

2016-2017 Winter Council of Governors Meeting
Langley, BC, February 18, 2017
Report from MD19 GLT – Leadership Coordinator – Bob Ayotte

The Vice District Governor Bi-Weekly Conversations using GoToMeeting are continuing. They are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, starting at 7:00pm and finishing at 8:30pm. Two new members have been invited to attend, as they are now the elected 2VDG's from Districts 19-B and 19-H. Generally, most of the 1VDG's and 2VDG's attend regularly.

I have now been notified by LCI that it is pursuing minor changes to the structure of the Global Leadership and Membership Teams. These changes will be determined by the International Directors at their next meeting in March of this year. That message also talked about Multiple District and Districts still continuing their task of replacement of the Multiple and District GLT and GMT, whose terms listed by LCI are expiring on June 30, 2017, mine included. New terms will be 2017 to 2020.

There has been some discussion by various Lions in the Multiple District regarding the Regional Progress and Planning Meetings taking place at some other time, other than November 18, 2017. The discussion lies around timing of the RPP with the Convention in the Fall. Any comments this Council could give me would be much appreciated. I still feel the timing to be correct in mid-November. Convention time is quite a busy time, and these meetings would occupy at least the time of three seminars to equal the all day effort of the RPP. Also, location would be a problem. Not all members attend Convention, but a few extra attend a local Planning Meeting. There would also be increased distraction for the facilitators of the Planning Meeting. I would advise that the status quo (leaving at November 18, this year) is far better than any change contemplated by others. Also, the incoming District Governors will have another opportunity to communicate the District's Goals and Action Plans for 2017-2018 at the upcoming District and Zone Officer School.

Plans for the District and Zone Officer School are progressing. It will take place at University of British Columbia, Vancouver Campus on May 25, 26 and 27. More from MD19 Training Chairperson Lion IPCC Al Beddows.

The final draft of the revised Leader Development Program is now in place, and our Coordinator, Lion IPDG Brian Phillips will speak further about that.

There is continuing progress on the updates for the Club Officer Training packages being prepared by Lion 1VDG Ron Smircich. These must be in place prior to Club Officer training starting soon. More from Lion Ron.

There have been some minor changes to the Leadership portion of the Policy Manual. I have discussed those changes to the Policy Manual at our recent District Support Team with regards to some minor details and name changes that have been done in this past year. Nothing has been done with that so far.

Respectfully submitted,
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