

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PDG Andy Lilliston was appointed Parliamentarian.

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

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

attachment # 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

attachment # 4

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

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

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

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

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

PDG Butler then turned to the Promotions Ad-hoc Committee proposed revisions to the State "Free State Pin Promotion Policy". He explained the changes recommended by the Ad-hoc Committee due to the declining number of state trading pins being ordered and the cost of free pins. PDG Butler and several other Lions in attendance noted that the state trading pin free pin policy was designed to promote North Carolina Lions at the International Convention, but increasingly fewer Lions are attending the convention. The committee recommendation will provide quantities of pins for Lions officers who will attend the convention, but not for Lions who will not be attending.

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

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

Celebrate Liberty Chairperson Harriett Walton provided information on the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest. She reported that District 31-J is supporting the Blue

Star Mothers and that other districts may be able to develop a project around that support organization. She said a new Celebrate Liberty pin design will be ready for consideration in February. attachment # 8

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This the 8th day of November, 2014.

Rhett B. White, Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald F. Kelly, Council Chairperson

North Carolina Lions State Council
2014-2015 Council Budget
 July 1, 2014 – November 3, 2014

INCOME:	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 7,411.85	\$ 7,411.85	100
State Dues (6,884 average x \$3.50)	24,094.00	12,573.25	110
Interest	10.00	1.40	120
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasury Bonds	417.50	417.52	130
State Convention Income*	0.00	10,766.51	150
Youth Exchange	0.00		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00	859.00	170
LCIF Grant	0.00		180
GLT Training Grant	600.00		185
Leo Clubs Income	4,000.00	100.00	190
Appropriations from Money Market	12,686.15	10,000.00	192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	305.81	195
Total Income	\$ 50,069.50	\$ 42,435.34	

EXPENSES:

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	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		220
Office Supplies (Secretary-Treasurer)	375.00		230
Printing(NCLI and Secretary-Treasurer)	400.00	148.73	240
Postage(NCLI and Secretary Treasurer)	300.00		250
Telephone (Secretary-Treasurer)	0.00	29.25	260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	2,000.00	173.64	270
State Council Conference Calls	500.00	63.51	280
Expenses-State Secretary-Treasurer	3,000.00		290
Expenses-State Council Chair	4,000.00	1,327.66	300
Incoming CC Intl'. Convention Expenses	3,500.00		305
State Convention Cash Advance	10,000.00	10,000.00	310
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,100.00	91.74	320
State Convention Committee	200.00		330
District Extension Workshops/Matching Funds	0.00		335
History Committee	200.00		340
Leadership/Global Membership Team	5,000.00	1,498.50	350
State Council Committee Expenses	4,500.00	427.07	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00		370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00		380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	146.01	390
Leo Clubs Expenses*	2,500.00	476.15	395
Youth Exchange*	0.00		400
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,000.00	606.89	410
Redistricting Expense	2,500.00	2,462.86	415
LCIF Grant	0.00		420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Expenses	600.00		425
Diabetes Awareness	2,500.00	812.00	428

Campus Clubs	0.00		429
1 st VDG Clothing Allowance(5@\$130)	650.00	650.00	430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance(2@\$130)	260.00		431
CC, SST, DGE & 1 st VDG Jacket Crests(12@\$22)	264.00		435
Contingence Expenses	0.00		440
Transfer to Money Market*	0.00		442
Total Expenses	\$ 50,069.50	\$ 19,834.51	

Checking Balance on Hand – November 3, 2014	\$ 23,523.72
*Money Market Balance – November 3, 2014	<u>44,573.58</u>
Total Council Assets	\$ 68,097.30

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Account	User	Updated	Available Balance	Current Balance
Business Eze Plus	Alerts User	11/3/2014 4:16 PM	\$23,478.72	\$23,523.72
Business Eze Plus	Security Mobile	11/3/2014 4:16 PM	\$23,353.66	\$23,353.66
Money Market (Business)		11/3/2014 4:16 PM	\$44,573.58	\$44,573.58
Money Market (Business)		11/3/2014 4:16 PM	\$2,871.66	\$2,871.66
Subtotal:			\$94,277.62	\$94,322.62

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Your Available Balance reflects the most up-to-date information we have on your account and may include pending transactions that have been authorized but not yet posted. The Available Balance does not include any funds that may be available to you in a linked Credit Line or through our discretionary Overdraft Privilege program (if applicable).

Global Leadership Report

North Carolina Lions, Inc.

Lion John Owens, November, 2014

The first training session for the new five district Governor-Elects and First Vice-District Governor-Elects was held at Camp Dogwood October 3-5. The session was well attended, and the group participated well, especially in the sessions that were allotted for each district's officers to collaborate on making plans for their new district.

The next training session at Camp Dogwood is scheduled for December 12-14. That session will be for the Governors –Elect, not the First Vice-District Governor-Elects. On Saturday morning, there will be sessions for DGE spouses, in-coming cabinet secretaries and treasurers and five District GLT Chairs. Presenters will include Lions Sid Scruggs, Harvey and Diane Whitley, Ron Staley, Ron Kelly, Area GLT Chair Joe Pitts and myself. The third training session for DGEs will be conducted by Area Leader Lion Joe Pitts in Atlanta on the first week-end in January.

We have received notification that our training grant of \$600 from LCI has been approved, and paperwork is now being processed.

I encourage all Lions, especially leaders, to avail themselves of the opportunities offered for training on the Lions Learning Center website.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
2ND COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2014

First the good news, world-wide we are +2.07% and in MD-31 five Districts have positive numbers (A, D, E, F, and J). Overall we are down 27 members. Looking at the MD 31 Health Assessment report there probably will be a number of clubs that will be dropped over the next several months.

I am a big fan of the program **JUST ASK ONE** and have a sticker for each of the DGs and have several sheets of these stickers that you or your membership chair can use when visiting clubs or at your Cabinet meetings. I have no problem finding people to ask to join the Lions to help carry out the motto of **LOVING INDIVIDUALS OFFERING NEEDED SERVICE**. I was talking to one the District Governors at the VIP Fishing Tournament and he said that we only have so many friends and family members to ask and thought that we have exhausted the market. I do not agree with that. Over the past 6 months I have asked at least 25-30 people to join the Lions. Prior to my meeting these folks, I only knew one of the couples. Now ten of these folks have joined our club and I have 4-6 more that I believe will be joining. Several weeks ago I was in Wilmington and when I was checking out at the motel, the man at the desk asked about the Lions pin I was wearing so I engaged him in a conversation and asked him to join the local Lions club. At the VIP Fishing Tournament I was on the Avalon Pier and met a lady from West Virginia and she was very interested in what we were doing for the blind and visually impaired. I sent her name to the club in West

Virginia. Believe me it works, you just need to be on the outlook for these opportunities.

I was reviewing your membership goals and all of you have as one of your goals to start one or more clubs. Several DGs have a goal to start a club in the first 2 quarters of the year. It takes 2-4 months to get a club chartered so it is time to get started if you want to have a new club by the end of March 2015. I know that District F & J are in the process of forming a new club. District J continues to work to start a new Lions club on the campus fo College of the Albermarle. District F is starting a new club in Fayetteville. Last Saturday, Nov. 1, District F held a Family and Women's Symposium focused on diabetes. Lou Brock, a Type 2 Diabetic, was the Key note speaker and we had over 170 people in attendance. Many of the health care professionals are interested in joining the Lions. I have signed up the doctor in charge of the eccrinology dept. I have an informational meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 10 so will get a better idea on how well we did in recruiting new members. My offer still stands if any of the Districts want helping in recruiting members to form a new club, I will be glad to give you a day of my time.

Vince Schimmoller, MD-31 GMT

November 4, 2014

“NC Constitution and By-Laws Review 2013 & ‘14 For Upgrades Needed”**By Lion Dave Butler, PCC Chairperson****Page 1 of 2****CONSTITUTION:**

1. **Article V, Section 1:** Delete the first paragraph of the current section and replace with the following: *The Council Chairperson position shall be filled by a Current District Governor or Past District Governor who has not served as Council Chairperson. Removal of Council Chairperson: Follow procedure provided in Article VIII, Section 6, of the International By-Laws.*
2. **Article VIII, Section 1:** Delete paragraph used for special dues assessment to fund Lion Sid Scruggs as an International Executive Officer.
3. **Article X, Section 1:** Change Article VIII, Section 6 to Article VIII, Section 7.
4. **Article XIV, Section 1: District Revenue**
Add statement that: “Also, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors will participate in the preparation and planning of the District budget.” (per LCI and Standard District Constitution and By-Laws)
5. **Article XVI Amendments**
Section 2. must be “published by regular post (written copy) or electronic means”
Section 3. Change word “Foundation” to “Incorporated”

BY-LAWS:

1. **Article I**
Section 3. Change 5(c) to 6 (c)
Section 4. Nominating Committee: Change words “before the report is rendered” to “prior to the day of its report to convention”.
Section 7. In paragraph reference to LCI Const., Change “Article III” to “Article II.”
2. **Article III Committees**
Section 8. Change word “Foundation” to “Incorporated”.
Section 10 (b) Change 2 places of NCLF to “NCLI”.
Section 10 (c) Extension to “Extension/GMT MD-31 Coordinator”
Section 10 (f) Leadership Development to “Leadership Development/GLT MD-31 Coordinator”
Section 10 (g) Leo Clubs to “Leo/Campus Clubs” (3 places)
Section 10 (h) LCIF/Sightfirst to “LCIF MD-31 Coordinator”
Section 10 (i) Liberty Day to “Celebrate Liberty”
Section 10 (j) Membership to “Membership/GMT MD-31 Coordinator”

- Section 10 (k) Nominating--Add the following sentence to the first paragraph: "This committee shall also serve in this capacity for North Carolina Lions, Inc.".
- Section 10 (m) Research and Long Range Planning-- Add the following sentence: "This committee shall also serve in this capacity for North Carolina Lions, Inc.".
- Section 10 (n) Retention to "Retention/GMT MD-31 Coordinator"

New- Section 10 (r) DIABETES AWARENESS and LEHP

This committee's duties will be:

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

3. Article VI Amendments

- Section 2. must be "published by regular post (written copy) or electronic means"
- Section 3. Change word "Foundation" to "Incorporated"
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NOTE: Decide if Requirement for State Convention to be the Last full weekend of April to be a Constitution and By-Laws change or Policy and Procedures Change!! *

****Council of Governors decided this stipulation would go in the Policy and Procedures Manual!***

Policy & Procedures Manual Review 2013 & '14 For Upgrades Needed"

By Lion Dave Butler, PCC Chairperson

1. Change all References to NCLF, North Carolina Lions Foundation, and North Carolina Lions Foundation, Inc. to NCLI, North Carolina Lions Incorporated, or NC Lions, Inc. as appropriate.
2. Change all references of State newspaper to State Publication.
3. Page 4. Revise State Council Chairperson Selection Procedure to: Current District Governors or Past District Governors.....
4. Page5. Replace Council Chairperson's Duties Section A. with current LCI Article X, Section 1 of the LCI By-Laws:

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

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

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

5. Page 15. State Convention Agreement:

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

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

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

Thank You,

Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Free State Pin Promotion Policy

Effective July 1, 2014

attachment # 7

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrate Liberty Committee Report

November 8, 2014

Harriett Walton, State Chair

District Governors, Council Chair, Council Secretary/Treasurer:

Entries for the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest are now being accepted. The contest is for high school juniors, or other students as approved by the local school. Entries will be judged first on the club level and then on the District level. Each District selection will then be sent to me (Lion Harriett Walton, PO Box 733, Wanchese, NC 27981) to be judged on the statewide level. Deadline for submission to Lion Harriett is March 1, 2015. The statewide winner (and parent, parents or guardian) will be invited to the state convention in Charlotte, April 23-26, 2015. The winner will be on the program at the state convention to read the winning essay. There is a monetary prize given to the winner by the Council, monies to come from designated funds managed by the Council of Governors.

The essay should reflect the writer's viewpoint on the following quote and how it relates to today's citizens and the liberties and responsibilities provided by the U.S. Constitution. James Madison, the Father of the Constitution, said:

"A popular Government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy, or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance. And a people who mean to be their own governors, must arm themselves with the power that knowledge gives."

This information has been sent to all of the District Celebrate Liberty Chairs. I am pleased to report that a number of districts have replied and are interested in the contest this year.

As we all know, November 11 is Veteran's Day. I'd like to ask all veterans here today to stand and be recognized and thanked for their service to our country.

If your clubs or districts are looking for a group to support, not just in November, but year round, the Blue Star Mothers of America is a group that perhaps not as well-known as other groups such as the American Legion or the VFW. Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., is a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian organization. There are chapters of the Blue Star Mothers in five areas around NC. The group does not support any political candidate, nor do they endorse any religious organization. The military includes all aspects of America as does this organization. Blue Star mothers are mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and female legal guardians who have children serving in the military, guard or reserves, or children who are veterans. They support each other and their children while promoting patriotism. The organization has more than 6,000 members from more than 200 chapters throughout the nation.

Blue Star Mothers collect items and send them to troops around the world. The following is a list of items being collected for the troops:

**** Food Items:** Beef jerky; powdered drink mix in individual serving packs; granola/power bars/ trail mix; raisins; wrapped candy (NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE as it will melt); wrapped gum; fruit snacks; small sized canned fruit or applesauce cups; fruit roll-ups; any kind of nuts; envelopes of tuna fish or chicken; small containers of instant coffee.

**** Personal Hygiene:** Baby wipes-50 count; Pocket size Kleenex or other tissues; lip balm such as Chapstick; cough drops, deodorant - 1.7 oz. size; travel size tooth paste, tooth brush; and dental floss.

**** Morale Boosters/Necessities:** Ziploc Bags (all sizes); word search or crossword puzzle books, travel size games; fly strips; air fresheners; stationery, pens, envelopes; black crew socks – work type.

Please keep in mind when shopping for our troops that they only have pockets and backpacks in which to keep and store their personal possessions. Large items are too hard for them to handle. Also NO GLASS, NO PORK AND (AGAIN), NO CHOCOLATE, PLEASE.

Each Chapter of the Blue Star Mothers collect and mail these items to our troops. As you can well imagine, shipping costs are high, so the group also accepts monetary donations to defray the shipping expenses.

To find out more about this organization, go to [Blue Star Mothers.org](http://BlueStarMothers.org) and click on TAR HEEL STATE or go to [WWW. Blue Star Mothers, Inc.](http://WWW.BlueStarMothers.org) North Carolina. Chapters are listed as Central Chapter, Southern Piedmont Chapter, Dare County/Outer Banks Chapter, Coastal Carolina Chapter and High Country Chapter.

And as always, please call or email me with any questions, comments or suggestions.

LIONS HISTORY CHAIRMAN - NCLI
Council of Governors

November 8, 2014

Aberdeen, Moore Co., NC

NCLI Council Meeting

- o. Henderson Lions Club - 85 years in September 2014**
- o. High Point Lions Club 75 years this November 2014**
- o. special thanks to District J -**
 - A super newsletter - "Mane News" –**
 - Plymouth Lions Club - recycling shoes**
- o. Reminder to other Districts - would appreciate an email of your NewsLetters**
- o. Most know about the "Tournament of Roses Parade"**
 - Hope you will participate in your local parade events to publicize LIONS**

My report is as follows:

I. Charters - This is something 'special' to maintain.

0 Several Clubs - most notably "D" & "E" have sent good number of copies.

O. Here's one that you might find different:

Talked with DG Sharon Weddington, who had Charters of two (2) Clubs.

O. Lion President Eli Price, Madison Lions Club - held two Charters & allowed me to pick-up & deliver to Camp Dogwood or historical file

O. I, plan to contact Club presidents in Districts - good responses

O. Talked with Lion George Culp, NCLI Public Information & Education & Lion Mike Johnson, District D, Information Technology about Preserving using the Internet - it can be done

II. Club history Books:

Continue to see if pamphlets; books; etc are available for your Clubs & let me know how I, can get a copy.

III. Camp Dogwood History booklet/pamphlet/etc.

Been asked by one of our NCLI state officers to work on putting together a "formal" history of Camp Dogwood. --Agreed.

Will be in contact with various individuals, including, Steve Walker & his staff; Little John Faulker; Chester Smith, of Laurel Hill, Scotland Co., NC and his wife, Virginia; Bob Lineberger, who is remembered for loading fruit (watermelons & apples) and hauling down to Camp Dogwood.

I'd appreciate your input - written materials; people resources; etc.

2013-14 progress is taking us into a Brighter Vision of 2014-15.

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

Mass eMail Capabilities

Online Meetings and Webinars

The Advocate

Social Media Workshops at the District and Zone Level

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please contact me with your questions. We look forward to working with your council.

October 15, 2014 Facebook Pages established

Facebook Pages:
North Carolina Lions Multiple District 31

North Carolina Lions District 31-L

North Carolina Lions District 31-I

North Carolina Lions District 31-O

North Carolina Lions District 31-N

-North Carolina Lions District 31-S

October 27, 2014 Purchased Megaslider Developer License. Cost \$99.00 (Perpetual)

Megaslider allow photos and text to 'slide' into the webpage thereby attracting the reader to items of interest such as news or promoting an upcoming event.

November 2014 Committee meeting with State Website Committee.

Update members and get input to complete the prototype and determine which districts needed training and/or assistance.

December 2014 Work with John Lynde and Mike Johnson to complete Multi-District and District Websites for delivery to District webmasters.

District History – We are discussing the question of what to do with the documents maintained by the individual eight sites. The committee feels that the new sites should represent our new districts and therefore not bring forward old newsletters, etc. We will add to our meeting agenda this concern and how we might assist with the storage of digital formatted reports, newsletters, etc. for the previous districts. There is also a need for the storage of the digital images of charters being collected by State History Chairman Wallace.

NO ACTIVITY TO DATE

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

Recent Activity: Software evaluation and testing continues as we are downloading and/or creating mailing lists within our organization. Multiple successful tests have been accomplished in District E. The estimated cost to provide this opportunity to the five Districts is estimate at \$500/year. The ability to mass email is dependent upon our ability to download email address from Lions Inc. The integrity of the data is dependent on the information provided by the club secretaries of the state.

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

Recent Activity: The online meetings of the Website committee are being used to enhance our ability to meet from our offices or homes, thus reducing meeting times to less than the time it would take to travel to the meeting. Several other meetings have been completed as well. It is suggested that we look for other opportunities to use the ability we currently have.

The Advocate – Currently working on January issue.

Recent Activity: The Fall issue was well received and is available to all in both printed and digital version. The intent of the magazine has been to focus on our service to others. We continue to search and find people whose lives have been enhanced by the Lions of NC.

The committee is currently working on the next issue to be released in January. Articles are being collected and work is underway to produce another issue we feel will be of interest to our readers.

We are reviewing cost to determine savings as follows:

- Currently reviewing the mailing list to delete addresses that are receiving multiple issues.
- Posted within the Fall issue the ability to email a request to receive only the digital version.
- Emailed approximately 700 Lions seeking responses for those who would elect to take the digital version.

Additional activity:

- Reviewing the proofreading process to insure articles pass through several readings.
- Creating a test eReader version and anticipate it being available for the January issue. (This version will basically be a ‘talking’ book for use by our VIPS).
- Pursuing the use of a monthly newsletter to ‘fill the communications gap’ between issues. This activity has stalled due to time constraints. A newsletter editor volunteer would be appreciated.

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

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

Recent Activity: Several DGs have asked that training be provided for clubs in the use of social media. Suggested approach is to provide training either on-site at Zone and/or District meetings or via online collaboration via GoToMeeting and Webinars.

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp



Lion Liz Steele
State Leo Chairperson
Multiple District 31

We currently have 29 Alpha and 2 Omega LEO clubs. 12 clubs have reported their officer for the 2014-2015 year. My goal was is to have on average two new Leo Clubs per district. They will be either Alpha or Omega and either community or school based clubs. I request assistance from all Governors and Vice Governors to promote the focus and continued implementation of the new direction of the Leo program. I would also like to encourage all existing Lions clubs that sponsor a Leo club to be more active with their Leo club. Encourage your Leo's to be involved with their sponsoring Lions club.

Funding: I have asked that the budget remain the same as last year, with the additional request of \$312.50 from each district to assist with the Leo State Convention. (These checks should be sent to State Treasurer Lion Rhett White).

The Leo Convention will take place at Camp Dogwood on Friday afternoon February 20, Saturday February 21 and Sunday morning February 22. We will offer the project "Feed the Hungry" again this Lions year. I have applications with me. Please mark your calendar now so you will be available to attend

Liz

Lion Liz Steele
State Leo Chairperson
November 8, 2014

November 9, 2014

What is our focus?

- **We Give Sight**
- **We Support Youth**
- **We Provide Disaster Relief**
- **We meet Humanitarian Needs**

Since its inception in 1990, the Sight First Program has played a key role in reducing global blindness. It is only through the collaborative efforts of Lions, our partners, local health authorities eye care professionals and other non- governmental organizations that Sight First has been able to help 30 million people have improved or restored vision.

More than 13 million youth have been taught positive life skills through Lions Quest, our most comprehensive program, Lions work with the schools to implement the program from kindergarten through 12th grade, and often partner on community service – learning projects.

LCIF's commitment to disaster relief goes back to our beginnings when we awarded our very first grant for flood relief in South Dakota. Whenever and wherever disasters strike, Lions are often among the first to offer aid-LCIF is right there with them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs. That's why in the last 10 years, LCIF has provided more than \$100 million for disaster relief Worldwide.

LCIF and Lions are helping people with disabilities to lead more independent, productive and fulfilling lives. Lions have built more than 1,000 handicapped accessible homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. We also support people with disabilities through training and services they need to improve their education and job prospects, while enhancing their day to-day lives and emotional well-being.

**Carlton Weeks,
LCIF State Coordinator**

**N C Lions, Inc. Board
Council of Governors
November 7-9
Aberdeen, N C**

All of the new district election conventions have been held with the following being elected as District Governor and 1st VDG 2015-2016.

**District L: Lion Debbie Hicks, District Governor
Lion Max Bumgardner, First VDG**

**District I: Lion Allen Reinhardt, District Governor
Lion Clarence Conrad, First VDG**

**District O: Lion Randall Clapp, District Governor
Lion Lorraine Dupree, First VDG**

**District N: Lion Al Greene, District Governor
Lion Irwin Siegelwax, First VDG**

**District S: Lion Mary Boehm, District Governor
Lion Barbara Beltran, First VDG**

We now have some candidates for the office of 2nd VDG.

District I: Lion George Culp

District O: Lion Karl Ernst

District N: Lion James L. Kiser

District S: Lion Stephen B. McLaurin, Lion JoAnne B. Parrott and Lion Nathan Medlin

At the meeting of the 5 new Governor Elects, they selected as there Council Chair for 2015-2016 Lion _____, and as State Secretary/ Treasure Lion Rhett White.

As of this date we have one candidate for the office of 2nd VP for the N C LIONS, Inc. Lion Carlton Weeks. These nominations will remain open until the May 3rd Board meeting.

Respectfully,

Johnny E. Berry, Nominations Chair



NC Lions Promotions

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North Carolina Council of Governors Meeting
Hampton Inn, 200 Columbus Dr., Aberdeen, NC 28315 910-693-4330
Saturday, November 8, 2014

Report of the Promotions Committee:

The Promotions Committee recently received \$2,841.26 (wholesale value) of new merchandise from Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc. Kinston, NC. Lions PDG Dale and 1st Vice District Governor Laraine Dupree were kind enough to pick up the new merchandise on their way home from the VIP Fishing Tournament at the Outer Banks saving us a significant amount in shipping costs.

Lions Apparel sales have been held at our previous Council of Governors meeting, the District B Fall Convention, and reservations are, or will be, made to have them at the other events throughout the Lions Year.

Again this year, we have the opportunity to promote Lionism across North Carolina. We, the Lions of North Carolina, along with the "See the 21st Century" Mobile Screening Unit, will be featured in the Novant Health Thanksgiving day Parade in Charlotte on Thursday, November 27th. This event will be televised on WBTB and Time Warner Cable and will replay on Christmas Day. If you would like to show your pride in being a Lion in MD 31 by walking along with the MSU, we would love to have you join us. Wear your red NC Lions vest, white shirt, blue slacks, and white shoes and meet us in Charlotte Thanksgiving morning. Please contact DG Chris Headley, or Promotions Chairperson PDG Terry J. Cauble with any questions. Additional information will be emailed as I receive it from the parade committee.

A more detailed report from the Promotions Committee will be given at the Promotions Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Terry J. Cauble
Promotions Committee Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Special Called Meeting of the North Carolina Lions State Council was held Sunday, November 9, 2014, beginning at 12:50 PM, at 17 Bessey Drive, Pinhurst, NC. Meeting was District Governor David L. Hays, District Executive Norm Jean McHenry, District Secretary Tom Bellan, and District Treasurer Ron White. District Council Chair Ron Kelly presided and Secretary Tom Bellan acted as scribe.

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

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

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

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

A brief discussion followed on the proposal of the Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee. It was the consensus that a change to the LRP Committee might be developed from five people and the leadership to increase membership from 2,000 to 2,500 members. This will be considered at the February meeting.

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

Chairman Kelly adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

This the 9th day of November, 2014.

Rhett B. White
Council Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald F. Kelly
Council Chairman