# North Carolina Council of Governors Meeting Minutes Multiple District 31 Saturday, November 9, 2013, 9:AM Hampton Inn, Aberdeen, NC

The North Carolina Lions Council of Governors met at 9:AM, Saturday, November 9, 2013, at the Hampton Inn, Aberdeen, NC. Attending were Governors: Will Hicks, Charles Wills, Terrie Grooms, Terry Cauble, Vincent Schimmoller, Casandra Scarlett, Mike Elmore and W. B. Bullock. Council Chairman Robert Sprinkle presided.

For the record, the Council of Governors held a Work Session, Friday, November 8, 2013, beginning at 8:PM in the Hampton Inn, Concord, NC.

Chairman Sprinkle called the meeting to order. Governor Grooms led the Pledge of allegiance and Governor Bullock offered the Invocation.

Chairman Sprinkle welcomed the Lions and Guests that were present. He recognized Past International President Sid Scruggs who extended greetings and provided an update on recent Lions International Board action and policy initiatives. He urged clubs to take advantage of the two-year pilot program that extends a membership discount to military veterans who become Lions. He also reminded the Governors that Multiple District 31 is committed to organizing five new Lions Clubs in 2013-2014.

PIP Scruggs also extended greetings from PID Lacy Presnell who was not in attendance.

Upon motion of Governor Cauble, second by Governor Elmore, the vote was unanimous to approve the agenda.

attachment # 1

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller and second by Governor Grooms, Minutes of the August 10, 2013, Council of Governors Meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Bullock, Minutes of the September 28, 2013, Called Meeting of the Council of Governors were unanimously approved.

Governors Scarlett and Elmore reported on the Diabetes Awareness Peer Support (DAPS) program in partnership with the University of North Carolina School of Ophtalmology. They described the project, reviewed the introductory training meeting held in September and urged Governors to provide information about project leaders from each district. They said it was essential to get underway in order to measure the success

of the project and to build upon this pilot project effort, expressing hope that the next Council of Governors will want to continue the DAPS Program.

PDG Dave Butler was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian by Chairman Sprinkle. Unfinished business followed.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Upon motion of Governor Cauble, second by Governor Wills, a Resolution of Endorsement supporting PID Robert "Bob" Corlew of Tennessee for the office of Lions International Second Vice-President was unanimously adopted.

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Upon motion of Governor Grooms, second by Governor Cauble, the report on redistricting was accepted and motion was made to appoint the following Lions to serve as the Redistricting Committee until such time as the organization of five new Lions Clubs districts in MD-31 is completely accomplished: PDG Ron Staley, Council Chair Bob Sprinkle, PDG Paulette Gasperson, PDG John Owens, PDG Carlton Weeks, PDG Chris Hardee, PDG Johnny Berry, PDG Dave Osborne and PDG Rhett White. The motion passed unanimously.

Governor Schimmoller said he hoped each existing district could be represented on the Redistricting Committee.

#### **New Business**

Council Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White shared an email correspondence from the North Carolina Library for the Blind, expressing appreciation for the gift of a North Carolina Lions History Book.

State Convention Chair Gwen A. White reported on the 2014 State Convention that will be held in Ashville. She answered questions and asked that the State Convention Budget as presented by the PDG Larry Gasperson of the host committee be approved. Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Grooms, the Convention Budget was unanimously approved.

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Chairperson White then reported that Lions of District 31-E have offered to host the 2015 State Convention in the Charlotte area. She recommended that the offer be accepted and that PDG Tim Williams be named Host Committee Chairperson.

Upon motion of Governor Elmore with second by Governor Scarlett, the recommendations were unanimously approved.

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Much discussion focused on whether to provide a State Trading Pin for each 2014 State Convention registration packet. PIP Scruggs suggested that a special pin be provided since most Lions will already have the 2-13-2014 state Trading Pin by convention time. PDG Dave Butler reviewed the recent history of including pins in the registration packets and noted that the policy indicates that pins will be included. Upon motion of Governor Wills, second by Governor Hicks, the vote was six to two in favor of providing State Pins for the registrants. Governors Schimmoller and Scarlett voted no.

Governor Schimmoller asked that changing the pin policy be considered at the next Council meeting. Chairperson White was asked to review the State Convention Policy for any other changes that may be needed.

North Carolina Lions, Inc., President Dale Dupree reported on activity and work at Camp Dogwood. He said the summer camp season was a success and that the "brighter Visions" kick-offs went very well. He then reviewed progress on renovations to the lodge and recreations building.

President Dupree asked the State Council of Governors for two grant application endorsements to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The first in the amount of \$75,000.00 is to purchase vision care equipment for the Wake Forest Baptist Health Eye Center. Upon motion of Governor Elmore, second by Governor Scarlett, the vote authorizing and certifying the grant application was unanimously approved.

The second grant application in the amount of \$75,000.00 is for the construction of a picnic shelter and recreational building at the North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood near Sherrill's Ford, NC. Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller and second by Governor Bullock, the vote was unanimous endorsing and certifying the grant application to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Council Chair Sprinkle presented a check in the amount of \$6,267.59 to NCLI President Dupree, the profits from the *North Carolina Lions History Book* that was completed by the 2010-20111 Council. He requested that the donation be divided equally and credited to the eight districts.

#### Reports and Discussion from State Committees

After a break, reports and discussion from State Committee Chairpersons followed. The report of Boys and Girls Home Chair Gary Elliott was read by the Council Secretary.

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Chair Liz Steele reported that there is a new Leo Club and that the Leo State Convention will be held February 21-23, 2014, at Camp Dogwood. She said the "Stop

Hunger Now" program will be a big part of the convention weekend. There has been no Campus Club or Youth Exchange activity to date.

Harriett Edmunds, Celebrate Liberty Chair pointed out that the meeting was being held on Veteran's Day weekend and recognized the veterans in the audience. She then divided the Governors into three teams for a short competition of answering questions about the United States Constitution. The Governor Grooms Clappers team was the winner.

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Constitution and By-Laws Chair Dave Butler indicated that no request have been made for changes, although revisions will be necessary with redistricting. He cited several wordings and references in the By-Laws and Policy Manual that are out of date. By consent the Council indicated that revisions and corrections can wait until the new districts are organized.

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Diabetes Awareness Chair Judy Jackson noted that the DAPS program was non-existent at the August meeting but is now up and running. She said North Carolina is making history with the DAPS program and urged Lions to seize the opportunity to become part of a support group. She reminded Governors that diabetes is the number one non-infectious cause of blindness and offered to travel the state to present at least one DAPS program in each district.

Global Leadership Chair Ron Staley provided a comprehensive written report, but recognized that PIP Scruggs is serving as Constitutional Area Leadership Chairperson. He urged clubs to participate in the Club Excellence Program (CEP) or the CEP-Light, to use zone Chairs to report on CEP initiatives and as CEP facilitators. He said there was good feedback from the USA/Canada Lions Forum.

Gary Greene, Global Membership Chair, complimented District 31-B for being plus ten members and District 31-D for an increase of 11 members since July 1, 2013. He noted that statewide the loss stands at 81 members after four months with a projected loss of 300 members unless there is a turn-around. He pointed out that no hands means no service.

Historian Howard Wallace reported on work to document the chartering of Lions Clubs throughout the state, asking Lions to locate and copy club books and pamphlets that chronicle Lions history. Governor Bullock said he had already found the recent North Carolina Lions History Book to be valuable in preparing for a club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

George Culp, Information and Technology Chair, said he had reviewed club and district web sites and face book accounts and is available to help with up grading or

implementing those information resources. He also urged clubs to consider twitter accounts and briefly described work on the print version of the new Lions Advocate

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magazine. He then described a problem with the N.C. Lions website which has a domain name that is about to expire, that needs upgrading and has an unknown host.

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Upon motion by Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Bullock, the vote was unanimous to accept the recommendation of the committee and authorize Chairperson Culp to purchase the "net", "com" and "org" domain names for the Lions of North Carolina, and authorize the committee to investigate and select a hosting site that is appropriate and of the best advantage for the Lions.

LCIF Multiple District Coordinator Carlton Weeks announced that November 14, 2013, is World Diabetes Awareness Day. He complimented District 31-H for generating \$18,000 for LCIF and District 31-B for \$8,000 in contributions, noting that North Carolina has gotten back far more in grants than it has contributed to the foundation.

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Nominations Chair Johnny Berry reported that there are two candidates for 2014-2015 Council Chair – PDG Ron Kelly and PDG Chris Hardee, and one candidate for Council Secretary-Treasurer – Rhett B. White. He announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governors would meet at 2:PM to interview the nominees and make selections.

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Promotions Chair Tim Williams offered a written report and said he would cover his committee during the scheduled 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

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Research and Long Range Planning Chair Chris Hardee said his committee is ready to assist with the redistricting process, encouraging the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-District Governors to begin planning to dissolve existing districts and organize the five new districts.

#### Other Business

Upon motion of Governor Cauble, second by Governor Wills, the quarterly treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Chairman Sprinkle reminded Governors that the 1<sup>st</sup> place District Peace Posters are due to him by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Sprinkle thanked PDG Ron Kelly and the Carthage, Vass, West Harnett and other area Lions Clubs for hosting the hospitality room during the weekend meeting.

Plaza Resort in Ashville, NC.	
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Following the Benediction by Governor Bullock, Chairman Sprinthe meeting.	nkle adjourned
This 9 <sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.	

Rhett B. White, Secretary-Treasurer

Robert "Bob" Sprinkle, Chairman

The next State Council Meeting will be Friday, February 7, 2014, at the Crown

## North Carolina Council of Governors Hampton Inn, 200 Columbus Dr., Aberdeen, NC 28315 910-693-4330 Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. 2013 9:00 a.m. Agenda

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Pledge of Allegiance District Governor, Terri Grooms

Invocation District Governor, W. B. Bullock

Welcome to Lions and Guests Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle

**Recognition & Comments from International Officers** 

Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle

Approval of Agenda Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle

Reading and approval of Aug. 2013 Minutes Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White

DAPS Program District Governor, Sandy Scarlett

Appointment of Parliamentarian Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle

**Unfinished Business:** 

#### **New Business:**

> Presentation of Communications State Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White

➤ Report of 2014 State Convention Convention Chair, Gwen White Convention Host, Joe Silvers

> Report of 2015 State Convention Convention Chair, Gwen White

> Report from North Carolina Lions, Inc. NCLI President, Dale Dupree

Reports and Discussions from State Committees:

♦ Boys and Girls Home Chair, Gary Elliott

❖ Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs/Youth Exchange Chair, Liz Steele

❖ Celebrate Liberty Chair, Harriet Edmunds

❖ Constitution & By-Laws
 ❖ Diabetes Awareness
 Chair, Dave Butler
 Chair, Judy Jackson

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❖ Global Leadership	Chair, Ron Staley
❖ Global Membership	Chair, Gary Greene Chair, Howard Wallace
♦ Historian	Chair, George Culp
❖ Information and Technology	•
❖ LCIF MD Coordinator	Chair, Carlton Weeks
❖ Nomination	Chair, Johnny Berry
❖ Promotions	Chair, Tim Williams
❖ Research and Long Range Planning	Chair, Chris Hardee
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#### **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS, 2013-2014**

31-A Will Hicks

Hendersonville, NC 28739

31-B

Charles M. Wills, Sr. Marion, NC 28752

31-D

Terrie R. Grooms Randleman, NC 27317

31-E

Terry Cauble

Mt. Pleasant, NC 28124

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Vincent Schimmoller Sanford, NC 27332

31-G

Cassandra Scarlett Hillsborough, NC 27278

31-H Mike Elmore Smithfield, NC 27577

31·J W. B. Bullock Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Robert Sprinkle State Council Chairperson Sparta, NC 28675

Rhett B. White State Secretary-Treasurer Columbia, NC 27925

#### **LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 31 NORTH CAROLINA** RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS, Lion Robert E. Corlew, Past International Director of Milton. Tennessee, has been endorsed by the Lions of Multiple District 12, Tennessee, for the office of International Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International; and

WHEREAS, Past International Director Corlew has been endorsed by the Executive Officers of Lions Clubs International and the International Board of Directors,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Governors of Multiple District 31 – North Carolina, assembled this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013, in Aberdeen, North Carolina, hereby endorse Past International Director Robert "Bob" Corlew for International Second Vice President.

Rhett B. White, PDG Council Secretary MD 31, North Carolina

International Director

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To: NC Council of Governors

From: Gwen White, State Convention Chair

Date: November 9, 2013

Plans for the 2014 Convention are well underway. Lions Joe Silvers and Larry Gasperson are working with the council to get the seminars that the governors want scheduled. It is a challenge because conventions are planned a couple of years in advance and changing (adding more seminar rooms etc.) after the hotel arrangements are made can be more challenging and add expense. These two men and their committee, which includes Governor Will Hicks, have made significant progress and are doing everything they can to meet the needs, and wants, of this council.

As a result of this, it made me aware that as state convention chair, there should be more contact early on with the governors. We will meet with the next council of governors Saturday afternoon so we can get direction on what they want to emphasize during their convention.

Lions from District 31-E voted at their recent cabinet meeting to offer to host the 2015 State Convention. They propose to have it in the Charlotte area and would like for PDG Tim Williams to serve as the local host chairperson.

We are tentatively penciled in for the dates you adopted at the last council meeting with two hotels. Tim and I will make the site inspections and begin negotiations.

#### Our request of you is to vote:

--To proceed with the 2015 convention in the Charlotte area depending on the hotel negotiations and -- To appoint Tim Williams as the local host chairperson.

The last convention they held with Bennie Pugh/Ron Staley as chairpersons was quite successful. I expect this one to be no different.

We are accepting offers to host the 2016 convention. That will be the first convention with the new five-district format. Anyone interested should let me know.

### Lion Garry T. Elliott

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North Carolina Lions MD 31 State Chairman Post Office Box 607 Jackson, NC 27845 Phone: (252)-534-3561 Cell: (252)-532-6050 Email: garryelliott@embarqmail.com

North Carolina Lions Foundation

Dear Council of Governors,

First of all I would like to say thanks to all of the great lions of MD- 31 for their support of Boys and Girls homes of North Carolina INC. Boys and Girls Homes was adopted as a statewide Lions project at the Lions state convention in 1959. Lions then moved forward to fund and build the Lions Cottage on campus, completing it in 1960. As a district chair, you have been asked to represent this Lions project to your district. There are two important points for you to remember when representing this project:

- 1) This is a project formally approved by the Lions. It continues to need Lions support. About 40% of the funding for the boys in the Cottage comes from donations. Understandably, Lions lead the efforts for their Cottage. Last year, Lions and Lions Clubs donated about \$49,000. We need \$80,000 annually to fully fund the Cottage.
- 2) Whether you live in the mountains, piedmont, or outer banks, the abused and neglected boys who are sent to the Lions Cottage by Social Services come from every corner of the state. The last time I looked, Boys and Girls Homes had taken care of children from every county except one in the state. Many times, Social Workers will send us children from the distant counties because they feel the child needs the distance from whatever abusive situation they have been in. We even currently have a girl on campus from Cherokee County!

#### Boys and Girls Homes serve children from every district in North Carolina.

Please don't think that simply because Boys and Girls Homes lies in southeastern North Carolina that this is a southeastern Lions project. It's a North Carolina Lions project.

Boys and Girls Homes were founded by a Lion.

- The current President/CEO is a Lion.
- The current statewide representative for Lions is Garry Elliott of the Seaboard Lions Club in 31-J. Garry was a young boy at Boys and Girls Homes many years ago!
- Clubs and Lions are welcomed to visit their cottage and the campus.
- Five Lions Clubs are expected to be scheduled to have dinner with the boys in the Lions Cottage over the
- Students are now attending Flemington Academy, the newly opened public charter school on campus. The principal is Dr. Tom Simmons, a resident of the Homes as a teenager.

Amount Donated by Lions and Lions Clubs in FY12: \$46,627.59 Amount Donated by Lions and Lions Clubs in FY13:

\$49,058.92

Annual cost to run the Lions Cottage:

\$193,280

Amount needed from Lions and Lions Clubs:

\$77,312

#### NC Lions District 31

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#### **Council of Governors Meeting**

November 9, 2013

Hampton Inn. Aberdeen, NC

#### Report of the Celebrate Liberty Chair

#### Lion Harriett Edmunds

I have been in touch with all of the District Chairs and have sent them sample programs and information about the formation of this committee in the NC Lions organization. Some chairs have reported plans for programs with students, scouts, and in conjunction with other civic groups.

Pins are being sold for \$2.00 or \$3.00 each. There had been a suggested price, but to my knowledge, a firm price was never agreed upon by the Council or the committee.

There was some confusion because the pins were given to last year's Governors/and or committee chairs, and some were not paid for, or passed on to the 2013 committee chair. Suggestion has been made to bill the districts for the 60 pins that were distributed to each of last year's chairs.

The essay contest for 2013-2014 was announced in March of 2012 by the former committee chair. The subject that he chose was a quotation from James Madison as follows:

'What spectacle can be more edifying or more seasonable, than that of Liberty and Learning, each leaning on the other for their mutual and surest support?"

The April 1 is the deadline for submission of 2013-2014 essays. Please mail them to me at PO Box 733, Wanchese, NC 27981. They will be judged in April and the prize will be awarded at the State Convention in Ashville.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

**Lion Harriett Edmunds** 

**Celebrate Liberty Chair** 

2013-2014

#### MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (November 2013)

By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC, Chairperson

Council Chairperson Bob, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. After a review of our MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws, there were several housekeeping and minor changes that could be made. Since we have had no requests from the State Council to date and since we must make changes next year due to redistricting, we will make all changes at that time unless the State Council wants us to pursue these items this Lions year.

Thank You

#### NC Lions State Council Global Leadership Team Report November 9, 2013

- 1. the USA/Canada Forum was held in Overland Park, Kansas on September 19-21, 2013. How many here attended. From the reports I received, the Forum was very good. I encourage all districts to budget funds to send your District Officers to the Forum each year. It is both educational and beneficial for the especially the District Governor and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor to have an opportunity to meet with the ID who will be attending their district conventions.
- 2. Just a reminder for those planning to attend the Advanced Leadership Seminar at Oak Brook The registration form is due December 27. Dates of the seminar are March 8-10. Candidates must be Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. I highly recommend this seminar for all Second Vice District Governors and hope they plan to attend. Again, I encourage districts to annually budget funds for your 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG to attend.
- 3. One item of particular concern: Governors, I am encouraging all District GLT members to make a special effort to provide Ethics training to club members. In view of a recent incident, it is obvious some of our members may not be aware of the limitations placed on the use of funds raised from the public raised when displaying our Lions emblem. I have attached two documents to this report. I am asking you to read them carefully and share them with your cabinet and club presidents. I will be contacting your District GLT Coordinators with a request that they share this information at cabinet meetings, district conventions, new member and club officer training. Of particular concern is the restriction on members benefitting from funds raised from the public. Our members must know that a Lion cannot personally benefit from funds raised while displaying a Lions emblem. This is both ethically and legally prohibited. Our greatest asset as a Lions organization is our integrity. We take pride in the fact that all fund raised from the public is used to benefit those persons in need. That means we cannot use any of the money we raise for our personal benefit.
- 4. Multiple district training:
  - 1. Dec 6-8: 1st VDG Training
  - 2. Feb 14-16: 1st and 2nd VDG Training
- 5. Area Wide 1st VDG/DGE Training attendance is required

Location: Atlanta Airport Hilton.

Timing - Noon, January 4-Noon January 5, 2014

**Details**: DGEs rooms and meals will be covered. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the event. LCI will reimburse, subject to the rules of audit, normal travel expenses up to \$300 per DGE. Claim forms will be collected at the event for this reimbursement. If spouses attend, they must pay for meals.

Lion Ron Staley
MD GLT Coordinator

#### LIONS HISTORIAN CHAIRMAN, NCLI

#### **Council Meeting**

November 9, 2013

200 Columbus Dr. Aberdeen, NC 28315 (910) 693-4330 9:00 a.m. 368 Clubs

? Clubs Resigned/folded

I'm continuing to appreciate this great Lions organization:

- 1. Striving to keep the organization strong & make it grow
- 2. Making history & making sure its preserved
- 3. We should continue to let others know about us:
  - a- Public displays;
    - 0.Parades;
    - 0. Events;
    - 0. Advertising;
  - b-Contributions that we make;
  - c- Community work

#### I. <u>CLUB CELEBRATIONS</u> - 75 Years of existence:

- O. Brevard ----- District A
- O. Kernersville District D
- O. Waynesville -- District A

#### II. CHARTERS

- 0.- Dealt with Lions International it would cost over \$8,000.
- 0. Sent messages to District History chairs requesting they contact Clubs Regarding Charters. So far, about three Chairs have responded
- O. Thanks to Lion Marlene Wooten, District-D

#### III. CAMP DOGWOOD INVENTORY RECORDING

- O. Met & talked with Susan King;
- O. Talked with NCLI President, Dale Dupree advised to research what Other non-Lion organizations do to preserve histories
  - Called & talked w/Ms. A. Elise Allison, Archivist, City of Greensboro Libraries, Greensboro Historical Museum - She said there's no Uniformity in systems; each develops one to meet its needs

#### IV. LOCATE CLUB BOOKS/PAMPHLETS

- O. Show the Madison Lions Club & Hamilton Lakes Lions Club
- 0. As part of history start to locate and preserve each Lions Club's pamphlet/booklet/etc.

#### V. OTHER

Lion Gwen White, request that any corrections to the new history book should be emailed to her. She will make digital corrections to a master copy that will be place on file at Camp Dogwood.

#### VI. Forward:

O. Ask District history Chairs to:

Request copies of Charters be emailed to (address to be determined) Set turn-in date --- probably March 31, 2014 Request District History committee chairs to request members:

- -Responsibilities of committee members -
  - 1. Identify all clubs within geographical area
  - 2. Make contact and request club Charters
  - 3. Email to (designated email address)
- -Term of committee membership ( to 6/30/2014
- -meetings (by email)

#### **NCLI - Public Information and Education**

#### NC Lions Council of Governors - Information and Technology

Lion George Culp, Chairperson

November 8-10, 2013

Since my last report, I have attempted to familiarize myself with the existing media being used in our state organizations. From that investigation, I have visited existing District Websites, NC LIONS Multiple District, and NC LIONS INC. In addition, I am beginning to review club and district Facebook accounts. At first pass, there are some very impressive presentations of information being provided by both our local clubs and district organizations.

#### Goals and objectives.

"Share the Vision Together".

Assisted the North Raleigh Lions Club with website.

Assisted **ZVP** Paul Bledsoe with gathering service oriented new articles for the Advocate.

Served on the Advocate ad hoc committee and am researching digital magazine software.

Developed a 'quick-start' procedure that can be provided to clubs who want to start a Twitter account.

Enlisted the District Chairpersons of Public Information and Education to provide information of service related activities in their districts.

#### **Activities**

My activities included attending my own district functions as well as:

**VIP Fishing Tournament** 

Multiple conference calls with NCLI President Dale Dupree and others regarding the Advocate.

#### **Planned**

Test digital magazine software and make recommendation.

Continue district and club media review.

Meet with ZVP Paul Bledsoe to accept NCLI website maintenance responsibilities.

Follow-up on responsibilities for Multi-District website.

Be available to assist as needed.

### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF) November 9, 2013

World Diabetes Day is November 14<sup>th</sup>. The World Diabetes Day campaign is led by the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and its member associations. It engages millions of people worldwide in diabetes advocacy and awareness, and it is a popular event for Lions. LCIF assist Lions in fighting diabetes through two grant programs, Sight First grant funding to support diabetic retinopathy programs and Core 4 funding support diabetes programs.

Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. Our 1.35 million members, who perform community service in 208 countries and geographic areas, are different in many ways but share a core belief. Community is what we make it.

Our International Humanitarian Programs are focused in four main areas; Preserving Sight, Supporting Youth, Providing Disaster Relief, and Meeting Humanitarian Needs. There were 489 grants approved in 2012-2013 totaling US \$39,297, 388.00.

Enjoy and have a Great 2013-14 Lions Year!

PCC Carlton Weeks,
LCIF State Coordinator

Council Meeting November 8-10 Aberdeen, NC

#### **Nominations Report**

The Nominations for Council Chair and State Sec/ Trea ended on September 30th with two (2) candidates for Council Chair and one (1) for State Sec/Trea. The nominations for NC Lions, Inc. is open until the election at the May 3-5 meeting of the Board and General Membership meeting at Camp Dogwood. We have at this time two (2) candidates for the office of 2nd VP and one (1) for the office of Treasure. The candidates are listed below.

Office of Council Chair: Lion Ron Kelly, PDG and Past State Sec/Trea.

Lion Chris Hardee PDG

Office of State Secretary/Treasure: Lion Rhett White, Current State Sec/Trea.

Office of Second VP of North Carolina Lions, Inc.: Lion Carolyn Sprinkle, Treasure NC Lions, Inc.

Office of Second VP of North Carolina Lions, Inc.: PDG Charles Holleman

Office of Treasure of North Carolina Lions, Inc.: Lion Jerry Thomas PDG

On Saturday the 9th of November at 2:00 PM the Council of 1st VDG's will chose their Council Chair and Secretary/Treasure for the coming year 2014-2015.

Best regards,

Johnny E. Berry Nominations Chair

## North Carolina Council of Governors Hampton Inn, 200 Columbus Dr., Aberdeen, NC 28315 910-693-4330 Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. 2013 9:00 a.m.

#### **Report of the Promotions Committee:**

The Promotions Committee recently received \$8,303.95 (wholesale value) of new merchandise from Outer Banks Tees. Lion Butch Conrad was kind enough to pull the Promotions trailer to the Outer Banks and back saving us a significant amount in shipping costs.

Lions Apparel sales have been held at all appropriate events to date, and reservations are, or will be, made to have them at the other events throughout the Lions Year.

Plans are being discussed with the Lions of Florida to hold a reception for (then) outgoing International Directors Harvey Whitley and Stacey Jones at the International Convention in Toronto.

This year, we have a rare opportunity to promote Lionism across the state of North Carolina. The "See the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" Mobile Screening Unit will be featured in the Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade in Charlotte on Novemeber 28<sup>th</sup>. This event will be televised on WBTV. 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! Contact DG Terry Cauble, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Chris Headley or PDG Tim Williams with any questions.

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

Respectfully submitted, Lion Tim Williams Promotions Committee Chair