

**MINUTES**  
**MISSOURI LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**  
**Saturday, January 29, 2011**  
**Embassy Suites Hotel, St. Charles, MO**

The third meeting of the 2010-2011 Missouri Lions Council of Governors was called to order by Council Chairperson Pat Porterfield at 10:00 a.m.

CC Porterfield gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Kimbrow.

DG Kimberly Taylor led in the singing of the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of "America".

**ATTENDANCE**

Those in attendance were:

| <u>District</u> | <u>Governor</u>   | <u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors</u> | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|---|
| 26-M1           | Larry Kimbrow     | Murray Dunn                                   | Robert Hecht                                  |
| 26-M2           | Kimberly Taylor   | John Yount                                    | Gina Boettcher                                |
| 26-M3           | Hurmon Hendren    | Bob Burns                                     | Lisa Alexander                                |
| 26-M4           | Bill Calhoon      | Chuck Tripp                                   | George Spengler                               |
| 26-M5           | Johnny Stabno     | Paul Kerber                                   | Kenneth Goetz                                 |
| 26-M6           | Debbie Whittlesey | Stuart Payne                                  | Walter Hamer                                  |
| 26-M7           | Dan Buschmann     |   |   |

IPDG Pat Porterfield, 26-M3, Council Chairperson

Past International Directors Leland Kolkmeier, 26-M5; Dr. Dwayne Garrett, 26-M3; Harold Keely, 26-M3

PCC Steve Wise, 26-M6, Council Parliamentarian

Lion Brenda Weider, 26-M7, Council Secretary-Treasurer and State Office Administrator

M1:

M2: PDG Jim Bernhardt, PDG Debbie Blumenberg, PDG Ron Koppelman, PDG Roger Scheidt, Lion Sharyn Scheidt, PDG Eugene Taylor

M3: PDG Chuck Elledge, PDG Dick Klopfer, PDG Allen Kohler, Lion Sandy McCann, PCC Don Noland, PDG Lyn Porterfield

M4: PDG Wayne Cunningham, PDG Eldon Shipp, PDG Bob VanSickle

M5:

M6: PDG James W. Rosbrugh

M7: PDG Nan Blakemore, PCC Jesse Hathcock, Lion LouAnn Hathcock, PDG Ron Jordan, Lion Betty Knipp, PDG Donal Knipp, PDG Bob Van Ark, Lion Wayne Weider

## **TAIL TWISTER & DESIGNATION OF FUNDS**

Motion by DG Hendren to nominate PCC Don Noland as Tail Twister. Seconded by DG Taylor. Motion passed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2010 Council Meeting, with the following correction:  
**PROPOSED CHANGE IN STATE CONVENTION FORMAT**  
Motion by DG Whittlesey Calhoon to lend support to the Convention Committee to change the format of the State Convention. Seconded by DG Taylor. Vote: 6 for, 1 opposed. Passed.
- Second Quarter Financial Report
- Renewal of Office Lease
- Ratification of vote on Band Committee Budget

Motion by DG Taylor, seconded by DG Kimbrow to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

## **STATE CONVENTION PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Motion by DG Taylor and seconded by DG Whittlesey to ask PCC Steve Wise to serve as Convention Parliamentarian, pending his availability to be at the Convention. Motion passed.

## **LCIF COMMITTEE REPORT**

CC Porterfield reminded everyone that she had some of the \$20 donor pins available that day if anyone was interested. DG Kimbrow commented on the amazingly quick response from LCIF to their request for a disaster relief grant of \$10,000 for the Ft. Leonard Wood/Rolla/Salem area after being hit by tornadoes in late December.

## **MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

Lion Annie Kuhl thanked everyone for their support throughout the year. Spring is very busy with attending the District Conventions and The Eye Bank promoting donation through donor drives. In the Children's Vision Screening Program, there is a 16 percent increase in screenings over last year. They continue to encourage Lions to sign up online to help at events in their area. MLERF provided an increase of glaucoma screenings throughout the state to promote January as National Glaucoma Awareness Month. In Eyeglass Recycling, they continue to prepare eyeglasses for the upcoming MD 26 Lions' mission to Mexico. In Eye Care Assistance, Knights Templar will no longer cover the costs of cataract surgeries, which will inevitably mean that more individuals will be coming to MLERF for assistance. The Foundation needs support from the Lions Clubs more than ever to provide assistance to these individuals in your communities. In closing, she urged everyone to visit their web site to keep up on what is happening at MLERF. DG Stabno asked if there is a waiting list for cornea transplants, and she replied that there is not in their service area.

## **L.B.O.M.B.**

Written report only.

## **MID SOUTH SIGHT & HEARING**

VDG Gina Boettcher thanked everyone for their generous donations and invited everyone to the Lions Leaders Weekend on April 8-9. They will be touring Methodist Hospital and the Hamilton Eye Institute. Your only cost will be your transportation to Memphis and your hotel. Reservations can be made online at [midsouthlions.org](http://midsouthlions.org) or by calling 901-543-5466. They are still seeing the demand for sight and hearing with a waiting list, but with the help from the Walmart Foundation they have received a couple of grants totaling more than \$25,000 to be used in Mississippi and Arkansas. She asked that you keep your donations up and keep sending them patients. Contact her if you would like someone to speak to your club or district.

## **LWSB**

No report.

## **LEADER DOG**

No report.

## **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG James W. Rosbrugh reported that the committee had met by email. The committee was asked by the Council at its October meeting to prepare a proposal to remove the Athletic Committee and State All-Star Football Game from the Constitution. In addition, the Office Committee contacted him, following discussion at the October Council Meeting, to prepare a proposal to establish an alternative procedure for signatures on checks drawn against state funds. He presented these as Proposition 1 and 2. DG Stabno recommended separating Proposition 2 to become Proposition 2 and 3. Another item for the ballot at State Convention is in regard to the approval of the 2014 state convention site. Lastly, we will vote on the endorsement of PDG Donal Knipp for the Office of International Director.

## **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG Eldon Shipps reported that the contract with UCM has been signed, the banquet will be July 15, and the game will be played on July 16. Prices for the banquet and game tickets will remain the same. The coaches are from Richmond High School and Westran High School. They selected 70 players from 49 different schools. As of that day, 9 of those selected had already returned their paperwork. The Committee is working hard to raise the kind of funds the game used to raise.

## **BAND COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG Ron Koppelman reported that the Band will be under the direction of Steve Eubanks, who has been on staff, has 25 years of experience with the Jefferson City Schools, and has had award-winning bands. This year the camp will be at Ft. Leonard Wood, and the cost will be \$1,000 per student. The Committee is holding a raffle with 9 prizes, and are selling tickets to help with the equipment. The Committee is also offering a travel package for those who want to ride with the Band to Seattle. Contact him or PDG Ron Jordan for details, including what you will be required to have with you should you go to Ft. Leonard Wood.

## **INTERNATIONAL UPDATE**

PID Leland Kolkmeier stated that the Governors should have received their confirmation email from LCI regarding their District Convention speaker. He reminded the Governors that their year was 50% over and challenged them to re-evaluate their goals for their district. If membership is in need of help there is still time for an extension workshop and formation of some new clubs. He also asked the Governors to allow PDG Donal and Lion Betty Knipp to visit with the Lions at their Conventions, as well as address the entire Convention and visit privately with the International Guest, as this is vitally important in their quest for the position of International Director. PID Kolkmeier asked PDG Donal and Lion Betty to stand, and urged the Governors to encourage their members to mark that box "yes" for the endorsement of PDG Knipp. PID Dr. Garrett added that all of the Past International Directors of Missouri support this candidacy, and urged everyone to vote for PDG Knipp. At the suggestion of PDG Ron Jordan, PID Kolkmeier agreed that if anyone wants to donate to the Knipp's expenses in this campaign, feel free to do so.

## **GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

The Institute will be held July 22-24 this year at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. Prior to May 31, the cost is \$125 per attendee and includes 7 meals, lodging (double occupancy), course materials and registration. After that date the cost is \$140. If you desire a single room for lodging, there are a limited number available for an additional cost of \$25. For an application contact PID Kolkmeier.

## **HEARING COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG Chuck Elledge reported on the Committee's recent meeting. Bills were approved, and there was discussion on repairs needed to the floor and steps of Van 3. In the AHAP program, MD 26 has purchased 37 adult aids and 2 for Missouri School for the Deaf from LCIF. In addition, MD 26 has purchased 17 adult aids from Beltone. This is a total of 56 hearing aids in the first 6 months of this year. DG Stabno asked about the process for the used hearing aids that are collected. PDG Elledge explained that they go to the Missouri School for the Deaf, where they are examined and sometimes used as behind-the-ear loaners, which cuts down on the number of purchases we have to make. Those not used at Missouri School for the Deaf are sent to a hearing aid provider in Iowa, who gives Missouri School for the Deaf a \$50 credit toward their future repair services for each hearing aid with satisfactory circuitry.

## **LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

CC Porterfield reported a change in location of the youth camp to the southwest part of the state, and she encouraged all districts to donate, possibly toward a C. Wayne Henderson Award.

## **SIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Written report only.

## **STATE & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Written report only. CC Porterfield added that there is a breakfast being planned for International Convention in conjunction with the Lions of Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa.

## **2011 STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

PCC Don Noland reported on the new format to be used for the State Convention and had registration forms available. (Registration form is also available on the web site.)

Friday – DGE, VDGE, CSTE Training  
PDG Reception  
Gala Reception for the sitting District Governors and incoming District Governors (formal)

Saturday – Plenary Sessions with presentations from MLERF, Leader Dog, etc.  
Leadership Sessions  
Luncheon Banquet with LCI Speaker, International Awards, etc.  
Election  
Memorial Service  
Hospitality Room

Sunday – Council of Governors Meeting

When asked who the International Speaker is, PID Kolkmeier said the Governors would be notified within a week.

When asked when the Governors would have the First-Timers certificates, PCC Noland explained that they would be coming from the State Convention Committee.

### **MERL+**

#### **LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG Eugene Taylor updated everyone on the preparations being made for the Mid Winter Forum the following week. He then spoke about a problem we have within this organization, and he asked the Governors to help solve this problem. Wherever we go to have meetings, people are always trying to find a cheaper sleeping room or cheaper meals elsewhere. However, they don't realize that the more sleeping room nights and meals we use at a hotel the cheaper (or even free) the meeting rooms are for us. If everyone goes elsewhere to get cheaper sleeping rooms and meals, then we end up with no meeting facilities. One example of this problem is with the Mid Winter Forum. If people don't use the hotel sleeping rooms, we will end up having to pay for the meeting facilities, and in turn charge more for registration for the Forum. He asked the Governors to encourage their members to understand that when we have council meetings, forums, conventions, etc., we have to get the people to use the hotel facilities – that's part of the expectation.

He also announced that plans are underway to have a VDG goal-setting meeting in April. They would like to have all 21 Governors-Elect and Vice Governors-Elect in attendance. Current Governors are welcome as well.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Lion Sandy McCann reported that the state is down 296 members, and we need to identify clubs that are in trouble and develop plans to help the clubs become healthy. We also need to determine if we have the right people in positions in our district. Are the zone and region chairs working with these clubs? We need to make contact with club members who aren't at meetings to check on them and give that personal touch.

## **RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG Lyn Porterfield reported that the Retention brochures have been updated in order to change the contact information to reflect changes in District Chairs and to eliminate the extended website addresses that LCI has eliminated. These updated brochures have been made available to the District Retention Chairs. Also, LCI has created 5 great new brochures to use in conjunction with these. They are:

- 25 Projects to Help Children
- 20 Youth Project Ideas
- 20 Ideas for Vision Service Projects
- 20 Project Ideas for Relieving the Hunger
- 20 Project Ideas for Protecting the Environment

In addition, the Retention Committee will be using the following brochures which LCI has had for a couple of years:

- Lions Mentoring Program
- Lions Crew at Work

The Committee plans to have the brochures available at zone meetings, cabinet meetings, district conventions, and upcoming club officer training sessions. They will be investigating the possibility of placing the brochures on the State website as well.

## **EXTENSION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Written report only.

## **FAMILY & WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG Bob Van Sickle reported on the Committee's recent meeting. A Boiler Plate article was roughly designed for Mid Winter Forum. The clubs and districts only need to fill in a couple of blanks with names for articles to easily be placed in their local newspapers. PCC Dan Bernskoetter from Jefferson City volunteered to take pictures at the Forum and email them to a club or district member. This process will be done again for State Convention, USA/Canada Forum, and International Convention to make it easier for clubs to make their communities aware of the Lions and what they do. There was some discussion about holding a statewide event on the same day – does not have to be in one place – but in all 7 districts (such as a statewide walk on the Katy Trail).

## **MISSOURI LION BULLETIN**

PDG Bob VanSickle is checking into the template cost for issuing the Missouri Lion electronically 4 times a year, and only hard mail 2 times a year to those who want it. He was working on the next issue of the Missouri Lion, just waiting on some articles and the Constitution & By-Law Committee portion.

## **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM REPORT**

No report, but Lion Sandy McCann reminded everyone to contact either her or PDG Zana Botzow if interested in an Extension workshop.

## **CAMPUS CLUB COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT**

PDG Eugene Taylor said that the website is going and to send things to them to be added, such as to the calendar.

## ***BREAK FOR LUNCH***

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **ALERT COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **PIN TRADERS REPORT**

PDG Bob Van Ark reminded everyone that the process of selecting the state pin involves the Council of Governors and the Pin Traders. He asked for drawings to be submitted for the 2012 pin, which he will present to the VDGs at State Convention. The Convention Committee will then recommend a quantity to order. It is not necessary to order a large quantity at first because more can be ordered in lots of 50 at the same cost per pin. He also announced that the Pin Traders have developed a series of 7 pins, honoring each of the 7 districts, featuring a scene from that district. They will come out over a 3-year period. M1 and M2 are available now, and M3 will be out soon. They cost \$2.

## **STATE OFFICE COMMITTEE**

PDG Ron Jordan reported that the State Office recently had copy machine and printer problems, but he got a member of his club to come in one weekend to fix the copier, and Lion Mike Jordan secured a used printer to replace the one that had quit. The Committee has been working on Personnel Manual issues and is preparing to have the performance evaluation ready by the 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The Committee recommended that the Personnel Manual be changed as follows: Section 304 – Vacation Benefits. The last paragraph to read “In the event that available vacation is not used by the end of the *fiscal* year (July 1)..” By making this change, both the vacation and sick leave will run on the Lionistic year. Also, the Committee will keep a monthly calendar on all employees and will make sure that all part-time employees’ hours are under the required 32 hours as stated in the manual.

Motion by DG Whittlesey, seconded by DG Stabno, to change the Personnel Manual to show vacation and sick leave on the same cycle. Motion carried.

## **MISSION TRIP TASK FORCE**

No report.

## **QUALITY LION AWARD NOMINATIONS**

M1 – 0      M2 – 0      M3 – 3      M4 – 1      M5 – 0      M6 – 0      M7 – 0

## **INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

DG Larry Kimbrow stated that they researched his credentials and found everything in proper order. They are waiting on the paperwork from the club and district, but are recommending to the Council of Governors that they give approval pending this paperwork from the club and the district.

## **INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATE PDG DONAL KNIPP**

PDG Donal Knipp thanked everyone for all the support, and explained how he learned about Lions as a young boy growing up in Auxvasse and admiring the business leaders in town. He asked everyone for their endorsement and promised to represent the state in everything it does. We need to push membership, leadership and enthusiasm. He announced that his Financial Committee will consist of PCC Jesse Hathcock, IPDG Marvin McAdams, and he asked the Governors to consider appointing PDG Lyn Porterfield as the third member. He also announced that everyone was invited to a reception at PCC Don Noland's house that evening from 5 – 7 p.m. Motion by DG Kimbrow, seconded by DG Hendren, to nominate PDG Lyn Porterfield to the third position of the Finance Committee. Motion approved.

## **PEACE POSTER**

CC Porterfield announced the winner of the Peace Poster contest is from Hermann.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

CC Porterfield announced the following have asked to be considered for the position of 2011-12 Council Chairperson: Governor Larry Kimbrow, Governor Kimberly Taylor, and Governor Debbie Whittlesey

## **APPENDIX TO POLICY MANUAL**

Motion by DG Taylor, seconded by DG Calhoon, to add Appendix 3 to the Policy Manual stating that Whistle Blower and Conflict of Interest Policies are in place. Passed.

## **FIRST LIGHT AWARD**

CC Porterfield presented DG Kimberly Taylor with a First Light Award from International President Scruggs.

## **STATE DIRECTORIES**

State Directories are still available for \$2.00 each

## **CHARTER NIGHTS**

M3 – March 25 in St. Charles (details to follow)

M5 - March 10 in Lee's Summit (details to follow)

## **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP/GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM**

PID Leland Kolkmeier reminded everyone that as of July 1 MERL will be no longer. The Governors will probably have to nominate a GLT Leader and a GMT Leader for the Multiple District effective July 1 at the State Convention.

## **TAIL TWISTER FINES**

PCC Don Noland collected \$55. Motion by DG Stabno, seconded by DG Kimbrow, to make a donation to LCIF for a donation in memory of Marissa Orlando, granddaughter of Lion Barbara Bockhorst and daughter of Walter and Michelle Bockhorst. Passed.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held May 1, 2011, at Embassy Suites in St. Charles, MO.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Council Chair Porterfield.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lion Brenda Weider*

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State Office Administrator