

**Lions Clubs International
MD-31 North Carolina Lions
2008-2009 Council of Governors**

Saturday, February 14, 2009

North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

Council Chair Gary P. Greene called the third meeting of the 2008-2009 North Carolina State Council of Governors to order at 9:00AM.

District Governor Alex Thannikkary led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and District Governor Gordon McAdams gave the Invocation.

For the record, the Council of Governors met for a Work Session at 7:00 PM on Friday evening, February, 13, 2008. Seven of the District Governor were present at the Work Session and at today's Council of Governors Meeting.

The Council Members present were:

DG Mike Covell	31-A	DG Jerry Day	31-G
DG Jerry Mertz	31-B	DG Carlton Weeks	31-H
VDG David Osborn*	31-D	DG Alex Thannikkary	31-J
DG Gordon McAdams	31-E	PDG Gary P. Greene, Council Chair	
DG Dave Martin	31-F	PDG Ron Kelly, Secretary-Treasurer	

* sitting in for DG Paul Gilgo

CC Greene welcomed all to the Third Council Meeting of the 2008-2009 Lionistic year.

Governor Martin moved to approve the Agenda for today's meeting; seconded by Governor Weeks. The Motion passed.

(See Attachment A)

CC Greene recognized PID Lacy Presnell for comments. Presnell stated he was "happy to be here."

PDG Charles Smith was appointed Parliamentarian.

Governor Covell moved to accept the Minutes of the November 8th Council Meeting as distributed to all District Governors by e-mail and as posted on the web site; seconded by Governor Martin. The Motion passed.

SS/T Kelly presented the Financial Report, drafted February 12, 2009. He stated that the ledger and bank accounts have been reconciled and all bill have been paid. All dues for the first half of the year have been paid and six of the eight districts have paid their dues for the second half. He pointed out line item 170; the \$63,415.00 grant received from LCIF for the UNC-Chapel Hill Eye Clinic, and directed the governor's attention to line item 190, Misc. Income not Budgeted and line item 440, Misc. Expenses not Budgeted which were footnoted at the bottom of the Financial Statement. He ended his report with a review of the Money Market account.

(See Attachment B)

Governor Covell moved to accept the Financial Report; seconded by Governor Mertz. Motion passed.

CC Greene called upon PDG Herb Justice, Chair of the 2009 State Convention, for his report. He stated everything is starting to fall into place and emphasized that his committee has made this Convention very affordable; total meal costs are only \$40.00. Herb went on to say that this Convention will be a little unique as it combines the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, an NCLF Board of Directors Meeting, a Council of Governors Meeting, and the State Convention all in one weekend. He requested we begin to talk-up the Convention to our members. He emphasized that Friday night at the Convention will be Fun Night with the Little German Band; come prepared to dance with them because they like audience participation. In closing, Herb inquired whether this year's

Council would follow last year's Council in paying for a full page Ad supporting 2nd Intl. VP Sid Scruggs in the Convention Program.

Governor Covell made a motion to pay \$300.00 for an Ad supporting 2nd Intl. VP Sid Scruggs in the Convention Program; Seconded by Governor Weeks. The Motion passed.

(See Attachment C)

CC Greene invited State Convention Chair, PDG Joe Silvers to come forward and report on the 2010 State Convention which will be back in Asheville, NC. He stated that the Crown Plaza Hotel, which has a 16,000 square foot exhibition Hall, can accommodate 600 people for the Banquet. Room rate has been locked in at \$85.00. He also reported that things are coming along fine with the 2011 Convention in Fayetteville, NC. He did mention that he would like to see someone step forward in hosting the 2012 State Convention. In closing, Joe mentioned that because of a conflict, the State Council/Foundation Meetings at the Crown Plaza Hotel, scheduled for February 13/14, 2010, needs to be moved to forward to the weekend of February 6/7, 2010 and that a motion would need to be made to effect this change. **Governor Weeks made the motion to effect the above mentioned change in dates for the State Council/Foundation Meetings in February, 2010; seconded by Governor Mertz. The Motion passed.**

CC Greene announced that next on the agenda would be the **MERL Team** update:

Membership: As Lion Gene Everette was not at the meeting but did submit a report; Greene proceeded to read that report. A highlight of the report was that Lions Clubs International has introduced three (3) new style clubs: Cyber Lions Clubs, Family Lions Clubs and, Student Member Lions Clubs. (See the report for more details).

(See Attachment D)

Extension: Chair Larry Gasperson noted that the majority of our districts are working diligently in the area of forming new Lions Clubs. He stated that District 31- A has developed an action plan for Zone & Region Chairs to develop new clubs and that District 31-F has an LCI Extension Workshop planned.

(See Attachment E)

Retention: Before giving his Retention Committee report, PCC Harvey Whitley encouraged everyone to consider going to the **USA/Canada Leadership Forum** which will be held this year in Memphis, Tennessee. He and PDG Paul Bledsoe spent five days in Memphis this past October as members of the Forums Planning Committee and assured us that this will be one of the best Forums we have ever had.

With regard to **Retention**, Harvey stated that as of February 1, 2009, we had 8,648 Lions in North Carolina; down 221 from the beginning July 2008. He invited Lions to view "Focus on Involvement" on the LCI web-site.

(See Attachment F)

Leadership: Chair Bob Shook reported that he recently conducted a Leadership Seminar at District 31-D's Convention. He announced that the third and final Training Session for District Governors-Elect will be held at Camp Dogwood February 20th through the 22nd. He stated that the next Class of Vice District Governors will begin in May with the new Leadership Development Chair PDG Ron Staley.

Global Membership Team: Chair PCC Martha Butler informed the Governors of her many contacts with PID Roy Barnett and PID Mike Butler, the LCI Worldwide Chair of the GMT Committee. She will shortly be receiving some materials from LCI that can be used in training Multiple District MERL Team members. Lion Martha then made a \$1,440.00 funding request for a training workshop for 2009-2010 MERL teams and campus club chairpersons.

Governor Weeks made a motion to expend \$1,440.00 for the above mentioned MERL Training Workshop to be held at Camp Dogwood on April 4, 2009; seconded by Governor McAdams. The Motion passed.

(See Attachment G)

New Business: CC Greene informed the Governors that the Southeastern Lions Breakfast at the International Convention will be hosted by Alabama. The breakfast will be at 7:00 AM on Thursday of the Convention at the

Hyatt Hotel and the cost will be \$25.00. CC Greene stated that the Committee running this breakfast needs to put down \$5,000.00 by May 15th. He will be receiving tickets for this breakfast in the next few days and requested that those going to the Convention contract him as soon as possible.

Unfinished Business: Governor Martin brought the rest of the group up to speed on the Memorials/ Honorariums Greeting Card Fundraising Project. The latest figures show that \$7,950.00 has been taken in so far. Production costs amounted to \$4,500.00. There are still a large number of cards awaiting sale that represent an asset to the Foundation. He noted that the District Governors-Elect will continue this effort. Presently, he said, the Foundation will inventory the outstanding cards and set up a system for their re-distribution for sale. He then told a story of a Lions Club in his District that took up his personal challenge to have one-half or more of its membership purchase a box of these cards. If they did, he would personally cater a dinner for that club. This coming Monday night, he said, he will be cooking & serving dinner to the Mt. Gilead Lions Club where 14 of its 24 members purchased cards.

The meeting then broke at 9:50AM for 15 minutes to reconvene at 10:10 AM

Committee Reports:

Women's Leadership: Chair Janet Doub was unable to attend. Her report was read by CC Greene. In her report, Lion Janet noted that as of February 1, 2009, there are 1, 870 women and 6,625 men on the roll of our state. It is wonderful to see, she said, that the number of women in leadership positions actually exceeds the percentage of women in membership ...

(See Attachment H)

Historian: Chair Diane Whitley reported that her committee has replaced all the picture frames in the Stickley conference room. She commended the District Governor-Elects in submitting their photos which have all been framed and hung. Letters will go out shortly, she said, to all First & Second Vice District Governors for their photos. With regard to the Lions History books, she noted that this project is progressing well.

Leo: Chair Terry Cauble reported that the Leo State Convention will be held on February 20th through the 22nd at Camp Dogwood: 21 Leos (from four clubs) and 4 Chaperones have signed up to attend. The Siler City Lions Club is planning the Charter Night for a new Leo Club. In addition, the Durham, Oxford, and the Garner Lions Clubs are active in forming new Leo Clubs in their area.

(See Attachment I)

Nominations: Chair Carlton Metts started off his report with a declaration to the District Governors that "I have good news, I have your replacements." He then proceeded to read off the names of the District Governor-Elects and the 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors from each of the eight Districts.

(See Attachment J)

Lions NCDEM Partnership: Chair Paul Bledsoe stated that our partnership with the NCDEM keeps growing stronger. He announced that the leadership has been divided into an Eastern Regional Coordinator (Ron Kelly) and a Western Regional Coordinator (Dale Dupree) with himself as the overall State Coordinator. He then requested a grant of \$1,500.00 to help with printing a NC Lions Disaster Preparedness brochure. This brochure, he said, will be given to Lions throughout the state to help assist citizens prepare for any natural or manmade disaster. **Governor McAdams moved to approve the expenditure of approximately \$1,500 for the printing of 10,000 copies of a 2 color, 3 panel NC Lions Disaster Preparedness Brochure with the funds for this project to come out of the State Council Reserve Account; seconded by Governor Mertz. The Motion passed.**

(See Attachment K)

Diabetes Awareness: Chair Sharon Batkoski did not attend Meeting & did not submit a Report.

Boys & Girls Homes: Chair Brad Logsdon opened his remarks with a belated Merry Christmas from the Boys in the Lions Cottage. He then announced that the "Lions Spring Work Day" would be on Saturday, March 7th. He looked forward, he said, to having a large group of Lions participate in making our cottage shine.

(See Attachment L)

LCIF/Campaign SightFirst: Chair Frank Brooks stated that he has concluded his committees Mid-Winter Conventions schedule. We are thankful, he said, to all the Lions of North Carolina for all their financial support in meeting our stated goal of \$1,108,480.00. However, with only \$721,890.00 collected or pledged, we still have work to do to bring this initiative to a successful conclusion.

(See Attachment M)

Youth Exchange: Chair Rhett White stated that efforts continue to identify interested young people who may wish to travel abroad as part of the Lions Youth Exchange Program. We have interest from three young people who have expressed interest in traveling abroad and we also have three possible incoming youth; two from Russia, and one from Poland.

(See Attachment N)

Celebrate Liberty: Chair Harriett Edmunds announced that this years Celebrate Liberty Day will be held at the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 10:30AM; March 16th is the actual birth date of James Madison, the Father of the U.S. Constitution. We will be honoring the NC National Guard. In the past when the event has been held at a school, each student received a booklet containing the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Because the students at the Governor Morehead School are visually impaired, the copies of these documents would need to be in Braille. Lion Harriett brought up the fact that we are virtually out of the Celebrate Liberty booklets and requested funds to do a new printing of 10,000 copies. **Governor Covell made a motion that we print 10,000 copies of the Celebrate Liberty booklets with a funding limit of \$4,000.00 to come out of the State Council Reserve Account as it is an unbudgeted item; seconded by Governor Thannikkary. The Motion passed.** Lion Harriett then brought up the subject of funding the Braille translation of the booklets for the Governor Morehead students. The Principal of the school, Ms Barbara Bacon, offered to have the braille at the school do this translation in return for a donation from the Lions.

(See Attachment O)

Information Technology: Chair Mike Schwartz began his report by reminding the Governors that he will need their articles for the Lions Newspaper outlining how they have progressed in meeting their goals for this year. He then went on to advise them that he has renewed for the Domain Name and paid for the NC Lions web-site posting for another year.. He will render a bill for this expense shortly, he said. He said that he had two issues they should know about: (1) the \$20,000 PR Grant was submitted and subsequently rejected by LCI. They asked for additional information which he has submitted and he will advise when this Grant may be approved, (2) He stated that while the State Council does not have an administrative policy for adopting new programs, he would like to recommend that this years Council agree to have the IT Committee create, (a) an Internet Safety Program for Young People and their Parents. If they do, he would recommend the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Lions who are employed with or retired from Law Enforcement, Education, Social Services and the Psychology profession whose mission would be to develop an Internet Safety Program for Children & Parents with the ultimate goal of going out and educating Lions, Lions Clubs, and the general public on Internet Safety; (b) that the Council of Governors give the IT Committee permission to set up an Internet Resource Page on our NC Lions web site to promote this Program that will serve as a resource for young people & parents; (c) that the Council of Governors establish a partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and different Law Enforcement Agencies to add the Lions support for existing programs to promote Internet Safety; and that (d), the Council of Governors permit this Ad Hoc Committee to seek a grant from LCI to promote Internet Safety through statewide youth services programs. **Governor Martin moved that the IT Committee be enabled to form an advisory sub-committee to undertake the above mentioned recommendations; seconded by DG-Elect Dave Osborne. The Motion passed.**

(See Attachment P)

Campus Clubs: Chair Penny Rummel had to leave the meeting, due to illness; her report is attached.

(See Attachment Q)

Constitution & By-Laws: Chair Dave Butler began his report by stating that he had two items to bring to the Councils attention; an addition to the NC Lions Policy & Procedures Manual and extensive changes to the MD 31 Constitution & By-Laws. He noted that in Thailand, Lions Clubs International totally reorganized the International Constitution and implemented the requirement for First and Second Vice District Governors. This necessitated extensive changes to our MD-31 Constitution & By-Laws.

(See Attachment R)

Chair Dave Butler read the proposed new policy for the MD-31 Lions Policy & Procedures Manual which can be read in its entirety in the Attachment. He advised that this was the "First Reading" and that the final vote for approval would take place at the State Convention in May. **Governor Day moved that the first reading of the addition to our Policy & Procedures Manual be accepted to be brought up for final approval at our State Convention in May; seconded by Governor McAdams. The Motion passed.**

(See Attachment S)

Next Lion Dave read through the housekeeping changes to our MD-31 Constitution & By-Laws and stated only one motion is required to approve the changes contained on the attached one page document. **Governor Martin moved that the housekeeping changes to our MD-31 Constitution & By-Laws listed on the attached one page document be approved; seconded by Governor Covell. The Motion passed.**

(See Attachment T)

Lion Dave Butler then read through a large list of substantive changes to our MD-31 Constitution & By-Laws each of which requires a motion to approve. These changes and the required Motions & Seconds can be viewed on the attachment.

(See Attachment U)

A motion was made by Governor Martin to approve the Committee Reports; seconded by Governor Weeks. The Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectively submitted,

PDG Ron Kelly, MD-31 Secretary-Treasurer

**NC Lions MD-31 State Council Meeting
Meeting Agenda**

9 a.m. Saturday, February 14, 2009, North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

Call To Order	Council Chair Gary Greene
Pledge of Allegiance	District Governor Paul Gilgo
Invocation	District Governor Gordon McAdams
Welcome to all Lions and guests	CC Gary Greene
Approval of Agenda	CC Gary Greene
Recognition of Past International Directors	CC Gary Greene
Reading of Communications	State Secretary Treasurer Ron Kelly
Appointment of Parliamentarian	CC Gary Greene
Reading of August 9 Council minutes	SST Ron Kelly
Financial Report	SST Ron Kelly
2009 State Convention Plans	Chair Herb Justice
Status of the 2010 and 2011 Lions State Conventions	Chair Joe Silvers
MERL Team updates/goals	
• Membership	Chair Gene Everett
• Extension	Chair Larry Gasperson
• Retention	Chair Harvey Whitley
• Leadership	Chair Bob Shook
• Global Membership Team	Chair Martha Butler
New Business	
• Breakfast at International Convention	CC Gary Greene
Unfinished Business	
• Fundraising program: Memorials/Honorariums	District Governor Dave Martin
Reports of Statewide Committee Chairs	
• Lions Partnership with NC Emer. Man.	Co-Chairs Paul Bledsoe/Ron Kelly
• Boys and Girls Homes	Chair Brad Logsdon
• Campus Clubs	Chair Penny Rummel
• Constitution and Bylaws	Chair Dave Butler
• Diabetes	Chair Sharon Batkoski
• Historian	Chair Diane Whitley
• Information Technology	Chair Mike Schwartz
• Liberty	Chair Harriett Edmunds
• LCIF/SightFirst	Chair I. Frank Brooks Jr.
• Leo	Chair Terry Cauble
• Lions Quest	Chair Morris Van Vleet
• Nominating	Chair Carlton Metts
• Promotions	Chair Paulette Gasperson
• Research/Long Range Planning	Chair Bob Shook
• Women's Leadership	Chair Janet Doub
• Youth Exchange	Chair Rhett White
Comments from audience	
District Governor Comments	
Adjournment	

**North Carolina Lions State Council
2008-09 Council Financial Statement**

INCOME:	2008-09 Budget	02/12/09 Actual	Difference	Line Item
BAL FWD	250.00	15,250.01		100
State Dues (.Est 8840 X \$3.50 for 08-09)	30,940.00	23,357.25	7,582.75	110
Interest Received (Currently 1%)	1,100.00	5.61	1,094.39	120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.52	-0.02	130
State Convention Tail Twister's ticket sales and auction	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	140
State Convention Income *	4,000.00	14,890.62	-10,890.62	150
Youth Exchange * (\$500 per District)	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	160
Liberty Day *	1,000.00	300.00	700.00	165
LCIF Grant - UNC - Eye Clinic	0.00	63,415.00	-63,415.00	170
Misc. Income not Budgeted	0.00	1,403.47	-1,403.47	190
Total Income	43,957.50	105,789.47	-61,831.97	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	500.00	400.00	100.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	0.00	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	600.00	0.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	250.00	405.03	-155.03	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	450.00	186.48	263.52	240
Postage (NCLF, Secretary / Treasurer, and C.C)	350.00	204.55	145.45	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	50.00	0.00	50.00	260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	270
State Council Meetings	2,000.00	857.50	1,142.50	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3,000.00	361.23	2,638.77	290
Council Chair - Statewide Expenses	6,000.00	3,438.50	2,561.50	300
State Convention - cash advance *	4,000.00	13,000.00	-9,000.00	310
Membership committee	1,000.00	129.45	870.55	320
Extension Committee	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	330
District Extension Workshops - Council Matching Funds	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	335
Retention Committee	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	340
Leadership Committee	4,000.00	1,325.28	2,674.72	350
State Council Committee Expenses	8,000.00	2,701.84	5,298.16	360
Liberty Day *	1,500.00	1,035.35	464.65	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	500.00	300.00	200.00	390
Youth Exchange *	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	400
Information Technology/ Public Relations	300.00	0.00	300.00	410
LCIF Grant for UNC - Eye Clinic	0.00	63,415.00	-63,415.00	420
Peace Poster Bond	250.00	0.00	250.00	425
VDG Clothing Allowance	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	430
DG & VDG Jacket Crests	360.00	24.35	335.65	435
Misc Expenses not budgeted	27.00	888.50	-861.50	440
Total Expenses	43,957.50	89,793.56	-45,836.06	
Income Less Expenses	0.00	15,995.91	-15,995.91	

(* See Money Market Account Allocation - restricted funds)

*Line 440 - NCDEM Committee Seminar Expenses - (Long range Pl. Survey \$136.76 and NCDEM Seminar \$751.74)

*Line 190 - from LCI - leadership development (\$539.37 greet. Card & LCI Leadership \$864.00) = \$1,403.47

**Money Market #450
Council Designated Accounts**

Money Market Allocation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Withdrawal</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		3/15/09	Grand Total Money Market Account			42,634.82
1. State Convention Reserves						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
	deposit	8/2/08	Money Market Allocation		16,243.00	16,243.00
	deposit	9/5/08	07-08 Conv. Advance (\$4,000) & Profit (\$9,890.84) from checking		13,890.84	30,133.84
	withdrawal	9/30/08	reimbursed council checking	4,000.00		26,133.84
	withdrawal	11/8/08	08-09 Convention Advance			26,133.84
	withdrawal	11/8/08	State Conven.expenses-to State Council Acct	9,000.00		17,133.84
2. Liberty Day						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
	deposit	1/9/2009	Sale of Liberty Day pins		200.00	200.00
3. Youth Exchange						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
	deposit	9/5/08	2007-08 Youth Exchange funds from checking acct.		1,200.00	1,200.00
	deposit	9/5/08	District 31-G 2008-09 contribution		500.00	1,700.00
	deposit	9/30/08	District 31-B 2008-09 contribution		500.00	2,200.00
	deposit	1/9/09	District 31-A & 31-H 08-09 contribution		1,000.00	3,200.00
4. State Council Reserves						
	Bal. Fwd.	7/1/08				0.00
	deposit	8/2/08	Money Market Allocation		26,456.00	26,456.00
	withdrawal	8/5/08	07-08 White Cane Contribution from Car Raffle	5,000.00		21,456.00
		11/10/08	from Council - in error (printing)		21.45	21,477.45
		11/10/08	to promotions	21.45		21,456.00
Interest Received						
	Bal. Fwd.					0.00
		7/31/08	July interest		94.13	94.13
		8/28/08	August interest		87.23	181.36
		9/30/08	September interest		108.71	290.07
		10/31/08	October interest		106.09	396.16
		11/28/08	November interest		87.69	483.85
		12/31/08	December interest		83.34	567.19
		1/31/09	January interest		77.79	644.98

2009 NC Lions State Convention Report to State Council
North Raleigh Hilton
February 14, 2009

Your State Convention Committee is working hard and things are beginning to fall in place. The entertainment is set and we understand that our International guests are looking forward to being with the Lions of North Carolina in Raleigh. We have some things that we must have settled this weekend and I will discuss them later. The Hilton is looking forward to having the Lions and the Convention during the weekend of April 30, May 1-3. We have made the convention very affordable with your help. There will not be many State Conventions that our Lions can attend with a total meal cost of \$40.00. The block of rooms set aside for our Convention will be released for general sale as of March 30, 2009. Our Lions need to be sure and make their reservations by that date and to use the **Group Code NLC**.

As you know, this Convention will be a little unique as it combines the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Lions Foundation, an NCLF Board of Directors meeting, a Council of Governors meeting and the Convention into one weekend. Maybe a lot of Lions do not realize it, but by doing this, we have eliminated one meeting for the Lions in North Carolina during the month of May. Not only will this save our Lions money, but will give them an extra weekend to be with your families.

Before going further, I feel that I should point out that this is **your Convention** not mine. I am only your agent. I receive nothing for working on this convention, my committee members receive nothing, nor does any of your Lions Clubs receive anything. Working on the Convention has deprived our Lions Clubs of our services for the past 18 months to help them on our Club projects. As you know, or maybe you do not, the convention is underwritten by the Council and any profits are returned to the Council. A Multiple District Convention is mandated by Lions International. Why am I pointing this out? Well, the committee feels that the District Governors and the Vice District Governors should start promoting the State Convention in their newsletters. In reading the District newsletters, only 2 or 3 District Governors and 3 Vice District Governors have yet to mention the State Convention. We need your help in promoting the Convention and urging the Lions Clubs in your District to support the Convention by purchasing some size Program Ad. They do not have to be full page Ads. We can use any size that the clubs can afford. We all realize that the economy is not in the best shape. You can help us by encouraging the Lions Clubs in your District to attend the Convention and support it. Tell them about it in your newsletter and encourage them to purchase an Ad of some type. April 30 seems like a long way off, but we need the ads by March 21, which is only five weeks away.

In talking with some Lions across the State, several have stated that they have seen nothing on the Convention. They are not aware that Registration Forms or Ad Forms are on the Web site and when asked, they stated that they do not know how to go to the Web site or what the Web site is. You can help us remedy this by including these forms in your newsletter. PDG Carlton Metts recently sent out copies of all the Convention Forms and hopefully most of the Clubs received them.

So far we have received in excess of \$15,000 in Sponsorships and Ads. The majority of this is in Sponsorships. We have sold three \$2000 sponsorships, one \$1000 sponsorship and the back page of the Program Book for \$1500. The Universities have all reduced the amount of money that they have previously given to support the Convention. The same goes for Golden Corral. We encourage the Districts, District Governors, District Governors Elect and Vice District Governors to purchase an Ad. The status of the Ads we have received so far is as follows:

District A – none

District B – none, but we understand that we will receive some this weekend

District D- none

District E – Ad for District and DGE and VDG

District F – none

District G – Ads for DG, DGE, District and several Clubs

District H – Ads for DG, District, Ad by DG and 2 others

District J – Ad by DGE, District and Ad by DG

We have received sponsorships from Golden Corral, Sunrise Senior Living, Wake Forest University Eye Center, UNC Eye Center and sold the back page of the program to the Eye Bank. Hopefully, we will receive some additional positive feedback from some of our other contacts.

We have received 59 reservations so far from seven Districts. We have none from District D. We need the clubs to pass the Reservation forms on to their members and encourage their members to attend. It is apparent that many of our Lions did not read the Reservation Form when they filled it out. We will discuss this later on.

The Hospitality room has been reserved for the District Governors Elect to use and bring food into the hotel. The Convention Committee is not required to provide a Hospitality Suite. Traditionally this has been provided by the District Governors Elect. We took the liberty of renting one large room in lieu of several rooms so that they could have one large Hospitality Suite. The hotel does not allow food to be brought into the hotel. I believe that the County/City also prohibits food from being brought into a hotel. I was able to get this rule waived for this room. You approved a \$100 fee for each District Governor Elect for the use of this room. So far we have received payment from District A, G and H. If the DGE's do not want this room, I can release it and they can rent a room if there is one available, but they will have to have the hotel cater the food and drinks.

(This is not cheap. A gallon of punch is about \$30.)

ACTION ITEMS:

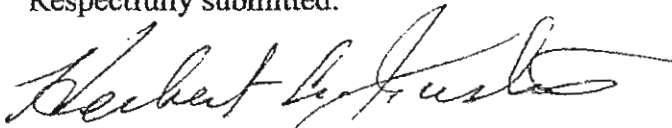
1. For the Service of Remembrance on Sunday Morning May3, we need the following information:
 - A. Agenda from DG McAdams by **April 10, 2009**
 - B. List of Deceased Lions from each District by **April 15, 2009**
Please send this information to Lion Diane Willingham by e-mail at:
Diane.willingham@sas.com . Additions can be added by calling her at:
919-302-4758
DO NOT and I repeat DO NOT send to me as I will be out of State

- C. We also need to know what DG McAdams needs for the service. (Candles, flowers or what)
2. If it meets with your approval, we are planning to have a microphone on the floor during the General Sessions and the Banquet. Or, do you the Committee Chairs to come up to the podium?
3. Request by LCIF to provide QUEST training for District Committee Chairs on April 30. Prior to the Convention starting.
4. We need your photographs as soon as possible. Preferably by e-mail. Photos needed are:
District Governors
District Governors Elect
Council Chair
State Secretary/Treasurer
5. Is the Convention to be dedicated to anyone?
6. Must have your PDG updates by March 15, 2009
 - a. Only each District can do this as we need to know if your PDG's are deceased or if they are inactive.
7. Now let's fill out Convention Committee members from each District
 - a. Appoint Chair for each Committee
8. Rules Committee Chair –
 - a. Need Rules of Procedure for Convention by **March 15, 2009**
9. Discuss and select Program Book Cover
10. Discuss Official Program
 - a. Do you want a song and where and who to lead
 - b. Go over participation of DG's on Agenda
 - c. Who will make presentation to UNC of check, CC or NCLF President or both
 - d. Who will do Hall of Fame presentation?
11. DG issue
 - a. Four lions have included their spouses and sent in checks
 - b. How to handle
 - c. Must be out of meeting by 1:00PM
 - d. Most lions do not know what it is as the terminology has been used at some mid-winters for the Saturday lunch.

12. Ginny Woolard – Pay for her room and meals, but what about her companion
Do we pay for her meals?
Can DG McAdams contact her and get her registration ^{OK}
We need to know what nights she will be there.
13. Register District Governors – fill out forms
14. Out of State District Governors / Council Chairs or State Officials
 - a. Do they pay if they send in a Registration Form w/o payment?

Thank you for your time and thank you for the opportunity to serve. With your help we will make this an outstanding convention.

Respectfully submitted:



Lion Herbert A. Justice PDG
State Convention Chair

TT Auction → GOES TO WHITE CASE

Silent Auction → GOES TO SID SALES

STATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT
State Council Meeting – Raleigh - Feb. 2009

Fellow Lions, YES, we are seeing a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel for Membership this Lionistic Year. Lions International President Al Brandel noted in his last newsletter that Membership is up by 2,400 members world wide at the end of December 2008. However, WE in MD-31 should have that many new members State Wide in North Carolina.

Overall, MD-31 has shown improvement in Membership. Even though, we have no clubs meeting the minimum 1,250 mark, we are showing some growth and retention and less drops.

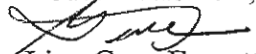
I have noticed through your newsletters, my personal participation in seminars and programs to clubs that we are Chartering New Clubs, New Campus Clubs and New Leo Clubs throughout MD-31. Also, I have found that more clubs are actually utilizing the Three Membership Committee Program and promoting Membership through “Special Guest/Prospective Member Night Programs” and getting positive results.

Speaking of New Clubs, Lions Clubs International has introduced THREE New style clubs: Cyber Lions Club (A Lions Club that meets primarily via the Internet and conducts meetings online) – Family Lions Club Membership (A Lions Club made up of Family Units located in a central area, plus they can receive a dues discount when volunteering together) – Student Member Lions Program (Designed to encourage student participation in Lionism... student dues reduced in half and are exempt of any entrance fees, plus Districts and Clubs are encouraged to reduce their dues for students... students of legal majority age up to 30 years of age qualify provided they document their enrollment in an educational facility). Please note: Students do not have to be in a Campus Club to qualify, they join YOUR LIONS CLUB!

Yes, Lions International is going ALL out to reach prospective members. LCI has made a wide variety of opportunities for us to enlist new members with programs that will meet their time table and fit on their plate, thus we must inform our prospects of the opportunities offered. LCI provides the “Tools”, but we must utilize them!

In closing, let me encourage ALL Districts to encourage their respective clubs to have a “Special Membership Night”... LCI will provide FREE Membership Literature handouts that can be given to prospects to let them see what WE ARE ALL ABOUT. Each club secretary should have a Membership Materials Order Form in their mailings from LCI, if not a simple phone call to the LCI Membership Department requesting the material will be sufficient.

Yours in Lionism,


 Lion Gene Everette, PDG
 State Membership Chair

STATEWIDE EXTENSION CHAIR REPORT
STATE COUNCIL MEETING
Feb.14, 2009

Thank you Council Chair Gary,

District A- Work is continuing work on combining the two Branch clubs into a full Cyber Club. DG Mike has developed an action plan for the Zone & Region Chairs to determine an area in each Region to form a new club. Looking for four new clubs throughout the district

District-B

District D- District D is working to form a Campus club @ UNCG. A contact @ the Campus has been identified, along with several student prospects. An organizational meeting has been scheduled for 2-17-09. A sponsoring Club has also been identified.

District E- District E continues to work with the Branch Clubs and those clubs small in number.

District F- District F has a LCI Extension workshop coming to Fayetteville at the end of February, two new clubs expected. Also work is underway to start a new club in Scotland County (Wagram).

District G- District G held Charter Night for the new Wake Forest Lions Club in December with 37 new members. A LCI Extension Workshop is scheduled for February 23-27 in Cary.

District H-

District J- District J is working on a Campus Club. Also considering a LCI Extension Workshop in the Outer Banks area.

LARRY GASPERSO, PDG
STATEWIDE EXTENSION CHAIR

**Report to the MD 31 Council of Governors
Retention/Orientation Committee**

February 14, 2009 Raleigh, NC
PCC Harvey F. Whitley, State Retention/Orientation Chair

As of February 1, 2009, we have 8,648 Lions members in North Carolina. That reflects a net loss of 221 members since our Lions year began July 1, 2009. Breakdown by district:

31A -74	31F -80
31B -17	31G +19
31D -7	31H -22
31E -15	31J -25

Net gains have occurred only twice this year, once from August to September and again from September to October. All other monthly reporting periods have shown net losses from the previous month.

On January 31, 2009, I conducted a Retention Workshop at Camp Dogwood. District Chairpersons from 31A, 31D, 31E, and 31F were present. Also present were three representatives from 31G. I appreciate the assistance of Lions Ken Bucher and Penny Rummel in conducting the workshop. The chairpersons from 31B, 31H, and 31J were unable to attend. The title of the workshop was "How do we eat an elephant?"

The purpose of the workshop was not to dwell upon why members do not remain as Lions. We already know that poorly planned meetings, cliques, and the failure to actively involve members in the club are the three main reasons Lions choose to drop out.

Our primary focus was on learning to use the already available resources provided by LCI to rate and evaluate our clubs in the areas of meetings, membership, club activities, and the personal satisfaction of members.

Rather than take a shotgun approach to the retention problem, the workshop then turned to one of four LCI retention resource materials called "Focus on Involvement". We concentrated on learning how we can get our members more involved in the activities of the club.

A short presentation was also made on "Performing Preventive Maintenance" on our clubs. We wrapped up the day by brainstorming how we can do a better job of getting our members involved. The conclusion was reached that real change will not occur until we do a better job of getting this information about retention into the clubs. It was suggested that Zone meetings are a perfect place to begin this process of education.

The committee will meet by conference call during early April to determine how successful we have been in getting the clubs familiar with the materials available and how to use them.

Second Vice President Sid Scruggs has asked us to be at 10,000 Lions in MD 31 by the end of his time as LCI President. We are going to have a difficult time meeting that goal if we continue to put the most emphasis only on the "feel good" issues of extension and new members. Retention is the bigger issue and we tend to spend the least amount of time on it.

For you golfers, think about it like this: During an 18 hole round, how many times do you use your driver. At most probably 18 times. Most of your shots are not drives off the tee, but rather shorter iron shots and putts. Half of your shots are probably putts. So which club do we tend to practice with the most; the driver—the one we hit the least but the one we enjoy hitting the most.

Getting new members and clubs is what we like to do best. That is like our driver. But if we really want to improve our overall membership score, we need to practice our putting a lot more. The putter is our retention club. We need to get more serious about our putting.

Global Membership Team Report

February 14, 2009

By: Martha Butler, PCC

State Chairperson

Martha Butler, PCC

ATTACHMENT G

As GMT Chairperson I have received monthly reports from PID Roy Barnette of the progress or lack of progress we are having this year in membership growth. I have also received a couple of Emails with the names of perspective members that I have sent to the appropriate Governors.

In order to more fully understand how I can better serve you the council and the Lions of the state as Chairperson of this Committee I have also spoken a couple of times with PID Mike Butler who is the Worldwide Chairperson for the committee. Lion Mike and I talked about what plan or materials myself and other MD and District GMT Chairpersons should be using to promote the team effort we need, in order to have the growth in membership, the extension of our numbers of clubs, to retain more of our members, and train better leaders. Lion Mike stated that each MD Chairperson should basically come up with ideas and plans they feel would work. He did state that he would have Elaine Fisher at LCI Headquarters send me the presentation that was used in Thailand when this committee was created. He promised to also ask Elaine to Email me some Power Point Presentations and other training materials LCI has for training MERL Team Chairpersons. I did receive these items materials this past Thursday, and will share them with our 2008-09 and 2009-10 MERL Team Chairpersons.

When I spoke to him again yesterday he asked that I encourage each of you, Governors to invite the Extension Teams to come to your Districts. He did say that 3 or 4 of our districts have workshops scheduled, but hopes that every district will invite these teams. I can speak from experience they know what to do to create clubs and can teach you how to be successful.

Last night I presented you a request from myself and the 2009-2010 MD MERL Team Chairpersons for funding of a Training Workshop for 2009-2010 District MERL Team Chairpersons as well as projected expense for this Training Workshop. I will be glad to answer any questions you have pertaining to our request.

Thanks in advance for what this team of lions hope is a favorable answer to our request.

List of Lions Participating

Number of Lions

MD 31 GMT Chairperson	1
MD 31 Membership Chairperson	1
MD 31 Extension Chairperson	1
MD 31 Retention Chairperson	1
MD 31 Leadership Chairperson	1
8 District GMT Chairpersons	8
8 District Membership Chairpersons	8
8 District Extension Chairpersons	8
8 District Retention Chairpersons	8
8 District Leadership Chairperson	8
8 District Governors Elect	8
Total	<u>53</u>

Cost of Rooms Per Day \$25.00 Double Occupancy

Meal Cost per person 23.00

Dinner Saturday \$ 8.00

Breakfast Sunday 7.00

Lunch Sunday 8.00

TOTAL \$ 23.00 per person

Projected number of Lions attending 30

\$ 23.00 X 30 Lions = \$ 690.00

\$ 25.00 X 30 Lions = \$ 750.00

Total projected cost \$1440.00

Ron Kelly

From: Gary Greene [liongary31f@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 8:41 AM
To: Ron Kelly
Subject: Fw: Re: State Committee Reports

For your minutes.

--- On **Wed, 2/11/09**, **Janet Doub** <marjan@bellsouth.net> wrote:

From: Janet Doub <marjan@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Re: State Committee Reports
To: liongary31f@yahoo.com
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 9:44 PM

To: Lion Gary Greene
From: Lion Janet Doub, State Women's Leadership Chair
Re: Report to Council
 2-11-09

Again I must apologize for not being able to attend the meeting. This has been a very bad year for me and for Marvin. We have both had surgery since Christmas and even though I have almost recuperated, Marvin has had many complications and has been extremely ill.

The response from District Chairs has been very poor this year.

As I study the statistics compiled by LCIF, I see that there are only a few clubs per district that have no women members. As of today there are 1870 women and 6625 men on the roll of our state. This is slightly up from my last report. If my math is correct the improvement is about 1 %. As I have stated before, it is wonderful to see that the number of women in leadership positions actually exceeds the percentage of women in membership.

One club that I have visited has about a 50-50 balance of men and women. It is such an active club and it is so exciting to see the way their projects are designed to allow many leadership skills and styles to be used and many talents displayed.

In my discussions with the women in Lionism, it seems very evident that women are bringing a new dimension to clubs and that the skills they bring to the table are very useful in the performance of Humanitarian service by the clubs.

Again, I would urge present and incoming district governors to open a dialogue with those clubs who have no women members to encourage them to invite women. After all, twenty years has passed since women were allowed to become Lions. There is still a lot to do in the area of Women's Membership. This is a definite source of increased membership that remains barely tapped. Let's see a big growth in women's membership in this last three months.

Respectfully submitted,
 Janet Doub

----- Original Message -----

From: Gary Greene

To: Sharon Batkoski ; Paul Bledsoe ; Frank Brooks ; Terry Cauble ; Janet Doub ; Harriett Edmunds ; Gene

2/12/2009

Ron Kelly

From: caubleselectrical@windstream.net
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 11:31 PM
To: Gary; LionsState Sec.
Subject: State Leo Report

The Leo State Convention is next weekend February 20,21,22 at Camp Dogwood. At the present time I have 21 Leos & 5 chaperones attending from 4 clubs out of 40 in North Carolina. I have received only 1 Leo Chair report from Lion Ken Bucher District 31 G. Raleigh Host Lions had Broughton Leos working with them on projects. Siler City is in the process of chartering a new Leo Club. Durham, Oxford, & Garner has approval from their board of directors to organize new clubs. District G is active. I await reports from other Leo clubs & districts.

Submitted by ,
Lion Terry J. Cauble
State Leo Chair

State Council Nominating Committee Report

02/14/09

Carlton Metts, Nominating Chairperson

The following is the report of District Elections at the Mid-Winter Conventions

District A:

District Governor Elect Martha [Marti] Hill from the Greater Asheville Lions C
1st Vice District Governor Elect George Suggs from the Sand Hills Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Randy Champion

District B:

District Governor Elect Dot Nichols, West Jefferson Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Bob Sprinkle, Sparta Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Helen Hudson, Lake Norman Lions Club.

District D:

District Governor Elect Dave Osborne, Jamestown-Union Hill Lions Club,
1st Vice District Governor Elect Bill Womack, Archdale Trinity Lions Club,
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Mike Hopkins, Greensboro Gate City Lions Club

District E:

District Governor Elect Theresa Mathews, Denton Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Gary Steele, Cleveland Lions Club
2nd District Governor Elect Michael Schwartz, Gastonia Evening Lions Club

District F:

District Governor Elect Dan Boudreau, Sanford Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Jerry Thomas, Hamlet Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Denning Buchter, Whiteville Lions Club

District G:

District Governor Elect Don Henry, Lake Gaston club
1st Vice-District Governor Elect John Owens, Oxford club
2nd Vice-District Governor Elect Andy Lilliston , Fuquay-Varina club.

District H:

District Governor Elect Al Greene, Pikeville Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Tony Camiaoni, Goldsboro Host Lions Club
2nd Vice District Governor Elect Donna Murphy-Paris, Hampstead Lions Club

District J:

District Governor Elect Robert Walton, Wanchese Lions Club
1st Vice District Governor Elect Gwen White, First Flight Lions Club
2nd District Governor Elect Vacant

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton Metts,
State Chairperson Nominating Committee

**NCDEM/NC LIONS PARTNERSHIP
Council of Governors Report
2/13/09**

Our partnership with the NCDEM keeps growing stronger. Our training program is finely tuned and ready to enlist as many Lions in the state who want to be involved in a quick and precise manner.

I want to especially thank PDG Ron Kelly who has taken this program and helped me from the beginning in getting this program started. Secondly, a special thanks to PDG Dale Dupree who has jumped in and offered great help and overseeing the western part of NC.

Our partnership with the NCDEM Individual Assistance finds NC Lions in the forefront when an event occurs. Since last April, we have continued to streamline and create a quick and informative training that will give Lions an intuitive study of our duties at a disaster relief center. From the moment you walk into the DRC you will understand what we will do in offering assistance to those who have been ravaged by a manmade or natural disaster.

Also, Lions may be asked to canvass an area after an event occurs.

In each instant of need, NCDEM will tell us what we need to do with the proper procedures and guidance on site.

For certification, Lions will need to take the online courses from FEMA IS 100, 200 & 700 and email a copy of the certification to our regional coordinators Ron Kelly and Dale Dupree and statewide coordinator Paul Bledsoe. Then your next step is to take the NCDEM Lions Training set up in your area by the regional coordinators. The course time will take around 2 hours. You will fill out a form with needed information for contact and physical limitations. After completion of the NCDEM/ Lions Training, you then will receive certification and a certificate.

After you receive certification, you will then be on stand by in case of an event. You will receive pertinent information via email and postal delivery on updated information including proper attire and what you will need to take with you at an event.

As we continue to add more NC Lions to our help list, we would like to add a program with conjunction with IA. It is a program that will allow all Lions throughout the state to be involved with no training but offering knowledge with disaster preparedness. This informational campaign will once again put us in the forefront of citizens throughout the state with life saving information for preparedness in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.

Disaster Preparedness can be presented in every community, town and city in the state. Lions can speak to schools, churches, any center for the blind, physically impaired, senior groups and senior communities throughout the state.

We would like to request a grant of \$1,500.00 to help with printing a NC Lions Disaster Preparedness brochure. This brochure will be given to Lions throughout the state to help assist citizens prepare for any natural or manmade disaster. The approx cost for a 2 color 8.5 X 11, 3 panel brochure will run around 15¢ each for 10,000 brochures.

Report from Western NC Regional Coordinator, Dale Dupree.

The Disaster assistance program is beginning to take those wonderful baby steps and growing. I have already presented one program to one club with about 25 in attendance and have scheduled another program for another club in March and working another club to set a date for a program. I am working on my notes from you and Ron and the Raleigh meetings and as soon as I am happy with what I have come up with I'll pass it along. Right now I am trying to figure out a form for people to fill out when they complete the courses that will include some info that could add to what we will be offering such as a notary, counselor, computer tech, or any professional service knowledge at the time of an event.

Eastern Regional Coordinator, Ron Kelly, has presented seminars at various district conventions throughout the state and has planned a certification/training class in Faison next weekend.

Both Ron, Dale and I met with NCDEM IA last week and did a follow-up to the training and procedures.

We are very excited to continue building this partnership with NCDEM and offering the assistance of great Lions in each and every community in our state at a time of serious need.

Thanks, Paul Bledsoe, NC Lions NCDEM Partnership Chair

BOYS AND GIRLS HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA QUARTERLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 14, 2009

The boys in our cottage want to thank the Lions for their showing of support and caring with all the Christmas giving allowing them to have the best Christmas of their young lives. Again “**Thank you Lions**”.

We continue to hear rave reviews and the boys love their new bath rooms, what a big change! You can rest assured the teaching parents are making sure the boys are keeping them clean and neat. Thanks. If you are passing by on US HWY. 74, take some time and visit our cottage.

We are looking forward to the “Lions Spring Work Day” on Saturday, March 7th. You should plan to arrive between 9:00 and 10:00 am. After the work is completed there will be a hamburger/hot dog cookout around 12:30. Please plan to attend as we will do the spring spruce-up and an opportunity to plant new spring flowers around the Lions Cottage. We look forward to having a large group of Lions and friends in their work clothes delivering all the needed materials to make our cottage shine. Please contact Tom Lamont at 910-646-9083 or tom.lamont@bghnc.org if you are planning to participate in the workday/campus tours and lunch.

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of two Lions to the Board; Dale Dupree, PDG from Wingate Lions Club and Ronald Jones of the Southport Lions Club. We look forward to their support and input.

GOALS UPDATE – July – December, 2008

State Chair – Sent 4 articles to District Governors (goal 4/year)

Delivered article for each NCLF newspaper

District Chairs – (5 of 7 reporting)

Gave 2 programs each (goal 6/year)

Governor’s newsletter – 2 articles each (goal 2/year)

Thank you for allowing me to serve the children in need.

Yours in Lionism,

Brad

W. Brad Logsdon, PCC
State Chair
Boys and Girls Homes of NC

February 14, 2009

Council of Governors
Multiple District 31

Dear Council of Governors,

We have concluded our Mid-Winter Conventions schedule and we were fortunate enough to present updated and current figures on our pledges and collections to those Conventions we attended.

We are certainly thankful to all the Lions of North Carolina for all the financial support and assistance we have received thus far in meeting our stated goal of \$1,108,480.00. However, with only 65% of our goal or \$721,890.00 pledged or collected, we still have work to do.

We are very sensitive to and aware of the economic situation and can identify with the struggles some clubs are having in meeting those goals set before the financial downfall. We continue to encourage those clubs to strive forward and not to give up.

In the remaining months of Lionistic year 2008-2009, I will continue to share information received from LCIF with the Council of Governors, District and Group Co-ordinators at our stated council meeting or in a timely manner. I have shared with the Council of Governors a financial report outlining the status of each District's pledges/collections through January 10, 2009 based on quarterly reports received from LCIF. I should receive a report in March and I will share that information with all of you at the Council meeting in May. Please pass this on to your membership.

Also, as I receive more information on LCIF proposed four year developmental plan to strengthen the foundation by adding more resources and experience to stabilize existing programs and launch new initiatives, that information will be passed on.

In closing, many, many thanks to all those Lions of MD-31 for all that you do in support of Lionism

Respectfully Submitted,

I. Frank Brooks, Jr.; PDG
LCIF/Campaign Sightfirst Statewide Committee Chairperson.

Campaign SightFirst II

Financial Report

January 10, 2009

These figures are based on reports received December 18, 2008

Sector 1-3-A North Carolina – MD-31:

- Cash/Pledges: \$721,890.00 – 65% of \$1,108,480.00 goal
- Sector ranks: 74th of 190 Sectors with 65% of goal
- 66% Club participation
- 16 Model Clubs

Individual Districts:

Ranked by % of Goal among 150 districts in Constitutional Area 1 East

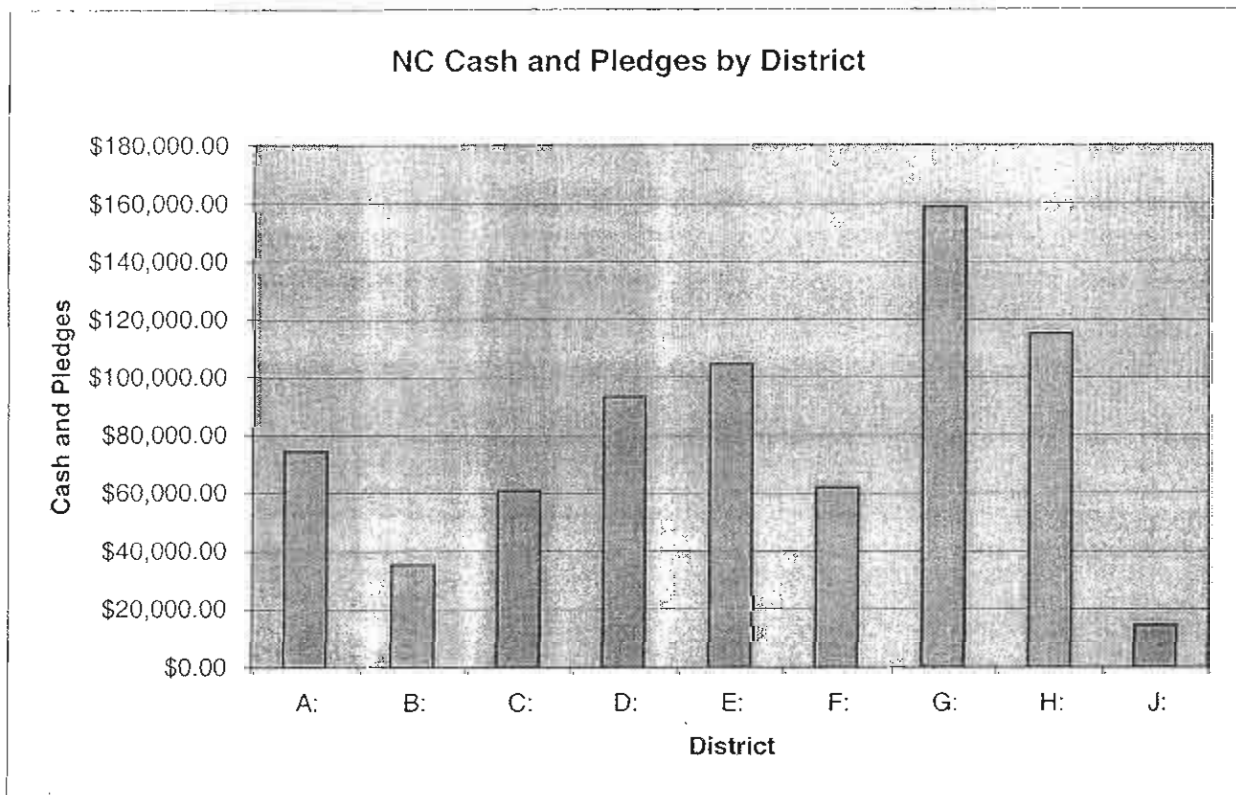
	Ranking	District	Goal	Cash Pledges	% of Goal
1.	# 32 of 150	31-G	\$145,345.00	\$159,104.00	109.0%
2.	# 38 of 150	31-H	\$111,467.00	\$115,527.00	104.0%
3.	# 44 of 150	31-E	\$122,638.00	\$105,694.00	86.0%
4.	# 57 of 150	31-C	\$85,482.00	\$60,827.00	71.0%
5.	# 59 of 150	31-D	\$140,609.00	\$93,652.00	67.0%
6.	# 80 of 150	31-A	\$131,381.00	\$74,321.00	57.0%
7.	# 101 of 150	31-F	\$150,201.00	\$62,885.00	42.0%
8.	# 120 of 150	31-B	\$112,439.00	\$35,360.00	31.0%
9.	# 145 of 150	31-J	\$108,917.00	\$14,522.00	13.2%

Campaign SightFirst II

Funds Raised Report – Cash and Pledges based on reports received December 18, 2008:

- Worldwide: \$200,329,297.00
- North Carolina: \$721,890.00

A: \$74,321.00
B: \$35,360.00
C: \$60,827.00
D: \$93,252.00
E: \$104,682.00
F: \$61,885.00
G: \$158,904.00
H: \$115,277.00
J: \$14,522.00



To: Council of Governors
From: Rhett B. White
Re: Youth Exchange Report
Date: February 14, 2009

Efforts continue to identify interested young people who may want to travel abroad as part of the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

One young person from Durham, whose father is a Lion, has completed an application to travel to Europe this summer. Her choices are Portugal, Italy or Switzerland.

There is another young person in Charlotte who has expressed interest and we are encouraging a young lady from Kill Devil Hills to submit an application.

There are three possible incoming youth exchange participants at this time.

Two are from Russia and will need host families. Assistance with their expenses will come from former North Carolina Lion Lenore Wade.

We also have a possible incoming youth from ~~Russia~~. *POLAND,*

We have identified a half-dozen Lions families that will be interested in hosting an exchange participant.

Next weekend I will speak to the State Leo Convention at Camp Dogwood, where hopefully we can generate some additional interest from our young Leos.

Remember that your District chairs are available to do programs in your clubs and at non-Lions events in your communities. Just ask.

**Celebrate Liberty Committee Report to
NC Lions Council of Governors
Saturday, February 14, 2009
Harriett Edmunds, Chair**

The Celebrate Liberty Committee has planned another statewide event to be held at the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh on Monday, March 16, 2009 @10:30 a.m. We will be honoring the NC National Guard. I wish to thank PID Lacy Presnell for his assistance in securing the location for our event this year. Ms. Barbria Bacon, School Director, is extremely pleased that we will be bringing our speaker and Lions from around the state to her facility. Lion Jerry Day, District Governor of District G has agreed to welcome the Lions and guests to his District and say a few words about the history of the Lions' emphasis on Liberty. The program will last approximately 50-60 minutes.

I am working with Sgt. Katherine Jarvis in the Public Affairs Office of the NC National Guard in Raleigh to provide a speaker from the National Guard. I would like to thank PDG Lion Rhett White for helping me reconnect with the National Guard Office, as the contact I had before Christmas has been deployed to Iraq. Sgt. Jarvis has someone in mind, and is hoping to let me know by next week who the speaker will be. She has been informed about the students and their vision limitations. She seemed really excited about the program, and has ideas for next year as well.

As an added bonus, the Lions and guests in attendance at the School are invited to attend the luncheon meeting (Dutch Treat) of the Raleigh Host Lions Club at 12:30 pm. They meet at the Raleigh Clinic for the Blind. The club will be honoring Past District Governors at that meeting. I will need to know numbers so that the correct amount of food can be prepared. Please let your club President's know and ask that they let me know the number from their clubs who will attend the luncheon. My phone number is 252.441.9494. My email is edmundsgroup@charter.net.

This turns out to be not only a chance for NC Lions to contribute to the education of our special students, but also to visit two facilities that serve the population that we Lions support and serve.

A few of the members of the Celebrate Liberty Committee will be meeting today at 1 pm to put together an agenda for the event.

Governors, I ask that each of you contact your club presidents with an invitation to their members to attend the event at the Governor Morehead School, and the luncheon with the Raleigh Host Lions Club. I can send an email invitation so that you can forward it on.

Thank you for helping to make our 2009 Celebrate Liberty event a success.

Celebrate Liberty Committee
Lion Harriett Edmunds, Chair
Friday, February 13, 2009

TWO MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

1. There are few if any Liberty Booklets left from the printing of 10,000 done by Wachovia Bank in 2007. Attached is the quote from Wachovia specifying the cost at that time (\$2,179.50). I have contacted Ms. Gail Lineberger at Wachovia about the possibility of getting booklets printed again. Past NC Lions Foundation President Ron Staley has also contacted her and another person at Wachovia who helped with the project before. I would like to ask the Council of Governors to consider spending the money to reprint the booklets, either in this Council year, or to recommend to next year's Council to put this project on their agenda for action early in their term
2. The Celebrate Liberty statewide event will take place on March 16, 2009 at the Governor Morehead School in Raleigh at 10:30 am. In the past when the event has been held at a school, each student received a copy of the booklet containing the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. The Committee would like to continue this practice this year. Because the students at the Governor Morehead School are visually impaired, the copies of the documents would need to be in Braille. Ms. Barbria Bacon, the School Director, has offered to have their Brailleist prepare Braille copies for the 25 Middle School and High School students. She wants them to have the copies, and so do we. I had originally thought that we could work with a vendor to purchase copies, but Ms. Bacon believes using the person who usually translates for the school would be best. She would not give me a price, but instead said that a donation would be great to offset the price. I'm stumped because she will not talk actual costs with me. I would like to ask for a donation to make this happen for the students, but do not have any idea what amount would be fair. HELP!



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To: State Council of Governors

Re: Committee Report

Date: 14 February 2009

The Information Technology Committee has been busy during the past eight months by working to achieve our committee goals. Because of economic conditions, we have been forced to delay some of them because of the associated costs, but others that require no monies have been achieved or are still in process.

Today, the committee will make a recommendation to the Council of Governors that could have a great benefit for North Carolina families and Lions Clubs. We are recommending that the State Council adopt Internet Safety as a program for Multiple District 31. It would be a non-funded pilot program; with our hopes that Lions Clubs International would also follow suit to make the safety of our children a top priority worldwide. A report on Internet safety and our proposal is attached.

The committee continues to make improvements to our state Web site; adding more content and expanding the resources that are available to the membership. We are working with the Public Information & Education Committee of the North Carolina Lions Foundation to expand the educational benefits of Internet access for Lions.

One of our top priorities has been compliance with the Administrative Policy of the Council of Governors. However, the committee continue to find some district Web sites that still have not been updated and are not in compliance with Web Site Policy. We continue to address the issues with the districts' leadership.

At our first State Council meeting, the committee received approval to apply for a \$20,000 Public Relations Grant from Lions Clubs International for the purpose of developing a professional media relations campaign for Multiple District 31. The monies would be used to attract membership and promote our statewide programs. International headquarters rejected our application and have requested revisions to the application that would provide specific costs associated with the campaign, specific numbers of our target audience, and requested that we define how the Multiple District would be able to show that our set goals (or purposes) are successful. The committee is working on the revisions and will reapply.

As this is my last year serving as committee chairperson, I again would like to thank the governors and Council Chairperson Gary Greene for their support and counsel during my tenure on the committee. I look forward to serving the Multiple District for the remainder of my term and in the future in any capacity requested.

If you have questions about my report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael H. Schwartz

Committee Chairperson

February 14, 2009

The goals for Campus Clubs for this year have not been met. Under current actions, it is not likely that there will be any new Clubs started this year.

With approximately 481 thousand students attending colleges throughout our state, at any given time, there is not a lack of potential Lions Club members. Due to many seen and unseen circumstances, getting to these potential members has been the objective, although there have been plans, good intentions and speculation, to date there has not been a Campus Clubs formed in our state.

From her timely reports and active efforts, Lion Pam Brule from District G, came very close to actually forming the first Campus Club at Vance Granville Community College, but due to extenuating circumstances at the College, the goal was not achieved. However, due to her efforts the Oxford Lions Club did install 3 new members and have a possibility of 2 more members. There is also a request for a Leo Club as well.

Lion Patricia Carrol from District E continues her efforts to form a Campus Club. While working on her campus club project she discovered an opportunity to start a Leo club, and has shifted gears for the present time to get this Leo Club formed.

It should be noted while these 2 Chairpersons have not succeeded in their goals, they have not failed....they have continued to raise awareness about our Lions Organization and those we support. They support the membership goals of Lion Sid Scruggs.

Becca Pietrini Campus Club Director from Lions Club International is presently forming a State c Chairperson exchange. Becca is gathering interest and email address of State Campus Club Chairpersons throughout the United States and Canada. When the list is compiled, chairpersons will have the ability to contact chairs from this exchange list to discuss success and possible solutions for failures via email and a LCI chat room.

I look forward to beginning to work with Vice District Governors, and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors in the following quarter of our Lions Year. These newly elected leaders throughout our state will be informed about the importance of Campus Clubs to increase our membership. I hope that they will make Campus Clubs a goal for their year, and meet the challenge 2nd Vice President of LCI Lion Sid Scruggs goal of 10,000 Lions Club members throughout NC.

***** 2009 Campus Club Chair Reports *****

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No Report

District B David Putnam: gemkd1@yahoo.com

No Report

District D Mike Hopkins: pgilgo@triad.rr.com

No Report

District E Patricia Carroll: pscarroll@bchfamily.org

District E: I am still working on getting a Leo started for East Davidson High School . I have not given up on getting the Campus Clubs for Davidson County Community College & High Point University . We will get this done!

District F Rusty Godwin: hrgodwincpa@yahoo.com

District F: As you know, we have two campus clubs in our District, along with Council Chair Gary Greene, the King of Campus Club formation--He has three to his credit, and I believe one in the works. Both of our clubs are viable entities, which we take great interest in. We plan several activities with them over the next few weeks (immediately after the holidays), to help strengthen them. I will personally lead these efforts. I am also pledged to forming at least one new campus club this year, with the more than able help of Co-Extension Chairs Greene and Ray Lewis, of the Massey Hills Lions Club. Again, I want to reiterate that our admitted silence is not indicative of a lack interest on our part. Perhaps our achievements in this area over the next few months will speak for us. DG David Martin

District G Pam Brule: teaganfun10@yahoo.com

District G: 02/14/09 Campus Club Chair Report It is with regret that I report the failure of the Campus Club at Vance Granville Community College. There were uncontrollable circumstances leading to this failure, but also some great learning experiences did come from it... As stated in my last report: I was able to get permission to form a Club on the Campus, and did attend an festivities on Campus and was able to secure approximately 35 students who showed interest in a Club. On the day of the festivity the contact person informed me that he was leaving the college to peruse his career, and directed me to another contact. After a month of meetings/ phone conversations/ and emails this second contact person had no interest in forming a club on campus and efforts to pursue had to be dropped. The Learning experience from this situation is: BEFORE contacting students, the 1st organizational meeting should be set up, within a week of this first contact, students will then have a definite date and time for their first meeting. This will alleviate students loosing interest in a Campus Club. I am happy to report, the Oxford Lions Club did install 2 new members and have a possibility of 2 more members from my efforts. I am in the process of working with another college, have the sponsoring club, and 2 Certified Guiding Lions in place. Within the next month I will pursue this opportunity.

District H Alan King: aking1983@ec.rr.com & David Boyd: mayor.vos@suddenlinkmail.com

No Report

District J Mike Flora: mwflora@embarqmail.com

District 31- J is still pursuing the possibility of a new club at Halifax Community College. Nothing solid.
Dist. 31-J Chair PDG Mike Flora

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Penny Rummel: lionpenny31gnc@yahoo.com

State Campus Club Chair

MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (February 14, 2009)
By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Council Chairperson Gary, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. Today, per your request, I have a proposed new policy for our MD-31 Lions Policy and Procedures Manual. This new Policy is titled “State Committee Chairperson—District Convention Reimbursement Policy”. I will cover that proposed Policy at this time.

Next I will cover two documents that are proposed to bring our State Constitution and By-Laws into compliance, with the LCI Constitution and By-Laws rearrangement and the creation of the First and Second Vice District Governor positions. There are also some other proposed changes that were found, while searching our State Constitution and By-Laws for the above non-compliance items. One document is considered housekeeping items and it is proposed that only one motion is required to approve the entire one page document. In the second document due to changes, a motion will be required to approve each proposed change. Both of these documents will require a two-thirds approval by the certified delegates at the State Convention for adoption.

Thank You

“State Committee Chairperson--District Conventions Reimbursement Policy”

1. The Chairperson must be invited by the Convention Committee to conduct a seminar on their Committee’s area of expertise.
2. The seminar must be open to all convention attendees and last a minimum of thirty (30) minutes.
3. A roster of seminar attendees and a copy of the convention program listing the program must be submitted along with receipts for expenses.

Notes:

- a. Above duties and events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for the “State Council Committee Expenses”.
- b. “**Rules of Audit**” will apply for all State Council Committee Chairperson’s expenses.

Approved: At “open” State Council Meeting---

The following proposed amendment to the MD-31 (State) constitution and By-Laws is to conform to the reorganized International constitution and By-Laws, and the establishment of the First and Second Vice District Governor positions. The left column shows the existing wording in the State Constitution and By-Laws and the right column shows the proposed amendment. This amendment requires a two-thirds affirmative vote for adoption.

Existing 2008 MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws	Proposed MD-31 Amendment-2009
CONSTITUTION	CONSTITUTION
Article VI - State Convention	Article VI - State Convention
Sec. 5 - Vice District Governor	Sec. 5 - First and Second Vice District Governors
Sec. 5 - Article III, Section 9 of the International By-Laws	Sec. 5 Article IX, Section 6....
Article IX - District Officers	Article IX - District Officers
Sec. 1 - Vice District Governor	Sec. 1 - First and Second Vice District Governors
Sec. 2 - Article III, Section 9(a) of the International By-Laws	Sec. 2 - Article IX, Section 6(a)
Sec. 3 - Vice District Governor	Sec. 3 - First and Second Vice District Governors....
Sec. 3 - Article III, Section 9(b) of the International By-Laws	Sec. 3 - Article IX, Section 6(b) and 6(c)....
Article X - District Governor's Cabinet	Article X - District Governor's Cabinet
Sec. 1 - Article II, Section 6 of the International By-Laws	Sec. 1 - Article VIII, Section 6
Sec. 1 - Vice District Governor	Sec. 1 - First and Second Vice District Governors....
BY-LAWS	BY-LAWS
Article I - District Nominations and Elections, State Council Chairperson Selection Process, and Endorsement for International Office	Article I - District Nominations and Elections, State Council Chairperson Selection Process, and Endorsement for International Office
Sec. 3 - A Candidate....Vice District Governor....Vice District Governor....Vice District governor....Vice District Governor....	Sec. 3 - A candidate.... First Vice District Governor.... First Vice District Governor....First Vice District Governor....Second Vice District Governor....
Sec. 3 - Article III, Section 9(b) of the International By-Laws....	Sec. 3 - Article IX, Section 5(c)....
Sec. 4 - (1 st paragraph)Vice District Governor....	Sec. 4 - (1 st paragraph)Second Vice District Governor....
Sec. 4 - (2 nd paragraph)and Vice District Governor....	Sec. 4 - (2 nd paragraph)First Vice District Governor , and Second Vice District Governor....
Sec. 8 - Article III	Sec. 8 - Article II
Article II - Duties	Article II - Duties
Sec. 1Vice District Governor....	Sec. 1First Vice District Governor....
Sec. 7 -Vice District Governor....	Sec. 7First and Second Vice District Governors....
Article VI - Amendments	Article VI - Amendments
Sec. 3 -Vice District Governors....	Sec. 3 -First and Second Vice District Governors....

MOTION: GOV. MARTIN
 2ND : GOV. COVELL
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MD-31 (STATE) CONSTITUTION:**ARTICLE VIII, Section 1 (Existing 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, 2011, 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, 2011 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 Vice President in 2007, or ceases to be a viable candidate, this additional tax shall terminate June 30, 2007; otherwise it will terminate June 30, 2011.

ARTICLE VIII, Section 1 (Proposed Second Paragraph Change)

MOTION: GOV. MCADAMS
2ND : GOV. MERTZ
MOTION PASSED

Beginning July 1, 2005.....through June 30, 2012,.....through June 30, 2012,.....will terminate June 30, 2012.

ARTICLE IX, Section 6. (Existing)

District Officers

In the event of a vacancy in the District Governor's Cabinet, or in any office except that of District Governor or Club President and Secretary, the District Governor shall have power to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term thereof.

ARTICLE IX, Section 6. (Proposed Change)

MOTION: VDG OSBORN
2ND : GOV WEEKS
MOTION PASSED

In the event of a vacancy in the District Governor's Cabinet, except that of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Second Vice District Governor, the District Governor shall have the power to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term thereof.

ARTICLE X, Section 2. (Existing)

District Governor's Cabinet

In the event any Region Chairperson shall, during his/her term of office, move into a Region other than the one from which he/she was appointed, the term of office of such Region Chairperson shall terminate immediately, and his/her successor for the remaining term shall immediately be appointed by the District Governor.

ARTICLE X, Section 2. (Proposed Change)

MOTION: GOV THANNIKKARY
2ND : GOV COVELL
MOTION PASSED

In the event any Region Chairperson shall, during his/her term of office, move into a Club in a Region other than the one from which he/she was appointed, the term of office of such Region Chairperson shall terminate immediately, and his/her successor for the remaining term shall immediately be appointed by the District Governor.

ARTICLE XII, (Existing)

District Governor's Advisory Committee

Section 2. In the event any Zone Chairperson shall during his/her term of office move into a Zone other than the one from which he/she was appointed, the term of office of such Zone Chairperson shall terminate immediately, and his/her successor for the remaining term shall be appointed by the District Governor.

MOTION: GOV. DAY
2ND: GOV. MARTIN

ARTICLE XII, (Proposed Change)

In the event any Zone Chairperson shall during his/her term of office move into a Club in a Zone other than the one from which he/she was appointed, the term of office of such Zone Chairperson shall terminate immediately, and his/her successor for the remaining term shall be appointed by the District Governor.

MOTION PASSED

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I, (Existing)

District Nominations and Elections, State Council Chairperson Selection Process, and Endorsement for International Office

Section 6. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of District Governor, the Vice District Governor shall act as the District Governor and shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as, the District Governor until such time as said vacancy is filled by the International Board of Directors for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Vice District Governor, the District Cabinet shall elect a qualified successor at a called or regular Cabinet Meeting. Should a vacancy of an appointed position or office occur within a District Cabinet, it shall be the duty of the District Governor to appoint a qualified successor

MOTION: GOV. MELTZ
2ND: GOV. W. ADAMS

ARTICLE I, (Proposed Change)

Section 6. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of District Governor, the First Vice District Governor shall act as the District Governor and shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as, the District Governor until such time as said vacancy is filled by the International Board of Directors for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of First or Second Vice District Governor, follow the procedure in Article III, Section 6, of the Standard District By-Laws. Should a vacancy of an appointed position or office occur within a District Cabinet, it shall be the duty of the District Governor to appoint a qualified successor.

MOTION PASSED

ARTICLE I, (Existing)

Section 7. Past District Governors interested in the position of Council Chairperson shall submit their name and resume of service by December 31st to the State Council Secretary/Treasurer. After certifying

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qualifications, the names and copies of resumes are to be submitted to the currently serving Vice District Governors no later than January 20th.

The currently serving Vice District Governors will interview each candidate and make their selection by the majority of a secret ballot. One Vice District Governor shall act as spokesperson for the group during these interviews.

ARTICLE I, (Proposed Change)

MOTION: VDG OSBORN
2ND: GOV. WEEKS

Section 7. (Paragraph 1) Past District Governors.....to the State Nominating Chairperson. After certifying.....currently serving First Vice District Governors.....January 20th.

(Paragraph 2) The currently serving First Vice District Governors.....ballot. One First Vice District interviews.

MOTION PASSED

ARTICLE III, (Existing)

Section 9.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This Committee shall be an advisory committee to the Council of Governors. Its duties are largely interpretive in nature and it acts generally only when called upon by the Council of Governors. It shall review the State Constitution and recommend changes when appropriate.

ARTICLE III, (Proposed Change)

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MOTION: GOV THANNIKALY
2ND: GOV GOVILL

This committee shall review the MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual and recommend changes when appropriate. They shall compose proposed new and revised Policies and Procedures as requested by the State Council for their approval. After approval, they shall follow through to revise the Manual and make sure it is available through NCLF Office, MD-31 Web Site, and NCLF Web Site.

MOTION PASSED

ARTICLE III, (Existing)

Section 9.

NOMINATING

(Second Paragraph) Also, members of this committee will assist their District Governors in seeking qualified active Past District Governors as candidates for the position of State Council Chairperson. Such candidates' names and resumes of service shall be submitted to the State Council Secretary/Treasurer by December 31st.

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MOTION: GOV. DAY
2ND ! GOV. MARTIN

MOTION PASSED

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