of the following:

Cover Page as shown

Rules of Procedure

Photos of Past International Officers, DG's, 1st DG's and 2nd DG's.

Letters of Welcome from City of Raleigh, State of NC, District S DG, an CC

Hall of Fame Listing

Updated PDG Listing

Updated List of Lions with 50 + years of service

Write up on President Yamada

List of State Convention Committees – I hope each District Governor has notified them

ADS

Agenda

At this time, I would like to go over the Agenda for your input. Seminars???

We have revised our Budget to reflect some of our current thinking as well as our revised projections. Since we have not yet found a Convention Sponsor, which has been eliminated from the income shown. We are currently showing a deficit of \$7392.00. I am requesting an additional \$6,000 at this time and that you approve an Additional \$2,000 to be held if needed at the Convention since there will be no other Council meeting prior to the Convention. We must pay at the end of the event by Certified Check, which can only be secured on Friday of the Convention.

I also have some questions that I need to address in closed session that pertain to attendance.

Ginny Woolard & Guest – International Night & Seating

Int'l Director Candidates – International Night

Incoming Council Chair – International Night & Banquet

Reservation Forms for PIP.PID'S.DG.S & DGE'S

Respectfully submitted by: PDG Herbert A. Justice, Convention Chair++

MD-31 LCI CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

We discussed the Lions International Centennial Bus Tour with International Vice-President Bob Curlew at the Council Work Session last night, so this report will not go into that early opportunity to showcase North Carolina Lions. I do want to thank PIP Sid Scruggs, PIDs Harvey Whitley and Lacey Presnell, and Governor Vince Schimmoller for their work to organize the tour stops and for all the Lions that will participate, February 24-25.

Since we last met I have received some direction from Lions International and the Centennial staff on some of the plans and aspirations that Lions International has for the 100th Anniversary year. I have also completed the paperwork necessary to get the final two District Centennial Coordinators recognized by Lions International and have requested the small stipends that each coordinator will receive to help cover any expenses they may have. We have held one telephone conference call to discuss their roll and to hear ideas from the districts. (Thanks to PDG Ron Staley for setting this up)

I want to thank the following Lions for serving as District Coordinators: Lion Leon Pryor from 31-L, PID Ron Huber from 31-I, PDG David Osborne from 31-O and PDG Glenn Bunch who represents 31-N. (I represent 31-S)

This report is to the 2015-2016 Council of Governors, but we need to have the District Governors-elect and the incoming 1st Vice-District Governors paying close attention to some challenges from Lions International. First, please encourage your clubs to undertake and report at least one low cost legacy project during the next two years. A legacy project is defined as something lasting with the Lions name on it.

Some of your clubs will be able to create a larger legacy project, or perhaps this can be done at the zone or region levels. Finally, Lions International is asking every multiple district to undertake a level 3 legacy project that will have a lasting impact and will provide maximum visibility for Lions.

Remember that the four areas of service emphasis during the Centennial Years are Youth, Hunger, Environment and Vision. Clubs should report any work in each of these areas.

Finally, each district is due \$1,500 to use toward that legacy project or for the Centennial Celebration. Those funds in the form of a grant can be used at the district levels or can be combined for a statewide project (\$7,500) if you should desire. I have asked the District Centennial Chairs to begin thinking about potential projects and we especially need the suggestions and support of the next two years of Governors to identify and help make whatever projects (or project) that are selected a success.

As the DGEs plan their leadership training for next year, I encourage you to include an element of Centennial training. Also use the Centennial logo on your publications, bulletins and website as another way to announce our 100th Anniversary.

Dwain J. White

Budget Plan for Multi-District & Single District Centennial Coordinators



Our Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service. As a Multi-District or Single District (MD/SD) Coordinator, you have a key role in facilitating Centennial Celebration activities within your district.

The Centennial Action Committee (CAC) has budgeted US\$600 per year for each MD/SD Coordinator to use on Centennial awareness building, Lion education, and organizing activities. Use this form to enter your Centennial plan for FY2016.

Multi-District & Single District Centennial Plan

Name *PDG Gwen A. White* Multi-District/Single District ID *Multiple District 31 Coordinator*

Awareness Building

I will train and maintain communication with the District Centennial Coordinators at club, region, or zone meetings, or other events and will travel anywhere in North Carolina to give programs if a district chairman needs assistance. I will have district coordinators training and will have monthly conference calls with them and try to have face-to-face meetings quarterly.

Lion Education

Already attended the seminar training in Atlanta, GA. and am sharing that information. I recognize the significance of working with the Global Leadership and Membership Chairman. I will work hard on both of these programs.

Organization and Action

I will help facilitate the February 2016 Centennial Bus Tour across North Carolina. I will be on the bus with Bob and Dianne Corlew. And travel with them while they are in North Carolina.

I will report quarterly to the Council of Governors; encourage and help facilitate a legacy project in each of our five districts.

I will communicate and coordinate LCI Centennial Plans to Lions of North Carolina through district newsletters, district meetings and any direct communications.

I will facilitate fund-raising to support funding for Pisgah High School Band to represent North Carolina at the LCI 2017 Convention Parade. Note: District Governor-Elect Max Bumgardner was the band master of this same high school band at the 50th Anniversary of the LCI Convention Parade.

District Budget Plans

District Coordinators have been requested to send their Centennial Budget Plans to their respective Multi-District Coordinators by October 17, 2015. Each District has been budgeted to receive US\$250 per year. Indicate approval of the plans you have received by entering their District numbers below.

I have approved the plans of all five districts 31-L, 31-I, 31-O, 31-N, and 31-S

Gwen A. White