

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Meeting Minutes, Multiple District 31
Saturday, August 13, 2016, 9:AM
Crabtree Marriott, Raleigh, NC**

The North Carolina Lions Council of Governors, Multiple District 31, met Saturday, August 13, 2016, at the Crabtree Marriott, Raleigh, NC. Governors attending were: Max Bumgardner, Butch Conrad, Laraine Dupree, Irwin Siegelwax and Barbara Beltran. Council Chair and PDG Tim Williams presided.

(For the record, a Conference Call Meeting of the Council of Governors was held on Sunday, July 31st and a Friday Night Work session was held August 12, 2017)

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and asked Governor Siegelwax to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Governor Conrad offered the Invocation following a report on Lion Rachael Walker who was hospitalized Friday night, but is resting at Wake Medical Center.

Chairman Williams welcomed those Lions and guests attending and recognized the International Officers, inviting them to speak. PIP Sid Scruggs presented International President's Certificates of Appreciation to the Immediate Past District Governors. He said North Carolina's endorsed candidate for International Director was well received at the International Convention and should move forward in Chicago, next summer.

PIP Scruggs asked the Council of Governors to authorize a Resolution of Endorsement for Georgia's candidate for 3rd International Vice-President who is expected to be endorsed by the International Executive Committee, this weekend. He also announced that The 2nd International Vice-President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir from Iceland will speak at the 2017 State Convention in Raleigh.

PID Harvey Whitley said he would meet with the District General Membership Teams during the afternoon. He complimented North Carolina for being at plus-15 members on July 31st, the only southeastern state to be in the plus column. He asked any Lions attending the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha, Nebraska, to volunteer to help with the Forum Store. He also announced that North Carolina will participate in the "Kick-off Classic" in Atlanta on September 3rd, putting the Lions in the spotlight. He explained that Lions at UNC will be doing eye screenings as part of the classic.

PID Lacey Presnell thanked the Governors for their work and offered best wishes for a successful year.

Reports from the District Governors followed. Governor Bumgardner presented a "State of the District" report on District 31-L. He said work is underway to organize three new Lions Clubs and a campus club. attachment # 1

Governor Conrad said District 31-I is up four members since July 1st and new club work is underway. He reminded Lions that the Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade goes beyond just District 31-I. attachment # 2

Governor Dupree offered congratulations to last years governors and leadership teams. She also pledged to organize a new Lions Club in District 31-O. attachment # 3

Governor Siegelwax said District 31-N is up one member since the beginning of the year. He said a branch club at Swansboro will become a regular club and he is looking at Bladenboro and UNC-Wilmington. attachment # 4

Governor Beltran said work is underway to organize a club in Ahoskie with assistance from Florida Lion and new club consultant Carl Harrell. She reported on a successful Brighter Visions Kick-Off and presented a \$4,100 check to Steve Walker of NCLI from the Roanoke Rapids Lions Club. She said work is underway to reactivate two clubs in District 31-S.

PDG Ron Staley was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Siegelwax, the agenda was unanimously approved as presented. attachment # 5

Governor Dupree presented the minutes of the Special Meeting held in Japan, immediately following the Installation of District Governors to formerly elect the Council officers as follows: Council Chair Tim Williams, Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett B. White, Council Vice-Chair Laraine Dupree, Council Chaplin Butch Conrad and Council Tail Twister Barbara Beltran. **Upon motion by Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Conrad, the vote was unanimous to approve the Special Meeting Minutes. attachment # 6**

Minutes of the April 22-24, 2016, 93rd Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention were unanimously approved after a motion by Governor Dupree with second by Governor Conrad. attachment # 7

Minutes of the NC Lions Council of Governors April 30, 2016, Meeting were unanimously approved after motion by Governor Dupree, second by Governor Conrad. attachment # 8

Sec/Treasurer Rhett White presented the 2015-2016 Year-end Financial Report. He noted that Leo Clubs income and expenses exceeded budget projections, one balancing the other. He explained that expenses at \$41,314.34 were well under authorized expenses of \$53,060.95. After more discussion, **motion to accept the year-end financial report was made by Governor Beltran with second by Governor Conrad. The motion carried unanimously.** attachment # 9

Sec/Treasurer White presented the proposed 2016-2017 Budget. He pointed out that several new line items have been added that will more accurately reflect expenditures. He made several adjustments to the proposed budget to create a Leo Clubs Project line and indicated that would be the budget to consider when voting. He said the proposed budget would have been impossible without the dues increase approved last year. **Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Beltran, the vote to adopt the budget was unanimous.** attachment # 10

Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote was unanimous to approve appointment of State Council Committee Chairs. attachment # 11

NCLI President Charles Holleman reported on progress at Camp Dogwood including waterfront and dock improvements. He said the number of campers is up this season. He said 2016-2017 will be a transitional year with Executive Director Steve Walker's retirement and the addition of a Development Officer. He reminded the Lions of the Awards and Installation Banquet later in the evening.

After a 15-minute break, Committee Reports began.

Boys and Girls Chair Judy Headley reminded the Lions that the Lions Cottage costs \$200,000.00 annually to operate, yet Lions give only about \$55,000.00 annually. She urged Lions to get involved with the youth at the facility.

attachment # 12

Campus clubs/Leo clubs Chair Liz Steele asked the Council to waive State Dues this year for campus clubs and to develop a by-laws change to set aside those dues in the future as encouragement to recruit students. She explained that students pay half of International dues if they are under the age of 30. PIP Scruggs noted that campus club members have full Lions membership rights.

Upon motion by Governor Dupree, second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote to waive the 2016-2017 State Dues for campus clubs was unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Governor Dupree, second by Governor Beltran, the motion to direct the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to develop an amendment to set aside State dues for campus clubs was unanimously approved.

Lion Liz reported that there are 32 Alpha Leo clubs and one Omega club. She said 31-L has 5 clubs, 31-I has 13, 31-O has 8, 31-N has 1 and 31-S has 7. She said active planning is underway for the 2017 State Leo Convention. attachment # 13

PDG Michael Schwartz, Celebrate Liberty Chair, thanked the former Governors for encouraging participation in the essay contest last year. He shared a concept for an electronic Celebrate Liberty brochure and said funding for printing more copies of the US Constitution is needed. attachment # 14

Constitution and By-Laws Chair, PDG Dale Dupree, said he is researching the LCI Constitution and By-Laws to determine if changes to the state documents are needed. He said he will begin work on his assignment that was assigned earlier in the meeting.

Diabetes Awareness Education Chair Jan Hollemans' report was given by Charles Holleman. He said she plans to focus on awareness education and is writing articles for the district newsletters.

Diabetes Awareness (DAPS) Chair Judy Jackson said her committee is active once someone is aware they have diabetes. She praised the pier support groups that are up and functioning and said a relationship continues with the UNC Medical School with Robeson County as a target. She said grants will be applied for. PIP Scruggs reminded Lions that a diabetes initiative is underway at LCIF.

Lion Tom Snively, Guide Dogs Chair, provided an update on the Leader Dog program. He urged Lions to promote the program, noting that there are only seven Leader Dogs in use in North Carolina. attachment # 15

PDG Ron Beltran, Historian, said Lions should emphasize the Centennial. He asked that important materials for archiving should be secured and that history can be used to advance the Centennial. attachment # 16

Information and Technology Chair George Culp urged Lions to use new technologies to enhance communications. He said the Council and NCLI should expand the use of the GotoMeeting resource in lieu of traveling to meetings. attachment # 17

PCC Diane Whitley, Kids Sight USA Chair, said hers is a new program with a purpose of detecting developmental issues in infants and children. She asked Governors to determine which clubs in their districts have eye screening units. She asked for information on the number tested and referrals with follow-ups.

Lion Susie Daily was absent for medical reasons and there was not a Lions Services for Children report.

PDG John Owens, Leadership Chair, reviewed the schedule for Vice District Governor training. He announced the Presenter's Workshop that will be conducted in Kinston by PDG Joe Pitts of South Carolina and PDG Gwen White.

attachment # 18

Membership Chair, PDG Vince Schimmoller, thanked the Governors for their encouraging membership reports. He offered to help recruit for new clubs in any districts and said Lions must collectively recruit for new members while improving retention. He noted that LCI includes many membership resources on the LCI website, including how-to webinars.

PDG Carlton Weeks, LCIF Coordinator, distributed LCIF pins to the Governors for sale at \$20.00 each.

attachment # 19

Centennial Coordinator, PDG Gwen White, asked the Governors to meet with their District Centennial Coordinators prior to the November Council Meeting to select a District Centennial Project which qualifies for the \$1,500.00 matching grant from LCI. She said this will be a chance to get help funding a legacy project that will provide long-time visibility to local Lions Clubs.

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Nominations Chair, PDG Carlton Metts, said to date there are four candidates for Council Chair. He reviewed the election requirements and procedures.

attachment # 21

State Convention Chair, Lion Harriett Walton, thanked PDG Herb Justice for chairing the last convention and asked him to report on the 2016 State Convention held in Raleigh last April. He presented a written report and presented a check in the amount of \$5,329.99 to the Council as partial return of the advancement made to the Convention Committee.

attachment # 22

Lion Harriett said the 2017 Convention will be in Raleigh, but she is still looking for a host for the 2018 state Convention. She said there is interest in District L but hotel prices have increased dramatically since the last convention was held in the Asheville area.

State Convention Chair and Host for the 2017 State Convention, PDG Ron Beltran, outlined plans for the convention next April. **Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Bumgardner, the vote was unanimous to approve the tentative 2017 State Convention Budget of \$59,225.67.**

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote was unanimous to approve the forms, format and pricing structure presented by the Convention Committee.

Upon motion of Governor Dupree, second by Governor Conrad, the vote was unanimous to approve advancing the 2017 state Convention Committee \$10,000.00 to help with the Sate Convention.

Promotions Committee Chair Allen Reinhardt said he would report during the Promotions Committee Meeting now delayed until 1:30 PM.

Motion was made by Governor Dupree, second by Governor Beltran, to accept the Committee Chair Reports as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PDGs Paulette and Larry Gasperson reported on plans for the Centennial Youth Exchange Camp in North Carolina this year. They said families will host the eight young people July 8-22 and the youth will travel across the state July 22-August 4.

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Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Bumgardner, plans for the Youth Exchange camp were unanimously approved for eight youth participants and the expenditure of the \$6,384.08 being held by the Council for Youth Exchange.

After it was confirmed that the Georgia candidate would be recommended by the LCI Executive Committee for candidacy as 3rd International Vice President, **motion was made by Governor Dupree with second by Governor Siegelwax to prepare a Resolution of Endorsement for Judge Haynes Townsend. The Resolution was adopted.**

Council Chair Williams described the Council's signature project, "Walk a mile in their shoes." This will be a strides event at the 2017 State Convention.

At the recommendation of PID Presnell, and by motion of Governor Dupree with second by Governor Beltran and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Williams in honor of PIP Sid Scruggs.

This the 13th day of August, 2016.

Rhett B. White, Secretary/Treasurer

Tim Williams, Council Chair

Each year, the President goes before Congress to deliver his State of the Union address. If we elect to tune in, we hope to hear that the state of our nation is good. On July 1st, when I thought about District L in that context, I was not sure that I could say that the state of the District was as good as I would have liked for it to have been. So, my job this year is to make improvements and set the stage so that next July 1st, Curtis can say that the state of our District is good. So that our members understand that we are going to do things a little differently this year, I have started using a simple phrase: Change the Game. When you hear something enough, you begin to understand that we truly can bring change and improvement to our District.

Last year, District L had a net loss of 100 members and 3 clubs. So, this year, we want to reverse that trend. At the end of July, District L was + 19 on membership. We got off to a bit of a tough start in August as we had 3 deaths in the District. Currently, for August, we are 9. However, I feel good about that number as I know that we have a few clubs with prospective members that will be inducted in either August or September. As Curtis, Alan, and I have been scheduling our visits, we have been asking the clubs how many new members they will have for us to induct. While not all the visits have resulted in new members, we have gotten new members from better than 50% of the visits. We do have a membership challenge going on among the clubs in Zone 2 of the District. We hope to push that challenge to the remaining Zones. The Black Mountain Club is using September and October for a specific membership drive which will conclude with my visit on October 27. We will be having a New Club Consultant, Ronnie Martin from Texas, coming in on August 21st to help us with building a new club in Morganton. The Rutherford College Lions Club has taken the lead on this and will be the sponsoring club. We have 2 additional zip codes identified that we want to work on after we wrap up in Morganton. During the first part of September, we will be bringing Brandon Johnson in from Tennessee to help us with building a Campus Club at Western Carolina University. We have a good group of former Leos from Pisgah and North Henderson High Schools that are freshmen at WCU. In addition, one of our Canton Lions is a significant donor and former Sigma Chi at WCU. Brandon is also a Sigma Chi, so we are going to also use that connection. An advisor has already been identified. After that club is complete, we are going to look toward Warren Wilson College and Haywood Community College for possible additional Campus Clubs. We expect to see up to 2 new Leo Clubs in the District this year. Work is already under way at Haywood Early College for the first one. Laura Inman is our GMT Women's and Family Coordinator. She is working on a symposium that will target those two groups for additional members as well for several clubs.

From a service standpoint, I would describe what we are doing as just OK. Don't get me wrong, the clubs are providing good service to their communities. However, I think we can do better. So, to give clubs an opportunity to do that, we will be having a District Day of Service during April. All clubs will be asked to perform service in their communities on that day--- hopefully, we can get a little PR bump from that also. In addition, in Zone 10, there will be another Day of Service during the International Convention to specifically celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Lionism. I also have what I am calling my pet service project this year.

The Hope Chest for Women is an organization that was founded in 2003 to help relieve some of the burdens created by breast or gynecological cancer treatment costs. Their geography almost mirrors our District boundaries. My intent is not to ask clubs to make a contribution to this organization, although several have. My intent is to give Lions Clubs another opportunity to serve—whether it is helping provide transportation for someone going to treatments or taking them to buy groceries.

We had our Brighter Visions Kickoff on July 30th and raised 16% of our target on that day—close to \$ 16,000. We have not hit the Brighter Visions target since 2010. Our goal is to change that this year. On April 1st, we are going to have a special fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going to Brighter Visions. That will be a concert at Stuart Auditorium in Lake Junaluska featuring Balsam Range. Balsam Range is an award winning group in the blue grass genre. The reason for having the concert at Lake Junaluska is that is the heart of Balsam Range Nation, which should help ticket sales. Tickets will go on sale prior to the holidays to give people the opportunity to purchase them as Christmas presents. Lions will have an opportunity to purchase tickets 30 days prior to going on sale to the public.

While it is not new for most Districts, District L will have a bus for the VIP Fishing Tournament for VIPs in the western part of the District. We currently have only 6 seats remaining to fill the bus. We have already gotten 52% of the costs covered.

The Black Mountain Club has entered into a Twinning agreement with another Black Mountain Lions Club.

Excitement is building among the members of Pisgah High School Band in anticipation of their trip to Chicago for the International Convention. I am working with the School Superintendent on the transportation to make sure that we get the most cost effective solution. They are still working out the final number of dollars that need to be raised as some of the incoming freshmen's parents have indicated that they will pick up the tab for their students. At our Fall Convention in November, the proceeds from the silent auction will go to the band to help with their costs. I am not sure whether we can get another fund raising project done to help with the trip costs, but I am working on it now. If I am successful, I believe that we could cover the costs without students paying anything. That project would be a concert entitled "An Evening with Gladys Knight." Gladys Knight's husband is a Canton native, so we are working toward this if we can fit it in, logistically, with her current tour. I will have more on this if we can make it happen.

Change the Game!

Max Bumgardner

**DISTRICT 31-I CABINET MEETING
DISTRICT GOVERNOR/BUTCH CONRAD
AUGUST 13, 2016**

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At the present time District I (the Ideal District) has 59 clubs. As of Thursday, August 11 we have 1315 members. Since July 1 we have installed 30 new members but have dropped 26 for a net gain of 4 members. We will strive to stay on the plus side! District I has 14 active Leo Clubs with one more to be added when school starts in a few weeks. I am proud of our district for their hard work and drive to not only gain new members but also to provide service to as many people as possible. All the clubs that I have visited since July 1 are very enthusiastic about Lionism and are interested in gaining more knowledge about Lionism. Many have asked for a refresher course on Lionism and what it means to be a Lion. Our GLT and GMT could indeed have a busy year!

I have emailed and mailed each club president and secretary a letter introducing myself and my District Governor Team and have challenged them to seek out places for new clubs and to gain at least one new member or more by year's end June 30, 2017.

An application has been submitted to the Charlotte Planning Board to have an entry in the Novant Christmas Parade in November on Thanksgiving Day. If accepted, we will need Lion volunteers from all over the state to walk in the parade. So, obviously, this is not just a District I event. Please let your clubs know that they can participate in this endeavor. The MSU will also be a part of the parade pending the acceptance of our application.

During the 2016-2017 Lions year, as a District Governor Team we will be looking at forming new clubs in the Thomasville Area (Piedmont Crossing), West Davidson, the Walkertown Area, where we lost a 17-member club in Forsyth County and further our work on the Miller's Creek area. As earlier mentioned we have one new Leo Club being formed at North Davidson High School when school starts. Work on this Leo club is progressing nicely.

Our Brighter Visions Kickoff will be held on August 24 at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Rural Hall beginning at 7 PM. Members should arrive by 5:30 PM to order off the menu. So far we have only collected \$779 in Brighter Visions funds but I expect that to change on August 24 with our "parade of checks" event. Last year at our kickoff we accumulated around \$40,000 in this manner.

Our fall convention will be held on November 4-5 at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston-Salem. It will begin with fun night on Friday, November 4. We will enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers with karaoke to follow and entertainment from other goof-offs in the district. On Saturday we will have a Tail-Twisters Auction followed by mini-seminars, town hall with our ID Alan Lundgren of Arizona, new member orientation, Brighter Visions Boutique and the District Governor's Banquet on Saturday Night. Come join the fun in Winston-Salem! Mr. Council Chair that is my report from District I, The Ideal District.

State of District 31-O
August 12, 2016

Congratulations to PDG Randal Clapp as he led our District 31-O to become the "Oh Yeah", number One district in our inaugural year. He has set the standard high for his successors. Congratulations also to the Lions of 31-O who met over 100% of the district's Brighter Visions goal. 13 clubs reported service activities in all 4 areas of the Centennial Challenge touching 38,040 lives. In all over 78,000 lives were impacted. Jobs well done!

District 31-O is beginning this year with 59 clubs and 1258 members. 8 new members have already been added; unfortunately we have lost 18 Lions giving us a net loss of 10 members. Our goals for this year include adding 2 more clubs, increasing retention, and having positive growth.

More importantly, the Lions of District 31-O are at work:

- 20 clubs have reported service activities
- 81 activities reported
- 1310 Lions hours
- 17,270 people have been served.

As the governor's team visits clubs, we are hearing even the smallest clubs planning service activities for their communities. All secretaries are being encouraged to report all activities and let the world know how the Lions of District 31-O are impacting lives. Zones are beginning to plan zone-wide service projects as they hold the first zone meetings of the year during August.

Please mark your calendars for January 27 – 28, 2017. District 31-O's Mid-Winter Convention will be held at the Greensboro/High Point Marriott Airport. International Director Bruce Beck of Minnesota will be the keynote speaker. Each of you is invited to be a part of our celebration. The Lions of District 31-O are "Knitted Together for Service".

District 31 N Report for Council of Governors – August 2016

in 62 Clubs
We started the year with 1251 members - and while we lost a total of 59 for the year, this was less than any other District.

I am proud to say that for July, we added 19 new members in 8 Clubs, and ended the month at plus 1. *I am referring to this year as OUR year NOT MY year.*

There are just a few more students needed to start a Leo Club in Greene County, *coordinated by PDG Mike Elmore and Zone Chair Mary Rose Vaughan*

We will be having a new Club this year in Swansboro. IPDG Lion Vince started that. It will be known as the Western Carteret Lions Club, For now it is a Branch of the Beaufort Lions Club, with 12 members. Once they are chartered, they will be working on a new Leo Club at Croatan High School.

We are looking into possibilities of a new Club in Bladensboro/Whiteville area, and a Campus Club at ECU in Greenville.

We have 3 new Membership Contests this year.

Renewed focus on Member Retention. *IF we had retained 15% of those we lost we could have ended +5. Focusing on student members.*
Working towards all of our Clubs contributing, even \$25 or \$50 towards Brighter Visions. *We had our Brighter Visions Kickoff and raised almost 15,000 For Brighter Visions. Aug 14*

Last year, we started Strides Events in our District. We had 26 of 64 Clubs participating. Our Clubs are excited about participating this year, with our goal of 100% participation in Diabetes Screening and or Strides Event, *no matter how small a club can do Diabetes testing/screening.*

I am optimistic that at the end of the year, we will be at least plus 12 in membership and everyone will know that the N in District N – stands for -"not second to any other District".

Respectfully submitted,

DG Lion Irwin Siegelwax
District 31-N 2016-2017

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Council Meeting – Agenda
Saturday, August 13, 2016 9:00 AM
Crabtree Marriott
Raleigh, N. C.**

attachment # 5

Call to Order	Council Chair Tim Williams
Pledge of Allegiance	District Governor Irwin Siegelwax
Invocation	District Governor Butch Conrad
Welcome to Lions and Guests	Council Chair Tim Williams
Recognition of International Officers	Council Chair Tim Williams
Comments	International Officers
Comments/District Reports	District Governors
Appoint Parliamentarian	Council Chair Tim Williams
Approve Agenda	Council
Report and Approval of June 28, 2016 Special Council Meeting in Japan	District Governor Laraine Dupree
Minutes of April 22-24, 2016, 93rd Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention	Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White
Minutes of April 30, 2016, NC Council of Governors Meeting	Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White
Discussion of 2015-2016 Financial and Budget Items	Council Secretary/Treasure Rhett White
Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget	Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White
Approve appointment of State Council Committee Chairs	Council Chair Tim Williams
Reports/Discussions from State Committees:	
❖ Boys and Girls Home	Chair, Judy Headley
❖ Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs	Chair, Liz Steele
❖ Celebrate Liberty	Chair, Michael Schwartz
❖ Constitution & By-Laws	Chair, Dale Dupree
❖ Diabetes Awareness Education	Chair, Jan Holleman
❖ Diabetes Awareness (DAPS)	Chair, Judy Jackson
❖ Guide Dogs	Chair, Tom Snively

- ❖ Historian
- ❖ Information and Technology
- ❖ Kids Sight USA
- ❖ Lions Services for Children
- ❖ MD-31 Global Leadership
- ❖ MD-31 Global Membership
- ❖ LCIF MD Coordinator
- ❖ MD-31 Centennial Coordinator
- ❖ Nominations
- ❖ State Convention
- ❖ State Convention Host
- ❖ Promotions

- Chair, Ron Beltran
- Chair, George H. Culp
- Chair, Diane Whitley
- Chair, Susie Dailey
- Chair, John Owens
- Chair, Vince Schimmoller
- Chair, Carlton Weeks
- Chair, Gwen A. White
- Chair, Carlton Metts
- Chair, Harriett Walton
- Chair, Ron Beltran
- Chair, Allen Reinhardt

Other Business:

Youth Exchange Centennial Camp

PDGs Paulette & Larry Gasperson

Signature Project, "Walk a Mile in their Shoes"

Chair Tim Williams

Other:

Motion to Adjourn

Adjournment

Called Council of Governors Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

1:00pm

Immediately following the adjournment of the 99th Annual Convention of LCI, Council spokesperson DG Laraine Dupree called the meeting to order to formally elect the council officers. All 5 district governors of MD 31 were present.

DG Barbara Beltran (31-S) nominated Lions Tim Williams as Council Chair and Rhett White as Council Secretary Treasurer. DG Max Bumgardner (31-L) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve their election.

The following DGs were nominated and elected:

DG Laraine Dupree (31-O) Vice Council Chair

DG Butch Conrad (31-I) Council Chaplain

DG Barbara Beltran Council Tail Twister.

With no other business, VCC Laraine adjourned the meeting.

**93RD ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION
MULTIPLE DISTRICT – 31**

April 22-24, 2016

Crabtree Marriott Hotel, Raleigh, NC

First General Session

10:AM – 11:45 AM, Saturday, April 23, 2016

The first General Session of the 93rd Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention (MD-31) was called to order by Council Chair Skippy Jackson at 10:AM, Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Crabtree Marriott Hotel, Raleigh, NC. All District Governors were present.

District Governor Mary Boehm, 31-S, offered the invocation followed by District Governor Allen Reinhardt, 31-I, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

District Governor Vince Schimmoller, 31-N, introduced those at the head table, including Lions International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada who was North Carolina's special guest for the weekend.

Dr. Yamada thanked the Lions for their hospitality and service to mankind. He challenged those present to do even more to serve their communities.

Past International President Sid Scruggs read a Proclamation from Raleigh, NC, Mayor Nancy McFarlane welcoming Lions to Raleigh and proclaiming Saturday, April 23, 2016, as North Carolina Lions Clubs Day. *(printed in State Program book)*

Convention Host Chair Herb Justice introduced Miss North Carolina, Kate Peacock, who thanked the Lions for their work with the blind and visually impaired. She shared her remarkable story of being born blind in one eye, of failing in sports due to her handicap and her success on the beauty pageant competition stage. She is dedicating her year as Miss North Carolina to the cause of pediatric blindness, working with the Duke University Eye Center.

PDG Dave Butler was appointed Parliamentarian for the convention sessions.

PDG Dave Osborne presented the report of the Rules Committee, noting the Rules are printed on page nine of the Convention Program Book. Upon motion of District Governor Schimmoller, and second by District Governor Boehm, the delegates voted unanimously to adopt the Convention Rules as presented. *(printed in State Program book)*

PDG Ron Staley presented the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee, announcing that delegate certification will be in Salon F from 4-5:PM Saturday and again from 7-10:30 AM Sunday morning. He noted the Sunday delegate certification process will overlap with the District Cabinet Meetings, an extension to the usual period to allow Lions arriving for the Sunday session to secure their credentials to vote. He provided additional directions to delegates and alternates.

Council Chair Skippy Jackson welcomed the Lions in attendance and reported on the Sate Council activities during the 2015-2016 Lions Club year. He complimented the District Governors for their leadership and efforts to mold the newly reorganized districts into cooperative units. He expressed regrets at the loss of membership and challenged all Lions present to bring in new members to help provide services to North Carolina communities.

NC Lions, Inc., President, PDG Paul Bledsoe provided a review of “foundation” activities for the year. He said NC Lions, Inc., is strong but Lions must be encouraged to do more in service and to tell the stories of those helped by Lions.

PDG Sandy Scarlett thanked North Carolina Lions for their Brighter Visions fundraising efforts this year, calling Brighter Visions the heart of our mission. She urged communications and more hard work. She also expressed thanks to the NCLI staff for being immediately responsive with information and materials when requested. She said approximately \$300,000.00 has been raised thus far this year with two months to go.

PDG Dale Dupree reported that \$83,404.50 has been generated in Camp Dogwood raffle ticket sales this year. He noted that is about half of what is expected and thanked Lions for continuing to sell tickets up to the mid-June drawing deadline.

Council Chair Jackson announced that a vote to accept the committee reports would occur during the Sunday morning Second General Session.

PDG Justice made announcements concerning room assignments for the various afternoon sessions.

Council Chair Jackson recessed the Convention Session until Sunday morning at 10:30 AM.

**Second General Session
10:30 AM, Sunday, April 24, 2016**

Council Chair Skippy Jackson reconvened the State Convention General Session at 10:30 AM, Sunday, April 24, 2016. The Council Chair introduced the head table and invited Lions International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada to speak.

Dr. Yamada again challenged the Lions of North Carolina to build their membership. Noting that North American membership continues to decline while Asian membership increases, he said Lions needs to remain an organization with strong North American leadership.

Council Chair Jackson and District Governor Boehm, 31-S, announced the 2015-2016 Environmental Photo Contest winner. She is Lion Paranita Carpenter of the First Flight Lions Club whose entry will now go to the International Convention in Japan for judging. She was presented a check in the amount of \$200.

PDG Mike Schwartz, State Celebrate Liberty Chair, announced the winner of the Lions Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest, Briana Duncan of the North Henderson High School in District 31-L. Miss Duncan read their winning essay and was presented a \$250 check by PDG Schwarts and District 31-L Governor Debbie Hicks.

For the record, the State Peace Poster Contest Winner, Jesse Mills, was recognized with a \$250 award during the Saturday Night Banquet. That presentation was made by the Council Chair and District 31-O Governor Randall Clapp. She was sponsored by the Vass Lions Club.

PDG Johnny Berry, Elections Committee Chair, presented the Elections Committee Report. He announced that there are two fully qualified candidates who are endorsed by their districts and will be voted on for endorsement as an International Director Candidate from North Carolina. They are PDG Gary Steele from District 31-I and PDG Gwen White from District 31-S.

Council Chair Jackson directed PDG Berry to continue with the election.

PDG Berry announced the Elections Committee members who will help with the election – Lion Leon Pryor (31-L), PCC Bob Sprinkle (31-I), PDG Lee Harvey (31-O), Lion Kenny Cox (31-N) and PDG Sherman Leathers (31-S). He announced that by coin toss of the candidates, the nomination speeches - five minutes for nomination and three minutes for seconding, will begin with PDG Steele. PCC Sprinkle was designated as official time-keeper. He explained that after the nominations, ballots would be provided with the two candidate names in alphabetical order and that delegates should mark their choice for one candidate. He noted that delegates should display their green delegate certification forms in order to receive a ballot.

Nominating presentations began with PDG Paul Bledsoe nominating PDG Steele. The second was by PDG Theresa Matthews.

The nomination for PDG White was by PDG Carlton Metts. The second was by PDG Sandy Scarlett.

Voting followed for the election of a candidate for endorsement for Lions International Director.

PCC Ron Staley presented 12 Resolutions for adoption by the Convention delegates. They were to thank IP Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada for honoring North Carolina Lions with his visit and participation, to honor the memory of PID Howard Stallings who died during the year, to ten Past District Governors who passed away during the year and to the Raleigh area Lions Clubs and Lions who hosted the 93rd Annual NC Lions State Convention.

Upon motion of PDG Gary Steele of the Cleveland Lions Club, second by Lion Brian Carr of the Massey Hill Lions Club, the vote was unanimous to adopt the Resolutions as presented. attachments #3-14

PDG Bill Womack presented the Attendance Committee Report. He said there were 346 Lions and guests registered for the Convention (*later adjusted to 351 in attendance*).

PDG Ron Staley presented the Credentials Committee Final Report as follows: 32 delegates and 1 alternate from District 31-L, 50 delegates and 2 alternates from 31-I, 45 delegates and no alternates from 31-O, 38 delegates and 3 alternates from 31-N, and 67 delegates and 2 alternates from 31-S. Delegates totaled 232 with eight alternates.

PDG Dave Butler presented the Constitution and By-Laws Committee Report. He presented a Resolution calling for changes to the Multiple District-31 Constitution and By-Laws as follows: Article VI, STATE CONVENTION, Section 7, granting the right for each Governor and every Past District Governor in good standing in the state to be a full delegate in his/her own right at any and all State, District, and Special conventions; with all the privileges of every description that any other delegate has and in no way affecting the number of delegates or alternates to which each club is entitled.

Upon motion of PDG George Suggs of the Sand Hill Lions Club with second from PCC Ron Kelly of the Carthage Lions Club, the vote to approve the changes was unanimous.

He presented a second proposed change as follows: Article VII, STATE CONVENTION AND STATE COUNCIL FUND, Section 2, increasing the per member State tax/dues from \$3.50 per year to \$5.50 annually. Upon motion of Lion Don Hespelgh of the Salisbury Lions Club and second by Lion Robert Tomlinson of the Lincolnton Lions Club, the vote was unanimous to approve the dues increase.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair, announced that the 2017 Lions State Convention will again be in Raleigh. The North Raleigh Hilton will be the convention headquarters and the dates will be April 28-30, the last full weekend in April.

Elections Chair Johnny Berry reported on the results of the vote to endorse a candidate for Lions Clubs International Director. He said 226 ballots were returned with 157 votes for Gwen White, 67 votes cast for Gary Steele and two ballots unmarked. He then announced Gwen White as the candidate endorsed by North Carolina Lions.

PIP Scruggs congratulated both candidates for their positive campaigns. He then presented the Japanese Flag that was displayed during the Convention to IP Dr. Yamada, thanking him again for his visit and for his important participation in the Lions Clubs State Convention.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoler, second by District Governor Clapp, 31-O, the vote was unanimous to accept the reports of the 2016 State Convention Committees.

PDG Gary Steele was invited to speak. He called the campaign an adventure and asked all Lions in North Carolina to support the endorsed candidate. He noted that there are currently ten candidates for one directorship so election as an International Director will be an uphill climb.

The endorsed candidate, PDG Gwen White was invited to speak. She thanked PDG Gary and Lion Liz for their friendship and expressed appreciation to the Lions that supported her campaign and efforts, especially those from her home clubs and from District 31-S for their labors. She also thanked her family that includes three generations of Lions for their support and encouragement. She pledged to represent all North Carolina Lions and to encourage Lions everywhere, "to walk beside those that we serve."

Council Chair Jackson asked each District Governor to announce the 2016-2017 District Governors-Elect, and 1st and 2nd Vice-District Governors-Elect, with a receiving line including spouses formed along the left side of the auditorium. Council Chair Jackson also introduced the Council Chair Elect, State Council Secretary-Treasurer-Elect and endorsed candidate for International Director who joined the receiving line.

PDG Herb Justice recognized the host Convention Committee and thanked them for their efforts in organizing and hosting a successful convention.

Following the Benediction by Governor Boehm, Council Chair Jackson adjourned the 2016 State Convention.

This the 24th day of April, 2016.

Rhett B. White
Council Secretary-Treasurer

Skippy Jackson
Council Chairperson

**NORTH CAROLINA LIONS
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31
Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:AM
NC Lions Camp Dogwood, 7050 Dogwood Drive, Sherrills Ford, NC**

The NC Lions Council of Governors met at 9:AM, Saturday, April 30, 2016, at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC. Governors attending were Debbie Hicks, Allen Reinhardt, Randall Clapp, Vince Schimmoller and Mary Boehm. Council Chair Skippy Jackson presided.

(For the record, a Council Workshop was held on Friday evening, April 29, 2016, at 7:30 PM)

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order and asked Governor Clapp to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Governor Boehm offered the invocation.

Chairman Jackson welcomed the Lions and guests in attendance, recognized and invited comments from PIP Sid Scruggs and PID Harvey Whitley. PIP Scruggs complimented the Governors on an outstanding State Convention and said International President Yamata enjoyed the Convention and state's hospitality. He said he was working on securing an International Officer for the 2017 Convention as well as speakers for the 31-I, O and N/S mid-winter conventions. He brought greetings from PID Lacy Presnell who was unable to attend and offered complements to the two candidates for endorsement as International Director from North Carolina.

PID Whitley said he has arranged for an incoming International Director to speak at District 31-L and reported that he presented the Hall of Fame plaque to PDG Allan Thompson and inducted a new member while at the Linwood Lions Club's 65th Anniversary. He thanked the Council for awards presented during the State Convention.

PDG Gwen White, the candidate endorsed for International Director during the NC Lions Sate Convention, was invited to speak. She thanked the Lions of North Carolina for their support and vote of confidence, pledging to represent North Carolina well during her campaign for International Office. She thanked Lions Gary and Liz Steele for their long-time friendship.

District reports followed. Governor Hicks reported that 31-L membership stands at 1,287 members, having added 97 members during the year and lost 160.

Governor Reinhardt said 31-I membership stands at 1,348 members with 81 added during the year and 132 lost. He said April was a good month with 22 members inducted with 19 dropped. attachment # 2

Governor Clapp reported on the delayed but successful 31-O Mid-winter Convention. He encouraged Lions Clubs to participate in youth programs, congratulating Jesse Mills of Moore County for winning the State Peace Poster Contest. He noted that eight District 31-O Lions with 50+ years of service were recognized. attachment # 3

Governor Schimmoller reported that a new club effort is underway at Swansboro with seven members signed up. He said 31-N is still exploring a possible VIP cyber club. He also indicated that the district is exploring a partnership with Dr. Susan Bailey for a free eye clinic that will serve individuals from western 31-N and southeastern 31-O. District membership is currently at 1,279 Lions.

Governor Boehm reported that 31-S has 1,272 members with efforts to strengthen the Gaston Lions Club that was ready to fold a year-ago. She said clubs have reported serving 36,796 persons this year. attachment # 4

PDG Dave Butler was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Boehm, the agenda was unanimously approved. attachment # 5

Upon motion of Governor Hicks with second by Governor Boehm, the February 13, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. attachment # 6

Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White presented the quarterly Financial Report. He explained that \$42,127.92 in revenues have been received with current expenditures of \$33,967.88. He noted that \$1,850 of the miscellaneous revenues was flow-through funds from Lions International to the Centennial Coordinators. He noted that the State Convention did not require the extra \$2,000 authorized if needed and that the report from the State Leo Coordinator would explain Leo and Leo State Convention income and expenditures. He indicated that the bottom line is \$15,343.48 in the checking account and \$44,736.76 in the Money Market account for assets of \$59,980.24.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Clapp, the Financial Report was accepted as presented. attachment # 7

Secretary/Treasurer White asked that the 2014-2015 Audit Report which was distributed at the February meeting be accepted. He thanked PDG Keith Peeden, also a CPA, for completing the annual audit and tax reports. **Upon motion of Governor**

Reinhardt and second by Governor Boehm, the audit report was unanimously accepted. *(The Audit Report is available for review upon request.)*

NC Lions Incorporated (NCLI) Executive Director Steve Walker and PDG Ron Kelly reported on discussions of an appropriate place at Camp Dogwood to recognize the NC Lions Hall of Fame recipients. It was proposed to move the plaque from the Sticklely Building to the Dining Hall with PDG Kelly accepting responsibility for the action. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt and second by Governor Hicks, the vote to relocate the recognition plaque was unanimously approved.**

Lion Walker also presented a Clinical Eye Research Grant Application to the Lions Clubs International Foundation for endorsement. He explained that the request is for \$54,580 or half of the \$109,160 cost of a “dry eye center and equipment” at the UNC- Medical School Department of Ophthalmology. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt and second by Governor Hicks, the vote to endorse the grant application was unanimously approved.**

(The grant application is available for review upon request.)

NCLI President Paul Bledsoe spoke to the Council about leadership and urged Lions present to “Think Big!” while urging Lions Clubs to be more active in service. He reported that 117 new campers are registered to attend Camp Dogwood this year with 660 camper applications received. He announced the scheduled afternoon budget caucus and reported that an \$8,000 gift from the NC Eye Bank is pending and that a \$75,000 gift from friends of the late PDG Frank Brooks has been received for work on the waterfront.

PDG Gwen White reported for PDG John Owens, Global Leadership Coordinator, who was out-of-state. attachment # 8

PID Whitley, Global Membership Coordinator, thanked the Governors for their membership and extension efforts, noting there are 61 days remaining for organizing a new club in the current Lions Club year. He reported that 12 clubs were lost last year and 11 clubs have folded this year. Membership this year has declined from 6,949 to 6,507. PID Whitley also asked about a list of Guiding Lions that has not been purged to reflect availability of Lions to serve in new club development. attachment # 9

Centennial Coordinator, PDG Gwen White, reminded the Governors that each district is due a \$1,500 grant from Lions Clubs International for a Centennial project. She encouraged Governors, Governors-elect and 1st VDGs-elect to coordinate efforts with their District Centennial Coordinators for using the funds to complete a 100th Anniversary legacy project. attachment # 10

Governor Schimmoler said he understood that up to \$15,000 per district was available for such project assistance. It was determined that no more than \$15,000 is available to a multiple district based upon \$1,500 per individual district. Centennial Coordinator White offered to help with grant applications.

Boys and Girls Home Chairman Wayne Faber reported that the clean-up day was disappointing with poor turn-out of Lions. It has been rescheduled for May 14 9:AM to 4:PM. In urging support for Boys and Girls Home, he asked 1st VDG-elect George Culp to share a story about a girl who thanked the Lions for supporting the institution.

Lion Liz Steele, Campus and Leo Chair, reported there are 33 alpha Clubs and one Omega Club with 23 Leo clubs actively reporting. She said 64 Leos attended the Leo State Convention at Camp Dogwood, representing eight clubs. She thanked the districts for the \$580 each for the Leo "Stop Hunger Now" project. She urged the Governors to recognize the Leo clubs at the district levels and to involve them in district activities and projects.

Celebrate Liberty Chair Michael Schwartz thanked the districts that participated in the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest and congratulated 16-year-old Briena Duncan from Henderson High School for submitting the winning entry. He said the Celebrate Liberty pin series will continue featuring NC delegates to the Continental Convention. He asked for help in securing a corporate sponsor to print additional copies of the Constitution for distribution. attachment # 11

Constitution and By-Laws Chair, PDG Dave Butler reported that all amendments approved at the Lions State Convention are being added to the official print and electronic copies of the Constitution and By-Laws. attachment # 12

He asked PDG Ron Kelly to complete the second reading of the proposed changes to the Hall of Fame Policy, after which **Governor Schimmoller with second by Governor Clapp made a motion to approve the revised policy. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous. (The revised Hall of Fame Policy is available for review upon request.)**

Lion Judy Jackson, Diabetes Awareness Chair, reported on the successful session at the NC Lions State Convention. She noted that over the past three years the Lions Conventions hospitality rooms have added food for diabetics. She said there are two active DAPS programs in District 31-N and interest in one in the mountains with DAPS leaders still needed in two districts. She said UNC-Chapel Hill is still interested in a location for a DAPS program in rural Robeson County with possible funding from the Duke Endowment.

Historian, Lion Harold Wallace, said he now has copies of ¼ of the Lions Club charters in the state and is working with Dale Dupree on a history of Camp Dogwood. He

said four of the old District A-J banners are secured at Camp Dogwood.

attachment # 13

Lion George Culp reported on Information and Technology. He said information needs to get to the club levels and to individual members. He said 80% of NC Lions can be reached by way of email.

attachment # 14

PDG Carlton Weeks was not present to give a LCIF report. He was home with PDG Carol who could not travel.

PDG Johnny Berry thanked the Governors for their help during the four years that he served as Nominations Chair. He said that at present there are no declared candidates for 2nd VDG, but that nominations information should be sent to PDG Carlton Metts who will serve as the new Nominations Chair.

Promotions Chair, PDG Chris Headley, said his report will come during the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

PDG Gwen White substituted for Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair. She reported that the April, 2017 State Convention will be at the North Raleigh Hilton and will be chaired by PDG Ron Beltran. She said there will be a change in the dates of the February Council and NCLI meetings. She also asked for someone to step forward with a proposal to host the 2018 Lions State Convention.

PDG Herb Justice, Host Chair for the just completed 2016 Lions State Convention, preliminarily reported on a successful convention. He said the convention paid a \$7,500 penalty due to not fulfilling room night expectations (250 of 400 room nights were used) and cautioned future conventions to watch meal prices and add-on charges, noting that taxes and service fees added 31.65% to meal costs this year.

attachment # 15

Upon motion of Governor Boehm, second by Governor Schimmoller, the reports were unanimously accepted as presented.

PDG Ron Kelly was asked to order additional 50+ year pins.

Chairman Jackson asked the DGEs to stand next to their Governors while DGE Butch Conrad offered the benediction. Chairman Jackson announced that the August

Council Meeting will be at the Raleigh Crabtree Marriott, August 12-13, then adjourned the meeting.

This the 30th day of April, 2016.

Rhett B. White, Secretary/Treasurer

Skippy Jackson, Council Chair

North Carolina Lions State Council
2015-2016 Council Budget
 July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

attachment # 9

INCOME:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 14,285.95	\$ 14,285.95	100
State Dues (6,572 average x \$3.50)	23,002.00	22,324.24	110
Interest	5.00	3.01	120
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasury Bonds	318.00	318.00	130
State Convention Income*	10,000.00	8,996.94	150
Youth Exchange	0.00		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00	585.00	170
LCIF Grant	0.00		180
GLT Training Grant	600.00		185
Leo Clubs Income	4,000.00	9,349.00	190
Appropriations from Money Market	0.00		192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	2,063.50	195
Total Income	\$53,060.95	\$ 57,925.64	

EXPENSES:

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	\$ 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	103.00	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	1,004.84	270
State Council Conference Calls	500.00		280
Expenses-State Secretary-Treasurer	3,000.00	3,000.00	290
Expenses-State Council Chair	4,000.00	2,980.22	300
Incoming CC Intl'. Convention Expenses	3,500.00	3,500.00	305
State Convention Cash Advance	6,000.00	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 Team	5,000.00	2,984.95	350
State Council Committee Expenses	4,500.00	3,459.57	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00	593.21	370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00	1,176.23	380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	828.20	390
Leo Clubs Expenses*	2,500.00	8,302.46	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	963.59	425
Diabetes Awareness	1,750.00	1,447.26	428
Campus Clubs	0.00		429

1 st VDG Clothing Allowance(5@\$130)	650.00		430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance(2@\$130)	260.00	260.00	431
CC, SST, DGE & 1 st VDG Jacket Crests(17@\$23)	391.00		435
Contingence Expenses	0.00	1,930.50	440
Transfer to Money Market*	10,713.95		442
Total Expenses	\$53,060.95	\$ 41,314.34	

Checking Balance on Hand – August 6, 2016	\$ 5,344.05
*Money Market Balance – April 26, 2016	<u>44,651.64</u>
Total Council Assets	\$ 49,995.69

MONEY MARKET # 0757
July 1, 2016

Current Balance: \$44,606.95
(interest, \$44.69)

The NC Lions State Council Money Market includes the following funds:

1. State Convention Reserves	\$ 26,831.00
2. Celebrate Liberty	8,067.25
3. Youth Exchange	6,384.62
4. State Council Reserves	3,324.08
5. Leo Clubs	0.00

Accounts

 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4815	Available Balance \$5,344.05
 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4823	Available Balance \$13,115.06
 Money Market (Business) XXXXXX0757	Available Balance \$44,651.64
 Money Market (Business) XXXXXX5714	Available Balance \$9,312.57
 FIRST SAVINGS (BUS) XXXXXX1798	Available Balance \$300.01

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE COUNCIL
Proposed 2016-2017 Council Budget
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

attachment # 10

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 5,344.05	100
State Dues (6,038 average x \$5.50)	33,209.00	110
Interest	3.00	120
District Secretary/Treasurer Bonds	318.00	130
State Convention Income*	5,000.00	150
Youth Exchange (from Money Mkt. Reserve)*	6,384.08	160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00	170
LCIF Grant (NCLI Clinical Eye Research)	54,580.00	180
LCI Leadership Institute Grant & Tuition	8,541.00	183
LCI GLT Training Grant	600.00	185
LCI Centennial Funds	1,850.00	187
Leo Clubs Income	5,000.00	190
Leo Clubs Project	2,900.00	191
Appropriations from Money Market	0.00	192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	195
Total Income:	\$ 124,579.13	

EXPENSES

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	200
District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Bonds	318.00	210
State Secretary/Treasurer Bond	103.00	215
Clerical Services – NCLI	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary/Treasurer)	75.00	230
Printing (NCLI & Secretary Treasurer)	100.00	240
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Expenses – State Secretary/Treasurer	3,000.00	290
Expenses – State Council Chair	4,000.00	300
Incoming CC Intl' Convention Expenses	3,500.00	305
State Convention Cash Advance	10,000.00	310
State Convention Committee	200.00	315
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,100.00	320
District Extension Workshops/Matching Funds	0.00	325
History Committee	200.00	335
Leadership Training/Global Team	5,000.00	350

Leadership Institute	8,541.00	355
State Council Committee Expenses	4,000.00	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00	370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00	380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	390
Leo Clubs Expenses	5,000.00	395
Leo Clubs Project	2,900.00	397
Youth Exchange*	6,384.08	400
Boys & Girls Home Committee	200.00	405
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,000.00	410
Guide Dogs Committee	200.00	415
Lions Services for Children Committee	200.00	417
LCIF Grant	54,580.00	420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Contests	1,000.00	425
Diabetes Awareness	1,200.00	428
Campus Clubs	0.00	429
2 nd & 1 st VDG Clothing Allowance (5 each @\$130)	1,300.00	430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance (2@\$130)	260.00	431
CC, SST, DGE, 1 st & 2 nd VDG Crests (17@\$25.59)	435.00	435
Contingency Expense	0.00	440
Transfer to Money Market*	<u>3,983.05</u>	<u>442</u>
	\$124,579.13	

Checking Balance on Hand – July 1, 2016	\$ 5,344.05
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**NC Lions State Council Committee Chairs
2016-2017**

**Boys & Girls Home
Campus Clubs
Celebrate Liberty
Constitution & By-Laws
Diabetes Awareness Education
Diabetes Awareness Pier Support (DAPS)
Information & Technology
Historian
Leo Clubs
Nominating
Kids Sight USA
Guide Dogs
MD-31 Global Leadership
MD-31 Global Membership
LCIF MD-31 Coordinator
MD-31 Centennial Coordinator
Lions Services for Children
State Convention
Promotions**

**Judy Headley
Liz Steele
Michael Schwartz
Dale Dupree
Jan Holleman
Judy Jackson
George H. Culp
Ron Beltran
Liz Steel
Carlton Metts
Diane Whitley
Tom Snively
John Owens
Vince Schimmoller
Carlton Weeks
Gwen A. White
Susie Dailey
Harriett Walton
Allen Reinhardt**

Hello fellow Lions

Another year of dedication, care, concerns and service to the Boys and Girls home has officially started.

The state of North Carolina Lions has given so much of their time, talents, and treasures to these children every year. There is no doubt that this service will continue as we strive for our goals this year.

It costs \$200,000 annually to fully fund the Lions Cottage. About 60% of this comes from state and other funding services. This leaves the Lions with a goal of \$80,000 annually. We have yet to reach this goal in the last several years. The total amount given has averaged around \$55,000 yearly. Clubs can get involved by sponsoring an outing for the boys, have dinner with the boys at the cottage with the staff, visit the campus on Lions "Open House Day" in the spring.

If your club currently does not regularly donate to the Lions Cottage consider a small annual donation of \$100.00

The Lake House 1 & 2 can house 6 teen mothers and babies. Currently there are 5 mothers and babies in the two lake houses. They are awaiting hiring of another staff member to get the 6th mother and baby on board. Since this number has increased to six mothers and babies the needs for them has doubled this year. They appreciate all our support for this program. They need at least one baby shower a month and will always need monetary donations as well as baby items.

The goal for this year is to work closely with the chairperson for each district to develop a more meaningful relationship with the Lions Cottage staff and boys as well as the staff at the lakehouses by helping with the needs of the cottages ; holding special functions like baby showers, canathons , bookathons; consider hosting a pizza party; distribute new information packets for the Lions Cottage and the

lakehouses ; and inform clubs of the new projects at the BGH campus such as the New Founders Trail, Brille Elementary School, and new playground equipment for the lakehouse children. Please continue to pray for these children on a daily basis.

As our Past International President Bob Corlew states in his theme “We have new mountains to climb”, I am hoping with the help of the Lions clubs, districts, and all the Lions, we can reach our goals as we climb new mountains this year.

Thank you in advance for your help with these projects.

Lion Judy Headley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Headley", written in a cursive style.

State Chair

Boys and Girls Home



We Serve

Lion Liz Steele
State Leo Chairperson
Multiple District 51

attachment # 13

August 13, 2016

We currently have 32 Alpha and 1 Omega LEO clubs. L-5, I-13, O-8, N-1, S-7

The 2016-2017 LEO officers include President Samantha Kodikara (Piedmont), Vice-President Dalton Wheelless (Union Pines), Secretary Alex Smith (Piedmont), Treasurer Destiny Sarno (Piedmont), Historian Tucker Guignard (Piedmont), and Middle School Rep David Isaiah King (Concord Middle). The Leo's also wanted to have a representative from each Leo club. At the time of the convention one Leo was selected from each club in attendance. Others will be selected from their respective advisors. In addition to the above officers we have representatives from Pisgah, Independence, and Cartrett.

Our year is already off to a great start. The Leo '16-17 president Samantha Kodikara and I meet with Kelly Merkl from Project Unify (Special Olympics) to talk about this next year and are excited about some new opportunities with Leo's. President Samantha is also planning a meeting with the other officers this next week to see how they foresee the year.

The Leo Convention will take place at Camp Dogwood the last full weekend of February. (February 24-26). We will offer the project "Stop Hunger Now" again this Lions year. Schedule for the weekend would be forthcoming. We hope to top our registration numbers from last year which was 65. If you did not have the opportunity to come to the convention last year we hope to see you this year. You will not be disappointed. Mark your calendars now.

I would like to thank each district for their support of \$580 for the Leo Convention to help pay for the service project at the convention. The project was done on Sunday and we packaged more than 10,000 meals to help those around the world who could use our help. Last year our meals went to Nicaragua! Once again we are asking for the \$580.00 per district for the packaging event this year. Please put it in your budgets now.

The LEO's are our future, let's give them all our support we can to multiply in numbers. They are out there and want to get involved, we just need to ask.

Respectfully submitted
Lion Liz Steele
State Leo Chairperson h

Celebrate Liberty Committee-Brochure

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 2:35 PM

From: "Michael Schwartz" <schwartz5483@gmail.com>

To: "Andrea Cole" <andrea@yaho.com> "Barbara Beltran" <lionbarbara31s@yahoo.com>

"Barbara Thompson" <seth_nana@yahoo.com> "Braxton-Sara Troublefield" <stroublefield@ptmc.net> "Conrad more ...

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Hello Lions,

With the school year getting ready to start across North Carolina, it's time to start thinking about our Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest. We had great participation across Multiple District 31 last year and some very interesting essays from students. Our academic judges said the entries were so well researched it was difficult for them to make a final decision on a winner.

In order to publicize this year's contest, I have created a new Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest brochure that can be handed out. I have attached a copy for you to use in your programs. Because we have a limited committee budget, I cannot print color copies, but I'm hoping that you can print enough copies that can be distributed to Lions clubs and schools in your respective districts.

I will be attaching a copy on our Facebook Celebrate Liberty Group Page, which I hope that each of you have joined. Our Facebook page will keep you updated on committee news and contest information.

I'm also creating Celebrate Liberty advertisements (in various sizes) that I will be giving to district governors to place in their respective newsletters. These will be emailed shortly to district chairpersons and governors.

A couple of district chairpersons have contacted me concerning the Celebrate Liberty pins. I have been informed that the pins will not be ready for our quarterly state council meeting this weekend; therefore, I will ship them to each of our district governors for distribution.

One complaint last year was that we sold out of pins early in the Lions year. Therefore, I will be asking the State Council to allow me to increase production by at least 100 pins. This means each district will receive a minimum of 120 pins to sell. As you know, we make money on pin sales; therefore, Multiple District 31 will only need to put the money up front. I believe we have enough money in our current committee budget to handle the increase in pin production.

Another complaint last year was that the state ran out of copies of the Celebrate Liberty booklets that contain the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. These booklets were handed out during district Celebrate Liberty programs. As of now, we do not have money in the state budget to pay for printing. The booklets we had were printed privately by a sponsor, so it didn't cost the Lions any money. Our supply lasted approximately five years.

We are still trying to find a sponsor to cover printing costs. I have checked with several printers and the lowest production cost is \$1.95 per book. In order to provide the five districts with at least 2,000 copies of the booklets, it would cost \$19,500. If we printed half that number, it would still cost us \$9,750. So if you know a business that would be willing to help pay for the printing, please let me know. I'm also looking for a private vendor that sells these type of booklets, but so far I have not been able to locate one.

If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Michael H. Schwartz
Zone 9 Chairperson

August 12, 2016 NC, GUIDE DOG COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. PURPOSE, To promote awareness of guide dogs for the blind with in the state. This will enable stronger communication, understanding, and charitable giving between Lions across the state.**
- B. GOALS. As volunteers we should communicate to our Lions members the programs including Mobility Training ("White Cane" traveling), the Summer Experience Camp for teens and the GPS Technology. We should also inform Lions about new developments, and services to individuals who are blind or visually impaired within our state.**
- C. HOW DOES A LEADER DOG CHAIR ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS?**
 - 1. By contacting zone chairs and contacting clubs in their district and offering to give a presentation. Usually programs consist of 10 - 20 minute presentations.**
 - 2. Local Leader dog graduates or puppy raisers are often willing to accompany the district chair on visits to talk about their experiences, or help staff the booths at fundraising events.**
 - 3. Encouraging club donations, banner patch, and %100 district awards.**
- D. MISSION AND VALUES, to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through quality leader dogs, highly effective client institution and innovative services.**
- E. UPDATE THE LIONS TEAM ABOUT HAPPENINGS, PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES WITHIN THE STATE.**
 - 1. Utilize Leader Dog resources and team members.**
 - 2. Work with district governors and other district leaders.**
 - 3. Work closely in providing assistance with prospective clients, with applications as necessary.**
- F. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION**
 - 1. Zone meetings.**
 - 2. Club presentations**
 - 3. District Conventions**

G. FUNDRAISING.

- 1. Encourage clubs to give to Leader Dog annually to achieve %100 support.**
- 2. Encourage clubs to conduct annual fundraising events to support Leader Dog Programs.**
- 3. Promote club recognition programs as incentives to donate to Leader Dog.**

H. COMMUNICATION. Communication is the key for success, communicate regularly with the district governors and key leader dog team members.

DISTRICT LEADER DOG CHAIRS.

**DISTRICT L- HEATHER EDGAR
I- ANTHA REID
O- BILL WOMACK
N- TOM SNIVELY
S- BILL GRAHAM**

NCLI - Public Information and Education

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NC Lions Council of Governors – Information and Technology

Lion George Culp, Chair August 12 - 14, 2016

GOALS COMMUNICATION SHARING WHAT LIONS DO

...“everyone’s primary duty is to communicate effectively and efficiently to every Lion member in our state and tell our story in a way that defines the people we serve.”

Paul Bledsoe NC Lions, Inc President 2015-16

NCCOG Report 2016-17 Goals

Enhance communication within NCLions and the ability to reduce time and travel for meetings through the use of online collaboration tools.

Support NCLions Districts and Clubs efforts in Social Media

Respond sensibly and timely to the request of the NC Lions Council of Governors.

Issues _ None

All websites are being maintained by the individual districts.

Current Activity Request Budget for 2016-17 remain as in the past at \$1000.

Future Activity: Make GoToMeeting available to each District. Train the trainers and create procedures.

Request updated email list from each District for state database.

NCLI Report *The Advocate* –

Future Activity: The Advocate will no longer be printed and mailed. By recommendation to the budget committee, we feel that the expense of postage and printing could better benefit our services to the blind and visually impaired. **The Advocate will be presented digitally.**

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

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

Online meetings and seminars **GoToMeeting** - Can be made available to NCLI.

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp

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Global Leadership Team
Report to Council of Governors
August, 2016

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In preparation for this new Lions year, each district has held training sessions for its new leaders. Among the five District GLTs, we have three returning, Lions Glenn Day, Tim Williams, and Dale Dupree. We have two new ones, Lion Penny Watkins in "L" and Lion Carlton Weeks in "N".

We have a preliminary meeting with the Second VDGs scheduled for this afternoon. December 9-11 has been reserved at Camp Dogwood for training for both First and Second VDGs. First VDGs will have a session in Atlanta the week-end of January 7, and another session at Camp Dogwood on February 17-19. We are waiting right now to receive a grant application from LCI for our sessions at Camp Dogwood.

On August 20, Lions across the state will have an excellent opportunity to enhance their public speaking skills in a workshop in Kinston. The leaders will be PDG Lion Gwen White and Area GLT Lion Joe Pitts. There is no cost for the sessions. I have flyers and applications and am glad to share them. Some districts have conflicts with the date, but there may be Lions in those districts who would benefit and like to attend the Presenters Workshop.

The paperwork is all in order for the Regional Lions Learning Institute on the calendar for March 23-26. Expect to hear more about this in the near future, and please encourage local Lions to attend.

The USA/Canada Forum will be held in mid-September in Omaha, Nebraska.

Always remember the excellent learning opportunities that are available on-line in your home via Lions Learning Center and Lions University. There is a webinar coming up on September 9 and repeated on Sept. 14 about Effective Mentoring.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the council.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion John Owens

**Council Meeting Raleigh NC
8-13-16**

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LCIF Report

Good morning governors, thank you for allowing me to be your State LCIF chairperson. The LCIF mission is “ To support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners communities locally and globally,giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.”

We give sight

We support youth

We provide disaster relief

We address humanitarian needs

I have been in contact with all district LCIF district chairs. I hope all district chairs have contacted each Governor with a goal they would like to obtain this year. Each coordinator will contact each club to set a goal for this Lions year to help with humanitarian efforts. 100% club participation is our goal for the year. This can be done with our Governors and coordinators help. Kudos to Coordinators Jimmy Myers District I and PDG Rick Sutton District N have already raised \$2200 this year. GOVERNORS WE NEED YOUR HELP. Goodness is never lost, no matter who performs it or where. Your name may not live in history books, but your influence can live in the memories of your family and your community. Success or failure, every person has the opportunity to leave that great heritage. We can be a flaming spirit who light the

way to a better and more decent world. Our immortality lies in us, and the good things we do now. For the good we do lives after us. Do we think Melvin Jones really had a clue it would turn out to be the Greatest Service Origination in the world , LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. As I think of Lion Melvin Jones I also think of all the Lions that have followed him with one thing on there minds, WE SERVE. Always remember when a need is there so is Lions Clubs International Foundation. Where does the money come from, It comes from people like us. So this year everyone has someone in your clubs that deserve to be a Melvin Jones Fellow. To them it would be an honor to receive this very prestigious award

In closing, A smile cost nothing, but gives much,It enriches those who receive it, without making poorer those who give it. It takes only a moment, but the memory of it may last forever. It bring rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and is the best antidote for trouble. It cannot be bought,borrowed,begged,or stolen and is of no value unless it is given away.

Carlton Weeks
State LCIF Chairperson

MD-31 LCI CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR

Saturday, August 13, 2016

I begin by complimenting your clubs for the Lions Centennial projects that have been reported as completed or that are underway in your districts. I am especially pleased to see articles in several of your newsletters that report on and highlight these service projects. I have several of those articles with me today and I will include them in my reports to Lions Clubs International:

Buies Creek Lions 100 year Lions Legacy Project – a reading partnership with the Buies Creek Elementary School. The District 31-N Newsletter also has a nice article that encourages clubs to connect with their communities to build a Centennial Legacy Project.

Districts 31-I and 31- S newsletters have Centennial articles of a historical nature that call attention to the 100th Anniversary of Lions Clubs by focusing on two of the ten original Lions Clubs in North Carolina (Winston-Salem and Raleigh).

The Lake Lure Legacy Project (Flowering Bridge) as a gift to that community is chronicled in District 31-L.

We still want to hear more about the planned legacy project by Districts 31-O and 31-N for a free eye clinic. We also want to hear about our small club projects and our larger long-lasting club and district projects.

I submitted the annual report on MD-31 Centennial activities during the International Convention and am completing the paperwork for the support provided by Lions International to the State and District Coordinators. I want to thank the District Coordinators (you have a list on the backside of your report) for their work and encourage everyone to use the occasion of the Centennial to publicize our clubs and promote service to our communities.

Remember that each district is due \$1,500 from Lions Clubs International to use toward a legacy project. Please meet with your District Coordinators to identify, discuss and plan these projects and let's get your project applications in before your November Council meeting. Please do not lose this opportunity.

Remember also the Centennial Membership Awards and use this program to build your clubs membership. The current issue of the electronic Centennial Celebration Newsletter includes several Centennial suggestions. Check them out.

Finally, as the 1st and 2nd VDG training is planned for the year, please include an element of Centennial training.

Gwen A. White
MD-31 Centennial Coordinator

Nominating Chair Report
By Carlton Metts, State Council Nominating Chair
08.13.2016

Thank you Council for my appointment to serve as the Nominating Chair for 2016-2017. I'm looking forward to a great year serving with a good group of qualified committee members. Thank each you for your excellent choices.

As you are aware Current District Governors or Past District Governors interested in the position of Council Chairperson should submit their name and resume of service by September 30th to the State Council Nominating Chairperson. As of today I have four names submitted, they are: Past District Governor Johnny Berry of the Rutherford College Lions Club, Past District Governor Marti Henry of Greater Asheville Lions Club, DG Irwin Siegelwax of the Calabash Lion Club and PDG Gary Steele of the Cleveland Lions Club. After the September 30th deadline I will certify the qualifications of each candidate and forward all information to the 1st VDGs by October 20th. The interviews and selection will take place at the November Council Meeting.

Some reminders for your District Convention Elections: Standard District Constitution and By-Laws

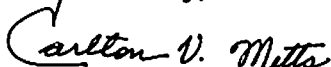
Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Each district governor shall appoint by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the sub-district convention, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not at the time through the duration of their appointment hold any district cabinet or international office either by election or appointment.

Nominating Committee Checklist (Standard Constitution and By-Laws) for District Governor, Exhibit "D" (page 37), First Vice District Governor Candidate Exhibit "E" (page 39), Second Vice District Governor Candidate Exhibit "F" (page 41). This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee.

Anyone needing assistance to locate the checklist may call or email me. My information is in the Directory.

North Carolina Lions Incorporated I have received one intent to run for the office of President from first Vice President George Suggs. I encourage others to get your letters of intent to me as soon as possible for your next position and anyone that may wish to become a candidate for an office of the North Carolina Lions Inc. The requirement for these positions are available and can be found in the North Carolina Lions Incorporated By-Laws of which is located website at nclionsinc.org.

Submitted by,



PDG Carlton Metts
State Nominating Chair

2016 North Carolina Lions State Convention Final Report

The 2016 North Carolina Lions State Convention was held at the Raleigh Crabtree Marriott during the dates of April 22, 23 and 24. It is the feeling of the 2016 State Convention Committee that the 2016 State Convention was a success. Everyone appeared to enjoy the visit by the International President Dr. Yamada who came in two days early to film the end of his year end film. President Dr. Yamada also seemed to enjoy his stay in North Carolina and visiting with the Lions of North Carolina. We received several comments to the effect that this was an excellent convention and that it was enjoyed by all that attended. We certainly enjoyed having President Dr. Yamada and his interpreter Yoshiko Merz.

The Crabtree Marriott was great to work with, however, there were some procedures that we were unfamiliar with and had to get adjusted to. In previous conventions, we were used to working with the Sales person that wrote and executed the contract, the Marriott turned us over to an Event Manager to execute all events according to the contract and we had no further contact with the Sales person that executed the contract. Any changes, if needed, had to go through the Event Manager. And all arrangements were by working with the Event Manager.

The following is a discussion of each area of the Convention:

Registration-

Our total Registration was 351, but 15 Lions failed to pick up their registrations. These Lions by failing to show up impacted us in the number of meals used as well as the number of rooms used. We had anticipated a larger attendance, especially with the International President being our Special Guest.

Meals-

The attendance for all meals was lower than projected. The contract called for the price of meals to be based on 2014 prices at the Hotel with a total of \$22,000 guaranteed. But that did not include taxes and service charges. That meant that our total guarantee was \$31,223.61 based on the number of meals projected in the Policy. The Marriott has a service charge of 24%; however, the Marriott honored the 2014 service charge of 22% for our meals. Our meals used for each event are shown below: (The number shown under Policy is for planning purposes and not spelled out in the contract.)

	Policy	Registered	Guaranteed
Thursday Night Dinner	50	38	38
Friday Night Fun Night	250	208	199
Saturday Tail Twisters Breakfast	300	196	188
PDG Luncheon	75	51	50
Saturday Night Banquet	350	320	303

Sale of Advertising

The State Convention Policy states that the State Convention is to be funded by the sale of Ads. With this being the first convention to be held with the new five Districts, we were a little uneasy as to how we would do, especially with two Districts having a Convention Fee as part of their dues. This did present a little problem in dealing with the Lions Clubs in those Districts in the beginning. The Lions Clubs in those two Districts were a little reluctant to accept the fact that we needed Ads to fund the State Convention. However in the end with a push by these two District Governors these Districts came through. If every District does not participate in the sale of Ads, it is a little unfair to those Lions in the Districts that help with the sale of Ads as we used Ad income to supplement the meals. Those Lions in Districts that do not participate are also reaping the benefit of meals being supplemented by other Lions Clubs. A summary of Ad sales by Districts is shown below:

District "L" = \$3,375.00	District "O" = \$3,300.00	District "S" = \$6,275.00
District "I" = \$4,125.00	District "N" = \$4,025.00	Unassigned = \$729.30

We budgeted \$ 21,475.00 for the sale of Ads and ending up selling a total of \$21,827.30 in Ads. We were not able to secure a corporate sponsor, which would have increased our total and we were also unable to sell one inside cover. We also found that some of our contacts that had previously bought full page Ads reduced their purchase to half page Ads.

Audio/Visual

The Marriott contracts out their audio/visual needs, but runs these costs through the Marriott Billing section and they then add a service charge of 24%. As the contract only spelled out that the Marriott comp audio for the General Sessions, we had to add microphones, podiums and visual needs for our other events. The first estimate that came in from this company was \$3,907.05. This was felt to be excessive. We then met with this company representative and discussed our needs and pointed out that we were a service organization. With some elimination, we were then able to get a cost that we felt was acceptable of \$1405.77 that included a discount for the Lions.

Entertainment:

Our entertainment for Friday Fun Night was the SOB (Special Occasions Band) Band. Their performance was great and enjoyed by all in attendance. In addition to the cost of the Band, we were charged \$195.35 for a power drop by the Hotel. This amount is part of the total Attrition costs.

Rooms:

The contract called for us to use 400 room nights with 320 required. We ended up using 253 rooms nights. On Friday morning, I was notified by the Event Manager that we had met our minimum requirement of 320 room nights; however, the Lions cancelled a total of 67 room nights for Friday and Saturday nights after that meeting. Because of these cancellations, we received an Attrition charge of \$7,478.71 for rooms.

In addition to the Attrition charge of \$7478.71, we had other miscellaneous charges which included the power drop bringing our total Attrition charges to \$7921.13. We received a total of \$10,000.00 in advances are able to return \$5,329.99.

A copy of the 2016 Convention Budget is attached.

Recommendations and Comments:

1. When executing future contacts, consideration should be given to what may be a trend. With the Lion's membership in North Carolina declining each year, there will be fewer Lions in attendance at the State Convention. We should also consider the fact that a lot of our older Lions, who in the past, faithfully attended the State Convention each year, are slowing down and attending fewer meetings due to age and health.
2. Because of the attendance at this convention, Future State Convention Chairs should probably look at the most recent Convention or last two conventions and base the number of rooms to guarantee on previous usage. Consideration should also be given to the location of the Convention. A Convention in Asheville or Charlotte will be able to use more room nights than one in Raleigh or maybe Greensboro due to the number of Lions living in commuting distance. We feel that the majority of our cancellations were by Lions living within commuting distance when they found out that the election for our next International Director was to be on Sunday. We feel this impacted the early meals as well as the number of room nights used on Friday.
3. More involvement is needed from the District Governors in advertising the State Convention especially during the Cabinet Meetings and visits after January 1.
4. Since the Host Committee is responsible for controlling the cost of the Convention, Maybe the Convention Chair should co-sign the contract and have the ability to make any needed changes. (This was not a problem with this convention as the contract had been consigned to me, but could be in the future.)
5. Address the issue of a guarantee required by the Hotel. Maybe the State Council should have a credit card to be used for this.

I commend the 2016 State Convention Committee for a job well done. They did an outstanding job in making this Convention a success and holding costs down. They also appreciated the Opportunity to work on the Convention. I also want to thank the 2015-2016 Council for giving me the opportunity to Chair the 2016 Convention.

Attachment

Respectfully submitted

**PDG Herbert A. Justice
2016 Host State Convention Chair**

2016 NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION BUDGET				as of: July 1, 2016	
BUDGET				ACTUALS	
	Qty	Unit Price	Amount	Qty	Amount
Income:					
Program Ads:					
Inside Front Cover	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	1	\$1,000.00
Back Cover	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$0.00
Inside Back Cover	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0.5	\$500.00
Full Page	30	\$ 300.00	\$9,000.00	42	\$13,300.00
Half Page	20	\$ 200.00	\$4,000.00	17	\$3,450.00
Quarter Page	20	\$ 125.00	\$2,500.00	18	\$2,252.30
Eighth Page	22	\$ 75.00	\$1,650.00	10	\$750.00
Business Card	12	\$ 50.00	\$600.00	10	\$500.00
Patron	9	\$ 25.00	\$225.00	3	\$75.00
Corporate Sponsor	0	\$ 2,000.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Program Ads			\$21,475.00		\$21,627.30
*Meals:					
Fun Night	225	\$20.00	\$4,500.00	189	\$3,540.00
Tail Twister Breakfast	250	\$20.00	\$5,000.00	182	\$3,480.00
PDG Luncheon	75	\$26.00	\$1,950.00	41	\$1,170.00
DG Banquet	300	\$32.00	\$9,600.00		\$9,440.00
OVERPAID			\$0.00		\$25.00
Total Meals			\$21,050.00		\$17,655.00
Other:					
Vender Table	3	\$ 100.00	\$300.00	7	\$700.00
Golf Tournament	40	\$50.00	\$2,000.00		\$1,030.00
Hospitality Room			\$0.00		\$1,100.00
TTB: RAFFLE			\$0.00		\$2,895.00
50/50 Raffle			\$0.00		\$582.00
Sale of Convention Pins			\$0.00		\$37.50
Sale of Badge Holders			\$0.00		\$24.00
Total Other			\$2,300.00		\$6,368.50
Total Income			\$44,825.00		\$46,850.80
State Council Advance			\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
Funds to Cover Expenses			\$54,825.00		\$55,850.80
Expenses					
Meals:					
Thursday Night	44	\$48.58	\$2,138.84	38	\$1,824.18
Fun Night	259	\$32.81	\$8,497.79	199	\$6,529.19
Tail Twister Breakfast	278	\$21.00	\$5,798.00	188	\$3,948.00
PDG Luncheon	101	\$23.82	\$2,385.82	50	\$1,181.00
DG Banquet	328	\$38.08	\$12,407.56	303	\$11,532.18
Total Meals			\$31,223.81		\$25,014.53
VIP Rooms: # of Nights					
District Governors, CC, St Sec/Treas	21	\$99.00	\$2,079.00	17	\$1,683.00
ROOM REBATE					-\$792.00
TAX					\$113.60
PP, PID's	26	\$0.00	\$0.00	12	\$0.00
Intl Guest	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	8	\$0.00
Total VIP Rooms			\$2,079.00		\$1,004.60
Entertainment:					
Fun Night			\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Power Drop for the Band			\$0.00		\$195.35
DG Banquet			\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Entertainment			\$2,500.00		\$2,695.35
Non-Meal Expenses:					
Decorations			\$500.00		\$0.00
Banquet Supplies (Flags, etc)			\$600.00		\$0.00
Audio/Visual Equipment			\$1,000.00		\$1,383.10
Program Book (Printing)	450	\$10.00	\$4,500.00		\$3,443.00
Banquet and Pocket Programs			\$500.00		\$251.70
Program, Service of Remembrance	175	\$2.00	\$350.00		\$0.00
Committee Expense (travel, meals)			\$2,500.00		\$2,457.98
Lapel Pins	400	\$1.00	\$400.00		\$400.00
Speaker Honorarium			\$500.00		\$500.00
Speaker Gifts			\$800.00		\$0.00
Bank Fees			\$100.00		\$87.50
Postage			\$300.00		\$9.80
Committee Shirts	20	\$20.00	\$400.00		\$280.89
Registration Supplies			\$700.00		\$192.04
REFUNDS			\$0.00		\$52.00
Hospitality Room			\$0.00		\$1,012.47
TTB: DONATION			\$0.00		\$2,895.00
HOTEL PENALTY			\$0.00		\$7,921.13
Golf Tournament			\$2,000.00		\$919.72
Total Non Meal Expenses			\$15,150.00		\$21,806.33
Repay Council Advance			\$10,000.00		
Total Expense			\$63,452.61		\$60,520.81
OVERALL TOTALS			-\$8,627.61		\$6,329.99



**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31
NORTH CAROLINA LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Camp Dates: July 22- August 4 2017

Host Family: Available

- Before Camp July 8-22 2017

Age Limit: 15-17

Camp Capacity: 8 4 MALES/ 4 FEMALES

Language: English

Application Deadline: April 1 2017

Camp Fees: 0

Travel Arrangements: Closest Airport to Host Family

Activities:

Camp Directors:

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