

**Council 2024-25 of Governors Meeting**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9AM**

Call to order-----George Suggs, Council Chair  
Pledge of Allegiance-----Ana Elliott, DG 31N  
Invocation-----Mike Edwards, DG31I  
Approve agenda and appoint parliamentarian-----George Suggs, CC  
Recognition of and comments by Past International Officers-----George Suggs, CC

PIP Sid L. Scruggs III  
PID Gwen White  
PID Harvey Whitley  
PID Lacy M. Presnell, Jr.  
PID Ron Huber

Council Chairperson report-----George Suggs, CC  
Reading of the minutes from the August 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting-----Gary Steele, CST  
Approval of the Minutes-----George Suggs CC  
MD 31 Financial report-----Gary Steele, CST  
Approval of Financial Report-----George Suggs, CC  
Governor Reports-----2024-25 Council of Governors

**New Business:**

## Statewide committee Chair Reports

MD-31 Global Leadership	Harvey Whitley, PID
MD-31 Global Membership	Vincent Schimmoller, PDG
MD-31 Global Service	DeAngelo Jackson, PDG
MD-31 Global Extension Chair	Tim Williams, PCC
Boys and Girls Homes of NC	Mary Lockhart
Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs	Elizabeth Steele
Celebrate Liberty	Nathan Medley, PDG. Harriett Walton
Constitution and Bylaws	Dale Dupree, PCC
Diabetes Awareness	Paulette Gasperson, PCC
Guide Dogs/Leader dog	Tom Snively
Hall of Fame	Carlton Metts, PDG
Technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Michelle Myers
History	Rhett White
Information and Technology	John Lynde
LCIF MD31 Coordinator	Herb Justice, PDG
Lions Alert	DeAngelo Jackson, PDG
Long Range Planning	Michael Schwartz, PCC
Marketing	Paul Bledsoe, PDG
Nominations	Paul Silverman, PDG
Promotions/ Protocol	Elizabeth Steele
State Convention	Lorraine Dupree, PDG
Approval of Committee Reports	George Suggs, CC
VIP Fishing Report	Gwen White, PID
NCLI Report	Carlton Metts, PDG
Announcements	George Suggs, CC
Benediction and Lunch Blessing	Mike Edwards, DG
Adjournment	

In Person Meeting 9:00 am

Council Chair George Suggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with District Governor's Anna Elliott (31-N), Mike Edwards (31-I), Judy Keck (31-O by Zoom), Jim Tobolski (31-E), and Dawson Hart (31-L) present. DG Anna Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance and DG Mike Edwards gave the invocation.

Past Council Chair Governor Dale Dupree agreed to be the parliamentarian. DG Mike Edwards made a motion that the agenda be approved as presented and DG Dawson Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Chair George Suggs recognized the International Officers that were present (PIP Sid Scruggs II, PID Lacy Presnell, and PID Harvey Whitley). All three indicated that they were happy to be here and would reserve their comments until later.

Council Chair George gave his quarterly report. Exhibit A

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele reported that the last minutes from August 25 were emailed and posted on the State and NCLF websites. DG Anna Elliott made a motion that the minutes be approved as posted. DG Mike Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele presented the financial report. DG Mike Edwards made a motion that the financial report be approved as presented. DG Anna Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Exhibit B

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele reported that due to an oversight the 2022/2023 tax report was not filed. He thanked Lion Elizabeth Steele (Cleveland Lions) and Lion Michael Lowrance (Thomasville Lions) for their assistance in completing and filing the return. The 2023-2024 filing period has been extended until April due to the Disaster and is being worked on not.

The Council presented their quarterly reports. Exhibit C-F

PID Harvey Whitley gave a report on Global Leadership. Exhibit G

PDG Vincent Schimmoller gave a report on Global Membership. Exhibit H

PCC Tim Williams gave a report on Global Extension. Exhibit I

Lion Mary Lockhart gave a report on Boys and Girls Homes of NC. Exhibit J

Lion Elizabeth Steele gave report on Campus/Leo Clubs. Exhibit K

PCC Dale Dupree gave a report on Constitution and Bylaws. Exhibit L



PDG Carlton Metts gave a report on Hall of Fame. Exhibit M

PCC Gary Steele read the report from Lions Michelle Myers on Technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Exhibit N

Council Chair George Suggs referenced the report that PDG Herb Justice gave last night on LCIF. Exhibit O

PDG Michael Schwartz had no report on Long Range Planning.

PDG Paul Bledsoe submitted a report on the Marketing Grant. Exhibit P

PDG Paul Silverman gave the Nominations Report. Exhibit Q

Lion Elizabeth Steele indicated that the Promotions report would be given during the Promotions Meeting.

PDG Laraine Dupree and PDG Barbara Thompson gave a report on the State Convention. After some discussion about the 2025 and 2026 conventions DG Anna Elliott made a motion that we have the State Convention at the Greensboro/High Point Airport Marriott. DG Jim Tobolski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Exhibit R

Council Chair George asked for a motion to approve the Committee Reports. DG Mike Edwards made a motion to approve the reports. DG Anna Elliott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PDG Wayne Faber reported that the VIP Fishing Tournament team is still working after cancelling the event for this year. The golf ball drop is coming up quickly.

Executive Director Carlton Metts gave a report on NCLF. Exhibit S

PCC Gary Steele reported that the Disaster Grant Committee is working hard and is scheduling a Zoom meeting with LCIF to approve the Major Disaster projects that they are recommending.

PDG Paul Silverman gave a report on the Audit for the State Convention. DG Dawson Hart made a motion to approve the report. DG Anna Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Exhibit T

1VDG Eileen Artavia gave a report on the Audit for the State Council and Promotions accounts. DG Mike Edwards made a motion to approve the report. DG Dawson Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Exhibit U

DG Mike Edwards gave the closing Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Steele  
PCC, MD31  
MD Secretary/Treasurer



## **Tail Twister**

**The governor's meetings to help start their year off right.**

**We went through and compared the committees with the Lions International and the state constitution and bylaws and worked with the constitution and bylaw committees to align with each other. Each committee has guide lines and will be distributed. The governors are asking on the reports this year to please tell what is happening across the state with your assigned committee and not to give a program to them but to give a report.**

**On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Hurricane Helene made land fall In the Big Ben region of Florida as a category 4 with winds of 140 MPH. It weakened quickly as it moved quickly across land. Before degenerating into a Post Tropical cyclone over Tennessee on September 27<sup>th</sup>. It stalled over the state before dissipating on September 29<sup>th</sup>. In doing so Helene had managed to kill 232 People and \$88 Billion worth of damage across 8 states. North Carolina had 101 Verified in North Carolina alone. We had 1 in Ashe County, 5 in Avery County, 43 in Buncombe County, 1 in Burke County, 1 in Catawba county, 2 in Cleveland County, 1 in Gaston County, 5 in Haywood county, 9 in Henderson county, 2 in Macon County, 4 in Madison County, 1 in McDowell county, 3 in Mecklenburg county, 2 in Mitchell county, 1 in Polk County, 1 in Rowan county, 4 in Rutherford county, 1 in Wake county, 2 in Watauga county, 1 in Wilkes county, 1 in Yadkin county, and 10 in Yancey County. Buncombe county still has 26 missing. This shows how widespread this was. Think of the things that this changed. As an example, Baxter International in Marion had to shut down for a period causing a shortage and rationing of IV Fluids nationwide. Baxter supplies 60% of IV fluids to the US. This Hurricane was so widespread it caused 15 Tornadoes on the north side of Rocky**

Mount damaging 14 buildings and injuring 15 people including 4 critical. The area in Black Mountain and Swannanoa suffered loss of life and totally took out a town. Garren Creek in Fairview did as well. Haywood county took a hit again in the Clyde area where just a few years ago it was destroyed by another hurricane. Chimney Rock, Batcave, Pensacola in Yancy, Marshall and Hot springs in Madison County just to name a few.

Folks were without Electricity, Telephones, Intranet, Water and even gas. Grocery stores were taking cash only not cards because of no intranet or power. Folks were flushing toilets with water from the branch. Only a few Stores were open, and the products were scarce. We cooked on a Colman propane stove and still ate on paper plates and plastic forks and spoons. Asheville and surrounding towns had curfews to keep folks off the road.

The storms caused 1,400 landslides and damaged over 160 water and sewer systems, at least 6,000 miles of roads, more than 1,000 bridges and culverts and an estimated 126,000 homes. This storm crested the French broad river at 25 feet beating the record from the floods of 1916. Lions' clubs from all over the US have sent donations in cash to items folks can use to rebuild their lives. Many are still, after one month, still living in tents. So far just in the mountains in Asheville we have collected 11 tractor and trailer loads of goods to transport out to the areas of need. We have utilized 3 helicopter drops and even used horseback to get items to those in need. We how to cook on little Buddy heaters. We have given out over 300 little buddy heaters. We even had a 53 foot trailer come in with 572 weber grills and another with 1800 bags of charcoal.



**While each international president brings their unique passion and perspective to Lions Clubs International, there has and always will be a single constant that unites all lions: and that is Service. With this each president is committed to helping clubs increase their service, and as a result, their impact on our local and global communities grow and provide service to those less fortunate.**

**President Fabricio Oliveira "Make Your Mark"**

**He says that Bound by kindness and driven by the desire to create a better world, Lions club members are making their mark in communities everywhere. And fellow Lions I have been very impressed with the lions' clubs across the globe that have reached out to us to help in our time of need. We received a \$100,000 grant from the Lions International Foundation to assist in our situation. We have had 2 meetings with the committee and will give more details as they come available. Right now, it's working to find what we need to focus on.**



## NC LIONS STATE COG ACCOUNT #4815

Council Budget

As of: 11/1/2024

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	Budget 24/25	Actual	Budget 25/26
<b>COUNCIL INCOME</b>			
100 Balance forward from 6/30/24	\$38,818.20	\$39,068.20	
105 Council Dues - 4472 @ \$5.50	\$24,596.00	\$14,714.50	
110 District Surety Bond \$64 X 5	\$320.00	\$320.00	
112 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$443.80	\$337.74	
115 Interest Earned	\$200.00	\$699.12	
120 LEO Clubs Income	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	
125 RLLI Income	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	
130 Ad from District Governors \$42.86 X 7	\$300.00	\$0.00	
135 Miscellaneous Income	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
140 LEO Sale of Pins	\$100.00	\$0.00	
145 Refund from State Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL INCOME</b>	<b>\$41,459.80</b>	<b>\$16,071.36</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>COUNCIL EXPENSES</b>			
200 Annual Audit	\$500.00	\$0.00	
205 Awards, Plaques & Gifts	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
210 Bank Fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	
215 CC & SST Clothing (2 @ \$130)	\$260.00	\$0.00	
220 CC, SST, 1st & 2nd VDG Crest X 17	\$440.00	\$0.00	
225 2nd VDG Clothing 5 @ @130.00)	\$650.00	\$0.00	
230 NCLF Clerical Service & Rent	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
235 Forum Travel for CC	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
240 Council Chair Travel Expense	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	
245 5 District Officers Surety Bond	\$320.00	\$320.00	
250 Hall of Fame Plaques	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
255 In Coming CC International Convention	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	
260 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$600.00	\$1,214.72	
265 Leo State Convention	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
270 Meeting Space	\$500.00	\$0.00	
275 Office Supplies Sec/Treas	\$100.00	\$0.00	
280 Peace Poster/Essay Contest	\$600.00	\$250.00	
285 Postage/Printing Sec/Treas	\$200.00	\$0.00	
290 State Sec/Treas Travel Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	

295 State Council Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	
300 Bond for State Sec/Treas	\$298.00	\$298.00	
305 Video Conferencing Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
307 Marketing Grant	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
310 RLLI Expense	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>			
315 Boys & Girls Home	\$250.00	\$0.00	
316 Constitution & By-Laws	\$250.00	\$0.00	
317 Diabetes Awareness	\$750.00	\$0.00	
318 E-Sight/Guide Dogs	\$250.00	\$0.00	
319 Global Action Team (GAT)	\$250.00	\$0.00	
320 Global Leadership Team (GLT)	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
321 Global Membership Team (GMT)	\$250.00	\$0.00	
322 Global Service Team (GST)	\$750.00	\$0.00	
323 Hall of Fame	\$400.00	\$0.00	
324 History	\$250.00	\$0.00	
325 Info. Technology/Public Relations	\$600.00	\$0.00	
326 Lions Alert	\$250.00	\$0.00	
327 LCIF	\$250.00	\$0.00	
328 LEO L& Campus Club	\$250.00	\$0.00	
329 Nominations	\$250.00	\$0.00	
330 State Convention	\$250.00	\$4,472.00	
331 State Convention Host	\$250.00	\$0.00	
332 Long Range Planning	\$250.00	\$0.00	
333 Hospitality Room COG Meeting	\$500.00	\$0.00	
334 Ad for COG State Convention	\$300.00	\$0.00	
335 Celebrate Liberty	\$250.00	\$0.00	
336 NC Lions Council State Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	
337 Marketing	\$250.00	\$0.00	
338 Protocol	\$250.00	\$0.00	
339 Global Extension	\$250.00	\$0.00	
340 Technology for Blind & VIP's	\$250.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$44,218.00</b>	<b>\$9,654.72</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



Multiple District 31  
Financial Report 11/01/2024

	START	CURRENT	
COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4815	\$39,068.20	\$44,788.55	
PROMOTIONS CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4823	\$16,591.11	\$14,301.73	
PROMOTIONS MONEY MARKET # 5714	\$11,094.11	\$11,212.20	
COUNCIL MONEY MARKET # 0757	\$63,191.24	\$63,887.58	\$134,190.06
DIABETES AWARENESS	\$1,200.14	\$1,200.14	
LEO CLUBS	\$212.22	\$212.22	
STATE CONVENTION RESERVE	\$50,352.11	\$50,352.11	
STATE COUNCIL RESERVE	\$3,397.93	\$3,397.93	
LEADERSHIP	\$350.25	\$350.25	
CLELEBRATE LIBERTY	\$7,678.59	\$7,678.59	\$63,191.24
INTEREST EARNED	\$0.00	\$696.34	
Will be split between the 6 sub accounts			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$129,944.66	\$134,190.06	

NC LIONS PROMOTIONS BUDGET # 4823

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

<b>PROMOTIONS INCOME</b>	Budget 2024-25	ACTUAL	Budget 2025-26
500 Balance brought forward	\$25,220.94	\$27,685.22	
505 Interest Earned	\$200.00	\$119.12	
510 Promotion Dues 4472 X \$.75	\$3,354.00	\$2,395.44	
515 Promotions Reserve Int. Officer Fund \$.25	\$1,118.00	\$598.00	
520 Sale of Clothing	\$5,100.00	\$2,551.12	
525 Sale of NC Trading Pins	\$2,280.00	\$2,100.00	
530 Southeast Breakfast	\$0.00	\$1,042.37	
535 Miscellaneous Income	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL PROMOTIONS INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,152.00</b>	<b>\$8,806.05</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>PROMOTIONS EXPENSES</b>			
600 Audit and Tax Filing	\$275.00	\$0.00	
605 Bank Fees	\$35.00	\$218.54	
610 Office Supplies Printing & Postage	\$125.00	\$0.00	
615 Promotions Chair International Convention	\$3,100.00	\$2,977.28	
620 Promotions Chair Travel Expense	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	
625 Purchase of Clothing	\$4,400.00	\$1,719.83	
630 Purchase of Trading Pins	\$3,060.00	\$2,590.00	
635 Southeast Breakfast \$65.00 PP	\$0.00	\$1,875.69	
640 Promotions Chair Travel to Forum	\$1,500.00	\$1,367.50	
645 Miscellaneous Expense	\$134.00	\$0.00	
650 CAN Surety Bond	\$229.00	\$229.00	
<b>TOTAL PROMOTIONS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,158.00</b>	<b>\$10,977.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



District 31L-

District 31L's new lions year officially kicked off July 27<sup>th</sup> with our District Cabinet Installation, First Cabinet Meeting, and Brighter Visions Kickoff. The festivities were hosted by DG Dawson's home club, Long View, with 25 different clubs being represented with 20 of those clubs within District 31L. There were lions represented from every district within our state with an attendance reaching over 70 individuals. Every cabinet officer was present and almost every district chairperson was present with the exception of a few due to family emergencies.

Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, our lions in District 31L have been busy serving their communities. Within the first quarter of this lions' year, at least one project following each of Lions' International's 8 global causes has been carried out along with many more. Clubs have raised funds from various efforts including hosting the town's Fourth of July Festival, a car show, golf tournament, Bingo nights, selling brooms and concessions at the local festivals and fairs, and more.

Combined, our clubs have conducted over 50 vision screenings with over 100 referrals and identified symptoms that assisted in identifying a potentially hazardous health condition for one individual. The venues have ranged from senior health fairs, churches, food banks, childcare centers, and schools with assistance provided to individuals for further eye exams and glasses.

Several clubs have awarded financial scholarships to new college students. A growing number of clubs participate in environmental projects including Got Sneakers, involvement in NexTrex's community plastic recycling challenge as well as being dedicated participants in the NC Department of Public Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway Program.

Clubs have assisted local youth fighting cancer and assisting families with fundraising efforts, hosted blood drives, held various collection drives, hosted food drives, have volunteered in local backpack programs, have assisted other local charities with their service projects, and more.

In District 31L, we are proud of our continuous district service project of running the Majorie McCune Community: Assisted and Independent Living under the name of Western NC Lions. As well, several clubs in our district run projects of longevity including running seasonal community bingo nights, running the community's farmer's market, running the local food bank, running a vision screening nonprofit, as well as three clubs working together to run two HUD apartment complexes for those with low-income.



Since hitting the ground running, the trajectory of our district's game plan has run off course. Exactly 2 months after opening our year, September 27<sup>th</sup> changed the lives of our region of the state with the effects of Hurricane Helene and massive flooding. Every county within our district had some degree of impact from the hurricane. Over 50% of the district resides in the hardest hit areas and this figure rises to over 70% when you include communities that were hit with extended power and water outages and impacts of reduced or lack of food deliveries to their towns. Several towns and large sections of cities were washed away.

At least 5 lions had total or unlivable damage to their homes, at least 3 other lions had damage to their homes, and at least six lions have left the state of NC due to their living circumstances changed by the hurricane. Known damage to lion clubs' property include the Canton Lion's Club picnic shelter at the local park and the Hot Springs Lions Den building.

With the support of lions within our district and beyond, we have been hard at work supporting the communities and lions of Western NC as they work towards long-term stability in rebuilding their lives and communities. Many still have needs but are waiting to see what insurance will cover.

Just 4 days after the storm hit, clubs in the eastern part of the district were making delivery supplies up the mountain and these efforts continue through today, over a month later. Clubs in the Eastern part of the district assured our McCune Community's needs were met with deliveries of food, toilet paper, portable showers, bottled water, freshly washed laundry, and more. Thank you to the McCune staff for your extra care and hard work during this time. We had one staff person lose everything they own due to the storm and they are being assisted in rebuilding their life.

Additionally, clubs in the eastern part of the district volunteered locally serving meals to those without power, volunteering at collection staging sites-Camp Dogwood and beyond, starting collection drives, and zone 5 clubs continue to provide laundry service for a veteran's group in Asheville with many trips up and down the mountain.

In the heart of the hit, Council Chair George Suggs, a District L lion, opened his businesses' warehouse in Asheville where he resides for disaster relief supplies drop off and storage. He was instrumental in the distribution of a large food load purchased using a LCIF grant to those in need amounting to \$15k. In addition to grant funds, District L is continuing to receive direct donations from lions clubs around the country for relief efforts. A couple of the states who have donated include Delaware, New Hampshire, and multiple clubs in Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York. Plans are being developed for the use of these funds in support of the cause.



Initial outreach from states to DG of District 31L has led to deliveries of supplies coordinated by District LCIF Coordinator Tammy MacLean and the staff of Camp Dogwood & NCLF. Lion Tammy has been working diligently checking in with clubs in the affected areas, inquiring their community needs, and delivering supplies to the communities in need. A big thank you to Tammy and the NCLF staff and the community volunteers they have recruited for their hard work to keep our lions and community members' needs met.

The Spruce Pine Lions Club were a constant for several weeks following the hit of the storm in ensuring the needs of their HUD apartment residents were met. Many lions in the greater mountain area continue to serve their local community by cooking and serving meals to those in need, delivering and unloading supplies, volunteering with relief efforts through churches, volunteering with food banks, meeting with town council officials about the community's needs for downed trees and repair of damaged roads.

Specifically, it has been reported that Mills River and Spruce Pine has many downed trees and damage to main roads. Spruce Pine's access to Asheville will remain cut off for a long period of time until repairs are done. At the time of writing this report, it is my knowledge that almost all NC counties residing within District L have resumed school sessions. Most recently Mitchell and Avery counties returned their sessions this past week on Wednesday and Thursday; however, Yancey county will not return to school until November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Overall, clubs in our district are deeply involved in relief efforts from volunteering to financial donations.

Nonetheless, clubs from the district, especially in the mountains, are excited and will participate in the peace poster contest to the best of their ability. We will ensure that we are represented in the Multiple District level of the competition.

Our District Chair for Boys and Girls Homes, Brittney Helms, also administrator of the McCune Community, recently attended and represented the lions at the Boys and Girls Home of NC's 70<sup>th</sup> Gala which had a special highlight on the completion of the Lions Cottage renovations. She hopes to be able to attend the red ribbon cutting ceremony next Tuesday.

We will have our first ever fully virtual district cabinet meeting as our communities rebuild and our new district convention date will be March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Dogwood. We are currently seeking a new speaker as our original speaker has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing intensive chemotherapy treatment. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Our clubs of District 31L continue to aide in disaster relief efforts and will for quite some time as it will take years to rebuild the beautiful mountains of NC, but as well we persist on and try to bring back some normalcy. Many clubs as well as our McCune Community enjoyed hosting and participating in community trunk or treats for local kids on Halloween.

Submitted respectfully,  
Lion DG Dawson Hart



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**From:** Mike Edwards <edwards136630@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 9, 2024 3:46 PM  
**To:** Gary Steele; George Suggs; MIKE EDWARDS  
**Subject:** Mike Edwards Governor's Report 31 | 11/9/24

Midyear Convention in Clemmons, NC 1/3-1/5

Oct. 12 District Cabinet Meeting

14 Clubs visited

Global Training 11/16 by Tim Williams in Charlotte

Eye Screening District 3338  
Concord 3104 Salisbury 1280

Brighter Visions 62,141 Goal 140,000

1.5 Million Lions Membership  
LY 884 TY 868 -16 -1.8 %

Camp Dogwood Tickets  
140 sold 140 last week

Environment  
Road Cleanup

Pediatric Cancer  
Scheduled Fund Raisers in January

Diabetes  
Diabetic screening scheduled in December

Peace Poster  
Four posters turned in , one to be submitted as the winner

Respectfully Submitted Lions DG Mike Edwards Tight Lines

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**District 31-O Report**

**November 9, 2024**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting was a success.**

**District 31-O Gat Goals:**

- 1.GLT:**           **Goal 90% Officers trained. Currently at 73%**  
**Goal 100% Zone chairs trained and that is accomplished.**  
**Goal to create district content for new members to be utilized.**  
**Has been worked on & presently taking to clubs.**
- 2.GMT:**           **Goal to grow by 35 members. First Quarter we have had a net**  
**growth of 23 new members but with lose we are at -1**
- 3.GET:**           **We will charter 2 new cubs. We have 3 branch clubs. One with 15**  
**members; one with 10 members and a new one with 4 members.**  
**We have initial planning with a 4<sup>th</sup> branch club**
- 4.GST:**           **Kindness Matters award chosen for District & State from 31-O**  
**Aluminum cans collection planned at Mid-Winter**

**NCLI Awards:**   **District Excellence Award 2023-2024 given to PDG Susan O'Brien**  
**12 District Club awards**

**Service Activites:** **Kidsight has done approximately 2800 screenings**  
**Peace Posters**  
**Activities in all our Global causes**  
**Supplies, Money collected for WNC at many 31-O clubs**

**District 31-O is 29% of their BV goal \$35,741**

**Well on way to selling Camp Dogwood tickets.**

**"Triple J" team is continuing club visits.**

**Just the beginning; hope to keep up this great start & keep moving forward.**

**Mid-Winter Convention Jan 24-25,2025 at Marriott Hotel Greensboro, NC**

**Submitted by: Lion Judy Keck, DG District 31-O**

District 31-N Report  
9 November 2024

It's great to finally see you all in person. It was a very interesting quarter to say the least. Our lion year started quiet but that changed in a blink of an eye. Since September thanks to our GST and GLT our focus has been supporting those in need after the passing of a few storm/hurricanes, Storm 8 and Hurricane Helene. We feed families affected in Southport / Broiling Springs and have made multiple trips with the disaster relief trailer packed to Western NC. We still stand strong for you and the help will continue.

We closed the year strongly in Brighter Vision and have kept the momentum going. I am still surprised to find out that some members don't know the program and the importance of it, no worries, providing knowledge is one of my priorities this year and as I have already visited 19 clubs that are in my top 5 items to cover.

Our GLT have worked hard to schedule monthly training sessions, and I am pleased to inform you that we average 20-24 members every time. If this continues it will help me accomplish the goal of having 75% of my district trained.

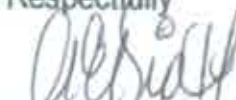
Our Lios services day was a great success as we were able to collect 25 pint of blood, check AIC for 52 participants and provided awareness on Technology for the blind.

Zone chairs in our district have identified multiples counties for possible Lions Club, and we have a Leos club in making; super excited!

I would like to extend an invitation to our Mid-winter Convention on the weekend of January 17-19, 2025, in Greenville, NC. Be ready for some Denim and Diamonds!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

Respectfully

  
DG Ana M. Elliott, PHD  
District Governor 31-N





Report to the MD 31 Council

Global Leadership Team

November 9, 2024 Camp Dogwood

The registration form for the December 6-8, 2024 First Vice District Governors training session has been sent out. Pre-Assignments will be sent out next week with the final agenda.

In addition to the core sessions of Effective Listening, Public Speaking, LCIF, and Promoting Service Journey Resources, LCI has added a session entitled "Membership Report Analysis and Actions". The objectives of this course are as follows:

- Assess the overall performance of their district using the *District Goals Progress Insights Dashboard*.
- List the various data points included in the *Club Health Assessment Report*.
- Recognize when to take action based on specific data points in the *Club Health Assessment Report*.
- Use The Five Whys technique as a foundation to investigate problems and identify the root cause(s).
- Decide which action(s) to take to address a problem based on its root cause(s).

This session will involve extensive use of the Lions Portal.

The March 2025 RLLI Curriculum has been set and tentative facilitator assignments made. RLLI Coordinator PDG Barbara Thompson has sent out registration forms to all districts to promote the session. Our goal is to secure at least five participants from each district for a total of 25. The names should be sent to PDG Barbara Thompson. If there are more than five interested participants in a district, please maintain a waiting list as we may be able to accommodate more than 25.

This will be our fourth year of holding an RLLI session and it has been very effective in assisting participants in deciding if they want to move up in leadership. Many of our current District Governors and Vice District Governors as well as District Chairs and Zone Chairs are where they are today because RLLI helped them decide if that was something they wanted to pursue.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your MD 31 Global Leadership Coordinator.

PID Harvey Whitley, MD 31 GLT

## COUNCIL MEETING-MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

I HAVE A RATHER SHORT REPORT TODAY. AS OF OCTOBER 31, MD 31 IS DOWN 29 MEMBERS STANDING AT 4443. DISTRICT 31N IS THE ONLY DISTRICT THAT IS POSITIVE WITH A PLUS 15 MEMBERS. NOW THAT THE ELECTION IS OVER YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE WATCHING THE ADS OR THE POLLS TO SAY WHO IS AHEAD IN THE BATTLEGROUNDS STATES. YOU CAN CONCENTRATE ON HOW TO ADD NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR DISTRICT OR CLUB. I HAVE FOUND THAT THE BEST TIME TO GET NEW MEMBERS IS AT A SERVICE PROJECT. ASSIGN ONE OF YOUR MEMBERS TO WORK THE CROWD (BE A POLITICAN FOR A DAY) SHAKE HANDS, TALK TO THEM AND FIND OUT WHAT INTERESTS THEM AND TELL THEM WHAT THE LIONS HAVE TO OFFER. MANY OF YOU WILL BE AT THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO RECRUIT.

LION VINCE SCHIMMOLLER  
MD31 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

**NORTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

November 9, 2024  
Council of Governors Meeting

MD 31 Global Extension Team Report:

I have reached out via email to all of the District GLT Coordinators concerning their extension efforts. At the present time, I have received reports from Districts I and O.

District I has formed one branch club in Wallburg, NC. Efforts are underway to start clubs in Yadkinville and Kannapolis. Another area of major interest is western Davidson County.

District O has formed two branch clubs in Randleman and in the Ramseur Community. They have held planning meetings in Marshville and are in the initial planning stages in Pittsboro.

I am proud of District I's extension efforts, but it is clear to me that District O has a better handle on the process. I plan to talk with PDG Gary Greene (District O GET) about what is working in his district and then convene a ZOOM meeting with all of our District GET Coordinators to see if we can kickstart extension across the state.

Respectfully submitted,  
PCC Tim Williams  
MD 31 GET Coordinator



BOYS AND GIRLS HOME OF NC

The news is good from BGHNC! The renovation of the Lions Cottage is complete. The Ribbon Cutting and Grand reopening will be this Tuesday, November 12 at 11 am! All of you are invited to attend! The boys have not seen the cottage yet and will be seeing it along with all the attendees at this event. They are in for a big surprise! It looks so different from before! They now have a game room separate from the TV room with a 70in plasma TV! The Lions are the only cottage on campus that has renovated the house- parents quarters. I can't say enough about the beautiful outcome for this project. It is in no small way due to the diligence of the project director and district N chairman: Lion Scott Stephenson. He has worked tirelessly to coordinate every detail of the renovation. From raising funds to finding donors, Lion Scott has dedicated himself to seeing the entire project through to an amazing end.

I would like to respectfully request that the council seek to award Lion Scott a leadership medal to thank him for his hard work and for a job well done!

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lockhart  
State BGHNC Chair

## Leo Report November 9th

Districts are working hard I am working hard to grow the Leo program in NC

Our 2024-2025 Leo officers are as follows

President - Adriana Bermudez - Brick City Leo Club

Vice President - Ayesha Mehreen- Brick City Leo Club

Secretary - Analice Elliott - Western Harnet Leo Club

Treasurer - Karen Francoeur - Pisgah Leo

Middle School Rep. - Nadia Nicholson - Guilford County Leo

Last couple of Leo State Conventions we had an average of 20 Leo's but we hope to have more in attendance.

This next year we plan to have the Leo State Convention at Camp Dogwood the last full weekend in February (21st to 23rd). We would like your continued support and getting your Leos to the convention.

We will be reaching out to the Leo's across the state in getting the information and registration out. We also need to remember we need advisors and/or chaperones to attend. You can not just send Leos.

District L 5 Clubs  
District I 12 Clubs  
District O 9 Clubs  
District N 4 Clubs  
District S 8 Clubs  
38 clubs

Elizabeth Steele  
Leo Chairperson



Constitution and By-Laws report for November 10, 2024.

The Constitution and By-Laws committee is still in the process of reviewing the present District 31 constitution and making sure that the changes from LCI are incorporated into the necessary places. It is not an easy task reviewing and making sure our constitution is accurate and up to date.

We do have two recommendations to the NCLF By-Laws pertaining to Article IV Officers and Directors Section 4: article D and Article V Meetings Section 4: Alternation Meeting Formats. Attached is a copy of the recommendations.

# North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame Schedule

11/09/24

## PDG Carlton Metts, Hall of Fame Chair

**Purpose** is to recognize and honor the State's most outstanding Lions for their extraordinary accomplishments on the Club, District, State, and/or, the NC Lions Foundation levels."

### **Just some Tidbits that may help;**

Seek the advice of your District Hall of Fame Chair, they are all members of the Hall of Fame themselves. They have longevity, they know most of your deserving lions.

Use you PDG Organization, the older ones may know the candidates you are looking.

Lean on the clubs and ask them to research their older lions. May be surprised of their history,

Review history books,

Sometimes that Hall of Famer may be the one that someone that knew someone that spoke of that great person.

They do not need to be a PDG.

It may be that Lion that is unable to attend meetings due to health reason.

Living Candidates need at least 10 years of service as a Lion. Deceased candidates need to be deceased five years unless they pass during the year of consideration.

Request clubs to search their rolls.

Maybe even from a nearby folded club, disabled or deceased member.

Ask some of our older members across the state. Dave Butler, Larry Gasperson. Neal Alexander, Jerry Austin, PID Ron Huber, John Wall, Robert Loeblein, Avron Upchurch, David Smoot, Lou Creel, Herb Justice, Stewart Wooten, Worth McKeel, I. K Williamson, Curtis Bare, Rhett White. If none of these can help, then call the Memory Man PID Lacy Presnell. You may even find one of these to be a good candidate if not a member of the HOF. Need forms call me.

Good Luck!

PDG Carlton Metts, Hall of Fame Committee Chair

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NC Technology Devices for the Visually Impaired and Blind  
Committee Report – Activities September and October, 2024

This report will be brief. The damage and destruction of Hurricane Helene and relief efforts afterwards have been a priority for our state. Efforts continue to assist the visually impaired through technology assistive devices.

We don't have an update on eSight Go or WeWalk2.

The Lake Gaston Club continues to work with us on distributing WeWalk canes around the state. Five have been distributed around the state this quarter.

The Lake Gaston Club is researching other assistive devices companies that offers several different types of equipment for the visually impaired. PDG Mark Gaston will let me know when they meet with this company.

We are still researching the RayBan smart glasses. As a note of interest, there was a television commercial about them during the World Series. You can see and experience a demonstration at your local Best Buy store.

I am still waiting to hear responses and results from clubs that have participated in "Grandpa's White Cane" presentations during the month of October.

The authors of this children's book are currently working on fundraising efforts for the second printing of the book.

PDG Mayra McCloud is continuing with efforts to distribute corrective colorblind glasses and raise awareness about color deficiency.

PDG Mayra has sent me two videos about different magnifiers. She has joined a Blind Veterans group. She continues to participate in health fairs and other community activities sharing information about technology devices.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Michelle Myers, State Chair

Technology Devices for the Visually Impaired Committee

## LCIF REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON NOV 9, 2024

Our District LCIF coordinators have been working to meet the 2024-2025 goals set by LCIF for each of our districts.

Shown is the current income and the

2024-2025 Goals for each District

	<u>Income</u>	<u>2024-2025 Goals</u>
District L:	\$1060.00	\$26,724
District I	\$3878.00	\$26,660
District O:	\$2555.00	\$31,560
District N:	\$ 4100.00	\$28,880
District S:	<u>\$1700.00</u>	<u>\$26,427</u>
	\$11,187.54	\$136,226

We will always have our goal of EDUCATING OUR LIONS AS TO WHAT LCIF IS DOING AND SEEK SUPPORT FOR LCIF. Unfortunately, this year hurricane Helene paid us a visit and did a lot of damage. Your LCIF has awarded us \$130,000 in grants to North Carolina to help us recover. A \$100,000 major catastrophe grant was awarded to MD 31 and Districts 31- L and 31-I were both awarded a \$15,000 Emergency Grant. As the cleanup progresses, additional funds may be forthcoming from LCIF

Recently, I was asked if Clubs could get credit for their donations to disasters. The answer from LCIF was as yes: Funds must be funneled through LCIF by using the following Forms:

**Individual Donations** should be submitted using the **SINGLE DONOR FORM WITH Check made out to LCIF. You should also designate the disaster. Note: This form should not be used for club donations.**

**For Club Donations:** Use the Multiple Donor Form, Designate the Disaster and Make check out to LCIF. (Individual donations can be made on this form also along with the club donation.) The Clubs and Individual Donors will then receive Melvin Jones Credit and go towards the District and State Goal.

**Donations made to local projects and to LCI do not receive any credit.**

**Contact your District LCIF Coordinator If you need a copy of these forms. I can also send you copies:**

I want to thank our coordinators and Lions s for their hard work as well as the Lions Clubs that supported us with their donations.

LCIF has addressed North Carolina's requests for Disaster assistance in the past and will continue to do so. Just as grants for Disaster Relief are funded by donations, so are all other grants such as Sight, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Leo, Diabetes, and other matching Grants. We need to show better support for LCIF so that they know that North Carolina appreciates the Grants given to us.

We want to thank the clubs and Lions who have made donations to CIF this year and ask that you continue to do so.

REMBER: Service is both doing and giving.

THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

PDG Herbert A. Justice  
MD 31 LCIF Coordinator





## Marketing Chair Report – 11/9/24

Prepared by: PDG Paul R. Bledsoe, Past President NCLF

I'm pleased to announce that MD-31 received a marketing grant from Lions Clubs International. This \$15K grant will be of added value in the promotion of Lions Clubs in North Carolina.

Here is how it works...

Multiple District Maximum Grant Amount: \$15,000

First Payment Amount: \$10,000

Second Payment Amount: \$5,000

10% Match Required: Yes, \$1,500

As we plan for the campaign, the council's involvement will be much appreciated. My plan currently is to begin the campaign in January, 2025. Pre-approval for the grant was based upon the thoughts for creative and their recommendations of promoting service projects undertaken within our state.

We will place Digital/Connected TV, banner and social media video throughout the state.

As an added value, all material created for the statewide campaign will be available for all clubs in each district for its club outreach for growth and donations.

More to come.

Thank you,

PDG Paul Bledsoe, Marketing Chair MD-31

## November 2024 Report on Nominations

I am in receipt of credentials for State Council Chair for 2026-2027 from PDG Carlton "Carly" Metts and PDG James Maitland. They presented nominating documents for the Council Chair within the prescribed guidelines and this information has been provided to the current 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs. There will be a secret ballot election by the council on Saturday 11/9/2024.

I am in receipt of a nomination for State Secretary/Treasurer from PCC Gary Steele and for State Promotion Chairperson from Lion Elizabeth Steele for these positions on the 2025-2026 State Council.

Resumes of these eligible candidates have been distributed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District governors and their Council Chair for review. Interviews and elections shall take place on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Candidates for NCLF positions should provide a notice of intent and verification of membership in good standing from your respective club secretary by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This election will be held at the 4<sup>th</sup> NCLF meeting. I am currently not in receipt of any letters of intent.

Report Respectfully Submitted by PDG Paul Silverman 11/6/2024.



Multiple District 31  
State Convention Chair Report  
November 9, 2024

Hello Council Chair George and Council of Governors,  
Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as the State Convention Chair.

Currently we have 2025 booked at the Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott with a room rate of \$129.00 (plus tax and service charge) per night and negotiated meal prices to benefit the Lions of North Carolina.

Our attendance has continued to grow with this central location and over 3200 Lions statewide that are within a 2-hour drive:

2018	297
2019	301
2022	310
2023	353
2024	351

For 2026 there are 2 locations for review:

- Hilton University Place
- Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott (dates would have to change to April 10-12, 2025 due to the Furniture Market)

Info on the Hilton:

- Located close to Concord Mills Shopping Center
- Has a variety of restaurants within walking distance
- Other hotels located nearby
- Restaurant and café on site
- Renovations completed in 2024

Info on the Marriott:

- Renovations will be completed in 2025
- Well known location with proven customer service
- Location ideal with no off-site meals or other hotel options



Review of Marriott Airport Greensboro and Hilton University Place Concord/Charlotte:

Item	Marriott Airport Greensboro	Hilton University Place Concord/Charlotte	
Sleeping Room Rate	\$132 + 12.75%	\$145 + 15%	
1 Complimentary room per night for every	35 rooms booked	40 rooms booked	
Presidential Suite complimentary	1	1	
Suites at Group Rate	2	2	
Junior Suites	3	0	
Executive Level upgrades	3	7	<i>Concierge Room - Marriott not open on weekends/Hilton is open on weekends.</i>
Welcome Amenities	1 @\$100, 2 @ \$50	3 @ \$50	
Gift Certificate for 1 night stay & breakfast for 2	2	1	
Vendor tables and easels complimentary	No (\$20 flat fee for each vendor)	No	
Waived Meeting room setup/rental with F&B	Yes	Yes	<i>If food and beverage guarantee met</i>
Food and Beverage guarantee	\$12,000	\$15,000	<i>2022 total food and beverage was \$23,439</i>
Meeting room space (no F&B)	\$1,750	\$2,100	
Waived Event Space Internet Access	Yes	Yes	
Audio Visual	\$0 for ballroom/\$150 extra rooms	\$500 per day	
Hospitality Room - bring in own snacks	Yes	Yes	
Deposit	No	\$1,000	
Meal Prices	TBD	TBD	

We were fortunate to be able to transfer \$8,836.00 from the 2024 convention which will be used to offset meal prices.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as State Convention Chair!

**Timeline:**

Action Item	Date to Deliver
Confirm location for 2026 State Convention	November 9, 2024
Present contract to Council of Governors	February 2025
Confirm signed contract for 2026	May 2025

Respectfully submitted,  
 PDG Barbara Thompson  
 Multiple District 31 State Convention Chair

**NCLF Report****11/09/2024**

Carlton Metts, Executive Director

First things first, we would like to welcome our newest employee and accountant Kendra Huntsman. She will be with us tomorrow. She's come to us by the way of Indiana and her husband being stationed in Charlotte with the Air National Guard. Kendra is highly trained in finance and Sage software, Excel, Taxes, insurance, law, 401k and all of the book keeping techniques needed. She can even talk to Steve Walker and understand each other. In short time she has recovered \$30,000 in sales tax and fixed some other issues in a short time.

Brittany has helped to get her oriented to some of the Foundation quirks and they have become a good team.

The Camp Dogwood Raffle is been on fire through Zeffy and will probably cause us to hire another person to take care of that transaction. There is a lot of printing and tearing tickets apart. Not complaining just stating the increase can be rewarding. Remind all to pick up the flyer on how to use Zeffy to save you money. Zeffy is not charging nonprofits for this operation but if you are too fast you may find yourself pay a donation fee. Be sure to slow down and select "Other" for zero dollars. If you don't those funds will be used by Zeffy to help fund the operation for all participating nonprofits.

Hurricane Helene has changed the atmosphere here at Camp Dogwood to a Disaster Relief operation. A couple employees are being pulled to direct and deliver items and making their real job secondary. Sometimes it is all hands on deck to load, unload, sort, package and get ready for the next load.

I road shotgun with Tammy to Avery County a couple times. Somethings I find out about Tammy. She is that truck driving son of a gun, not yelling at you, but that idiot that pulled out in front of her. I think she missed her calling as a Truck Driver. You need to thank the whole staff especially Tammy and April for keeping it organized. Again, we are not complaining just glad we can help our friends in the Western North Carolina Disaster Area. We feel for you!



This is from Tammy: The impact of Hurricane Helene was felt all across the region. I want each of you to know that NC Lions Camp Dogwood immediately went to work.

We opened the facility to those needing shelter in their time of need. We also were blessed and honored to provide rooms for the helicopter pilots that flew air drop and search and rescue missions. In total 48 nights of accommodations were donated for this cause.

Lions from all over the United States have truly stepped up the past few weeks to assist with Hurricane Relief. As of November 1<sup>st</sup> we have received \$129,233 in donations. We have dispersed \$57,087 in supplies and expenses. I hope each of you have been following the posts on Facebook documenting the tragedies we have seen over the past few weeks. We have been honored to be a part of delivering items to the following...

2 shipments to Black Mountain McCune- canned food and a pallet of water

1 shipment to a Church in Old Fort – misc. supplies

1 shipment to a Church in Asheville misc. supplies

1 shipment to Green Mountain- generators, heaters etc.

1 shipment to a Church in Brevard- Food

1 shipment to Hendersonville- misc. supplies

Avery County Air Field – 5 deliveries each a 20-28-foot box truck

Creston Riverview 4 deliveries- coats, food and misc.

Pregnancy Center- 5 deliveries- diapers, baby formula etc.

Animal Rescue – 3 deliveries- food and kennels

Andrews Lions Food Bank- 1 delivery 14 pallets assorted

Lake Lure Food Bank- misc. food items

As you can see we have been very busy around the Camp. With multiple trucks coming in weekly and multiple deliveries being made weekly.



I would like to thank those Lions that came out and volunteered as well as members of the community and the Sherrills Ford Fire and Rescue.

Clubs that were represented

Sherrills Ford

Claremont

St. Stephens

Lincolnton

Black Mountain McCune

Wendell

Warrenton

Guilford County Wide Cyber

Rockwell

Concord

Mooresville

With all of this being said the Camp Staff is ready for 7 Weeks of Summer Camp.

I telling you I am proud of my Staff.

[glsteele@hughes.net](mailto:glsteele@hughes.net)

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**From:** Laraine Dupree <[laraine.dupree1967@gmail.com](mailto:laraine.dupree1967@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** 2024 NC State Convention Audit

To the 2024-2025 State Council of Governors,

I have reviewed the files concerning the 2024 NC Lions State Convention that were presented to me by PDG Laraine Dupree who was the treasurer for this convention. I have reviewed the receipts and invoices along with the bank statements from First Citizen Bank. It appears that everything is in order as of the most recent balance sheet and bank statement dated June 30, 2024. The account credit carrying over to the 2025 NC State Convention as of June 30, 2024 is \$9,111.12.

Audit completed by

PDG Paul Silverman

On 7/23/2024

glsteele@hughes.net

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From: Eileen Artavia <eileen.artavia@outlook.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:52 PM  
To: glsteele@hughes.net; PDG George Suggs, PDG  
Subject: COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S AUDIT

After closely reviewing the files sent to me by PDG Johnny Berry, including the Bank Statements and copies of checks written, everything looks to be in good shape. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted

Eileen Artavia  
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