

**NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
MULTIPLE DISTRICT – 31
Saturday, August 15, 2015, 9:AM
Greensboro-High Point Marriott, Greensboro/High Point, NC**

The North Carolina MD-31 Council of Governors met Saturday, August 15, 2015, at 9:AM, in the Greensboro Airport Marriott, Greensboro/High Point, NC. District Governors present were: Debbie Hicks, Allen Reinhardt, Randall Clapp, Vince Schimmoller and Mary Boehm. Council Chair Skippy Jackson presided.

For the record, a State Council works session was held Friday evening, August 14, 2015, beginning at 7:30 PM and concluding at approximately 10:45 PM.

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order and asked Governor Reinhardt to lead the Pledge to the American Flag. He asked Governor Boehm to offer the invocation.

Chairman Jackson welcomed Lions and guest and recognized the Lions International officers. He invited comments from the International family.

PIP Sid Scruggs said Lions frequently ask why vote at the International Conventions since the outcomes are usually already known. He noted that in addition to election of officers several constitutional changes were passed during the convention in Hawaii. He said North Carolina had 39 certified delegates but only 26 voted, the largest percentage of any state to not vote. He explained that state hotel selection is one of the decisions that looks at voting to make that decision. He noted that membership continues to decline and urged the Governors to build strong to stay even.

PID Harvey Whitley invited Lions to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He said help will be needed to operate the Forum Store and noted that several North Carolina Lions will be on the Forum program or are involved with planning the event. He announced that he will serve as both MD-31 GMT Coordinator and as Area GMT Coordinator.

PID Lacy Presnell said he was happy to be at the meeting.

Chairman Jackson called upon the Governors for remarks and reports on their new districts. Governor Hicks reported that District 31-L lost one club and is down seven members. She said planning for the District Fall Convention is underway and that a successful Brighter Visions Kick-Off netted \$11,700.00 in club donations.

Governor Reinhardt spoke with enthusiasm about the transition to the new

District 31-I and thanked the district Lions for their support and efforts. He reported that 18 members have been dropped with 14 new members and a net loss of four members, with one new club in the works. He said district leadership training went well and that planning is underway for the fall convention. attachment # 1

District 31-O Governor Clapp said that he has made 15 club visits and that the district has lost 22 members while gaining 16 new members for a net loss of six members. He said two new Leo clubs will be chartered this fall. Twelve clubs have contributed \$10,899.00 to the Brighter Visions campaign.

Governor Schimmoller provided an update on the new club that was organized last Lions Club year and announced a diabetes camp for children. He said six to ten Lions Clubs will participate in an early November Strides Walk under the leadership of 1st VDG Irwin Siegelwax. He said a branch club has been organized and a major goal is to rebuild the Washington Lions Club. He reported that a new club is planned at Salemburg. Three clubs were also combined into a single club. He said District 31-N membership stands at minus 35, without counting the new club.

District 31-S Governor Boehm announced that Lion Steven McLaurin from the Raleigh Host Lions Club was elected 2nd VDG at the District Convention, July 25th. She said both the Governor and 1st VDG Barbara Beltran are visiting clubs in the new district. She noted that 18 Lions have been dropped while six have joined thus the net loss is 12 members with a membership drive planned for September. One meeting has been held and another is planned with Region and Zone chairs to help build a leadership team in the new district. She announced that the District 31-N and S mid-Winter Convention will be held in Greenville during January.

PDG Ron Kelly was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Boehm, the vote to approve the agenda was unanimous. attachment # 2

Governor Reinhardt presented the Report of the June 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting in Hawaii. He reported that the following officers were elected: Council Chairperson Skippy Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White, Vice-Chair Allen Reinhardt, Tail Twister Vince Schimmoller and Chaplain Mary Boehm. **Upon motion of Governor Hicks with second by Governor Clapp, the vote was unanimous to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes.** attachment # 3

Upon motion of Governor Boehm and second by Governor Hicks, the vote was unanimous to approve the Minutes of the April 24-26, 2015, 92nd Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention. attachment # 4

Upon motion of Governor Boehm, second by Governor Hicks, the vote was unanimous to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2015, NC Council of Governors Meeting. attachment # 5

Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White reviewed the year-end 2014-2015 Budget and Financial report. He said actual income exceeded anticipated revenues due to two years receipts from State Conventions coming in a single year. he said this will be the norm with State Conventions now being held in April. He noted that redistricting expenses exceeded the amount budgeted by \$1,296.76 and that the Council in May advanced \$4,000.00 that was not previously budgeted to the 2016 State Convention Committee. He said expenditures exceeded the budget by about \$2,600.00, but that expenditures were significantly below actual revenues (\$19,463.00). He reminded the Council that most of that surplus is designated to the State Convention Reserve. The June 30, 2015 checking balance is \$14,285.95 with \$44,606.95 in the money market account.

Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Schimmoller, the vote to accept the 2014-2015 Financial Report was unanimous. attachment # 6

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the proposed 2015-2016 Council Budget. He proposed a budget with revenues and expenditures of \$53,060.95, noting that declining membership is making it more difficult to meet Council responsibilities which are increasing rather than declining. He reviewed expenditure lines, most of which are unchanged from the previous year. He noted that there are no longer any funds in the State Leo Clubs reserve and said that a decision should be made on how to use the \$6,884.62 held in the Youth Exchange Reserve, suggesting that it can be used to help support North Carolina youth who travel or study abroad. He explained that the State Council Reserve is extremely low at \$2,824.08, with reserve being used during the past two years to jump-start the DAPS Program and to complete redistricting.

There was discussion on the Youth Exchange funds and how they can be used. It was noted by several speakers that these funds were contributed by clubs and districts to support the Lions youth exchange program and should not be used for other purposes.

Upon motion of Governor Clapp, second by Governor Boehm, the vote was unanimous to adopt the 2015-2016 Budget as presented. attachment # 7

Upon motion of Governor Hicks, second by Governor Schimmoller, the vote was unanimous to approve appointments of State Committee Chairs. attachment # 8

Chairperson Skippy called for reports from the State Committees.
PDG Wayne Faber, Boys and Girls Home Chairperson, was absent but submitted a written report. attachment # 9

Chairperson Liz Steele reported on Campus Clubs and Leos. She said there are currently 29 Alpha Leo clubs and two Omega Leo clubs, but that one club will be lost in each category. She expressed a desire to add more Leo clubs and explained that campus clubs are counted as Lions Clubs. She said the State Leo Convention will be the last full weekend in February and asked for \$580.00 from each district to help fund the Leo Convention Stop Hunger Now Project.

Celebrate Liberty Chair, PDG Mike Schwartz, distributed the 2015-2016 State Celebrate Liberty pins which now feature North Carolina Colonial patriots. He announced that the Celebrate Liberty essay contest will be held again this year.
attachment # 10

PDG Dave Butler reported that he is working on an update to the State Convention Policy.
attachment # 11

Lion Judy Jackson, State Diabetes Awareness Chair, reported on the DAPS Program including a video that is ready for distribution at a cost of \$3.00 each. Emphasizing the urgency for Lions in North Carolina to understand diabetes, she thanked PDG Paul Bledsoe for his efforts to make the video possible. She reported that District 31-L has an active DAPS program with ten participants, 31-N has 15 active participants and PDG's Wayne and Peggy McGowan are working hard in 31-S.

She asked for continued funding for the diabetes awareness efforts. Governor Reinhardt asked if the Diabetes Awareness Committee has applied for any grants or was seeking outside financial support.

Global Leadership Coordinator John Owens submitted a written report.
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Global Membership Coordinator Harvey Whitley reported that 2015-2016 membership goals have been submitted with MD-31 projecting seven new Lions Clubs with net growth of 178 new members. He reminded the Governors that Districts 31-L, I and S committed to one new club in the second quarter. He reported on leadership material that will help with membership development and said an effort is underway to select and train new club consultants to help organize new Lions Clubs.

Following a ten minute break, committee reports continued. Information and Technology Chair George Culp said information technology is the way folks will communicate in the future so Lions should get on board or be left behind. He asked Governors to update their websites frequently with a webmaster who is a technician rather than a content person.

PDG Dave Butler asked if the second state Lions Clubs website could be eliminated as it causes confusion with dated materials. First VDG Culp said that it will come down. attachment # 13

LCIF- MD-31 Coordinator Carlton Weeks said he had received a call from only one District LCIF Committee Chair and urged Governors to stay in touch with their LCIF Chairs. He noted that some clubs are holding LCIF fellowships that can be used to honor a Lion with a Melvin Jones Fellow. attachment # 14

Nominations Chair, PDG Johnny Berry, reported that all District VDG positions are filled. He said PDG Tim Williams will be a candidate for Council Chair in 2016-2017. attachment # 15

Promotions Chair, PDG Chris Headley, said he would hold his report until the 1:15 PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

State Convention Chair, Lion Harriett Walton, called on PDG Tim Williams to report on the 2015 State Convention held last April in Charlotte. He reported a successful convention with \$8,696.94 returned to the Council of the \$10,000.00 that was advanced. attachment # 16

She then asked PDG Herb Justice to report on plans for the 2016 State Convention in Raleigh, next April. After a thorough presentation and several questions from PDG Justice, he asked for two Council approvals – set the vendor price at \$100.00 for all for-profit vendors and approve the State Convention proposed budget.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Hicks, the vote was unanimous to set the \$100.00 vendor fee for for-profit vendors.

Upon motion of Governor Hicks, second by Governor Boehm, the motion was unanimously passed to approve the Proposed 2016 State Convention Budget. attachment # 17

PIP Scruggs said the International President will meet with UNC-Chapel Hill Ophthalmology Staff Friday and will want to show his video on Saturday night. He said efforts are underway to have him meet with Governor McCrory while he is in North Carolina.

Lion Walton thanked all Lions for their work and reminded the Governors that a host site for the 2017 Lions State Convention is still needed. She said the Council should consider multi-year contracts in an effort to get better rates. attachment # 18

LCI MD-31 Centennial Coordinator Gwen White's report was given by PDG Jana Peedin. attachment # 19

Under New Business, a possible dues increase was discussed. It was noted that the administrative expenses are increasing while membership is decreasing. It was noted that this Council can not increase dues but can put it to the membership at the State Convention next April for a vote. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt and second by Governor Schimmoller, the motion to put to a vote of the 2016 State Convention delegates the question of whether to increase dues \$2.00 per year, was unanimously approved.**

A proposal to move the DAPS program to the North Carolina Lions, Inc, was discussed. It was noted that funding is needed to maintain the program, but no additional funds are available from the Council of Governors. After more discussion, **a motion by Governor Hicks with second by Governor Clapp, was unanimously passed to appoint a committee to look at options for the DAPS program.** Committee members are PDG Paul Bledsoe, PDG Mike Flora, Lion Judy Jackson, PDG Sandy Scarlett, Lion Debbie Williams, Governors Vince Schimmoller and Debbie Hicks.

Hall of Fame Coordinator, PDG Ron Kelly, suggested several changes in procedures for selection into the NC Lions Hall of Fame. He read the existing procedures and requirements, then the proposed changes. **Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller and second by Governor Boehm, the recommended changes were unanimously approved for presentation at the November meeting of the NC Lions State Council.**

attachment # 20

Youth Exchange surplus items stored at Camp Dogwood were discussed. **Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt, second by Governor Schimmoller, the vote was unanimous to authorize Lion Steve walker to donate the sleeping bags and other equipment to a local Boy Scout troop.**

The question of how to deal with youth exchange funds being held by the council was discussed. Upon motion of Governor Boehm with second by Governor Schimmoller and unanimous vote, the following committee was appointed to develop a recommendation: PDG Paulette Gasperson, Governors Reinhardt and Clapp and PDG Dave Butler.

PDG Ron Beltran made a request for some Youth Exchange funds to assist a Sanderson High School senior in her trip to Peruse. He said there is a Lions connection and she also wants to carry used eyeglasses to distribute as well as hearing aides and other Lions literature. He said she needs help on transportation from Raleigh to Miami. Upon motion of Governor Hicks with second by Governor Reinhardt, the vote was unanimous to contribute \$500.00 from the Youth Exchange Reserve to the North Raleigh Lions Club to be used to help this student.

First VDG Irwin Siegelewx of District 31-N asked the Governors to declare a week in November as National Diabetes Awareness Week and to highlight diabetes awareness programs in their districts. He urged clubs to conduct Strides Walks.

Upon motion of Governor Reinhardt and second by Governor Hicks, Chairman Jackson adjourned the meeting.

This the 15th day of August, 2015.

Rhett B, White, Secretary Treasurer

Skippy Jackson, Council Chairperson

**State Council Report District 31-I North Carolina
August 15, 2015**

**District I has Begin this new year with enthusiasm. The Lions have done an outstanding job in volunteering, Organization and participation. I must give credit to the Lions Clubs and the officers and committee Chairs for the smooth transition and the awesome accomplishments we have had in July for our new district.
Thank everyone for our successes.**

Membership in District I for July as reported from LCI shows 1395 Members. There have been 14 new members and 18 dropped members. Membership now shows a minus of 4.

The Governors team has set visitation and have divided up official visitations in the district and they are going very well.

Our GLT Lion Tim Williams did an excellent job on the three officer trainings . Lion Tim also held an additional training for Zone and Region Chairs. Lion Tim has also designed a map of the district and working with our GMT Lion Gene Everett to identify areas for new club development. We have a possible new club in the workings now.

District I Fall convention is Nov 12-14 at The Village Inn in Clemmons . !st VDG Butch Conrad and Co- Chair Teresia Matthews are doing an excellent job. There have been two planning sessions with fantastic district attendance. Our Speaker will Be ID Linda Tincher from Indiana. Reservations are available in District I newsletter.

Brighter vision workshop will be held at Camp Dogwood Wed Aug 26 at 6:30 PM A meal is available for 12.50 per person. Reservations for meal is in newsletter or send to Cabinet Secretary Ron Staley .

Special Thanks to Lion Carolyn Sprinkle and Bob, and Ron Staley for the wonderful Directory. Special Thanks to Caroyln Sprinkle and Theresa Matthews For the great work on our newsletter. Special Thanks to The Governor Leadership Team and the Lions of 31-I

**Respectfully submitted,
Allen Reinhardt**

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Council Meeting – Agenda
Saturday, August 15, 2015 9:00
Greensboro-High Point Marriott
High Point, N. C.**

attachment # 2

Call to Order	Council Chair, Skippy Jackson
Pledge of Allegiance	District Governor, Allen Reinhardt
Invocation	District Governor, Mary Boehm
Welcome to Lions and Guests	Council Chair, Skippy Jackson
Recognition of International Officers	Council Chair, Skippy Jackson
Comments	International Officers
Comments/District Reports	District Governors
Appoint Parliamentarian	Council Chair, Skippy Jackson
Approve Agenda	Council
Report and Approval of June 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting in Hawaii	District Governor Allen Reinhardt
Minutes of April 24-26, 2015, 91st Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention	Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White
Minutes of May 2, 2015, NC Council of Governors Meeting	Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White
Discussion of 2014-2015 /Financial and Budget Items	Council Secretary/Treasure Rhett White
Adoption of 2015-2016 Budget	Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White
Approve appointment of State Council Committee Chairs	Council
Reports/Discussions from State Committees:	
❖ Boys and Girls Home	Chair, Wayne Faber
❖ Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs	Chair, Liz Steele
❖ Celebrate Liberty	Chair, Michael Schwartz & District Governor Vince Schimmoller
❖ Constitution & By-Laws	Chair, Dave Butler
❖ Diabetes Awareness	Chair, Judy Jackson
❖ Global Leadership Coordinator	Chair, John Owens
❖ Global Membership Coordinator	Chair, Harvey Whitley

- ❖ Historian
- ❖ Information and Technology
- ❖ LCIF MD Coordinator
- ❖ Nomination
- ❖ Promotions
- ❖ State Convention
- ❖ State Convention Host
- ❖ LCIF MD Centennial Coordinator

Chair, Howard Wallace
 Chair, George Culp
 Chair, Carlton Weeks
 Chair, Johnny Berry
 Chair, Chris Headley
 Chair, Harriett Walton
 Chair, Herb Justice
 Chair Gwen White

Other Business:

- Dues Structure
- Possible transfer of DAPS Program to NCLI
- Hall of Fame
- Lions Services for Children
- Youth Exchange Items at Camp Dogwood

PDG Ron Kelly
 District Governor Randall Clapp

Adjournment

Minutes
Multiple District 31
July 1, 2015
Honolulu Hawaii

attachment # 3

District Governors present: Governor Debbie Hicks District 31-L; District Governor Allen Reinhardt 31-I; District Governor Randall Clapp, District 31-O; District Governor Vince Schimmoller, District 31-N and District Governor Mary Boehm, District 31-S.

Meeting was directed by District 31-I Governor Allen Reinhardt immediately after induction of Governors by International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada.

The governors voted for Lion Rhett White to serve as Secretary/ Treasurer for Multiple District 31 for the Year 2015-2016. The governors also elected Lion Skippy Jackson to serve as Council Chairman .

The governors also appointed Gov Allen Reinhardt to serve as Vice Council Chair, Governor Vince Schimmoller to serve as Tail Twister and Governor Mary Boehm to serve as Chaplain

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted
Gov. Allen Reinhardt
Multiple District 31

92nd ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE CONVENTION
April 24-26, 2015

Crown Plaza Executive Park, Charlotte, NC

First General Session

9:45 AM, Saturday, April 25, 2015

The first General Session of the 92nd Annual North Carolina Lions State Convention was called to order by Council Chair Ron Kelly at 9:45 AM, Saturday, April 25, 2015, at the Crown Plaza Executive Park, Charlotte, NC. District Governor Sharon Weddington, 31-B, offered the invocation followed by District Governor Carol Weeks, 31-H, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

State Council Secretary-Treasurer Rhett B. White introduced those at the head table, including PIP Judge Brian Stevenson of Canada who was North Carolina's special guest for the weekend.

PDG Dave Butler was appointed Parliamentarian for the convention sessions.

PDG David Osborne presented the report from the Rules Committee, noting the rules are printed on page 37 of the Convention Program Book. Upon motion of District Governor Ron Beltran, 31-G, and second by District Governor Jana U. Peedin, 31-J, the delegates voted unanimously to adopt the Convention Rules as presented.

PDG George Ohm presented the Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee, announcing that delegate certification will be in the Tarheel Room from 4-5:PM Saturday and again from 8:45-9:15 AM Sunday morning. He provided additional directions to delegates and alternates.

Council Chair Kelly reported on the State Council activities during the 2014-2015 Lions Club year. He complimented the District Governors for their leadership and emphasized that time remains to complete club visits, projects within the districts and membership development. He expressed regret that membership is at a net loss of 192 members, pointing out that Texas, Arizona and California are seeing membership growth, so the downward trend can be turned around. attachment # 1

Mike Flora, PDG and President of the North Carolina Lions, Inc. (NCLI), reviewed the NCLI year, emphasizing projects completed at Camp Dogwood and expressing appreciation for volunteer contributions and efforts. He encouraged Lions to meet their Camp Dogwood and Brighter Vision fundraising goals and invited Lions to attend the upcoming Camp Dogwood Fun Weekend and Annual Membership Meeting.

Resolutions Committee Chair, PDG Ron Staley, presented 11 Resolutions for consideration. They were one honoring PIP Judge Brian Stevenson for his participation in the State Convention, one thanking District 31-E for hosting the State Convention, and resolutions honoring the memories of Past District Governors who died during the year. These included: James "Red" Hoyle, 31-A; Phil G. Sawyer, 31-J; L. Neil Summers, 31-B; Johnnie D. Clark, 31-A; Earl Davis, 31-F; F.T.B. "Freddie" Harris, 31-C; Al Greene, 31-H; Dr. Hazel Box, 31-G and Seldon Raynes, 31-H.

attachments # 3-13

Attendance Committee Chairperson Skippy Jackson reported that the convention was one of the largest in several years with 410 Lions and guests in attendance.

PDG George Ohm presented the final report on the Credentials Committee. He said there were 181 certified delegates and three alternates.

Constitution and By-Laws committee Chair Dave Butler distributed copies and reviewed the proposed amendments to the North Carolina Lions State Constitution and By-Laws. He explained the changes section-by-section, noting that some were "housekeeping" changes while other were substantive amendments.

Upon motion of District Governor Dave Titus, 31-A, and second by District Governor McCaskill, the delegates voted unanimously to approve the proposed housekeeping changes, except for Article V.

Upon motion of Governor Titus, second by Governor Weddington, the delegate vote was in the affirmative to adopt the changes to Article V.

Upon motion of Governor Titus, second by Governor McKinney, the delegates voted to amend Article III, Section 10(r) of the By-Laws, Diabetes Awareness.

attachments # 14-15

Lion Liz Steele reported that the Tail Twister Breakfast ticket sales netted \$869.00 while the auction raised \$3,902.00 for a total of \$4,771.00 to benefit the Brighter Visions campaign.

Upon motion of Governor Titus with second by Governor McKinney, the delegates voted unanimously to accept the committee reports.

PDG Herb Justice extended an invitation to attend the 2016 NC Lions State Convention in Raleigh, April 22-24, 2016 at the Crabtree Marriott Hotel.

The current District Governors and Council Chair presented the District Governor's – Elect, 1st Vice-District Governors – Elect and spouses, Council – Chair-Elect and Council Secretary – Treasurer.

Following announcements and benediction by Governor McCaskill, Council Chairperson Kelly adjourned the 2015 North Carolina Lions State Convention.

This the 26th day of April, 2015.

Rhett B. White
State Council Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald Kelly
State Council Chairperson

Council Chair Kelly invited Phil Vennero and Clarence Green of North Carolina Corrections Enterprises to speak to the assembled Lions. They reported that the NC Prison System provides eyeglasses, printing and other products that Lions Clubs may be able to use in serving the public. Several questions were asked with Lions directed to visit the Corrections Enterprises table in the exhibit hall for more information.

Upon motion of District Governor Chris Headley, 31-E, with second by District Governor Lynn McCaskill, 31-F, the delegates voted unanimously to accept the reports as presented.

PIP Sid Scruggs thanked the delegates and Lions for attending and reported that PID Harvey Whitley is speaking to the Rhode Island Lions State Convention, thus can not attend the North Carolina Convention. He encouraged Lions to ask questions during the Town Hall session of PIP Stevenson about the Lions Clubs International Centennial plans.

PDG Tim Williams, 92nd Convention Chairperson, made several announcements.

Council Chair Kelly recessed the Convention Session until Sunday morning.

Second General Session
10:30 AM, Sunday, April 26, 2015

Council Chair Ron Kelly reconvened the State Convention General Session at 10:30 AM, Sunday, April 26, 2015. District Governor Sharon Weddington, 31-B, offered the invocation with District Governor Norma Jean McKinney, 31-D, leading the Pledge to the United States Flag.

After introducing those at the head table, Chairman Kelly presented the Canadian flag to PIP Stevenson. PIP Stevenson complimented and encouraged the incoming District Governors and thanked North Carolina Lions for their hospitality.

PDG Carlton Weeks presented the State Environmental Photo Contest Winner, Paranita Carpenter from the First Flight Lions Club. She received a \$200.00 award and her photo will be submitted for judging at the Lions International Convention in Hawaii.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Celebrate Liberty Chairperson, introduced the State Celebrate Liberty student essay winner, Devon Rotenberger, who read her winning entry. A Southern Pines Leo, she was presented a \$250.00 cash prize for her winning entry.

Elections Committee Chair, PDG Johnny Berry, presented a written elections report, noting there are no election votes scheduled during the State Convention.

attachment # 2

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Meeting Minutes
Multiple District – 31
Saturday, May 2, 2015, 9:AM
Holiday Inn, Wilmington, NC

The North Carolina Lions State Council of Governors met Saturday, May 2, 2015, at 9:AM in the Holiday Inn, Wilmington, NC. Governors present were: David Titus, Sharon Weddington, Norma Jean McKinney, Chris Headley, Lynn McCaskill, Ron Beltran, Carol J. Weeks and Jana Underwood Peedin. Council Chair Ron Kelly presided.

For the record, a State Council work session was held Friday evening, May 1, 2015, beginning at 7:PM and ending at approximately 9:15 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kelly, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Governor Headley and the invocation by Governor McCaskill. Chairman Kelly welcomed the audience and made several remarks about the successful Lions State Convention. He recognized PIP Sid Scruggs and PIDs Harvey Whitley and Lacey Presnell.

PIP Scruggs repeated some of the remarks he made during the Friday evening session, including action from the most recent Lions International Board Meeting. He thanked the Council for their year-long work and asked the incoming Council to seek advice from the Past District Governors and especially the current council in decisions on awards to deserving Lions. He encouraged Lions to work to organize new clubs to stem the downward trend in membership.

PID Whitley congratulated the Council on their year as Governor, expressing appreciation for his NC Lions Hall of Fame recognition. He echoed PIP Scruggs advice, reminding the in-coming council that PID John Petis said that Past District Governors are Lions greatest asset. He said this is especially true in the transition from eight to five districts. He announced that the Governors reimbursement no longer includes office expenses so it may need to be included in the new district budgets. He urged lions to take advantage of the leadership schools and web based training programs for Lions.

PID Whitley encouraged Lions to attend the September 17-19 USA/CANADA Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He said Lions under the age of 30 can attend on a reduced registration and that another day of workshops have been added to the forum.

PID Presnell offered encouragement to the next Council of Governors.

There was no communications to be read.

PDG Skippy Jackson was appointed Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Headley, second by Governor McCaskill, and unanimous vote, the minutes of the February 7, 2015, Council of Governors Meeting Minutes were approved. attachment # 1

The State Council Financial Report covering the period from July 1, 2014 through April 29, 2015 was presented by State Council Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White. He noted that the budget remains tight but that income is exceeding expenditures at this time. **Upon motion of Governor McKinney with second by Governor Beltran, the financial report was accepted as presented.** attachment # 2

PDG Tim Williams reported on the 92nd NC Lions State Convention in Charlotte, April 24-26, 2015. He characterized the convention as a success. attachment # 3

PDG Herb Justice, Chairperson of the 2016 NC Lions State Convention in Raleigh, April 22-25, 2016, reported on the preliminary convention plans. He noted that with the convention now being held in April there is less time to plan so an accelerated planning schedule needs to be established.

He asked the Council for a \$4,000.00 advance so that a bank account can be established and planning with the hotel can get underway. He noted that this request is usually made to the new Council in August, but is needed earlier because of the earlier convention date. **Upon motion of Governor Headley with second from Governor Weeks, the vote was unanimous to advance \$4,000.00 to the Raleigh planning committee from the State Convention Fund.** attachment # 4

State Convention Chair, PDG Gwen White, congratulated PDG Williams for managing a successful convention in Charlotte. She said a willing host is needed for the 2017 State Convention. She also said a revamp of the Convention Policy and Procedures is needed.

NC Lions, Inc., President Mike Flora thanked the Governors for their work to fund Brighter Visions and the Camp Dogwood fundraising. He said the volunteer week went well and invited Lions to return for the second camp Dogwood Fun Weekend. He also thanked Anne Metts and her daughter for providing a hospitality room. He reminded Lions that the Budget Caucus will begin at 3:PM, Saturday.

PDG John Owens, State Global Leadership Team Coordinator, reviewed the Governor Training for the in-coming Governors and 1st VDGs. He announced the training schedule for next year and reported that the five new District GLT Chairpersons have scheduled officer training sessions in each of the districts.

attachment # 5

PDG Vince Schimmoler, State Global Membership Team Coordinator, said there is still time to get a new Lions Club in each district. He announced that PID Harvey Whitley will be the new State GMT Coordinator. attachment # 6

PDG Ron Staley was recognized to present a State Convention Shirt to PID Whitley who was speaking out-of-state and thus unable to participate in the NC Lions State Convention. He noted that PID Whitley was on the Charlotte Convention planning committee.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the Council was asked to review the MD-31 Standard Grant Final Report for the grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to help fund the new picnic shelter and recreation center at Camp Dogwood. LCIF provided \$75,000.00 toward the \$324,418.00 projects. After review and finding everything in order, Governor Beltran with second by Governor Titus, made a motion to approve the final report and authorize its submission to LCIF. The motion was unanimously approved.

attachment # 7

The Governors expressed pleasure with the improvements to the camp and thanked LCIF for helping make the work possible.

After a short break, Chairman Kelly called the meeting back to order for reports from State Committee Chairs.

There was no report from the Boys and Girls Home Committee.

Lion Harriett Walton, Celebrate Liberty Chair, said she hoped to see more student essays next year, while sharing the state winning essay of Devon Rosenberger. There were several suggestions for ways to secure more entries. She announced that the next Celebrate Liberty pin will feature patriot William Blount of North Carolina and will cost \$1.35 and be sold for \$2.00, if the Council approves. Upon motion of Governor Weddington, second by Governor McKinney, and unanimous vote, the pin purchase was authorized. attachment # 8

PDG Dave Butler, State Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson, reported that the changes in the State Constitution and By-Laws have been incorporated into the official copies of the documents. attachment # 9

Lion Judy Jackson reported on the State Diabetes Program. She said the DAPS program continues to function with UNC-CH still interested in working with the program in Robeson County. She noted that a DAPS video was produced during the Districts G.H

& J Mid-Winter Convention with help from Paul Bledsoe. She said the DVDs are available for \$2 each. She reported that the diabetes work in Fayetteville has netted a new Lions Club and that there will be several STRIDES Walks in Districts 31-F & H, this year. She said the Carthage Lions Club nets \$5,500 annually with a STRIDES Walk.

There was no report from the Historian.

Lion George Culp, State Information and Technology Chairperson, promised the new webs sites will be in operation by July 1st. He urged Lions who want to use social media to keep it short and to the point, noting that users of social media do not have the time to read lengthy posts. attachment # 10

Lion Liz Steele reported on the Leo State Convention and their Stop Hunger Project, thanking several Lions for their help. She said there are currently 29 Leo Clubs and two Campus Clubs with one expected to fold. She said help will be needed from each district to complete the Stop Hunger Project next year with cost now at \$2,900.00 to complete a packaging project. attachment # 11

PDG Carlton Weeks, MD-31 LCIF Coordinator, asked for support to help with Nepal earthquake disaster relief. He also said the NCLF measles initiative continues. attachment # 12

PDG Johnny Berry provided a nominations report. He said he had reviewed the work of redistricting and those elected. He said the five new districts will elect their 2nd VDGs in July. attachment # 13

PDG Terry Cauble, Promotions Committee Chair, said he would present his report during the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

PDG Gwen White announced that VIP Fishing Tournament Volunteer Applications are available. She then reported as MD-31 LCI Centennial Coordinator, reviewing the goals of the two year celebration and lead up to the important anniversary. She suggested several activities that North Carolina Lions can undertake to celebrate 100 years of Lionism in the state. attachment # 14

Upon motion of Governor Weddington, second by Governor Weeks, the vote to adjourn was unanimous. Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting.

This the 2nd day of May, 2015.

Rhett B. White
State Council Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald Kelly
State Council Chairman

**North Carolina Lions State Council
2014-2015 Council Budget
July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

INCOME:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 7,411.85	\$ 7,411.85	100
State Dues (6,884 average x \$3.50)	24,094.00	24,756.75	110
Interest	10.00	2.82	120
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasury Bonds	417.50	417.52	130
State Convention Income*	0.00	19,463.45	150
Youth Exchange	0.00		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00	888.00	170
LCIF Grant	0.00		180
GLT Training Grant	600.00	600.00	185
Leo Clubs Income	4,000.00	5,034.00	190
Appropriations from Money Market	12,686.15	10,000.00	192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,104.91	195
Total Income	\$ 50,069.50	\$ 69,679.30	

EXPENSES:

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	\$ 475.00	200
District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.50	210
State Secretary-Treasurer Bond	103.00	103.00	215
Clerical Services-NCLI	600.00	1,200.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary-Treasurer)	375.00	66.50	230
Printing(NCLI and Secretary-Treasurer)	400.00	208.57	240
Postage(NCLI and Secretary Treasurer)	300.00		250
Telephone (Secretary-Treasurer)	0.00		260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	2,000.00	1,434.02	270
State Council Conference Calls	500.00	92.76	280
Expenses-State Secretary-Treasurer	3,000.00	3,000.00	290
Expenses-State Council Chair	4,000.00	4,000.00	300
Incoming CC Intl'. Convention Expenses	3,500.00	3,500.00	305
State Convention Cash Advance	10,000.00	14,000.00	310
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,100.00	91.74	320
State Convention Committee	200.00		330
District Extension Workshops/Matching Funds	0.00		335
History Committee	200.00		340
Leadership/Global Membership Team	5,000.00	3,054.30	350
State Council Committee Expenses	4,500.00	4,102.96	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00		370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00	359.49	380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	928.04	390
Leo Clubs Expenses*	2,500.00	6,485.09	395
Youth Exchange*	0.00		400
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,000.00	741.89	410
Redistricting Expense	2,500.00	3,796.76	415
LCIF Grant	0.00		420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Expenses	600.00	450.00	425
Diabetes Awareness	2,500.00	2,465.80	428

Campus Clubs	0.00		429
1 st VDG Clothing Allowance(5@\$130)	650.00	1,200.00	430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance(2@\$130)	260.00	130.00	431
CC, SST, DGE & 1 st VDG Jacket Crests(12@\$22)	264.00	369.85	435
Contingence Expenses	0.00		440
Transfer to Money Market*	0.00		<u>442</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 50,069.50	\$ 52,673.27	

Checking Balance on Hand – June 30, 2015	\$ 14,285.95
*Money Market Balance – June 30, 2015	<u>44,606.95</u>
Total Council Assets	\$ 58,892.90

MONEY MARKET # 0757
July 1, 2015

Current Balance: \$44,606.95
(year-to-date interest, \$25.92)

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	6,884.62
4. State Council Reserves	2,824.08
5. Leo Clubs	0.00

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

attachment # 7

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

EXPENSES:

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	200
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State Secretary/Treasurer Bond	103.00	215
Clerical Services-NCLI	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary-Treasurer)	375.00	230
Printing(NCLI and Secretary-Treasurer)	400.00	240
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**MD-31 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
STATEWIDE COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

attachment # 8

<i>State Council Chairpersons</i>		
Wayne	Faber	Boys and Girls Homes (3RD YEAR)
Liz	Steele	Campus Clubs (2ND YR)
Liz	Steele	LEO Clubs (2ND YR)
Michael	Schwartz	Celebrate Liberty (1ST YEAR)
Dave	Butler, PCC	Constitution and Bylaws (1st YR)
Judy	Jackson	Diabetes Awareness (1st YR)
John	Owens	GLT M.D. Coordinator (3rd YR)
Harvey	Whitley	GMT M.D. Coordinator (3rd yr)
Howard R.	Wallace	History (1st YR)
George	Culp	Information and Tech (1ST YR)
Carlton	Weeks,	LCIF MD Coordinator
Johnny	Berry	Nominations (3rd YR)
Chris	Headley	Promotions (1ST YR)
Harriet	Walton	State Convention (1st Yr)
Gwen	White	Centennial

BOYS & GIRLS HOME REPORT

attachment # 9

8/15/2015

BY: PDG WAYNE FABER (STATE CHAIRPERSON)

First Would Like To Thank The Council Of Governors For Giving Me The Chance To Serve In This Post. I Hope To Promote The Home as Much as We Can Throughout The Entire State From The Mountain To The Sea. Would Like To Commend Lion Bill Caudill For All Is Work In Helping Make The Home a Great Place For The Boys Of The Lions Cottage.

The Home Is Located On 140 Beautiful Acres On Lake Waccamaw, The Lions Cottage Was The 2nd Cottage To Be Built and Was Finished in 1960. Currently There are (7) Boys In The Lions Cottage Who Are Reciveing The Residential Care and Community Based Programs They Need. One Recent Success Story Is a Young Man Named Chris Who Came To The Lions Cottage. Chris Didn't Have any Family and Lacked Social Skills and Poor School Work. Chris Now 20 yoa Has Left The Home And is Attending Elida Home and Pursuing a Career In Culinary Arts.

Year Before Lions Raised \$56,397 Dollars

Last Fiscal Year Raised \$54,740 Dollars , Down \$1,657 ☹

The Lions Cottage Cost Roughly \$200,000 To Run Yearly, State Social Services Pays 60% Therefore Leaving About \$80,000 To Be Raised By Our State Lions Organization.

Ways To Help Fund Are:

- Become a regular contributor – monthly, quarterly or annually
- Contribute through memorial or honor giving
- Start a memorial endowment

- Donate goods and/or services:
Clothing, equipment, furnishings, building materials, school supplies, food, household supplies, livestock, feed or athletic equipment – whatever you wish to share.
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- Ask your place of employment about matching gift programs
- Become a Christmas sponsor – individually or corporately
- Make B&GH a beneficiary in your will
- Transfer stock to B&GH
- Fund a particular program of care – individually or corporately
- Schedule a program about B&GH for your civic club and/or church

The New Middle School Project is Still Seeking Funds and Will Breaking Ground Soon at The Camp.

Lion Judy Headley Is Currently Working With Lion Gary Greene on a Lions To Babies Program Which I Hope To Have More Info On At Next Council Meeting In November.

Area Clubs Are Encouraged To Come Spend Time With The Boys of The Cottage. Clubs Are Welcomed To Bring Meals Fully Prepared No Kitchen Prep Area In Dorms Or B/G Home Can Cook Which Runs About \$8.00 a Person. Currently About 3 Clubs Do This During The Year.

Will Be Asking Clubs To Become a Christmas Sponsor Of The Boys In The Cottage. \$250.00 Is Normally What We Like To Give The Boys and Clubs May Sponsor For Whole Amount or We Can Ask Others To Make Donations Like \$25 Per Club or Personal Lions To Meet The Goals.

Upcoming Events:

Vice City Brass Featuring Buddy Deshler Sunday Aug 23rd 3PM Leamon Rogers Memorial Chapel

B & G Home Alumni Reunion Oct 9th and 10th

Spring Clean up Day In Spring 2016 TBA

Celebrate Liberty

PDG Michael H. Schwartz
Committee Chairperson

attachment # 10

I would like to thank the Council of Governors for selecting me as chairperson of the Celebrate Liberty Committee.

Unfortunately, there are many young people attending our state's schools that lack a basic understanding of America's fundamental liberties and the role that our government; in particular, our elected officials play in maintaining those freedoms.

The State Council established the Celebrate Liberty Committee as a way for the N.C. Lions to help our state's young people foster a better understanding of America's two most important documents – the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States; along with instilling pride in our country and in our local, county, state and national government.

For the past several years, the Council of Governors have allowed the Celebrate Liberty Committee to hold a statewide essay contest for school-aged children, with the selected winner invited to attend our state convention, and read their winning essay to our Lions' delegates. It is my hope that the district governors will allow us to continue this project and provide the necessary funding.

The new Celebrate Liberty pins have arrived and I will be distributing 100 pins to each district governor. The pins should be given to the district chairperson to sell. The cost is \$2 each. This year, the Liberty Bell pin features the likeness of William Blount, who in 1796 was a North Carolina delegate to the Continental Convention was one of three Carolina delegates to sign the Constitution. I also will be selling pins here this weekend.

I recently learned that we have less than 50 Celebrate Liberty booklets left. The booklets, which contain both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, were distributed by Lions during Celebrate Liberty programs around the state. I have been told that to have 10,000 booklets printed would cost us approximately \$5,000 or 50 cents each. Thanks to District Governor Vince Schimmoller, a potential sponsor has been identified and his business might be willing to pay for the printing in exchange for displaying his business logo on the booklet. However, he has asked that we reach out to him around January. We will keep you informed.

Finally, I have had several people comment that they would like to see a state Celebrate Liberty observance held during this Lion's year, possibly at our 2016 state convention in Raleigh. I know that our convention schedule can be tight, but I would be glad to work on a state observance, including arranging for a speaker, if this is the wish of the district governors.

If I can answer any questions or help with a program in your respective districts, do not hesitate to contact me.

MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (August 2015)

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC, Chairperson

Council Chairperson Skippy, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. The State Constitution and By-Laws Committee will do a thorough annual review of our Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, and any requests we receive from the State Council, by the November Council meeting.

The MD-31 (State) Constitution and By-Laws has been revised incorporating all changes, approved by the Certified Delegates at the North Carolina State Convention in April. All changes approved by the State Convention Delegates at the 2013 State Convention relating to North Carolina redistricting have also been included. The revised MD-31 (State) Constitution and By-Laws is on the NC State Website and the NCLI Website.

A thorough annual review of the State Policy and Procedures Manual will be done, and recommendations will be covered at that time also. A concentrated effort will be made to revise the State Convention Policy and Procedures this Lion's Year. We will also address any recommendations from the State Council.

Thank You

Global Leadership Chair Lion John Owens
Report to Council of Governors, August, 2015

Dates for VDG Training have been set, presently contacting presenters

1st VDGs – Oct. 2-4, Feb. 12-14 2nd VDGs – Dec. 11-13

Training Grant Applications from LCI are now being prepared. ~~\$500 per \$800 1st VDGs / on-site of \$375~~
for 2nd VDGs

My own area training in Atlanta later this month

I have received the governors' Leadership Development Goal Statements and Action Plans for this year.

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute – Chicago, Nov. 14-15 – 150 Lions. I have emailed each governor and GLT an application. Applications are due to LCI by August 31.

Please encourage at least one Lion from each district to attend.

Governors, please identify potential leaders.

USA/Canada Forum – Grand Rapids, Sept. 17-19

Lions University

On-line courses

Webinars

Goal Setting and Action Planning – Sept. 2, Sep. 11

Meeting Management – Oct. 7, Oct. 16

NCLI - Public Information and Education

NC Lions Council of Governors – Information and Technology

Lion George Culp, Chair August 15-16, 2015

GOALS COMMUNICATION SHARING WHAT LIONS DO

Activities

Website and Redistricting

Five of the six websites are operational as of July 1, 2015. Facebook Pages are linked and Google Calendars are available. Each District is now responsible for their website. Hosting is provided by Site5 and is paid until September 1, 2016. (Budget Item for 2016-17). Domain names must also be renewed by September 1, 2016.

Domain Names are:

NCLions31.org

NCLions31L.org

NCLions31I.org

NCLions31O.org

NCLions31N.org

NCLions31S.org

Issues

District N has been delayed due to webmaster's schedule. The other webmasters will be asked to assist where needed.

What's Next? – Your Webmasters have worked tediously to create your sites. Now they are only as good as the information your organization provides. I encourage you to put in place a liaison between your district and the webmaster. The webmaster ideally should be the technician who merely takes what is provided and 'posts' it to the site. They should not be tasked with researching, correcting errors, omissions and spelling. Let's work together to make these sites something we are proud of. Statistically, your webmaster can determine the activity on your sites. As we begin to put the processing in place and hone the procedures, management of the sites will be less tedious.

Future Activity: Interactive Forms on your websites.

Currently you will be able to provide your members links to forms much as you currently do in an email. The initiative is to provide you with the ability to fill in the forms online and submit it to the requestor.

Payments

The committee will research and present findings that will provide districts with the ability to accept payments. This would be beneficial to collecting district goals and even event registrations such as cabinet meetings, awards day, and District Convention registrations.

Newsletter

The standard chosen by the website committee, provides districts with the opportunity to take the posts to your site and 'magically' create a newsletter. More on this later.

NCLI Report

The Advocate –

Recent Activity: The Summer issue is about to be published.

Please keep those story ideas coming.

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

Newsletter – Plans are underway to provide the Lions of NC and others a monthly newsletter that will highlight recent upcoming events.

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

Communication

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

Email services – Research and recommend email service solution to provide quick communications to all Lions of selected groups.

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

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp

**North Carolina Council of Governors
August 15, 2015
Greensboro, NC**

**As you all should be aware by now that all of the Special Conventions to elect and appoint a 2nd Vice District Governor have been held with the following results.
District L 2nd VDG is Curtis Erickson from the Mills River Lions Club
District I 2nd VDG is George Culp from the Concord Lions Club
District O 2nd VDG is Karl Ernst from the Siler City Lions Club
District N 2nd VDG is James Kiser from the Buies Creek Lions Club
District S 2nd VDG is Stephen McLaurin from the Raleigh Host Lions Club**

We have no announced candidates 2nd VDG for 2018-2019.

We have one candidate for the position of Council Chairman for 2016-2017 and that is Lion Tim Williams. We have no candidate for the State Secretary/Treasure at this time. All applications must be in to me by September 30th. I then have to have all information to the five (5) First Vice District Governors by October 20th for their review and then at the November Council meeting they will make their decision.

I look forward to another great year with you leadership and I thank you for the opportunity to serve another year.

Best regards,

Johnny E. Berry State Nominations Chair

FINAL REPORT

The 2015 North Carolina Lions State Convention was held at the Crowne Plaza Executive Park Hotel in Charlotte on April 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2015.

Total registration was 405 persons.

217 attended Friday Fun Night.

224 attended the Tail Twisters Breakfast.

And 362 attended the District Governors Banquet.

According to all accounts, it was a rousing success!

Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White has received a check from the Convention Treasurer for \$8,696.94 and around \$300.00 in additional, recently discovered funds from the Exhibits. So we were able to return all of the \$4,000.00 that we were advanced by the Council and \$5,000.00 of the \$6,000.00 that was given as a meal subsidy.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to chair this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Williams

2015 State Convention Host Committee Chair

2016 STATE CONVENTION REPORT TO COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS FOR AUGUST 15, 2015 MEETING

The State Convention Committee Host Club has begun work on the upcoming 2016 Convention. An organizational meeting has been held and work assignments handed out. We have also secured the Insurance needed and set up our Banking account. The Host Committee consists of Lions from the North Raleigh, Lake Gaston, Wake Forest, Garner, Cary and Fuquay-Varina Lions Clubs. The majority of whom have worked on previous State Conventions. We have been reviewing the International and State Constitutions as well as the State Policy dealing with the State Convention. There is no way the current State Policy can be completely adhered to due to the Convention having been set for April. However, we plan to follow it as close as possible and point out what sections need to be looked at for revisions.

So far our work has been hampered due to lack of material from the 2015 State Convention. Our specific need now is for the following:

- Additional copies of the program book, we only have two to work from. In fact, my individual copy was sent to Golden Corral.
- Copies of the program and the PDG listing on disk or flash drive to work with.
- Copies of their contact information dealing with securing Ads.
- Photographs, copies of ADS to use if they are requested to be used again or modified, etc.

We have grave concerns dealing with attendance at the Convention. The number of rooms used pays for the free rooms we need and the number of Lions that are fed at the meals pays for the meeting rooms. It appears that the meals may be costly. The attendees may elect to go across the street and get a comparable cost meal at the KanKi, PF Chang, McCormickSmith, Brio, The Cheese Cake Factory or others in the Crabtree Mall. Therefore, you District Governors are going have to sell YOUR Convention, if it is to be a success.

Since there are only two more Council Meetings prior to the Convention, we are planning to have the following ready by the November Meeting:

Draft of the Program ready for your input

Draft Registration Form with suggested meal costs for approval.

Final AD Form.

Printer for the Program selected and Price for needed printing of the Program Book and other Documents.

Draft of the Program of Remembrance –if provided by the District Governor in Charge.

Remember, we only have a short time to produce these documents for your review. Now, there are two items that need approval today.

We have our budget that we like to have approved, a copy of which is in front of you and we need you to set the price of the Vendors Tables that are not Lions related.

We will be working hard to have the above ready for November, but we need the 2015 information passed on as quick as possible.

Respectfully submitted by PDG Herbert A. Justice

NC LIONS STATE CONVENTION BUDGET

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
4				Qty	Unit Price	Budget	Qty	Actual	Over/Under
5	Income:								
6	Program Ads:								
7	Front Cover			1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00			
8	Inside Front Cover			1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			
9	Back Cover			1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			
10	Inside Back Cover			1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			
11	Full Page			40	\$ 300.00	\$ 12,000.00			
12	Half Page			20	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,000.00			
13	Quarter Page			20	\$ 125.00	\$ 2,500.00			
14	Eighth Page			22	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,650.00			
17	Business Card			12	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00			
18	Patron			9	\$ 25.00	\$ 225.00			
18	Corporate Sponsor			1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00			
20	Total Program Ads					\$27,475.00		\$ -	
21	Meals:								
23	Fun Night			214	\$25.00	\$ 5,350.00			
24	Tail Twister Breakfast			202	\$15.00	\$ 3,030.00			
25	PDG Luncheon			67	\$17.00	\$ 1,139.00			
26	DG Banquet			284	\$28.00	\$ 7,952.00			
27	Total Meals					\$17,471.00		\$ -	
28	Other:								
33	Hospitality Room								
34	God Tournament			25	40.00	\$ 1,000.00			
36	State Council Food Subsidy								
37	State Council Advance					\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00	
38	Convention Pins			250	\$3.00	\$ 750.00			
39	Total Other					\$ 5,750.00		\$ 4,000.00	
40	Total Income					\$50,696.00		\$ 4,000.00	
42	Expenses								
44	Misc:								
45	Thursday Night			40	\$ 37.50	\$ 1,500.00			
46	Fun Night			240	\$30.00	\$ 7,200.00			
47	Tail Twister Breakfast			228	\$18.00	\$ 4,104.00			
48	PDG Luncheon			76	\$17.00	\$ 1,276.00			
49	DG Banquet			310	\$35.00	\$10,850.00			
51	Total Meals					\$24,929.00		\$ -	
52	Programs:								
53	VP Rooms:								
54	District Govern, CC, State Sec			18	\$112.00	\$ 2,016.00			
55	PP P/D's			12					
56	Int Guest			3					
57	Total VP Rooms					\$ 2,016.00		\$ -	
63	Entertainment:								
64	Fun Night					\$1,600.00			
66	DG Banquet					\$500.00			
67	Total Entertainment					\$ 2,100.00		\$ -	
68	Non-Meal Expenses:								
75	Decorations					\$ 500.00			
76	Banquet Supplies (Flags, etc)					\$ 600.00			
77	Audio/Visual Equipment					\$ 1,000.00			
78	Program Book (Printing)			450	\$10.00	\$ 4,500.00			
79	Banquet and Pocket Programs					\$ 500.00			
81	Program, Service of Remembrance			175	\$2.00	\$ 350.00			
82	Committee Expense (Travel, meals)					\$ 2,500.00			
84	Convention Trading Pins			300	\$ 2.00	\$ 600.00			
85	Speaker Honorarium					\$ 250.00			
86	Speaker Gifts					\$ 120.00			
87	Bank Fees					\$ 100.00			
88	Postage					\$ 300.00			
89	Committee Shirts			20	\$20.00	\$ 400.00			
90	Registration Supplies					\$ 700.00			
91	God Tournament					\$ 1,000.00			
92	Total Non Meal Expenses					\$13,420.00		\$ -	
94	Total Expense					\$44,666.00			
95	Net Income (Loss)					\$ 6,131.00			

QUESTIONS FOR AUGUST STATE COUNCIL

- 1. DO YOU WANT TOURS**
- 2. DO YOU WANT CORSAGES -4.4.7 IN POLICY**
- 3. SECTION 4.1.1 OF POLICY – THURSDAY NIGHT –ATTENDEES INCLUDE VICE GOVERNORS –DOS THIS APPLY TO 2ND VDG**
- 4. SECTION 4.1.8 OF POLICY STATES THAT HOSPITALITY ROOM TO BE OPEN ON SATURDAY AS DESIGNATED BY VICE GOVERNORS – WE WILL FURNISH ROOM, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FUND**
- 5. CONVENTION FEE BY DISTRICTS – LET CLUBS KNOW THAT IT DOES NOT APPLY TO STATE CONVENTION – SECTION 4.3.1 REQUIRES SALE OF ADS**
- 6. WE CANNOT MEET REQUIREMENTS OF 4.3.2 FOR 30 COPIES OF PROGRAM PRIOR TO CONVENTION – WE WOULD HAVE TO DO IT IN FEBRUARY POLICY STATES IN MAY**
- 7. WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 5.5**
- 8. 4.5.2 REQUIRES MATERIALS TO BE PASSED ON TO SUCCEEDING STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE- WE HAVE RECEIVED NONE FROM THE 2015 CONVENTION**
- 9. WE NEED THE COUNCIL TO SET THE PRICE OF VENDOR TABLES – 4.8.2 & 5.6 REQUIRES FEES TO BE PAID TO COUNCIL- DO YOU WANT THAT OR DO YOU WANT US TO HANDLE**
- 10. ARTICLE V11 SECTION 2 OF CONSTITUTION- STATE CONVENTION TAX OF \$3.5 SHALL BE LEVIED ON EACH MEMBER IN STATE – SUCH FUNDS TO BE USED FOR OFFICIAL CONVENTION PROGRAMS, CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS - PLEASE CLARIFY – APPEARS TO CONFLICT WITH 4.3.1 OF POLICY WHICH STATES THAT HOST SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRINTING & DISTRIBUTION**
- 11. EXPLAIN SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE VII IN CONSTITUTION – Hospitality Fee**

NC LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

AUGUST 15, 2015

REPORT OF THE STATE CONVENTION CHAIR

HARRIETT WALTON

On Wednesday August 12, State Convention Local Arrangements Chair and I met at the Marriott Crabtree Valley Hotel with James Tritton, the Hotel Event Manager for our 2016 Convention.

I'm sure you have all included the dates of April 21-24 on your calendars. This is when we will be in Raleigh for the Convention that will be YOUR convention.

I have reviewed the contract and will continue to be in touch with Mr. Tritton and PDG Herb to assist in any way that I can to make the convention a positive and pleasant experience for all of our NC Lions. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I will be happy to help.

I sent email to each of you asking for suggestions for locations in your district that could be a possibility for our 2017 Convention. Please ask your First Vice District Governors to pass any suggestions that they might have on to me as well. It is important to begin as soon as possible to find a suitable location for the 2017 convention. I know that it sounds like a long way off, but hotel convention and room space fills up quickly. Our group needs are specific; therefore not all hotels can accommodate our convention.

Questions, comments?

Thank you for allowing me to serve your Council in this capacity.

And now I'll ask PDG Herb to continue the discussion about the 2015 Convention in Raleigh.

FOR YOUR GPS:

MARRIOTT CRABTREE VALLEY HOTEL, 4300 MARRIOTT HOTEL DRIVE, RALEIGH, NC 27612

(THE HOTEL IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS GLENWOOD AVENUE FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO CRABTREE VALLEY MALL.)

MD-31 LCI CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR

Saturday, August 15, 2015

The Lions are celebrating 100 years of service in 2017. One goal is for the Lions of the world to help 100 million people during each year of the Centennial Celebration. That is one million acts of service for every year of Lionism, beginning in 2015 and stretching through the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 centennial years.

Thus it is important that our Lions Clubs report their service activities in order to be a part of this centennial project, and to receive proper credit for those acts of service. Clubs will have until July 15th to report their full year of service activities.

Lions are challenged to conduct one significant service project in each of four areas – vision, youth, hunger and the environment. I expect most of our Lions Clubs are already participating in projects in each of those areas. We just need to toot our own horns by letting our communities and the world know what we are doing. Remember also that membership recruitment and retention is an important element in the Centennial Celebration so let's organize at least one new Lions Club in each district during each year of the celebration.

We urge the Governor's to include a challenge to participate in this celebration as you meet with your clubs and as you hold your Cabinet Meetings. If you have not done so, designate a Lion to head up the Centennial Celebration in your districts and let me know who is serving as your Centennial chairperson so that we can be in touch.

I understand that five public relations grants in the amount of \$1,500 each are available to Multiple-Districts that want to promote their efforts. This information can be found on the Lions International website.

During a workshop session at the International Convention several suggestions were advanced. They included such themes as "Lead Through Service", "Invite for Impact" and "Connect with the Community". One suggestion that I particularly liked was, "Tell 100 stories, tell about 100 projects and honor 100 people." Any district can adopt that as a Centennial goal and get lots of positive publicity in the process.

Finally, we need to use the high school band from District 31-L that will march and perform during the 2017 International Convention in Chicago to build enthusiasm for the Centennial year.

Share your ideas.

Gwen A. White

MD-31 Lion's Policy & Procedure Manual

"North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame"

**First Paragraph:
Currently Reads:**

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

Suggested:

Purpose: To recognize and honor the State's most Outstanding Lions for their extraordinary accomplishments on any of the following levels of service: Club, District, State or NC Lions, Inc.

**Second Paragraph:
Currently reads:**

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

Suggested:

Criteria: (same as above).

**Third Paragraph:
Currently reads:**

Who Decides: The Council of Governors.

Suggested:

Who Decides: A standing Hall of Fame Selection Committee consisting of any current North Carolina International President, Past International President, International Director, all Past International Directors and one member selected from each District by the District Governor. All living recipients of the Hall of Fame will serve as a resource to members of this committee and provide input to the committee when requested.

**Fourth Paragraph:
Currently reads:**

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

Suggested

Nominations/Number Chosen: Any District may nominate and submit a resume for one (1) living and one (1) deceased Lion each year. Lions must have had at least ten (10) years of service if living, or deceased for at least five (5) years, unless death occurs in the year the candidate was being considered for a living Hall of Fame Award.

From the nominations submitted the standing Hall of Fame Selection Committee will select up to two (2) living and up to three (3) deceased Lions for induction into the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame.

All nominations will include biographical information and a description of the contributions the nominee made to the goals and objectives of Lionism in North Carolina on the approved Nomination Form. The deadline for submission to the Selection Committee is January 31st so the Committee may decide on the inductees at their February meeting.

**Fifth paragraph:
Currently reads:**

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

Suggested:

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

The Living Inductees shall receive an Acrylic Trophy and a NC Lions Hall of Fame Lapel Pin. The family of Posthumous Inductees will receive a framed Certificate of Induction.

**Sixth paragraph:
Currently reads:**

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

Suggested:

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

Please consider the following:

A new Committee perhaps called the "Heritage Committee" headed by an existing Hall of Fame recipient, (who is not a member of the Selection Committee), could act as the Coordinator of the operations of both the Hall of Fame and also the 50+ year member initiative. Responsibilities would include maintaining records, ordering awards, distribution of the 50+ pins, and conducting the Hall of Fame presentation ceremony at the District Governors Banquet at the State Convention. Term of office would be three years.