

COUNCIL 2025-2026 OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Date 05/02/2026

Time 9:00am

Call to Order.....Chris Headley, Council Chair
Pledge of Allegiance.....Gene Goetz, DG 31-N
Invocation.....Steve Cline, DG 31- I
Approve Agenda and appoint Parliamentarian.....Chris Headley, CC
Recognition of and comments by Past/Present International Officers.....Chris Headley, CC

PIP Sid L. Scruggs III

ID Gary Steele

PID Gwen White

PID Harvey Whitley

PID Dr. Lacy M. Presnell, Jr.

PID Ron Huber

Council Chairperson Report.....Chris Headley, CC
Reading of the Minutes from the 11/07-08/2026__ Meeting.....Gary Steele CST
Approval of the Minutes.....Chris Headley, CC
MD 31 Financial Report.....Gary Steele CST
Approval of the Financial Report.....Chris Headley, CC
Governors' Reports.....2025-2026 Council of Governors

District L – DG Eileen Artavia

District I – DG Steve Cline

District O – Juanita Brown

District N – Gene Goetz

District S – Dwayne Turner

New Business:

Check card/Credit Card

Tax Return

Statewide Committee Chair Reports

Boys and Girls Homes of NC.....	Garry Elliott
Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs.....	Fanta Dorley
Celebrate Liberty.....	Nathan Medlin
Constitution and By-Laws.....	Dale Dupree
Diabetes Awareness.....	Sharon Axelberg
Hall of Fame.....	Carlton Metts
History.....	Kirby Matthews & Thersea Matthews
Information and Technology.....	John Lynde
LCIF MD-31 Coordinator.....	Michael Schwartz
Leader – Guide Dog.....	Peter Crumley
Lions Alert.....	DeAngelo Jackson
Marketing.....	Paul Bledsoe
MD-31 Global Extension Coordinator.....	Tim Williams
MD-31 Global Leadership Coordinators.....	Harvey Whitley & Barbara Thompson
MD-31 Global Membership Coordinator.....	Jim Maitland
MD-31 Global Service Coordinator.....	DeAngelo Jackson
Nominations.....	Jeffrey Price
Peace Poster.....	Marilyn Jackson
Promotions.....	Elizabeth Steele
Protocol.....	Elizabeth Steele
Research and Long Range Planning.....	Michael Schwartz
State Convention.....	Laraine Dupree, Barbara Thompson & Susie Dailey
Technology for the Blind & Visually Impaired.....	Sharon Weddington
VIP Fishing Report.....	Gwen White
NCLF Report.....	Carlton Metts II
Announcements.....	Chris Headley, Council Chair
Benediction and Lunch Blessing.....	Steve Cline, DG 31-I
Adjournment	

In Person Meeting 9:00 am

Council Chair Chris Headley called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with District Governor's Gene Goetz (31-N), Steve Cline (31-I), Juanita Brown (31-O), Dwayne Turner (31-S), and Eileen Artavia (31-L) present. DG Gene Goetz led the Pledge of Allegiance and DG Steve Cline gave the invocation.

Past International Director Harvey Whitley agreed to be the parliamentarian. DG Eileen Artavia made a motion that the agenda be approved as presented and DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Chair Chris Headley recognized the International Officers that were present (PID Harvey Whitley). PID Harvey indicated that he would reserve his comments until later.

Council Chair Chris gave his quarterly report.

PDG Theresa Matthews reported for Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele that the last minutes from Feb 7 were posted on the State and NCLF websites. DG Eileen Artavia made a motion that the minutes be approved as posted. DG Dwayne Turner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PDG Theresa Matthew for Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele presented the financial report. DG Dwayne Turner made a motion that the financial report be approved as presented. DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Council presented their quarterly reports. (A)

PDG Mike Edwards presented a leadership award to DG Steve Cline.

DG Eileen Artavia made a motion to approve the quarterly reports. DG Gene Goetz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PDG Theresa Matthews reported for Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele there is now a debit card available to use for State Council bill.

PDG Theresa Matthews reported for Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele that the tax filing for last year is complete.

PDG Carlton Metts gave a report on Hall of Fame.

PDG Theresa Matthews had no report on History.

PDG Michael Schwartz gave a report on LCIF. (B)

PDG DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Lions Alert.

PCC Tim Williams gave a report on Global Extension. (C)

PID Harvey Whitley and PDG Barbara Thompson gave a report on Global Leadership.

Lion Jim Maitland gave a report for Global Membership.

PDG DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Global Service.

PCC Tim Williams gave a report for Nominations.

Lion DeAngelo Jackson gave a report on Peace Poster.

PDG Theresa Matthews indicated that the Promotions report would be given during the Promotions Meeting.

PDG Michael Schwartz had no report on Long Range Planning.

PDG's Susan Fernandez and Susie Dailey gave a report for the State Convention. The 2028-2029 Contracts are still in negotiations. (D)

Executive Director Owen White gave a report on the VIP Fishing Tournament by Zoom.

DG Dwayne Turner made a motion to approve the committee reports. DG Eileen Artavia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Benediction and lunch blessing was given by DG Steve Cline.

DG Juanita Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. DG Steve Cline seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Steele

International Director

MD31 Secretary/Treasurer

NC LIONS STATE COG ACCOUNT #4815

Council Budget

As of:

4/1/2026

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Budget 25/26

Actual

Budget 26/27

COUNCIL INCOME

100 Balance forward from 6/30/24	\$39,068.20	\$39,068.20	
105 Council Dues - 4472 @ \$5.50	\$23,243.00	\$21,533.00	
110 District Surety Bond \$64 X 5	\$320.00	\$320.00	
112 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$549.83	\$443.80	
115 Interest Earned	\$1,750.00	\$996.56	
120 LEO Clubs Income	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
125 RLLI Income	\$8,400.00	\$9,625.00	
126 ELLI Income	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
130 Ad from District Governors \$42.86 X 7	\$300.00	\$200.00	
135 Miscellaneous Income	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
140 LEO Sale of Pins	\$100.00	\$0.00	
145 Refund from State Convention	\$0.00	\$2,797.96	
150 Disaster Grant	\$0.00	\$4.92	
155 Marketing Grant	\$0.00	\$300.00	
TOTAL COUNCIL INCOME	\$46,662.83	\$36,221.24	\$0.00

COUNCIL EXPENSES

200 Annual Audit	\$500.00	\$0.00
205 Awards, Plaques & Gifts	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
210 Bank Fees	\$50.00	\$66.22
215 CC & SST Clothing (2 @ \$130)	\$260.00	\$260.00
220 CC, SST, 1st & 2nd VDG Crest X 17	\$440.00	\$432.98
225 2nd VDG Clothing 5 @ @130.00)	\$650.00	\$1,300.00
230 NCLF Clerical Service & Rent	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
235 Forum Travel for CC	\$2,000.00	\$1,829.14
240 Council Chair Travel Expense	\$2,500.00	\$1,528.14
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	\$1,855.98
260 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$600.00	\$119.88
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	\$0.00	
285 Postage/Printing Sec/Treas	\$200.00	\$0.00	
290 State Sec/Treas Travel Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$957.93	
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	
310 RLLI Expense	\$8,400.00	\$6,720.38	
311 ELLI Expense	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
315 Boys & Girls Home	\$250.00	\$0.00	
316 Constitution & By-Laws	\$250.00	\$0.00	
317 Diabetes Awareness	\$250.00	\$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	\$2,171.53	
321 Global Membership Team (GMT)	\$250.00	\$0.00	
322 Global Service Team (GST)	\$750.00	\$149.80	
323 Hall of Fame	\$250.00	\$0.00	
324 History	\$250.00	\$0.00	
325 Info. Technology/Public Relations	\$500.00	\$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	\$88.56	
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	\$300.00	
335 Celebrate Liberty	\$250.00	\$0.00	
336 NC Lions Council State Convention	\$0.00	\$4,226.00	
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	
341 Disaster Grant	\$60,000.00	\$52,631.29	
TOTAL COUNCIL EXPENSES	\$110,368.00	\$75,255.83	\$0.00

Multiple District 31
Financial Report 4/01/2026

	START	CURRENT	
COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4815	\$51,458.63	\$59,941.34	
PROMOTIONS CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4823	\$15,934.09	\$10,059.49	
PROMOTIONS MONEY MARKET # 5714	\$11,399.12	\$11,573.15	
COUNCIL MONEY MARKET # 0757	\$64,952.73	\$65,944.37	\$147,518.35
DIABETES AWARENESS	\$1,495.32	\$1,495.32	
LEO CLUBS	\$507.40	\$507.40	
STATE CONVENTION RESERVE	\$50,647.29	\$50,647.29	
STATE COUNCIL RESERVE	\$3,693.11	\$3,693.11	
LEADERSHIP	\$645.43	\$645.43	
CLELEBRATE LIBERTY	\$7,993.77	\$7,993.77	\$64,982.32
INTEREST EARNED	\$0.00	\$996.56	
Split between the 6 sub accounts			
CATASTROPHE GRANT ACCOUNT #7139	\$61,490.95	\$8,865.81	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$205,265.11	\$156,384.16	

District 31-O Council Report
District Governor Juanita Brown

(A)

Greeting Fellow Lions,

I'm happy to share that District 31-O continues to stay active and engaged. Our clubs are doing great work in their communities—supporting vision programs, addressing hunger, caring for the environment, and working with our youth.

One area we've really focused on this year is **service reporting**. We've been encouraging all of our clubs to enter their projects into the Lions portal, so our impact is seen and recognized. We all know—if we don't report it, it doesn't tell our story.

Membership is also a top priority. Through our **"Stop the Drop"** initiative, we're working to grow our clubs while also keeping our current members involved and connected. It's not just about adding members—it's about keeping them engaged.

We also had great participation in the **March Madness Membership Blitz** from Lions Clubs International. It really brought energy across the districts. With participation from all nine Multiple Districts and thirty Districts, the competition is continuing through the spring, with final recognition coming in July. More importantly, it helped build momentum—and we're working to keep that going. We are number 4 in the "Elite Nine".

I also want to recognize our ****Global Action Team—GMT, GLT, GST, and GET—****for the support they continue to provide through training, leadership, and service efforts across the district.

As we wrap up the Lions year, our focus is simple—finish strong. Complete your service, report your impact, and continue building membership.

District 31-O is proud to serve, and we remain committed to making a difference in our communities.

We are not just serving for today—we are building a stronger tomorrow, one act of service at a time.

Thank you for the opportunity to report.

District 31-S Performance Report

July 1, 2025 – April 29, 2026

- District membership has increased by **10 members**, with **69 new members** added this year.
- We remain **22 members short** of our international membership goal, and I am committed to closing that gap in the remaining two months.
- The **Eastern North Carolina Lions Club** was welcomed into the district and is already making a strong impact in its communities.
- I am working to **revitalize several canceled clubs**, with Lion Jody and I making in-person visits to support their return to active service.
- **44% of clubs** have reported service activities, which is **55% below our target**. Many clubs are serving but not reporting, and I will be reaching out personally to assist them.
- I have begun discussions with **Louisburg High School students** about forming a **LEO Club**, strengthening youth leadership and future Lion involvement.
- Our district is currently **behind on LCIF donations**, and I will be working closely with the LCIF Coordinator to increase participation before year-end.
- I attended all district conventions and helped plan the **District 31-N and 31-S Mid-Winter Conference** alongside District Governor Gene and a dedicated leadership team.
- I participated in the **State Convention**, themed *Welcome to Change – Super Hero*, honoring the longest-dues-paying Lion in the world and Past International Director **Dr. Lacy Presnell**, whose leadership continues to inspire Lions across North Carolina.
- From my induction in Orlando to today, this year has moved quickly, just as many past District Governors told me it would. It has been an honor to serve, lead, and support the Lions of District 31-S.

Motivational Closing Message

Serving as District Governor has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Every club I visited, every Lion I met, and every act of service I witnessed reminded me of the power of what we do. We are not just members of an organization — we are part of a global force for good, a network of people who choose service over self and compassion over comfort.

We still have time left in this Lions year, and I intend to use every day of it to push forward, lift others up, and help our district finish strong. Together, we can reach our goals. Together, we can rebuild clubs, grow membership, support LCIF, and expand our service footprint. Together, we can prepare the next team of leaders to carry the torch even higher.

District 31-S is strong because **you** are strong. Your dedication, your compassion, and your willingness to serve make all the difference. Let's finish this year with pride, purpose, and the spirit of Lionism guiding us forward.

I'm not done yet — and neither is District 31-S. Let's make these last two months count, and **I will always accept the challenge.**



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

1678-C Robins Nest Court
Gastonia, NC 28054

May 2, 2026

Lions across Constitutional Area 1 have demonstrated remarkable generosity this fiscal year, contributing \$10.1 million to the Lions Clubs International Foundation and reinforcing their commitment to service at scale. Even more inspiring, global contributions have surpassed \$55.4 million, reflecting the shared dedication of Lions worldwide to strengthening communities, responding to crises, and empowering lasting change.

Our Foundation continues to be strengthened by the generosity of Lions around the world, and it is especially noteworthy that 18.4% of all funds raised so far this fiscal year have come from clubs right here in the United States. This level of support reflects not only the size of our membership but also the deep commitment American Lions have to LCIF's mission of empowering communities, responding to disasters, and improving lives. Their contributions form a vital share of the Foundation's global impact and demonstrate how strongly Lions in the U.S. stand behind the work we do together.

Despite the challenges of this year's fundraising landscape, Lions in Multiple District 31 have shown meaningful commitment to supporting our Foundation. As of May 1, North Carolina Lions have contributed \$53,419, reaching 37.7% of our statewide goal of \$143,000. With less than two months remaining in the fiscal year, achieving that goal appears unlikely, yet the dedication demonstrated across our state is something to be proud of. A total of 97 clubs have contributed so far, and even more noteworthy is the generosity of individual Lions, who together have given over \$22,118 to the Foundation. These contributions—large and small—reflect the heart of our service and the belief that every dollar strengthens LCIF's ability to change lives.

District contributions to our Foundation reflect both steady engagement and the challenges of matching last year's momentum. To date, **District 31-L** has contributed **\$5,600**, just shy of last year's **\$5,905**. **District 31-I** stands at **\$16,650**, below last year's **\$27,757**, while **District 31-O** has given **\$15,816**, compared to **\$22,110** the previous year. **District 31-N** has contributed **\$12,068**, short of last year's **\$16,615**, and **District 31-S** has contributed **\$3,272**, well below last year's **\$20,110**. Although each district is trailing its prior-year total, these contributions still represent meaningful support for LCIF's mission and the ongoing commitment of Lions across North Carolina to serving communities in need. We have approximately nine weeks left to encourage the remaining clubs in our multiple district to give – so at least we can meet or preferably exceed last year's total contributions.

I would like to highlight our fundraising efforts at the N.C. Lions State Convention. In just two days, we raised more than \$5,000 for LCIF, thanks in large part to the live auction where some of the proceeds were shared with our Foundation, and an additional \$1,000 was raised through an unique 100-square raffle where we sold \$10 chances to win a Melvin Jones Fellowship. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the State Convention Committee—and especially to our District 31-O coordinator, Past District Governor Susie Daily, for their dedication and hard work in making this possible.

LCIF's commitment to North Carolina was evident as well, with Kristi Garcia joining us from the Oak Brook headquarters to help raise funds and answer questions about the Foundation's programs and services. Looking ahead, I encourage the convention committee to expand its support by dedicating a seminar to LCIF next year or even inviting the LCIF chairperson to serve as our convention guest speaker. We are also working to bring LCIF training for Constitutional Area 1 to North Carolina soon, which would further strengthen our statewide engagement and impact.

I have been fortunate to have been working alongside an outstanding team of district coordinators who remain committed to strengthening support for our Foundation. Encouraging clubs to contribute \$34 per member has been challenging in today's economic climate, yet many clubs have stepped forward and given what they can, demonstrating both resilience and belief in LCIF's mission. I am genuinely pleased that this same dedicated group of coordinators will continue with me next year. With their leadership and renewed focus, I am hopeful that we can inspire even greater club and individual participation in our fundraising efforts and move closer to the level of support our Foundation deserves.

It is important to remember that it is not too late for clubs and individual Lions to support the charitable work of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Every contribution—no matter the size—helps strengthen LCIF's ability to respond to disasters, restore communities, and bring hope to people who need it most. Every dollar counts, and together, we can finish the year with a renewed commitment to the Foundation that amplifies the service of Lions around the world.

Yours In Lionism,

PCC Michael H. Schwartz

LCIF MD-31 Coordinator

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Camp Dogwood
May 2, 2026

MD 31 Global Extension Team Report:

Remember that I told you that, if your districts do not charter at least two new clubs this year, they will show a net loss of members. Well, Lion Gary Greene and I (and our District Governors) are holding our breath hoping that we can make it with one new club each.

- In November I attended the Charter Night Celebration for the Person County Lions Club, the latest addition to District 31-O.
- (And) District O has not thrown in the towel on getting a second club started this year.)
- On the 26th of this month, I will be attending the Charter Night Celebration for the reborn Wallburg Lions Club in District 31-I. We lost the old club during COVID, but they're back!
- All of our districts still have extension efforts under way. Stick with them. Bring 'em home!
- At the State Convention, PDG Gary Greene, next Year's MD 31 GET Coordinator, met with all of next year's District GET Coordinators. He asked each of them to concentrate on starting one new club in their districts next year.
- Thank you got allowing me to serve as your GET Coordinator for the last two years. During those years, I often found myself emailing or calling Lion Gary for advice on my extension efforts. I am confident that I am leaving the position in the best possible hands. He will guide you toward success. Follow him!

Respectfully submitted,
PCC Tim Williams
MD 31 GET Coordinator



NC Lions State Convention
Preliminary Registration & Finance Report
Date of Report: May 2, 2026

This year marked a major step forward in how we managed registration, payments, and financial tracking for the 102nd NC Lions State Convention. For the first time, we offered an online registration option—and it proved highly successful. Online payments significantly improved our ability to track attendance, meal counts, and donations in real time, reducing manual work and increasing accuracy across the board.

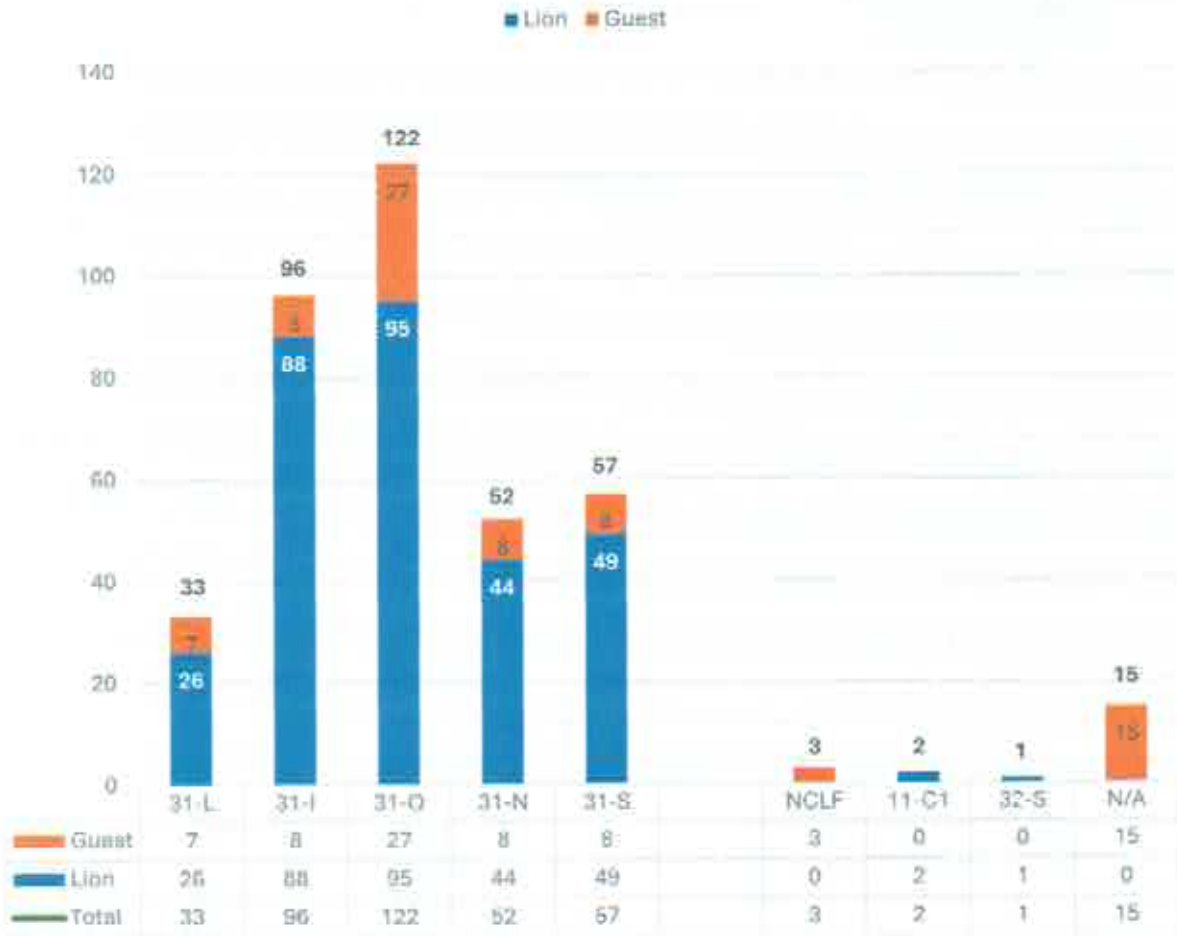
With the Council of Governors' approval last October, the NC Lions State Convention organization was formally registered as a nonprofit in North Carolina. This allowed us to process credit card payments through Zeffy, a platform that enables nonprofits to collect funds without incurring credit card fees. As a result, the Convention saved hundreds of dollars that would otherwise have been lost to processing costs.

This year, we placed particular emphasis on ensuring payments were received in advance, as doing so streamlines the registration desk process and supports accurate treasury accounting. While online registration is extremely efficient, we continued to accept mailed-in forms and check payments, even though this method carries the risk of delay or loss and requires additional manual processing. To maintain accurate meal and attendance counts within the hotel's capacity, we set the registration deadline at two weeks before the event. This window allowed us to finalize hotel guarantees so every guest registered by that date had a seat and their selected meal. Even so, we were able to accommodate a few last-minute walk-ins and meal add-ons due to unexpected cancellations, demonstrating our ability to remain flexible while still upholding strong financial controls.

A major operational improvement this year was our transition to Capital One for banking services. This change greatly simplified our accounting workflow. By strategically managing our income between a business checking account and an interest-bearing savings account, we generated nearly \$350 in interest. Importantly, we incurred no fees for any of the hundreds of mobile deposits, transfers, or bank-issued checks processed throughout the year. In addition to the financial savings, electronic banking reduced our postage and envelope expenses.

Overall, these updates—online registration, nonprofit payment processing, improved banking tools, and clearer registration policies—have strengthened the Convention's financial stability, increased transparency, and reduced administrative burden. These efficiencies position us well for continued growth and even smoother operations in the years ahead, and a full financial report will be presented at our meeting in August.

102nd Convention Attendance by District: Lions and Guests = 381



Respectfully Submitted,

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PDG Susan O'Brien

NC Lions State Convention Treasurer

May 2, 2026
2026 NC Lions State Convention Report

Greetings Fellow Lions,

First of all, I want to thank all of you who made our 102nd State convention such a success. It was a glorious celebration of our dear Past International Director Lacy Presnell, thanks to the love and admiration of the Lions of North Carolina. Big thanks to Lion Riley Proctor for taking the initiative to design and order t-shirts honoring PID Lacy. They were a delightful addition to our celebration.

Obviously, we don't have our final financial report ready yet, since bills are still coming in, but there are a few things to share before I ask PDG Susan O'Brien to speak.

Attendance was the highest in recent memory with close to 400 Lions and guests attending. Every meal event was at record numbers, and the banquet sold out two weeks in advance, reaching the maximum meal and room capacity of 300.

The convention program book also exceeded last year's sales, reaching a total of \$22,450. We also collected \$1,032 in sponsorships and about \$2,100 in "in kind" donations, including the Friday Fun Night Mystery Boxes. Since we are still calculating our numbers, this "in kind" total will probably increase.

We received many positive remarks about moving the cabinet meetings to Saturday and about several other changes. To gather more feedback, we will be sending out a five question survey, to all Lion attendees over the next few weeks.

The live auction was a huge success, and we raised a whopping \$7,100 and another \$1,033 from our Mystery Boxes. It seems like the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship Board was also an attendee favorite with all 100 squares being sold. This was a first for our convention with a board, containing 100 squares and each square selling for \$10.00. The winner's name was drawn from the 100 sold squares and the prize was a Melvin Jones Fellowship. The winner this year was Lion Suzanne Nelon and she can choose to keep the fellowship or present it to someone else. \$1,000 was donated to LCIF from this board. This may become a permanent addition to the convention!

We had a fabulous convention team including many new volunteers who were simply the best. Almost every aspect of the convention benefitted from their energy and creative ideas. These new volunteers, along with an advisory board, will be the leaders of the upcoming conventions. Barbara and I are thrilled, knowing the 2028 convention will be in such capable hands.

We made a few mistakes, things that slipped by us but we have already spoken to our team and changes and improvements are in the works. I am thrilled to let you know that Lion Tony Angel, a new Hall of Fame inductee, has agreed to do next year's convention program book. I

am certain his decision was because the 2027 convention is dedicated to Camp Dogwood in celebration of its 60th anniversary. We are so thankful for him and his talents.

One last topic we want to address, was the possibility of a PDGO event on the Saturday of our convention, at the hotel, that was raised at the last PDGO meeting. If you were at the convention, you know that Saturday is packed solid with no open time slots or rooms. The only open time slot at the hotel, is Friday from noon to 4:00. We felt it was important to bring this up at today's meeting so the PDGO can make plans that don't include hotel space or time on convention Saturday. We know this was just a thought raised, but we wanted to clarify this early on. We do appreciate your efforts.

Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support, kindness and participation. We love you and look forward to a magnificent 2027 Convention.

Now PDG Susan would like to give an update.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Susie Dailey

Fellow Lions,

I would like to address a misunderstanding between ID Gary and myself.

I did not ask for a \$10,000 donation for Tony Angel for creating the program. I did, however, question whether the \$3,000 that we have agreed to pay Lion Tony, for his 200+ hours of work on the 2027 program, could come from the council account earmarked for state convention.

Prior to 2022, all profits from the state convention, were returned to a council account and no proceeds were applied to meal costs for the following year. As you know, all this changed with convention profits now being used solely to offset meal costs. Meal prices have continually been reduced since 2023.

This convention account still exists, and we can discuss this further tomorrow.

This was simply a misunderstanding and ID Gary and I resolved any confusion this morning.

Yours in joyful service,

Susie

Lion Susie Dailey
Past District Governor 31-0
Guilford County Wide Cyber LC
704-439-6278

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