

North Carolina Council of Governors Meeting Minutes, Multiple District 31

9:AM, Saturday, February 4, 2017

North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

The North Carolina MD-31 Council of Governors met Saturday, February 4, 2017, 9:AM at the North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC. Governors attending were: Max Bumgardner, Butch Conrad, Laraine Dupree, Irwin Siegelwax and Barbara Beltran. Council Chair Tim Williams presided and Council Secretary Treasurer Rhett White participated.

(For the record, a Council work session was held on Friday evening, February 3, 2017, 7:30 PM, at the North Raleigh Hilton)

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and asked Governor Siegelwax to lead the Pledge to the United States Flag. Governor Conrad followed with the Invocation.

Chairman Williams welcomed the Lions and guests that were in attendance. He then recognized the Lions International Family and offered an opportunity for them to make remarks.

PIP Sid Scruggs said North Carolina will have its largest International Convention delegation in years, but he urged Lions to not forget the State Convention and the International Officer who will be a guest in North Carolina. He emphasized membership by recruiting and building clubs, noting that the United States now has only 22% of the worldwide Lions while India has 23%.

PID Harvey Whitley complimented the Governors on good district conventions. He also thanked the Governors for their new club efforts, encouraging the 1st VDGs to start organizing their new clubs at this time. He reported that North Carolina is -36 members as of January 31st, but that Districts L and S are positive due to new clubs that have been organized. He reported that North Carolina is + 81 in women's membership and urged Lions to take advantage of the Veteran's Membership Program.

District Governor Reports followed. Governor Bumgardner reported on membership efforts in District 31-L.

attachment # 1

Governor Conrad said District 31-I has added 73 members while losing 103 members including one club. He said new club development is underway. attachment # 2

Governor Dupree reported on a successful District 31-O Convention and said the merger of the Greensboro Host and Greensboro Lions Clubs has been completed. attachment # 3

Governor Siegelwax reported that District 31-N reported on the post Hurricane Matthew disaster relief within that district. He said membership is down 13 members. attachment #4

Governor Beltran reported that membership and new clubs continue to be a focus of District 31-S with new clubs in Ahoskie and Holly Springs. She said disaster relief, including 30,000 pounds of food donated by District 31-L was distributed following Hurricane Matthew. attachment # 5

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Beltran, the District Reports were unanimously accepted.

Chairman Williams appointed PDG Carlton Metts as Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Governor Dupree, second by Governor Conrad, the vote was unanimous to approve the Agenda as presented. Attachment # 6

Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax and second by Governor Bumgardner, the minutes of the November 12, 2016, Council of Governors Meeting were unanimously approved.

attachment # 7

Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White presented the financial report covering the dates from November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017. He reported that the LCIF Grant for Clinical Eye Research has been closed out. Upon motion of Governor Dupree, second by Governor Conrad, the Financial Report was unanimously accepted. Attachment # 8

Secretary-Treasurer White also reviewed the 2015-2016 Council of Governors and Promotions Committee annual audit and tax filings as presented by the CPA firm of Peedin &

Sasser. Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Siegelwax, the audit report was unanimously accepted. *(The audit report is available for review, upon request)*

PDG Dale Dupree, Constitution and By-Laws Chair, presented changes to the Hall of Fame Policy as the required second reading. With no questions Governor Dupree made a motion, seconded by Governor Siegelwax, that was unanimously approved to adopt the policy changes. attachment # 9

PDGs Paulette and Larry Gasperson reported on plans underway for the Centennial Youth Exchange Camp, July 8- August 4, 2017. They provided a travel list and said host families are still needed. attachment # 10

PDG Ron Beltran, host of the 2017 Lions State Convention, said he needs feedback from the Governors on the Convention program and help is needed on the proposed Walk-A-Mile in their Shoes for diabetes awareness effort. He said program ads are coming in slowly. Questions followed, many centered on the details of the walk.

The host committee was asked to work with Lion Judy Jackson, DAPS Chair, to organize the walk that will probably be held at the Governor Morehead School for the Blind.

Under New Business, Lion Steve Walker, retiring Executive Director of the NC Lions, Inc., asked the Council to authorize transfer of \$ 604.00 to NCLI for Brighter Visions. He explained the funds were additional Lions History Book sales after earlier sales had been transferred. Upon motion of Governor Dupree and second by Governor Beltran, the vote to transfer the funds was unanimous.

PDG Charles Holleman, President of NCLI, reported on activities at Camp Dogwood and changes at NCLI. He introduced Hillary Brodofsky, new Executive Director of NCLI. He reported that camp volunteer applications have been distributed, reminded Lions of the scheduled April 7-8 Budget Hearings and April 9-12 Volunteer Week, announced that the waterfront improvements will be dedicated to the Late PDG Frank Brooks and that July 19th will be the Camp Dogwood 50th Anniversary Date. He invited all Lions to attend a session to discuss Matching Funds at 2:30 PM later in the day.

Governor Dupree urged special efforts to promote the State Convention so that North Carolina will make a good impression on the International 2nd Vice-president Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir.

After a short break, reports from State Committee Chairs followed. PDG Gary Green read the Boys and Girls Home report for Lion Judy Headley who was absent. attachment #11

Lion Liz Steele, Chair of Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs reported there are 34 Alpha Clubs and one Omega Club. She said North Carolina does not have a Campus Club but work is underway at UNC-Pembroke. She announced the State Leo Convention at Camp Dogwood, February 24-26, thanking the Governors for contributing \$580.00 per district for the Leo Stop Hunger project.

PDG Michael Schwartz, Celebrate Liberty Chair, reported that two essays were submitted for judging. He said there will not be a Celebrate Liberty pin this year.

attachment # 12

PDG Dale Dupree reported there are no proposed changes to the Constitution or By-laws.

Lion Jan Holleman, Diabetes Education Chair was absent and no report was given.

Lion Judy Jackson, DAPS Chair, reported on several changes including an effort to work with Lumberton Lions to secure services for Robeson County as an under-served area. She said the Walk-A-Mile in their Shoes event at the State Convention would take place from noon to 2:PM at the Governor Morehead School. She said enrollment forms will be available and that music, vendors and Leo involvement should be encouraged with proceeds to the DAPS program. She said a t-shirt is planned for participants.

Chairman Williams invited VIPs to walk in the STRIDES-like walk. He suggested that the local media be contacted to help get the word out on this the biggest project of the year.

Lion Judy noted that Diabetes is a new initiative of Lions International as the 5th area of service. She encouraged Lions to use social media to promote this effort.

Lion Tom Snively, Guide Dog Chair, was absent and no report was available.

PDG John Owens, MD-31 Global Leadership Team Coordinator, indicated that District Governor-Elect training continues. He also indicated that registration is underway for the March 23-26 Lions Leadership Institute at Camp Dogwood at a cost of \$142.35 per participant.

attachment # 13

PDG Vince Schimmoller, General Membership MD-31 Coordinator, urged Lions to not take no for an answer and to tell our story to secure new members and to grow our clubs. He said the state is down 36 members since July 1st and that only about 170 of the 300 clubs in the state report any activity. He reported that LCI has awarded three of the five District GMT Chairs \$250.00 each for membership related expenses.

Historian, PDG Ron Beltran, encouraged Lions to write down their memories and to record club activity.

attachment # 14

VDG George Culp reported on Information Technology, thanking the Governors for the work of the district web masters. He encouraged the use of Go-to Meeting conferencing to cut down on long drives for committee meetings. He said technology that is suitable for VIPs is being researched.

attachment # 15

PDG Diane Whitley reported on the Kids Sight initiative, thanking the districts for forwarding reports on their child vision screening efforts. She said that one pediatrician that opposes screening at an early age has been provided journal articles for review.

Lions Services for Children Chair, VDG Susie Daily, said she has presented 17 programs with another nine scheduled. She provided examples of several Lions Clubs that are providing services for children and suggested that clubs partner with businesses to aid children.

PDG Carlton Weeks, MD-31 LCIF Chair had to leave early and left a written report.

attachment # 16

Nominations Chair, PDG Carlton Metts, reported on the mid-year District Conventions and elections of officers. He noted that all positions will be filled.

PDG Allen Reinhardt indicated his report will be given during the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair reported that she has considered three possibilities for the 2018 State Convention – Greenville, Greensboro and Lake Junaluska.

She said Greenville is inadequate and that Lake Junaluska is an unknown that will use multiple buildings. After much discussion, the Council by consent decided on the Greensboro Airport Marriott. They directed that the hotel be asked to match the lowest room rate available regardless of whether the room is booked at the desk, by phone, internet or otherwise; also regardless of how a registration is made, Lions staying at the hotel should be in the total room count of the convention.

PDG Gwen White, MD-31 Centennial Coordinator, reported that the earlier district grant requests are being consolidated at the request of LCI. She urged clubs to report their Centennial projects to LCI. attachment # 17

Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second By Governor Siegelwax, the motion to accept the reports was unanimously passed.

Chairman Williams thanked everyone for attending and asked Governor Conrad to offer the Benediction. Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting.

This the 4th day of February, 2017.

Rhett B. White
Council Secretary-Treasurer

Tim Williams
Council Chair

We started this Lions year knowing that District L had a net loss of 100 members and 3 clubs last year. We also knew that we had not had a new club in over 5 years. We knew that going into the holiday months that we had 1 new club and were + 53 for the year. Unfortunately, the holiday months were not kind to us. We had a number of drops, and we had 11 deaths over the last 3 months---bringing the number of deaths this year to 19. We have continued to see new members inducted, and we are currently at +16 as of February 1st. I expect to see that number move in a positive direction shortly. We had Ronnie Martin, from Texas, with us again the week of January 22nd. We are in the process of finalizing a new club in Asheville which will be called the Greater West Asheville Centennial Lions Club as well as a campus club at Western Carolina University. We have 2 clubs, the Maggie Valley Lions Club and the McCune Lions Club that have important membership initiatives coming up in the next couple of months that we hope will bear some fruit as well. However, the bottom line here is, as we are all aware, if you don't start new clubs, you will have a minus in membership. Without the new club in our District, we would be at -30 now.

As a result of the new clubs, we now have a focus on adding more Guiding Lions. We had a number whose certifications expired. So, now we are going to rebuild.

From a service standpoint, our clubs continue to do some good work. The frustrating part for me is that we continue to have clubs that will not report what they are doing to LCI---another opportunity for us to work on. The Sand Hill and Candler Lions have gotten some tremendous publicity on a golf ball drop that they are doing in March to raise funds for a local woman with Stage 4 Cancer. We will be having our first annual District Day of Service on April 8th. All clubs are being asked to perform service in their communities on that day---hopefully, we can get a little PR bump from that also as they post pictures on their Facebook pages or in their local newspapers or other media. In addition, in Zone 10, there will be another Day of Service during the International Convention to specifically celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Lionism.

On April 1st, we are going to have our special fundraiser with 100% of the net proceeds going to Brighter Visions. In case you haven't heard, that will be a concert at Stuart Auditorium in Lake Junaluska featuring the award winning group, Balsam Range. We are hopeful that we can sell out the venue. Tickets are now available from me, at the Clyde, NC Town Hall, and online at brownpapertickets.com.

The Pisgah High Leo Club will be having their first ever Project Unify basketball game! Project Unify is run by Special Olympics of North Carolina and allows students with learning disabilities to partner with 'buddy' students to participate in athletic competitions. The club is both excited and a little nervous. The Unified Athletes and their buddies will be taking on their teachers, led by District Leo Coordinator, Stephanie "Air" Morgan. There will be no admission charged. Instead, they will be asking for any

donations one might feel inclined to give to the program at the door. The game will take place on Monday, February 6th.

Starting in March, we are going to be having a Facebook Challenge to encourage more of our clubs to become active on Social Media. There will be awards given at the end of the year for those clubs that meet the criteria. We know that this is a great way to get more exposure, so we thought that this would be a fun way to encourage more clubs to get on board.

Excitement is building among the members of Pisgah High School Band in anticipation of their trip to Chicago for the International Convention. I mentioned in August that I was working with the School Superintendent on the travel costs to make sure that we get the most cost effective solution. As a result, we have reduced the costs by almost 40%. The Band Director has worked to arrange a great itinerary for the trip so that they can maximize their time by seeing as many of the great sights of Chicago---because we know that most of those kids may never make it back. My club held another fund raiser last night, and along with some funds from our recent fund raiser of working the concession stands at the Warren Haynes Christmas Jam, we will be presenting them another check at our first meeting in March. If my math is correct, they will need to raise approximately \$ 5000 after these checks. I have arranged for the band to have a police escort out of town when they leave for Chicago.

Last fall, at our first Council meeting, I had mentioned that we were going to do some things differently this year. We have and are continuing to do that. However, these are only our first steps. We still have a lot to accomplish over the last 5 months of the Lion's year.

**DISTRICT 31-I REPORT
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
FEBRUARY 2017/RALEIGH**

District 31-I is doing quite well in the eyes of this District Governor. We started the year with 1311 members and now have as of today 1281. For the year we have lost 103 members but have added 73+. I say that because we have had at least 4 new prospective member inquiries in the last two weeks. I'm sorry to say that we have lost one club this year which we thought had been dropped last year but International got their wires crossed and dropped Cornelius-Lake Norman this Lions year. With much regret we will be losing West Concord as of June 30, 2017. So we now stand at 58 clubs.

Now on the bright side we have a consultant from LCI, one Paul Baker, coming on Sunday, February 12 to the Davis-Townsend Lions Club to hold a New Club Development Workshop at 2 PM for the express purpose of starting two new clubs. One will be started in Clemmons in Forsyth County and at Piedmont Crossing in Thomasville, Davidson County. We have our four guiding Lions and our two sponsoring clubs ready to get to work. Many Lions have stepped up to lend a hand in forming these new clubs. I also have my eye on Pilot Mountain in Surry County. I understand that they had a club at one time but we hope to start a new one. We recently had a request from a lady in Charlotte to start a Campus Club at UNC-Charlotte. I know this is an ambitious goal but with the determination, skill, and hard work ethic that our district has, I feel that this is doable.

The Zone Chairs and Region Chairs have gone above and beyond the call of duty to keep District I on the right tract to retaining members and saving clubs that are in trouble. For example, one club in our district had 3 members and decided to hang in there and not relinquish their charter and have now doubled their membership. That certainly doesn't sound like much but at least it's a start in the right direction. The Zones in District I are among the best people that I have ever had the pleasure of working with. They are so adept and focused on what they do and the impact that they have on fellow Lions and VIP's that I believe that DGE George Culp has retained all but one who was easily replaced, actually by the first person he called.

As reported in November we now have 14 active Leo Clubs with one more almost ready to rev up this month, I hope. To summarize then, District I is very much alive and well and still kicking. It is my goal and the District's goal to develop new clubs, retain members, and serve like never before.

District 31-O
Quarterly Report
February 4, 2017

The "Oh Yeah", "Outstanding" district is alive and well.

We have just celebrated our 2nd Annual Mid-Winter Convention this past weekend in Greensboro. There were over 150 Lions and guests who joined us for some part of the weekend as we celebrated the 100th birthday of Lions. International Director Bruce Beck brought us new perspectives and new energy to continue our service. During the convention we elected our leaders for the 2017-2018 Lions year:

District Governor Elect Karl Ernst of the Siler City Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor Elect Susie Dailey of the McLeansville Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor Paul Silverman of the Durham Lions Club.

We are certain that each of these Lions will strive to serve our district, our state, and our international association so that Lions can continue to fulfill our motto, We Serve.

I would especially like to acknowledge the perseverance of DGE Karl. It has taken him 5 years to reach his goal of being a district governor; he served as 1st and 2nd VDG in District G prior to the redistricting; he then started the journey over again when he was elected as 2nd VDG for the new District O.

The merger of the Greensboro Host and Greensboro New Generation Lions Clubs has been completed. These clubs have successfully "knitted together for service."

Our Lions are serving their communities and especially the VIPs. They have donated 14,234 hours of service impacting 133,372 lives. 22 of our 58 clubs or 37% have completed service activities in 2 or more of the Centennial Service campaigns.

Our district membership numbers have varied little this year. While we still stand at -24 for the year, we did not experience the huge number of drops that often occur in December. Our Lions have brought in 52 new members thus far this year; we have lost 76, 13 of those to death. Our Lions are working to turn those numbers around. Lion Ray Harper from Texas will lead a club extension workshop and recruitment effort in the Raeford (Hoke County) are beginning March 5. By the end of a successful week of educating and recruiting, we should be able to show positive growth for the district.

We are continuing to work with the schools of the district in establishing new Leo clubs. While none of the clubs are yet chartered, several are close. We will not give up.

Clubs in District 31-O are actively contributing to the Brighter Vision Annual Fund Drive, having donated \$60,787.78. That is 43.11% of our goal. I am confident that the district will meet its goal of \$141,000 as many clubs will have their major fundraisers during the spring months.

As of January 28th, District 31-O led the state in the Camp Dogwood raffle ticket sales: \$16,431 with an average of 1.29 books/member.

State of District 31N as of February 2017 Council Meeting

I am pleased to report that my 2nd request to L.C.I.F for an additional Emergency Disaster Grant of \$10,000 was approved. Normally L.C.I.F gives one grant per disaster. We have allocated \$25,000 to help those displaced by Hurricane Matthew in 9 of our counties. As of February 1, I have receipts turned in for \$17,324.56 and with those funds we have been able to help approximately 695 people, so far. As recently as January 27th, we received a check for \$1,000 from the Charlton City Lions Club in Massachusetts. All monies sent in to aid the victims of this terrible Hurricane have been disbursed to Lions Clubs in the impacted areas. When we are all done we will have given out \$25,000 to Hurricane Matthew survivors in our District.

I have completed all my scheduled District Governor visits. Between last year and today, I have visited 53 of 61 Clubs and 9 of our 12 Zones. We are now # 2 in Brighter Visions @44.36% of goal.

At the end of January we are showing -13 year to date in membership, Clubs dropped 16 in January. I am optimistic that we will be positive in membership this year, Our goal is to be at 1,200 at the year of the year. We have 5 new members as of Feb 2nd.

However, on January 19th we started a UNC Pembroke Campus Club with 21 students and 2 transfers with 8 more needing some corrections for a total of 31 students. Paperwork has been submitted. The balance will be corrected and submitted prior to the Charter Night in March.

A meeting was held on January 30th to Charter our second Leo Club, this one at New Bern High School. If everything goes okay, we may have 3 more Leo Clubs this year.

We will be having Buck Larsen, a new Club Consultant from

L.C.I with us the week of March 18th thru March 24th, to help us build a Club in Pamlico County. He will be flying in on Friday and conducting a very exciting workshop at the Woodman Community Center (Home of Lions Water Adventure) in Kinston. It is open to all Lions officers, present and future. Besides, proper canvassing he will be discussing best practices for membership retention and how to recruit our friends, with handouts. Seating is limited, so contact me if you are interested in attending. The second day we are in Pamlico County we have been invited to talk to their Chamber of Commerce.

Our Mid-Winter Convention was very successful and we elected:

Lion Don Eggert of the Shallotte Lions Club as DGE

Lion Rahim(Ray) Shomari of the Jacksonville New River as 1st VDGE

Lion David Cox of the Lumberton Lions Club as 2nd VDGE

Due to Hurricane Matthew not all Strides Walks/Diabetes Screenings were held. Some of them will be conducted this Spring.

The Beaufort Lions Club won the first Lion James Kiser Club Membership Award. They added 13 new members thru December 31st. The Southport Lions Club came in second with 7 new members. In third place was the Washington Evening Club which started the year with 6 members and added 5 new members.

We started the year with ambitious plans for “our” year. With a strong 2nd half of “our” year we are on track to have fun and meet all our goals.

**Respectfully submitted,
DG Lion Irwin Siegelwax
District 31N 2016-2017
cell 910-209-6170**

State of the District Report 31 S Feb. 4, 2017

Members of the International Family, Fellow Governors, Lions Family,

Membership is progressing. We are proud to announce that we have now chartered our new Ahoskie Centennial Lions Club, and they are working on scheduling their Charter Night. We also have New Club Consultant, Ray Harper, coming Feb. 12th, to train and help us recruit and start a new Lions Club in Holly Springs. We are also very excited to welcome back two clubs that have been reactivated and reinstated into 31-S, Knightdale Lions Club, and Enfield Lions Club! I am happy to report this puts us in the plus column for membership for this Lions' Year!

We received a disaster relief grant from Lions Clubs International to assist in areas that suffered from Hurricane Matthew and the subsequent flooding. Thanks to assistance from the Manteo Lions Club, Wanchese Lions Club, Tarboro Lions Club, Wilson Luncheon Lions Club, and Windsor Lions Club, we were able to purchase and distribute food, water, clothing, and cleaning supplies to help and assist over 1643 people, which included 341 families. In addition to over 30,000 pounds of food donated by District L and Ingles Markets, we also received contributions from several Lions Clubs (Manteo, First Flight, Lake Gaston, North Raleigh, Pilot, and Durham (District O)), that enabled us to further assist the flooding victims. Great work was done by all!

I have enjoyed making Governor visits to 35 clubs, and several others have been visited by DG Elect, Stephen McLaurin, or 1st VDG Elect, Nathan Medlin. Other clubs are scheduled for future visits.

We held a Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at our MidWinter Convention in Greenville. We also convened a Convention Meeting for elections of next year's District Officers. Congratulations to DG Elect Stephen McLaurin, 1st VDG Elect, Nathan Medlin, and 2nd VDG Elect, Mark Bateman!

Our MidWinter N and S Convention was held in Greenville Jan. 20-21st. ID Sam Lindsey was our keynote speaker and brought us great information and motivation from Lions Clubs International. We honored our District 31-S Peace

Poster Winner, Katie Davis, from Leesville Middle School. A great time was had by all!

Lion Barbara Beltran

DG 31-S

**North Carolina Council of Governors
Council Meeting – Agenda
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Call to Order	Council Chair Tim Williams
Pledge of Allegiance	Governor Irwin Sigelwax
Invocation	Governor Butch Conrad
Welcome to Lions and Guests	Chairman Williams
Recognition of International Officers	Chairman Williams
Remarks	International Officers
District Reports/Comments	District Governors
Appoint Parliamentarian	Chairman Williams
Approve Agenda	Council of Governors
Minutes of November 12, 2016 Council of Governors Meeting	Council Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White
Approval of Minutes	
Financial Reports	Council Secretary/Treasurer
Accept Financial Report	
Accept 2015-16 Audit Report	
<u>Unfinished Business:</u>	
1. Hall of Fame Rules/Procedures Changes	PDGs Dale Dupree & Ron Kelly
2. Centennial Youth Exchange Camp	PDGs Paulette & Larry Gasperson
3. 2017 Sate Convention Update	PDG Ron Beltran, Host Chair
4. "Walk a mile in their shoes"	Chairman Williams

New Business:

1. Revenue from History Book sales
- 2.
- 3.

Steve Walker, NCLI

Report from North Carolina Lions, Inc.

President Charles Holleman

Reports/Discussion from State Committees:

- * Boys and Girls Home
- * Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs
- * Celebrate Liberty
- * Constitution & By-laws
- * Diabetes Awareness Education
- * Diabetes Awareness/DAPS
- * Guide Dogs
- * Leadership

- * Membership

- * Historian
- * Information and Technology
- * Kids Sight USA
- * Lions Services for Children
- * LCIF

- * Nominations
- * Promotions
- * State Convention
- * Lions Clubs International Centennial

PDG Judy Headley, Chair
Lion Liz Steele, Chair
PDG Michael Schwartz, Chair
PDG Dale Dupree, Chair
Lion Jan Holleman, Chair
Lion Judy Jackson, Chair
Lion Tom Snively, Chair
PDG John Owens, GLT
MD Coordinator
PDG Vince Schimmoller, GMT
MD Coordinator
PDG Ron Beltran, Chair
Lion George Culp, Chair
PDG Diane Whitley, Chair
VDG Susie Dailey, Chair
PDG Carlton Weeks,
MD Coordinator
PDG Carlton Metts, Chair
PDG Allen Reinhardt, Chair
Lion Harriett Walton, Chair
PDG Gwen White,
MD Coordinator

Other Business:

Announcements

Chairman Williams

Benediction

Governor Conrad

Adjourn

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Chairman Williams called the meeting to order and asked Governor Dupree to lead the Pledge to the Flag, followed by the invocation by Governor Conrad. Governor Conrad reported that Barbara Ernst was hospitalized during the night and asked for prayers for her recovery.

Chairman Williams welcomed all of the attendees. He recognized and invited remarks from the International Family – PIP Sid Scruggs and PID Harvey Whitley.

PIP Scruggs summarized highlights of the last International Board Meeting, announced that two resolutions will be on the ballot at the International; Convention in Chicago, reported that there will be revised election procedures with certification of delegates and voting occurring at the same time, announced that redistricting has been approved for Virginia, South Carolina and Kentucky. He reminded the Governors that the veteran's waiver of membership fee has been extended through June of 2018. He reported that Diabetes has been approved for the fifth Centennial service area

PID Whitley reported on membership which is positive for MD-31 through November 6th. He said many districts have not chartered a new Lions Club in years, challenging the five North Carolina districts to organize Lions Clubs in underserved areas. He also said there is concern for the clubs numbering 20 or less members.

He announced that the Kids Sight effort in partnership with Georgia Lions and the Peach Bowl screened 85 children with five referrals for eye exams. He said the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation will provide glasses if needed. PID Whitley emphasized that it was wonderful to get the Lions message out to the public at the football venue, thanking PDG Sandy Scarlett for coordinating the North Carolina part of the service effort.

He expressed appreciation for the North Carolina Lions that helped with the very successful USA/Canada Forum Store. He said future forums will be in Portland, Columbus, Spokane and Louisville while encouraging lions to participate.

PID Lacy Presnell, not in attendance, sent his best wishes.

District Reports from the Governors followed. District 31-L Governor Bumgardner reported on the chartering of the new Greater Morganton Lions Club with 41 members and thanked PDG George Suggs for getting supplies donated to coastal hurricane victims to those areas. He noted that the emphasis has shifted to his district with the western forest fires that threaten homes and businesses. attachment # 1

District 31-I Governor Conrad reported on a successful fall Convention. He said the district has 59 clubs without a loss in membership. He announced a new Leo Club and expressed disappointment at being turned down for a spot in the Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade in Charlotte. attachment # 2

District 31-O Governor Dupree said it is a struggle to get report information from some individual Lions Clubs. She said a \$10,000 disaster grant will result in unused dollars returned to LCIF. She said work is underway to organize a new Lions Club in Hoke County which is without a Lions Club. attachment # 3

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Secretary/Treasurer Rhett White presented the three month financial report ending October 31, 2016. He noted that receipts have totaled \$22,924.06 with expenditures of \$4,980.45; total Council assets are \$68,484.58. He noted that the new savings account has been established to handle receipts for the Lions Leadership School hosted by North Carolina early next year as required by LCI.

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Council Chair Williams described the State Council project and event planned during the 2017 State Convention. He noted that the Strides-like project will be free and that sponsorships for a t-shirt are being sought. He said participants are encouraged to walk blindfolded and that all proceeds will go to the DAPS program. Questions followed.

Under new business, PDG Ron Kelly reported on proposed changes to the NC Lions Hall of Fame Procedures. He proposed adding "North Carolina" service to the requirements and he also proposed adding International Officers and their spouses being automatically inducted at the end of their service. After discussion, **Governor Dupree with second by Governor Bumgardner, made a motion to accept the new wording and send it to the Constitution and By-laws Committee for second consideration at the February Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.** attachment # 8

Chairman Williams reported that questions have been raised about the readability of the web site by VIPs. After discussion, including encouraging individual clubs to use a VIP friendly format, **motion was made by Governor Siegelwax with second by Governor Beltran, to authorize Information and Technology Chairman George Culp to move forward with the most readable color contrasts and formats most friendly to VIPs. The motion passed unanimously.**

A short break was announced by Chairman Williams.

Lion Harriett Walton, State Convention Chair, indicated that three preliminary proposals have been received for the 2018 State Convention – Lake Junaluska, Greensboro and Greenville. She said site visits are planned. attachment # 9

State Convention Host Chair, PDG Ron Beltran reported on plans for the 2017 Convention in Raleigh, April 28-30, at the North Raleigh Hilton. He emphasized that this will be the Governor's Convention and several decisions are needed. He reviewed several details and answered questions.

Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Bumgardner, the vote was unanimous to provide two exhibit tables free of charge to Leader dogs and LPCCI.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Beltran, the vote was unanimous to charge \$100 per table for non-Lions vendors.

Upon motion of Governor Beltran and second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote was unanimous to accept the schedule of advertising prices as presented by the host committee.

Upon motion of Governor Bumgardner, second by Governor Siegelwax, the vote was unanimous to approve the registration form changes as presented by the host committee and to approve the financial report as presented.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Dupree, the vote was unanimous authorizing PDG Beltran to coordinate and publicize with DAPS Chair, Lion Judy Jackson, the details for the Strides Walk.

PDG Beltran said he needs information on who will preside at each session, suggestions for entertainment and Lions named to the various Convention Committees. He emphasized that those appointed should attend the convention. attachment # 10

PDG Charles Holleman, provided an update on North Carolina Lions, Inc., reporting that 692 VIPs attended camp during the summer. He thanked the 50 Lions and others that volunteered during the camping season. He said campers still face challenges in securing transportation to and from Camp Dogwood.

NCLI President Holleman announced that Hanna Earnhardt has been employed to serve as Development Officer for NCLI and the search committee is getting ready to hire a new Executive Director to replace the retiring Steve Walker when he leaves January 31, 2017.

PDG Chris Headley stood in for Lion Judy Headley, presenting the Boys and Girls Home Report. attachment # 11

Lion Liz Steele, chairperson, presented the Campus and Leo Clubs Report. She reported 32 Alpha and one Omega Club, then reviewed activities and accomplishments of the Leo Clubs. attachment # 12

Celebrate Liberty Chair, PDG Michael Schwartz, e-mailed his report, emphasizing that the Celebrate Liberty Essay contest will be held in February. attachment # 13

There were no reports from the Constitution and By-laws Committee, the Diabetes Awareness Education Committee and the DAPs Committee.

Information and Technology Committee Chair, VDG George Culp, was absent but sent a written report. attachment # 14

PDG Ron Beltran, Historian, asked the Governors to direct NCLI to move the "Hall of Fame" plaque to the lodge building at Camp Dogwood with \$250 allocated for the header board. **Upon motion of Governor Siegelwax, second by Governor Dupree, the vote to make and fund the request passed unanimously.** attachment # 15

Nominations Committee Chair, PDG Carlton Metts, submitted the Nominations Committee report. He announced that selection of the 2017-2018 Council Chair will be held during December at Camp Dogwood. He reported that PDG Rhett White has been selected to serve as 2017-2018 Council Secretary/Treasurer, the fifth and final year that he will be eligible to serve in that role. attachment # 16

Kids Sight Chair, PDG Dianne Whitley, asked for information from the Governors on the number of SPOT and similar vision screening units for children that are being used throughout the state. She explained that some clubs are using grants from NCLF to help purchase the units for use in their communities, urging clubs to secure the equipment and reach out to serve their communities. It was noted that schools in some counties will not allow Lions to enter the schools to conduct screenings, but that other school systems are enthusiastic about the new technology.

Lion Tom Snively reported on Guide Dogs. He said many VIPs do not get good service from their Social Workers for the Blind, thanking lions for getting the word out about the availability of Leader Dogs. Governor Dupree asked if programs presented to clubs include the several sources of guide dogs in addition to Leader Dogs. He answered yes while pointing out that Leader Dogs is one of Lions International's oldest projects. PIP Scruggs who raised a puppy for Leader Dog also urged caution in making sure folks know there are several sources for companion/helping animals.

PDG Allen Reinhardt announced that a VIP in District 31-I applied for a Leader Dog and complimented the organization for its review and training process. attachment # 17

PDG John Owens, GLT Coordinator, announced the Leadership Institute planned for Camp Dogwood in March. He said participants are limited to 30 Lions. He announced other 1st and 2nd VDG training and encouraged lions to take advantage of the training offered by LCI. attachment # 18

PDG Vince Schimmoller, GMT Coordinator, reported that MD-31 is up 14 members as of November 10th. He reminded the Governors that eight new clubs were

promised but only two are underway.

attachment # 19

There was no report from the LCIF Coordinator due to illness.

MD-31 Centennial Coordinator, PDG Gwen White, asked Governors to identify district projects that can be a Centennial project and apply for the \$1,500 per district that is available from Lions International. Districts 31-L and 31-S indicated they were prepared to submit grant applications.

attachment # 20

Lions Services for Children Chair, VDG Susie Dailey was absent with no report.

Promotions Chair, PDG Allen Reinhardt, said he will report during the Promotions Committee Meeting at 1:30 PM.

Upon motion of Governor Conrad, second by Governor Dupree, the motion to accept the Committee reports was unanimously approved.

Chairman Williams announced that the next meeting will be February 3-4, 2017 in Raleigh at the North Raleigh Hilton.

Governor Conrad presented the benediction and Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

This the 12th day of November, 2016.

Rhett B. White
Council Secretary/Treasurer

Tim Williams
Council Chair

NORTH CAROLINA LIONS STATE COUNCIL
2016-2017 Council Budget
November 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017
Financial Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Line</u>
Balance Forward	\$ 5,344.05	\$ 5,344.05	100
State Dues (6,038 average x \$5.50)	33,209.00	17,338.75	110
Interest	3.00	2.20	120
District Secretary/Treasurer Bonds	318.00	318.00	130
State Convention Income*	5,000.00	5,329.99	150
Youth Exchange (from Money Mkt. Reserve)*	6,384.08		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00		170
LCIF Grant (NCLI Clinical Eye Research)	54,580.00	54,580.00	180
LCI Leadership Institute Grant & Tuition	8,541.00		183
LCI GLT Training Grant	600.00		185
LCI Centennial Funds	1,850.00		187
Leo Clubs Income	5,000.00	240.82	190
Leo Clubs Project	2,900.00		191
Appropriations from Money Market	0.00		192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	800.00	195
Total Income:	\$ 124,579.13	\$ 83,953.81	


EXPENSES

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	\$	200
District Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Bonds	318.00	318.00	210
State Secretary/Treasurer Bond	103.00	103.00	215
Clerical Services – NCLI	600.00	600.00	220
Office Supplies (Secretary/Treasurer)	75.00		230
Printing (NCLI & Secretary Treasurer)	100.00		240
Postage (NCLI & Secretary Treasurer)	100.00		250
Telephone (Secretary/Treasurer)	0.00		260
Awards, Plaques & Gifts	1,500.00		270
State Council Conference Calls	00.00		280
Expenses – State Secretary/Treasurer	3,000.00		290
Expenses – State Council Chair	4,000.00	1,764.37	300
Incoming CC Intl' Convention Expenses	3,500.00		305
State Convention Cash Advance	10,000.00	10,000.00	310
State Convention Committee	200.00		315
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,100.00		320
District Extension Workshops/Matching Funds	0.00		325
History Committee	200.00		335

Leadership Training/Global Team	5,000.00	1,922.26	350
Leadership Institute	8,541.00		355
State Council Committee Expenses	4,000.00	2,135.08	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	1,000.00		370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00	7.35	380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	329.78	390
Leo Clubs Expenses	5,000.00	433.35	395
Leo Clubs Project	2,900.00		397
Youth Exchange*	6,384.08		400
Boys & Girls Home Committee	200.00		405
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,000.00	750.00	410
Guide Dogs Committee	200.00	78.01	415
Lions Services for Children Committee	200.00		417
LCIF Grant	54,580.00	54,580.00	420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo Contests	1,000.00		425
Diabetes Awareness	1,200.00		428
Campus Clubs	0.00		429
2 nd & 1 st VDG Clothing Allowance (5 each @\$130)	1,300.00	1,430.00	430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance (2@\$130)	260.00	130.00	431
CC, SST, DGE, 1 st & 2 nd VDG Crests (17@\$25.59)	435.00	79.85	435
Contingency Expense	0.00	200.00	440
Transfer to Money Market*	3,983.05		442
	\$124,579.13	\$ 74,861.05	

Checking Balance on Hand – January 31, 2017	\$ 11,902.36
*Money Market Balance – January 31, 2017	<u>44,674.09</u>
Total Council Assets	\$ 56,576.45

Accounts

 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4815	Available Balance \$11,902.36
 Business Ess Plus XXXXXX4823	Available Balance \$15,768.08
 Money Market (Business) XXXXXX0757	Available Balance \$44,674.09
 Money Market (Business) XXXXXX5714	Available Balance \$9,317.25
 FIRST SAVINGS (BUS) XXXXXX1798	Available Balance \$1,154.19

MONEY MARKET # 0757
January 31, 2017

Current Balance: \$44,674.09
(interest, \$3.79 YTD)

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

1. State Convention Reserves	\$ 26,831.00
2. Celebrate Liberty	8,067.25
3. Youth Exchange	6,384.62
4. State Council Reserves	3,391.22
5. Leo Clubs	0.00

By - Laws Report February 2017

By: Lion Dale Dupree, PDG. Chairperson

Council Chair : Tim, Governors, Lions and guest.

Per the presentation in "Open" State Council meeting held November 12, 2016 the attached revision of NC MD 31 Lions Policy and Procedures Manual Policy #13 NC Lions Hall of Fame page 11 under CRITERIA the following changes were made.

**Changes to NC COG Policies and Procedures
NC Lions hall of Fame**

Currently reads:

Criteria: Nominees may be living or deceased. The nominee 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.]

Proposed change:

Criteria: Nominees may be living or deceased. The nominee must have had at least ten (10) years of service in North Carolina 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.

International Officers and their spouses will automatically be inducted when their active term in office is completed.



attachment # 10

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Host Family: July 8-22 2017
Camp Dates: July 22- August 4 2017
Age Limit: 15-17
Camp Capacity: 8 4 MALES/ 4 FEMALES
Language: English
Application Deadline: April 1 2017
Camp Fees: 0
Travel Arrangements: Closest Airport to Host Family
Activities:

Camp Directors:

Lions Larry and Paulette Gasperson

PO Box 494

Pisgah Forest, N C 28768

USA

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Home Phone: 828-883-8596

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Cell Paulette: 828-384-0057

MD-31 Youth Exchange Celebrating 100 Years

July 22: Meet Students at PDG Randall Clapp farm (Spend the night)

July 23: Tubing in Pisgah Forest Eat @Pisgah Forest Lions Den (Spend Night)

July 24: Sliding Rock—Canton Lions Club Meeting (Spend Night)

July 25: Sparta PDG Bob and 2nd Vice DG Carolyn Sprinkle(Spend Night)

July 26: Carowinds Lion Corey Cauble (Spend The Night)

July 27: Unionville PDG Chris Headley, PID Harvey Whitley & DG Laraine Dupree (3:00pm) (Spend The Night)

July 28: Sanford (Pottery) PDG Vince & Lion Donna Schimmoller (Spend The Night)

July 29: Smithfield PDG Keith & PDG Jana Peedin (Spend The Night)

July 30: New Bern PDG Carton and Lion Ann Metts (Spend The Night)

July 31: Outer Banks Wrights Brother Museum NC Aquarium Dinner with Wanchese LC Lost Colony (Spend The Night)

August 1: Fishing with Manto & First Flight Leos and Bingo with First Flight Lions Club (Spend The Night)

August 2: Lake Gaston PDG Don & PDG Marti Henry (Spend The Night)

August 3: Dobson PDG Gene Everett (Spend The Night)

August 4: Greensboro (Home !)

Board Meeting
2/4/17

The State of NC Lions has given so much of their time, dedication, care, and donations since July Of 2016. The donation of food alone has succeeded over 3000 lbs. The boys at the Lions cottage and, the Lakehouse teen moms and babies were treated at Christmas with many gifts including gift cards for Them to use as needed. They were so thankful to receive these gifts. Please continue with the Baby Showers and canathon for number 10 cans

The Federal Government has given the Boys and Girls Homes of NC approval to allow the children to stay past the age of 18 in the Transitional Program up to the age of 21. Most of these children are not mature enough to leave the home at age 18. Many of the children are not able to read past the sixth grade level at age 16. The teachers and residential counselors are striving to increase their level on a daily basis.

Lions Cottage Furniture:

The Boys and Girls Homes of NC are asking for your support in sponsoring a specific piece of furniture for the Lions Cottage. The Cottage is in need of new furnishings to meet the demand of nine boys. Over the past years the other cottages have been updated with new furniture. The Lions have been a part of the Boys and Girls Homes of NC since the beginning and that support has provided invaluable relationships throughout the years. In 1959 the fundraising began to build the Lions cottage and the Lions have been there with renovation projects throughout the years to improve the cottage. One area not covered was the furniture. The total cost of the project is \$26,900.00. Please see me for information on the cost of the different pieces of furniture. Your district or clubs may want to combine donations to help buy a piece of furniture. In advance I want to thank you for your time and help in this project that is so needed.

Please continue to pray for these children on a daily basis addressing their physical, emotional, social, educational, and spiritual development. Thank you for all you do for these children they are clearly living the theme "New Mountains to Climb".

Serving with heart

Judy Headley

State Chairperson Boys and Girls Homes of NC





North Carolina Lions
Multiple District 31/Celebrate Liberty Committee

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To: N.C. State Council of Governors
Multiple District 31

From: PDG Michael H. Schwartz
State Chairperson, Celebrate Liberty Committee

Re: Quarterly Report

Date: 04 February 2017

As of the deadline, the Celebrate Liberty Committee has received two entries for the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest. I am pleased to announce that I have arranged for judging to be conducted by Dr. Farrell W. O’Gorman, the chairperson of the English Department at Belmont Abbey College; Dr. Justin B. Litke, an assistant professor of Government at Belmont Abbey College; and Dr. Eugene F. Thuot, professor of Government and Political Philosophy at Belmont Abbey College.

The judges will receive a copy of each essay and they will be asked to evaluate the student’s writing to determine which essay best conveys the theme of this year’s contest. After consultation and a winner determined, the chairperson of the Celebrate Liberty Committee will publish the name of the winner by email to the Council of Governors and members of the committee.

Coordinating with the district chairperson; the winner, along with their parent/guardian, will be invited to attend the 2017 N.C. Lions State Convention in Raleigh where they will be presented a check for \$250 and asked to read their essay during the 2nd General Business Session. As is tradition, the State Council will pay for one night’s accommodation, mileage and a per diem to cover meals if the winner chooses to attend.

In other business,

Our district chairpersons – Diane Taylor of District 31-L, Braxton and Sarah Troublefield of District 31-I, Barbara Thompson of District 31-O, Andrea Cole of District 31-N, and Harriet Walton of District 31-S – continue to present Celebrate Liberty programs in schools, for community groups and Lions clubs in their respective districts. To date, more than 1,000 students have heard the Celebrate Liberty program.

Production of Celebrate Liberty pins for 2016-2017 was cancelled. The decision was unfortunate, but it was decided that accounting procedures need to be put in place to insure that monies owed the State Council for the sale of Celebrate Liberty pins are paid. As for the 2017-2018 Celebrate Liberty pins, we have a design in the works that will reflect the Centennial celebration of Lions Clubs International while promoting the mission of the Celebrate Liberty program. The pins should be ready for distribution to the five districts by the state of the new Lion’s year.

As you are aware, the Celebrate Liberty Committee ended the 2015-2016 Lion’s year in a budget deficient, with an expenditure of \$1,176.23. This money went toward the purchase of Celebrate Liberty pins and associated costs

with the Celebrate Liberty Essay Contest. However, we produced an income of only \$585 through the sale of Celebrate Liberty pins, less than half of the projected \$1,200 in income that the committee should have made through pin sales. District governors had reported that all Celebrate Liberty pins had been sold. No pins were returned to the committee by the districts. With an expense budget of \$1,000 in 2016-2017, the committee again projected a budget deficient at the end of the current Lion's year.

An inquiry into Celebrate Liberty pins sales by the committee determined that some districts either failed to pay for pins they received for sale or the money generated through Celebrate Liberty pin sales was turned in with state pins sales. To date, the committee still has not been able to determine which districts have not paid for pins they received.

The Celebrate Liberty Committee continues to look for a corporate sponsor to pay for the printing of the Celebrate Liberty booklet that features copies of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The booklets are a popular handout during Celebrate Liberty programs. We are currently out of the booklets and because no sponsor was found this year, none were printed.

Attempts to secure a sponsor have been unsuccessful as the cost of printing new booklets would be approximately \$20,000. The committee has developed a list of organizations that provide these booklets no at cost or at a minimum cost.

www.aclu.org		\$11.99 per 10 pack
www.constitutionfacts.com	Free (1) copy	\$3.95 each/plus shipping
www.hillsdale.edu/free-pocket-constitution	Free (1) copy	Contact for bulk orders
www.nccs.net	Free (1) copy	\$40 per box of 100
www.patriotdepot.com	Free (1) copy	\$1.79 per copy over 10

Global Leadership Team
Report to Council of Governors
February,2017

The Governor Elects had a training session at Camp Dogwood in December, and a session in Atlanta the first of January. Their second multiple district session is scheduled for February 17. Because of weather, three of the DGE's were not able to attend the Atlanta meeting, and they will have a make-up session prior to the multiple district meeting in February.

The Regional Lions Learning Institute at Camp Dogwood scheduled for March 23-26 needs the immediate attention of all of us. We have plenty of vacancies, and if we don't increase our participation, the institute will have to be cancelled. I ask each governor and GLT to contact each of their clubs asking them to send their vice president to the institute. This needs our attention right now. The reservation deadline is March 3. If you have any further suggestions for me, please let me know now.

All of us Lions are reminded of the excellent programs which LCI offers on the Lions Learning Center. The 22 on-line courses will enable each of us to enhance our leadership skill. Each course is an opportune way to spend 30-60 minutes. I challenge each one of us to complete at least one course before our February meeting. Likewise the Lions University has high quality programs for self-development.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the council.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion John Owens

History Committee

The continual encroachment of age is never ending. Unfortunately when it affects people we lose many memories. When I was District Governor and had a chance to nominate a deceased Lion for inclusion into the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame, I had a wealth of Past District Governors who could remember the great Lions of the past and make recommendations to me. Unfortunately years progress, and many of the achievements and accomplishments are dimming in our memories. I would like to make an appeal to each of the accomplished Lions of the State to write down their memories of accomplishments of our State Lions past, and our own Clubs' past. This collection of memories should be available to the compilers of our next Lions History Book, whenever it may be published, and desperate District Governors looking for potential nominees for the NC Lions Hall of Fame.

With the increase in cost of paper publishing, and the potential of the electronic mediums, I would advocate that the state would begin to compile historical data for an on-line History book to be published as an addition to our own state celebrating 100 years of Lionism in North Carolina in 2022-2023. This could be available as a link on our own website, and not require the expense of publishing in paper and ink that previous editions have. After all, Lions International is even now contemplating going to electronic editions of the Lions Magazine, and our own Lions Advocate is currently being published as a electronic magazine.

Thank you for the opportunity to Serve

Ron Beltran, State History Chairman

NCLI - Public Information and Education

attachment # 15

NC Lions Council of Governors – Information and Technology

Lion George Culp, Chair February 4 -5, 2017

GOALS COMMUNICATION SHARING WHAT LIONS DO

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

Paul Bledsoe NC Lions, Inc President 2015-16

NCCOG Report 2016-17 Goals

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

Support NCLions Districts and Clubs efforts in Social Media

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

Issues _ None

All websites are being maintained by the individual districts.

Current Activity

Maintaining Websites within each District.

District Chairs are to be commended for their support efforts in their districts.

GOTO Meeting

GOTO Meeting is available for use by anyone in our state. Please feel free to contact your district Information Chair to schedule an online meeting. The uses of the online meeting tool is increasing.

Future Activity: Continue working on email solutions.

Request updated email list from each District for state database.

NCLI Report
Current Activity

Insights to Brighter Vision Published monthly

***The Advocate* –**

Future Activity: Due to budget restrictions, Past President Paul Bledsoe, Development Director Hannah Earnhardt and I will examine the production of digital issues of *The Advocate* for the following year.

Newsletter – The monthly Newsletter is being published monthly on or around the 15th of each month.

Development Director Hannah Earnhardt, Camp Director Susan King, and others are to be commended for their monthly efforts to gather and report useful information to our readers. A special 'shout-out' goes to our technical support person Parinita Carpenter for the use of her publishing talents.

The newsletter is being emailed using a new database of NC Lions. See below **Email Services**.

Education Our committee has been asked to focus on providing more education to both Lions and the general public about the benefits of supporting our program of Brighter Visions. New efforts will be discussed with Hannah and Paul for the following year.

Communication

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

Online meetings and seminars GoToMeeting - Is available to NCLI.

Respectively submitted:

Lion George Culp

2-4-17

Council Report LCIF

We have accomplished so much together, saving lives and offering hope to those who need us most. But our work is not done. I know that we will continue to have a positive impact all over the world and I am delighted to stand beside you as we head into a new and exciting era of service.

Measles is a highly contagious disease. Those that survive are often left with serious complications, including brain damage, hearing loss and blindness. Too many children are lost to a disease that we can prevent. That is why we Lions committed to raising US \$30 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, by 2017. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Kingdom's Dept. for International Development (DFID) will match our Contributions, for a total of up to US\$60 million mobilized for the fight against measles.

Over the next year, we will need to raise approximately US\$10 million to fulfill our promise to the world's children. Together, we have vaccinated millions of children. But the work is not done and we cannot rest until it is. Please make a donation to LCIF's measles fund so that no more families have to endure the heartbreaking loss to a child to measles.

LCIF provides grant funding to assist Lions districts in developing and implementing large-scale humanitarian projects. These humanitarian grants help Lions expand their outreach and increase their impact within local and global communities to serve even more people in need around the world. To date, LCIF has awarded more than US\$920 million in grants. Remember, February 9, 2017, is the deadline for Standard, Core 4 and IAG which will be reviewed at the May 2017 meeting of the LCIF Executive Committee.

PCC Carlton Weeks

MULTIPLE DISTRICT-31 CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR

Saturday, February 4, 2017

We have learned that the way each of us interpreted the LCI Centennial Grant Program was incorrect. Instead of each district being eligible to apply individually for \$1,500 to undertake a Centennial Legacy Project, there will be one grant application from the Multiple District in an amount based upon \$1,500 for each district that participates. The Multiple District must agree to match the LCI Grant with \$300 for each \$1,500 awarded.

We understand that the grant will go to the Multiple District to administer, so each participating district will need to identify \$300 in funds and send the matching money to the Council of Governors.

We have completed applications from Districts L and S that can be incorporated into a statewide application, but we still have time to include our other districts. Funds are still available with recommended grants to be submitted for consideration at the upcoming LCI Board Meeting, so time is of the essence.

Remember that the completed projects must have a Lions logo or other suitable identification that denotes your Centennial Legacy Project. Let's pull this information together this weekend so that North Carolina can be funded.

Have you ordered your Lions Centennial Coin? The Silver Dollar is now on sale from the US Mint with the introductory price available through February 21, 2017.

We continue to have clubs undertake Centennial Projects and we commend them for their efforts. Likewise, special thanks goes to PDG Allen Reinhardt who is providing a new article of historical significance for each issue of the District 31-I Newsletter. Thanks to PDG David Osborne for his Centennial presentation at the District 31-O Mid-winter Convention. Thanks also to each of your district Centennial chairs for their efforts.

What about Centennial Clubs? We have two up and running, but we want a Centennial Club in each district before year's end. If we are proud of and believe in our Lions Clubs, we should want to share our experience with other communities.

How many here today have their Centennial Sponsor pin? Remember that we can grow our association with Centennial Lions. Every new Lion during the Centennial years receives a special Centennial pin and the sponsor also receives a beautiful Centennial Sponsor pin.

Gwen A. White, MD-31 Centennial Coordinator