

MINUTES OF THE SPRING COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

May 28, 2015

Yakima Valley Hotel, Yakima, WA

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Gary Reidel at 8:30 am. Invocation was given by District Governor Georgia Medwedrich, 19-I.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and signed the Attendance Sheets.

I. Council of Governors

Gary Reidel, Council Chairperson
Al Beddows, Vice Council Chairperson
Jerry Flood, Past Council Chairperson
Patty Allen, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Jimmy Ho, District Governor, 19-A
John Clinton, District Governor, 19-B
John Kirry, District Governor, 19-C
Frank Karas, District Governor, 19-D
Kim DiRienz, District Governor, 19-E
Lonnie Morgan, District Governor, 19-F
Kathy Crawford, District Governor, 19-G
Al Stobbart, District Governor, 19-H
Georgia Medwedrich, District Governor, 19-I
Steve Brooks, PDG 19-B
Marilynn Danby, PDG 19-C
Bob Ayotte, PDG 19-D
Ken Cook, PDG 19-E
Steve Noble, PDG, 19-F
Steve Patterson, PDG 19-G

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Brien Patton, Budget and Finance
ZCE Jane Beddows, CARE
Dr. Nancy Messmer, Environment
PDG Joan Hunter, LCIF-US
PDG Steve Somerset, Leadership
2nd VDGE Ron Smircich, Faculty Development
PDG Steve Somerset, Leadership 101/Member. 201
PDG Tom Smarsh, Training
PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Membership
PDG Dori Somerset, Retention
PID Dur Roberson, International Participation
PCC Jim Kemp, Parliamentarian
PCC Jim Knight, Policy Manual
PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Strategic Planning

Foundations & Societies

PID Roger Richert, NW Lions Foundation
PCC Jerry Flood, MD19 Lions Service & Leadership

III. Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests

Roger Arleth
Sonja Ayotte
1st VDG (DGE) Brian Phillips
PCC Rod Barnes
Michele Barrie
ZC Norma Bent (ZCE)
ZCE Donna Bowers
2nd VDG (1st VDGE) Joyce Boyle
ZCE Ed Brend
ZC Johnie Brown (ZCE)
ZCE Kim Christie
1st VDG (DGE) Shelley Costello
ZCE Bob Donker

2nd VDG (1st VDGE) Alan Guy
ZCE Mari Hall

Gloria Hardan
1st VDG (DGE) Al Hedstrom
PZC Alan Hunter
ZCE Bob Johnson
1st VDG (DGE) Eric Keller
PDG Erma Kemp
ZCE Stephen Kirkham
PZC (2nd VDGE) Harry Lippincott
PCC Gary Lockert
1st VDG (DGE) Viva Metz
1st VDG (DGE) J.D. Nellor
Marilyn Patterson
Laura Patton

PDG Judy Portas

Linda Reidel
PDG Rosemary Richert
1st VDG (DGE) Janet Rinehart
VCCE Enoch Rowland
ID Don Shove
ZCE Sharon Sikes
ZCE Cec Specht
ZCE Carl Walk
1st VDGE David Walk
1st VDGE Monte Ward
2nd VDG (1st VDGE) Jan Weatherly
1st VDG (DGE) Don Wight
ZC Ron Wilkenson (ZCE)

1st VDG (DGE) Bob Yeoman

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Clinton, 19-B and seconded by District Governor John Kirry, 19-C to accept the Minutes of the Winter Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Bellingham, WA February 21, 2015 as posted. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT by ZC Bonnie Manning, Chairperson:

"Council Chairperson Gary and Council of Governors,

As this is my final report, I wish to thank you and your District Diabetes Chairpersons for the work they did this year by providing education to their fellow Lions and to their communities. The majority of the chairpersons did not send reports on their activities so I am unable to recognize them. I want to thank all the clubs in British Columbia for the fundraising they do to support the Diabetes Association / Lions Camps

for Diabetic Children. Each year you provide thousands of dollars. Thank you. What a difference you make!

We had a successful screening and information table at the MD19 Fall Annual Convention in Ocean Shores. Lion Maria Medwedrich provided a well-organized and successful Diabetes booth at her District Spring Conference and I was pleased to provide her with educational resources and materials.

District 19C had a successful Diabetes screening booth at their Spring Conference in April.

The new 2015-2016 Diabetes Chairperson for 19C, Lion John Herr coordinated a Diabetes Awareness walk on May 2, 2015 to raise funds for Camp Leo.

Lions International has a strong program for Diabetes Awareness but unless the District Governors and their Chairpersons get behind a program such as this the word does not get out. I am attaching a cost sheet of my average expenses each year as a District Diabetes Chairperson. Fortunately I was able to provide these items. You will note they are considerable for out of pocket. I have continued to recommend to the Council that District Governors place at least \$200.00 in their budgets to help defray the cost of educational materials, and testing equipment for the programs. Not all of your chairpersons have access to help with Diabetes screening materials through local Diabetes associations. Many of us are qualified to do the screenings and we provide our own supplies. These are expensive and many of your Lions cannot spend the monies.

My final letter was sent to you and your chairpersons this past weekend. Please recognize those that completed the goals they set for themselves. I also want to strongly encourage the incoming council members to recognize what a serious disease Diabetes is and the many thousands of children, youth and adults that are affected. Education makes a difference.

Please take an active role in being part of the solution to reduce Diabetes risk by supporting this important program.

It has been my privilege to serve these past three years as MD19 Diabetes Awareness Chairperson. I appreciate those of you who supported me throughout my chairmanship.

Diabetes Chairperson Average Costs Per Year

Below is a list of approximate cost per year out of pocket with no reimbursement to fulfill the role of a District Diabetes Chairperson as well as serve at the MD19 level

Printed material: purchased from LCI - average:	\$35.00
Printing costs of handouts throughout the year average:	\$40.00
Registration for the local convention: average	\$80.00 (does not include Canadian registration. I would be attending the local ones as a Lion and maybe an occasional one out of state and would not expect reimbursement as a regular attendee.)
Visual aids for displays and teaching	\$ 80.00 (are reused)
Screening and information booth at District Convention:	
Paying for the display table	\$25.00
Lunch for a Qualified Clinical Screening person (if not a Lion)	\$25.00
Supplies: Meter, test strips, autolets, alcohol wipes, as well as cotton swabs, disposable gloves	\$75.00 plus

In District C, we have been fortunate the past two years to have the Pierce County Diabetes liaison attend and as a public service they provide all supplies.

Totals: A minimum of **\$360.00** out of pocket plus the miles and gas on the car.

The total mileage over the past three plus years which includes a Canadian conference as well as attending clubs throughout 19 C, a conference in District B, as well as local community fairs, club visitations and community classes and events. Approximately **2000 miles.**"

LCIF – CANADA REPORT by PDG Marilyn Martin, Chairperson:

"I have been the MD19 Coordinator for LCIF CA II for seven (7) years now. I honestly can say that I have appreciated the opportunity for the position in MD19 for this very important cause.

There are some good things to report and some not so good things. One of LCIF's goals is to increase donations. LCIF would like to have a steady amount of donations each year, so they can manage all of their programs. They would like to see a high number in the participation rate as well. LCIF has done a very good job in managing money, so many huge programs can proceed. LCIF thinks that if a club puts LCIF into the club budget, that donations will become a habit.

Final stats are not out yet, but it is quite likely that the total donations from MD 19 will be less than last year. That's not a good thing. But the participation rate is holding its own over last year. That's a good thing.

So please continue to encourage your clubs to donate to LCIF either for Nepal Relief or general funds. Nepal Relief is being counted for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

You may have heard that the Canadian Government will match funds donated by Canadian Lions Clubs. The funds must go through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF - Address below. Thank you on behalf of LCIF.

Mark your cheque/check for Nepal Relief

**Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF
Barrhaven PO
P.O. Box 89059
Nepean, ON K2J 0R2 Canada"**

LEADER DOGS REPORT by PZC Lonnie Morse, Chairperson:

"Normal club donations to Leader Dogs are coming in: District A = \$0.00; District B = \$550.00; District C = \$400.00; District D = \$1,500.00; District E = \$2,997.34; District F = \$3,600.00; District G = \$1,418.34; District H = \$1,700.00 and District I = \$845.00.

District 19C Leader Dog Chairperson Jean Kautzman will be on hiatus for some time. I will keep her and incoming 19C District Governor Al Hedstrom updated with items concerning District 19C.

Our MD19 donations to the Leader Dog's Canine Development Campaign are not doing well. Only three districts have responded with District C giving \$619.00, District D giving \$2,200.00 and District E giving \$1,600.00.

The Campaign goal of \$14.5 million currently sits at \$12.3 million. On April 29th, the Campaign went public. The \$3 million needed from Lions currently sits at \$1.7 million. The Campaign's next bench mark is having \$2 million by July 31st.

You can view the project at www.leaderdog.org/canine-center"

LIONESS REPORT by Dinah Batke, Chairperson:

"For this quarter 256 Lioness racked up 1431 volunteer hours, and donated \$27,925.83 to worthwhile causes and organizations.

They volunteered doing catering, ran a concession, thrift shop, Lions Manor, eyeglass pick up and boxing, knit toques for food bank, Salvation Army, Easter egg decorating, senior care soup kitchen, Priest River School Mentorship program, retirement centers bingo, Friend of Library, blood donor clinic, Kelowna Hostess, cancer clinic, Gospel Mission, Freedoms Door, baby clinic, Kelowna Junior hockey, Gold metal plates-culinary competition, global village, Taste of Home, Camp Winfield campership & Camp Kakhamela, Meals on Wheels, Cariboo Festival Society and Guide dogs.

They made donations to the Regional District of Wadington Free Skate, Sunset Elementary for a new popcorn machine, Camperships to Camp Shawnigan, Lions Manor, Samaritan's Purse, Westside soccer, Arthritis Society, Cancer Palliative care, Project Literacy, Kelowna Woman's Shelter, Reach Out Youth, Alzheimer's Society, Kidney Foundation, Diabetes Camperships, Easter Seal House, Freedoms Door, Harmony Days, BC Cancer Foundation, Partners in Parkinson's, Red Cross, Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy, Museum & Art Center, Audubon Society Project Wildlife and Grant County Animal Outreach."

LIONS QUEST – BC REPORT by PZC Mike Stanford, Chairperson:

“Lions Quest is alive & well. We are busy planning workshops for Teachers! District 19H has scheduled a workshop for the Abbotsford School District during October 2015. We are slowly gaining momentum back since the Teachers Strike.

I had the opportunity to attend two Spring Conferences - 19I and 19H. Thank you, Lions, for supporting us. I would like to thank Lions Clubs for supporting Lions Quest Canada through the Bali Promotional Contest. As of April 2015, 19H has donated \$1750.00; 19D has donated \$1350.00; 19E has donated \$1250.00; 19A has donated \$1080.00 and I know 19I Clubs have donated since the report! It is still not too late to donate and take part in the Bali Contest. The Contest closes July 10, 2015 with the draw. Please consider donating to Lions Quest Canada and supporting your Multiple Districts.

Lions Quest Programs teaches our youth 36 essential life skills from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Two such skills are Service Learning and Service Orientation. These skills are your future for new Lions Members and an opportunity to work closely with schools in your local community. The greatest news that Lions Clubs International received during the Spring of 2015 was from the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs 58th Session in Vienna. LCIF staff were on hand to discuss how Lions Quest has been a proven tool in addressing this problem around the world. We received highest congratulations for our program. For more information, please visit Lions Quest Canada Website.”

LIONS QUEST – US WEST REPORT by PZC Bill Cheaqui Chairperson:

“I have been in contact with the Lions Quest staff at LCIF, and have been informed that the Core 4 Grant awarded in 2006 has been withdrawn due to lack of activity. This is a disappointment as we need grant money to finance any workshops we may be able to arrange. To my knowledge there are no Lions Clubs with the financial resources to pay for a workshop, and the schools have no extra money. However, I was assured that a Community Grant of up to \$10,000 may be available to help with the financing. This may all be moot as there are no workshops on the horizon that I am aware of.

I did a presentation to the B-4 Zone meeting and there was enough interest that I sent three DVDs and some LQ publications to ZC Shauna Balderson. She will get them to the interested Clubs, and they will try to get their local schools interested.

I have no specific goals for the coming year, other than to continue to be available to support Lions Quest should any Club or school express an interest. I continue to be hopeful that Lions Quest Chairpersons for the other Districts (other than H) can be recruited.

I will continue to administer the MD19 Lions Quest Foundation of Washington and Northern Idaho bank account as long as necessary, and my services are desired. I am hopeful that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foundation will be convened at the MD19 Convention this fall.”

FOUNDATION REPORTS

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA / GUIDE DOGS REPORT by PDG Mel Stokes, Provincial Director:

“Along with this Council position, I am also the District 19H LFC Chairperson and have been forwarding a two page newsletter to all club members in District H quarterly. This document has been shared with the other District representatives to use as they may wish.

Since the last Council meeting, three District Spring Conferences have been attended with a display table and banner at each. Due to holidays, Past Director PZC Rosemary Small attended District 19H Conference in Surrey. I was able to attend the 19E Conference in Cranbrook and the 19I Conference in Sooke, BC. As there were two Spring Conferences on the same weekend, regretfully, District A's was missed. I am pleased with the opportunity to talk to a number of Lions at each Conference, providing various information brochures and general discussion on the DogGuides. Through the information tables and sale of shirts and hats, we continue to advertise the Lions Foundation of Canada.

In Cranbrook at the 19E District Spring Conference, I was honoured to introduce Marilyn Lethbridge, one of Foundation employees, as the luncheon guest speaker. She did an outstanding job, without using notes. At

the end of her presentation, the DogGuide DVD was shown. After the session, Marilyn received many thanks for her presentation and DVD viewing.

In 2013-2014 12 dog guides were presented to recipients of BC. Currently there are 40 dog requests with 18 already accepted, 21 pending and 1 replacement.

At this time of year most Lions Clubs have their annual Awards Night. What a great way to make a donation and present an award to an outstanding Lion through a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship (\$500 CDN), Life Member (\$100 CDN), Adopt a Puppy (\$100 CDN) or LFC Fellowship (\$250 CDN).

We ask clubs to please consider adding or increasing their donation to the Lions Foundation of Canada in their 2015-16 budget."

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson Gary, fellow Cabinet members, Lions, Leos and guests, greetings.

We, the Lions of the BC Hearing Conservation Society, are working very hard to provide a one-of-a-kind service to our communities by making it easier to communicate with one another, making life a little better.

Starting this year we have two companies working with us: Connect Hearing and NexGen Hearing. They are providing new hearing aids with a three-year warranty and batteries. We still offer 'refurbished' hearing aids but have very few takers.

We gave over 4000 used hearing aids to PZC Rock White to take to 'Starkey' and we will have more for them soon.

This year we have helped 66 clients get hearing aids at a cost of over \$92,565.00.

I am requesting the District Governors and Zone Chairpersons to convey our message to the clubs so that they can get all the information required to help their local communities.

My Friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help. For more information on our Society and all our programs please check our website at: www.lionsofbc hearingsociety.org

I want to thank all the Lions Club members, District Governors, Zone Chairpersons and the Hearing Chairpersons for supporting and promoting this great organization."

NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by PID Roger Richert, Chairperson of the Board:

"It is with great pleasure that I present some great news on the growth of SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation for the 1st Quarter 2015.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible growth, with over 2,100 corneal transplants this quarter, setting a new record. In addition, we will provide thousands of additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program.

SightLife has hired Claire Bonilla as their new Chief Global Officer. Claire has spent the last eight years with one foot squarely in the corporate environment and one in humanitarian efforts, leading Microsoft's Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response business. She brings 20+ years of relevant experience, managing a breadth of global functions for the software giant, Microsoft, and earlier as a Fortune 500 consultant.

We are very pleased the Northwest Lions Foundation's quarterly community service programs included screening over 5,000 school children across the MD19 service area, as well as dozens of other low-income people and non-profit organizations benefitting by various Northwest Lions Foundation grants.

Over \$20,000 in patient care grants and an additional \$50,000 in Lions sponsored Project Support Grants were funded this quarter. The Board reminds all clubs that we are encouraging them to consider patient care grants within their respective communities.

The Board fully launched our new hearing program in the first quarter of 2015 in association with The Starkey Foundation. The program is being well received throughout the Multiple District.

In closing, the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would like to thank all the Lions and Lions Clubs in MD19 for their continued support of White Cane Days. Thank you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities.”

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Steve Noble, 19-F and seconded by PDG Ken Cook, 19-E to approve the Consent Agenda items, with the removal of Memorial Garden, CARE and LCIF-US reports to be given orally. Motion passed.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

MD19 BUILDING REPORT by Marc Boucher, Chairperson:

“The new parking lot section has been constructed and is in use. Finishing touches consist of using the soil from the bus parking pad to create a berm around the large parking area. New signage to designate MD19 only parking is helping control congestion from Warehouse customers.

A locking dumpster is now in use at no added cost. The front gate will get a new chain and lock for added security during off hours. This will stop unauthorized trash disposal.

Proposal for Addition to the Wheelchair Warehouse

December 5, 2014
Mark Costello
Email: mpcdesign@live.com

Dear Mr. Costello,

We propose to build a 16' x 30' building addition. This building addition to include the following:

- 18" roof overhangs
- 29 GA colored steel roofing and siding
- Barge & Fascia boards are covered with 26 GA Flashings
- Upgraded 2 ½" J-600 polypropylene metal building roof and sidewall insulation.
- 1 - 3' insulated steel walk in door
- 1 - 9' x 8' insulated steel overhead door
- 16' x 30' x 4" fibermesh reinforced concrete floor with zip strip control joints
- Engineered Structural Drawings

The cost for the above described building on your level prepared jobsite is \$8,960.00. This price does not include but is subject to WA State Sales Tax and Building Permit Fees.

Thank you, for the opportunity to bid your project. If you have any questions please call me at 1-800-600-3480.
Sincerely,
Alvord-Richardson Const. Co., Inc.
Jeff Alvord, President”

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Steve Brooks, 19-B and seconded by District Governor Kim DiRienz, 19-E to accept the proposal from the Bellingham Central Lions Club to build an addition, (16' x 30') on the north side of the Warehouse. Motion carried.

Bellingham Central Lions will handle all permits.

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT by PZC Dennis Bullock, Chairperson:

“This season's work is just getting started at the Memorial Garden with the first work day scheduled for Saturday May 16th.

Additional work days will be on
Saturday June 13th, Saturday July 11th and Saturday August 8th.

The Memorial Dedication will be Saturday, August 15th.

A pictorial of the Memorial Garden and a tri-fold handout have been created and displayed at all District Spring Conferences except District A because of a conflict.

So far, five clubs have given undesignated money in support of the garden maintenance. As club budgets are made for next year, we hope many more will include a modest amount of support for the Memorial Garden. A small Honda rototiller has been purchased with money donated for that purpose and is on site.

Work continues on the 'Memorial Wall' which will list all the memorials in the garden.

An updated plant and price list is being developed to match the needs of the garden and give a wider variety of choices."

ENVIRONMENT REPORT by Dr. Nancy Messmer, Chairperson

"As the Environment Chairperson for Multiple District 19, I work to encourage Lions to include environmental projects in their array of service projects, and to highlight the good work that Lions are doing.

Lions from many clubs came to Rialto Beach on the north Washington coastline to pick up marine debris and participate in interviews about the project. They were among the 1600 volunteers who came to the beaches and picked up 17 tons (34,000 pounds) of debris.

Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions are among the founders and steering committee members who guide the efforts twice annually to clean Washington coast beaches. The Fall Cleanup is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, and Lions are working to expand the spring Earth Day cleanups to link efforts around the Pacific Basin. Since environmental action is one of the Global Service Action Campaigns, an enhanced role for Clubs situated around the Pacific Basin could result in cleaner beaches, more activity on marine debris issues, and increased membership for Lions by engaging younger people in active meaningful projects.

A spotlight was focused on MD Lions this spring, when the video crew from Lions Clubs International Quarterly featured Multiple District 19 Lions impacting the problem of marine debris removal and working toward a healthy ocean. The crew photographed Lions at Rialto Beach, on the northwest Washington Coast. They took video of Lions cleaning the beach, and organizing the cleanup. They interviewed Lions about their participation in Lions Clubs and in the beach cleanups in particular. In addition, they interviewed marine debris experts and administrators. I was interviewed as Environment Chairperson and Washington Clean Coast Alliance organizer. The video will be included in an Environment project roundup in one of the 2016 Quarterly videos.

In addition, when the Lions Clubs Quarterly Video crew was here, they made videos of various Lions to include in the farewell video for President Joe Preston, to be shown at the International Lions Convention in Honolulu this summer. Lions from Port Angeles and Clallam Bay Sekiu were filmed singing 'Strengthen the Pride', written by President Preston, as well as cutting up and celebrating as they sang. It was a stretch for the assembled Lions to be so animated and boldly entertaining, but they went the extra mile to contribute to the Lion Joe Preston film. In addition, Lions Nancy Messmer and Roy Morris were filmed giving appreciative comments, and a group led by Council Chairperson Gary Reidel, including Lions from Bellingham and Lynden, recited various versions of 'We Serve'. It was exciting and fun to be part of the video quarterly magazine and the making of the farewell video. 'Show Biz' is a new area for most local Lions, but we are happy to tell our stories and raise our voices for Lions.

We are moving forward with efforts to publicize the efforts of many Lions as they create and improve their service activities to 'Protect the Environment'. I created two informational flyers featuring the District C Stream Team project and the Washington Clean Coast Alliance (District I), both projects featuring ongoing commitment, multiple partnerships, engaging youth, and building membership.

The flyers are currently on the MD19 website on the 'Brag Page'. I am developing a 'Protect the Environment' section for the website, that will house these and new flyers. The flyers are meant to highlight good work and to inspire other Lions who wish to create something similar. Flyers underway now feature Lions who support parks, do recycling projects, sponsor highway cleanups, and create gardens. If you know of Clubs in your

district who do projects in these areas please email me (able@olyphen.com). Please suggest other topics and projects as well.

For Lions Clubs to grow, people need to know what Lions DO. When conducting projects and outreach, we wear Lions gear and take photos. We post our 'Lions at Work' signs at work sites. Outreach actively! Post online. Get featured in newspapers. Make displays. Do important work in the community and local environment. Tell the Lions story in multiple ways and places."

CARE REPORT by Jane Beddows, Chairperson:

"The project that MD19 Lions and CARE have partnered with for this year is 'Water Links', a two year project in Guatemala's western highlands that will improve access to water and sanitation services for 5,000 people in at least eight communities. CARE uses a proven approach based on the active participation of communities and promotes gender equity.

Municipal governments work with communities and provide technical support to strengthen the communities' ability to address their own water and sanitation problems, promote basic sanitation, and supply water and sanitation infrastructure.

Diarrhea caused by water borne parasite is the number one killer of children under five. Lions' donations can help prevent or greatly reduce the number of children who die from this very controllable disease.

But again, it came to light that if the Lions of MD19 do not know about this project and understand the impact that their involvement has, then it is very difficult to get the donations needed. Information and education are the best tools we have. But another great tool, is the District Care Reps that are appointed by the District Governors. The right person in the right position can do so much to help inform Lions of the individual Districts. We are very fortunate to have some incredible CARE representatives who work very hard for their Districts.

As of the end of April, the Lions of Multiple District 19 have raised just over 32,000.00. I am optimistic that we will reach our goal of \$40,000.00. There is a lot of need in our communities and the world. Nepal has just experienced a horrific earthquake and is in great need of funds which I know many Lions clubs are donating through LCIF, (Lions Clubs International Foundation).

I heard from Dana Tseng, our Western CARE Liaison that CARE had people in Nepal at the time of the earthquake and they were able to start assisting people immediately. I am very proud to be partnering with such an amazing organization as CARE.

Thank you to all the Clubs that have donated and all the Lions who have supported CARE and MD 19 thru sharing information. You make a difference."

LCIF-US REPORT by PDG Joan Hunter, Chairperson:

"Fellow Lions, Leos, Lioness

We are coming to the end of our LIONS year but we still have obligations to fulfill.

Thank you for support this year to L.C.I.F. There are many programs that are available due to the Lions Clubs and personal donations that assist our Communities and People in need around the world.

At this time Nepal needs our help. A grant has been issued for US \$100,000, which is a major Catastrophe Grant, for Nepal from our Disaster Relief Area of funding. This preliminary funding will help but the needs will be great.

Please, any Clubs or Personal donations would be greatly appreciated. No gift is too small. Receipts can be given for personal donations. All donations can go towards a Melvin Jones so don't forget to mark it as 'recipient to be later named'."

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

"The Budget that we are presenting for the 2015-2016 Lions year has a deficit of \$787.00. The budget includes an increase for hotel reimbursement from \$35.00 a night to \$40.00 for the Immediate Past District Governors, First Vice District Governors and the Zone Chairpersons; there still is no money in the budget for the Second Vice District Governors. The proposed increase effects lines 166, 170-174, 194-195.

We cut Line 169 Council Chairperson expense by \$500, Line 176 Executive Secretary by \$1,500. We made some smaller reductions to other expense lines. We feel that we have cut all we can at this time. If all of the dues owed get collected the deficit should be erased. As you know most of MD19's income comes from dues. Some Districts do a better job of collecting dues than others. To make this and future budgets work, all Districts need to do a great job; we can't let clubs not pay their dues. In the future we may need to find other ways to generate revenue to maintain our budget as we continue to get more requests for money.

I would like to thank my committee for their work on this budget as it was more challenging than some others. I would also like to thank CC Gary, VCC AI for their suggestions and help with the budget and EST Patty for all of her help with my budget requests.

Proposed Budget for 2015-16 with April 30, 2015 Membership								
INCOME MD19 Dues \$18.60								
			4/30/2015	2014-2015	Actual		Budget	Budget
MD19 dues	4/30/15 Memb.	4/30/15 less 2%	% Dues Pd.	Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	2015-2016
District A	1183	1159	80%	\$1,236	\$1,330	\$94	\$1,294	\$1,294
District B	902	884	87%	\$1,055	\$983	\$(72)	\$986	\$986
District C	1442	1413	96%	\$1,595	\$1,644	\$49	\$1,577	\$1,577
District D	1446	1417	92%	\$1,668	\$1,737	\$69	\$1,581	\$1,581
District E	1496	1466	96%	\$1,661	\$1,736	\$74	\$1,636	\$1,636
District F	1373	1346	96%	\$1,501	\$1,520	\$19	\$1,502	\$1,502
District G	1393	1365	98%	\$1,613	\$1,595	\$(18)	\$1,523	\$1,523
District H	1733	1698	96%	\$1,903	\$2,004	\$101	\$1,895	\$1,895
District I	1279	1253	86%	\$1,370	\$1,531	\$161	\$1,399	\$1,399
Totals	12,247	12,002	91.89%					
MD19 Operations Account - 89%				\$201,764	\$222,916	\$21,151	\$198,682	\$198,682
MD19 Convention Account-3%				\$6,801	\$7,132	\$331	\$6,697	\$6,697
MD19 Reserve Account-1%				\$2,267	\$2,347	\$79	\$2,232	\$2,232
MD 19 Building Reserve Account-1%				\$2,267	\$2,347	\$79	\$2,232	\$2,232
Total Dues Income (gross)				\$226,702	\$248,820	\$22,118	\$223,238	\$223,238
				Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
MD19 Other Income				Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
Fall Annual Convention				\$14,710	\$14,710	\$1	\$5,000	
Border Crossing Editor Grant				\$1,800	\$1,800	\$-	\$1,800	
District & Zone Officer In-Service Workshop Grant				\$5,800	\$-	\$(5,800)	\$6,000	
LCI Grant for 2013 Leadership Development Grant				\$1,400	\$1,600	\$200	\$1,500	
MD19 District Support Team Grant				\$3,000	\$3,000	\$-	\$3,000	
Building & Grounds Improvements				\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Bldg-Memorial Garden				\$2,000	\$787	\$(1,213)	\$2,000	
International Convention				\$-	\$136	\$136	\$-	
New Club Paraphernalia				\$1,400	\$1,363	\$(37)	\$1,350	
Postage Recovered				\$200	\$1,283	\$1,083	\$1,000	
Printing Recovered				\$100	\$138	\$38	\$100	
Sales – Award Banner Patches				\$175	\$150	\$(25)	\$150	
Sales Other				\$1,200	\$3,292	\$2,092	\$2,500	
Pins – Sales Income				\$2,600	\$1,602	\$(998)	\$2,600	
Uniforms-Sales Income				\$1,500	\$1,599	\$99	\$1,500	
Roster C/A Sales				\$320	\$324	\$4	\$320	
Roster C/A Advertising 2014-15				\$700	\$1,050	\$350	\$1,000	
Bulletin Subscriptions				\$300	\$358	\$58	\$350	
Bulletin / AWeber Advertising				\$200	\$190	\$(10)	\$300	\$300 outstanding for 2 ads
Lioness - Awards				\$168	\$128	\$(40)	\$160	Actual outstanding

		Budget	Adj. 14/15 4/30/2015	Actual Variance	2015-2016	Budget	
Lioness- Rosters			\$176	\$191	\$(29)	\$130	
Miscellaneous Income			-	\$2	\$2	\$-	\$2 overpayment
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund			\$25	\$2	\$(23)	\$25	Right Response
Exchange Income			\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Interest Income			\$25	\$27	\$2	\$25	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs			\$5	\$-	\$(5)	\$5	
Total MD19 Other Income			\$37,804	\$33,670	\$(4,134)	\$30,815	
Total MD19 Income			\$264,506	\$282,490	\$17,985	\$254,053	
EXPENSE			Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
District Ops Accounts 4/21/15			Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
District A	1183		\$1,236	\$1,330	\$(94)	\$1,294	
District B	902		\$1,055	\$983	\$72	\$986	
District C	1442		\$1,595	\$1,644	\$(49)	\$1,577	
District D	1446		\$1,668	\$1,737	\$(69)	\$1,581	
District E	1496		\$1,661	\$1,736	\$(74)	\$1,636	
District F	1373		\$1,501	\$1,520	\$(19)	\$1,502	
District G	1393		\$1,613	\$1,595	\$18	\$1,523	
District H	1733		\$1,903	\$2,004	\$(101)	\$1,895	
District I	1279		\$1,370	\$1,531	\$(161)	\$1,399	
Total District Operations Accounts			\$13,602	\$14,079	\$(477)	\$13,394	
			Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
International Convention / Forum / Director			Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
Council Chairperson	Honolulu, Hawaii		\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Council Chair-Elect (seated VCC) Hawaii			\$300	\$300	\$-	\$400	
Convention Chairperson	Honolulu, Hawaii		\$397	\$397	\$-	\$400	
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) Hawaii			\$-	\$100	\$(100)	\$200	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum- Grand Rapids, MI			\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
VDG to USA / Canada Forum- Grand Rapids, MI			\$300	\$300	\$-	\$2,100	
Total Int'l Convention / Forum / Director			\$997	\$1,097	\$(100)	\$3,100	
			Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
Capital Outlay			Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
Major Capital Expense (i.e. Roof Replacement)			\$2,500	\$-	\$2,500	\$-	
Office Equipment			\$200	\$1,371	\$(1,171)	\$200	Bal. from Reserves
Copier Lease (Minolta)			\$2,960	\$2,493	\$467	\$2,960	
Vehicle purchase contract (\$402.86 per month - \$4834.32)			\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Total Capital Outlay			\$5,660	\$3,864	\$1,796	\$3,160	
			Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
MD19 Convention Expenses			Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
Convention Reserve – MD19 (3%)			\$2,800	\$257	\$2,543	\$2,800	
Fall Annual Convention			\$3,359	\$3,398	\$(40)	\$3,000	
Total MD19 Conv. Expense			\$6,159	\$3,656	\$2,503	\$5,800	
EXPENSE			Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
MD19 General Operations			Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)			\$2,000	\$-	\$2,000	\$1,000	
Credit Card Fees			\$1,100	\$964	\$136	\$1,100	
Accounting Review / Services			\$3,400	\$3,471	\$(71)	\$3,400	
Bank Charges			\$530	\$233	\$67	\$350	
Memorial Garden Exp. (plants, soil, etc.)			\$1,200	\$-	\$1,200	\$1,200	
Building & Grounds (Repairs & Cleaning)			\$1,100	\$1,105	\$(5)	\$1,200	
Bond – Employee (covered in Commercial Policy)			\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Business License/non-profit corporation			\$50	\$-	\$50	\$50	

		Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
		Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
Maintenance Contract – Minolta copier		\$662	\$662	\$0	\$662	
Maintenance-Auto		\$1,100	\$612	\$488	\$1,000	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)		\$700	\$444	\$256	\$500	
Security System		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Para. Exp.-Personalized gong/gavel		\$1,200	\$1,073	\$127	\$1,100	
Post Office Box Lease U.S. & Canada		\$ -	\$75	\$75	\$203	US &Canada
Postage-Excludes Bulletin		\$5,400	\$5,586	\$(186)	\$5,700	
Postage Lease-Pitney Bowes / Purchase Meter & Supplies (\$344.86)		\$1,200	\$1,132	\$68	\$ -	
Office Supplies		\$500	\$271	\$229	\$400	
Printing & Stationary Supplies - Exc. Bulletin		\$2,500	\$2,105	\$395	\$2,500	
Printing Outside		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing Roster / Contests & Awards		\$3,013	\$3,013	\$0	\$3,200	
Purchases – Other Sales		\$1,500	\$1,382	\$118	\$1,400	
Purchases – Trading Pins		\$1,800	\$1,800	\$ -	\$1,800	
Purchase Vest Rental Refund		\$100	\$40	\$60	\$100	
Purchases –Uniforms for Sale		\$1,200	\$1,238	\$(38)	\$1,400	
Computer Programs		\$750	\$552	\$198	\$600	
Exchange Expense		\$9,000	\$8,466	\$534	\$9,000	
Utilities		\$6,700	\$4,577	\$2,123	\$6,500	
Total MD19 Operations-General		\$46,475	\$38,801	\$7,675	\$44,3665	
Insurance-Auto / Building						
Auto Insurance		\$1,575	\$1,575	\$ -	\$1,600	
Commercial Package Ins. (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)		\$2,355	\$2,355	\$ -	\$2,400	
Total Insurance-Auto / Building		\$3,930	\$3,930	\$ -	\$4,000	
Personnel-Calendar Year						
		Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
		Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
Part Time Employ: ZC Exp., Bookkeeper		\$600	\$259	\$342	\$500	
Bulletin Editor (Employee Taxes paid by MD19)		\$1,800	\$1,665	\$135	\$1,800	
Medical Insurance	April '15	\$14,878	\$12,354	\$2,524	\$14,759	
Payroll-Admin Assistant-Statistics	\$12.57	\$26,246	\$22,029	\$4,217	\$26,246	
Payroll – Executive Secretary	\$21.49	\$44,871	\$37,822	\$7,049	\$44,871	
Payroll-Receptionist	\$10.30	\$13,390	\$11,548	\$1,842	\$13,390	
SUI (Employ, Security 2.04 x \$42,100 max per employee)	1/2015	\$645	\$624	\$21	\$675	
FICA	Soc Sec 6.2% gross 1/2015	\$6,384	\$4,630	\$1,754	\$6,384	
FUTA	Fed. Unemploy. 0.006% x \$7k max 1/2015	\$168	\$132	\$36	\$168	
MCARE	MediCare 1.45% gross 1/2015	\$1,470	\$1,083	\$387	\$1,470	
L&I-SDI (Worker's Comp. – .1588 x reg hrs. 1/2015)		\$943	\$689	\$254	\$943	
Pension – Admin Assist – 6% of Gross payroll	6/30/2015	\$1,528	\$1,551	\$(23)	\$1,528	
Pension-Executive Sec. - 6% or .06 of Gross payroll	6/30/2015	\$2,692	\$2,684	\$8	\$2,692	
Penion-Receptionist - 6% of Gross payroll	6/30/2014	\$1,189	\$1,189	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Personnel		\$116,805	\$98,258	\$18,547	\$114,265	
Taxes (non-personnel)						
Personal Property Tax		\$100	\$46	\$54	\$100	
Building Property Tax		\$6,800	\$4,611	\$2,189	\$5,000	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)		\$6,900	\$4,658	\$2,242	\$5,100	
Support: Club, Zone and District						
		Adj. 14/15	Actual		Budget	
		Budget	4/30/2015	Variance	2015-2016	
International Director Candidate		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Vice Dist. Govs @ District Cabinet Mtgs		\$800	\$822	\$(22)	\$975	\$5 & VDG Mileage
Awards & Trophies (Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroid., Cert.)		\$1,400	\$1,194	\$206	\$1,400	
MD19 Bulletin (<i>Border Crossing</i>) – Total Expense of printing & AWeber		\$850	\$613	\$237	\$800	
Council Chairperson Expense		\$4,500	\$1,949	\$2,551	\$4,000	
1 st Vice District Governors @ MD19 Council Mtgs.		\$2,000	\$1,697	\$303	\$2,500	\$5 & VDG Mileage

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Kirry, 19-C and seconded by PCC Jerry Flood to accept the recommended changes to the Contests and Awards, Club President Excellence Award, Setting Club Priorities. Motion passed.

“Regarding the 2nd item under: Communication: 1. The Club will publish a monthly newsletter with copies distributed to the District Governor, Vice District Governor, Zone Chairperson, Multiple District 19 Office, club members and others as desired.

Some clubs do not realize they must submit the copies of the newsletter monthly and we now have clubs that upload them to their website so we propose the following changes:

Communication:

The Club will publish a monthly *bulletin*/newsletter with copies distributed **via email, hard copy or link, each month it is published**, to the District Governor, Vice District Governor, Zone Chairperson, Multiple District 19 Office, club members and others as desired,

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Kathy Crawford, 19-G and seconded by District Governor John Clinton, 19-B to accept the recommended changes to the Contests and Awards, Club President Excellence Award, Communication (Please refer to club bulletin contest for further information). Motion passed.

We would also recommend adding to each of the following Excellence Award Rules (Club Membership Director, Club President, Club Secretary, and Zone Chairperson) the following:

“Questions regarding the decisions made by the Contests and Awards Committee and the MD19 Office with regards to an Award, must be received in writing by the MD19 Office and or the Contest and Awards Chairperson by December 31st of the Lions Year following the Year of the Award for any adjustments to be made. For example if the Award is for the 2012-2013 year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013), any questions concerning the decisions made by the Contests and Awards Committee or the MD19 Office must be received in the MD19 Office and or by the Contests and Awards Chairperson by December 31, 2013.”

The same wording should be placed on the title page of the Contests and Awards Section. It is page 137 in the current 2014-2015 Roster/Contests and Awards Book.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Bob Ayotte, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Al Stobbart, 19-H to accept the recommended changes to the Contests and Awards, regarding questions relating to decisions made by C&A Committee and the MD19 Office. The wording will be added to aforementioned contests. Motion passed.

Announcement made that the MD19 Office P.O. Box 66 will be closed as of June 30, 2015. All mail should be sent to the physical address of the MD19 Office: 4141 W Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION REPORT by PID Dur Roberson, Chairperson: Oral Report
Shortest report ever: same place, same time, same information applies as was reported last time.

STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT by PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Chairperson:

“Item #1---Number of and timing of future MD 19 Conventions.

The Strategic Planning Committee proposed the following concerning this subject:

1. That the Council Chairperson make a presentation at each District Spring Conference talking about the ballot item and voting in Pasco in October.
2. Encouraged all District Governors and Zone Chairperson to put information about the ballot item and voting in their newsletters.
3. Hold a panel/program in Pasco at the MD 19 Fall Annual Convention giving out information about the ballot item and voting.

We understand all of these proposals have or will take place.

Item #2—Reformation of District Conferences and conventions.

The Strategic Planning Committee has discussed many ideas and ways to improve future District Conferences and conventions. VCC Al Beddows and VCCE Enoch Rowland will be making presentations at the training this weekend concerning this subject. Information on this subject is also being passed on through "GO To Meetings". Information is also being passed on to Sam Clayton, Chairperson of the Annual MD 19 Fall Convention.

Item #3---Replacement of MD 19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

A sub-committee has been appointed by the Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson to go through the process of completing this task. Thus, the Strategic Planning Committee will now back away from this subject and let the committee do their work.

Item # 4---Membership/Retention in the future in MD 19.

A sub-committee will be meeting sometime this weekend to make changes and adjustment to the model draft of the 'Project Clubs' This group will report back to the Strategic Planning Committee with their changes. Lions Patty Allan, Gary Reidel and Norma Bent are working with MD 19 Leo Clubs Chairperson, Brittany Karas to find how we can help with the formation of the Leo Multiple District and getting new members.

The Strategic Planning Committee has looked at challenges facing our organization in the next five years and possible topics the committee should address.

- 1 Getting new officers at all levels in our organization.
- 2 Need of a new positive attitude for our organization.
- 3 Possible Past Zone Chairperson Association in each district.
- 4 Getting potential district cabinet member names to incoming District Governors.
- 5 Need of more and better orientations at all levels in our organization."

POLICY MANUAL REPORT by PCC Jim Knight, Chairperson:

"Two Requests have been presented for consideration:

1. Proposed by 1st VDG Brian Phillips – Sooke Lions Club (I-2)

Regarding Chapter IX – Foundations and Societies – Section C, paragraph 1

B.C. Lions Society regarding Easter Seal Houses – change 2 or more to 1. Both the far North and Victoria houses have been closed and are not planning to reopen."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Bob Ayotte, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Georgia Medwedrich, 19-I to accept the recommended changes to the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter IX, Foundations and Societies. Motion passed.

2. "Proposed by PZC Bill Cheaqui – Oak Harbor Lions Club, (H-7)

Chapter VI – Conventions and Conferences

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Following the two opening paragraphs – prior to "A: - add:

It is highly recommended that bands and other amplified entertainment performing at MD19 Conventions, Fall Forums and other meetings shall be requested to keep the sound level at 85 decibels or lower. This should be discussed with the entertainers during the initial discussions.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES / CONVENTIONS

Following the disclaimer – prior to C-1 – add:

It is highly recommended that bands and other amplified entertainment performing at District Conferences/Conventions be requested to keep the sound level at 85 decibels or lower. This should be discussed with the entertainers during the initial discussions."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Al Stobbart, 19-H and seconded by District Governor Jimmy Ho, 19-A to accept the recommended changes to the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter VI, Conventions & Conferences. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM THE MD19 DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM, VCC Al Beddows, Facilitator:

LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Steve Somerset, Chairperson:

"This is the final report for this Lions year and my final report after eight years of being involved on the Multiple District Leadership either as Training Chairperson or Leadership Chairperson. Like those who preceded me it has been a very rewarding experience. I highly recommend this position to anyone who believes in Leadership and Training.

Over the years a number of new ideas have been implemented and training has taken on a whole new dimension. We have gradually moved from an instructional lecture type of approach to a more interactive and engaging process. As expectations have risen, we have met the challenges and addressed the critical issues. Goals and Action Plans are now very common and Accountability and Responsibility is a basic expectation for any position.

The role and expectations of the District Governor has changed significantly in the past four years. We have held over 125 hourly weekly GoToMeetings. DGEs have had an additional one or two day training in late January and the DGE School held prior to the International Convention. The role of the Governor is more about the administration of their Districts rather than visitations.

This weekend is the final preparation for DGEs as well as training for 1st & 2nd VDGs and incoming Zone Chairs. This year we will have simulations of a Cabinet Meeting, District Conferences and live MyLCI training. At the District level we have seen a change in what was known as the Kick Off and Half Time meetings to a Regional Planning and Progress meeting. That format is still a work in progress and we are now beginning to see some Districts hold their own Leadership Rally. Districts G & H have held one since January and each have opened the event to Lions in other Districts. Hopefully this is something that will continue. Being able to bring in presenters from out of town certainly adds to the overall success.

It is now time to turn the Leadership reins over to the next Leadership Chairperson PDG Bob Ayotte. Bob has been working very closely with the GLT and the MD District Support team in preparation of assuming the role July 1st. By the time he assumes the position he will have had five months of training. Succession planning was important as was training and mentoring. We know Bob will do a fantastic job. Thank you all for your support."

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT REPORT by 2nd VDGE Ron Smircich, Chairperson:

"The first eight hour Faculty Development course was held on May 9th at the MD19 Office in Bellingham, WA. The course covered the role of the facilitator and developing facilitator skills. Attendees were required to conduct a twenty minute facilitating session on a Lions related subject, such as recruiting, retention, club excellence plus a 10 minute critique. The following persons completed the course and are available to be facilitators as needed. This course will be conducted east of the mountains this fall after the MD19 Fall Annual Convention. The location will be determined by the number of applications from each district.

Attendees:

Exec. Sec. Patty Allen		
KL Georgia Johnson Carroll	Lion.Georgia1@gmail.com	District H
PDG Tom Bond	tombobbi@comcast.net	District H
PZC Doug Tyler	liondoug.tyler@yahoo.com	District H
PDG Judy Portas	judy.portas@yahoo.ca	District H
2VDG Jan Weatherly	jan.weatherly@aol.com	District C
1 st VDG Don Wight	donwight@cablespeed.com	District H
PZC Bill Cheaqui	bill@bnbhome.net	District H
PZC Cindy Grandquis	zccindy25@gmail.com	District H
Bernie Constable	postalbernie@gmail.com	District H"

LEADERSHIP 101 / MEMBERSHIP 201 REPORT by PDG Steve Somerset, Interim Chairperson: Oral Report

As some of you heard last night, we are still looking for a Coordinator for this position. That person is actually a liaison between the districts, the Multiple and the Foundation (MD19 Lions Service and Leadership). Every District is eligible to request a grant from the Foundation for a Leadership 101 or a Membership/Retention 201

program. In this past year there was up to \$500 available to every district. What will be available next year will be subject to the Foundation and their budget process, but information will be forthcoming and given out to the districts. The idea is that districts can use that money to hold either a Leadership 101 course or hold one for Membership /Retention 201. These programs are mostly done at the zone level rather than the district level, but again the funding is available for the districts to use as they wish.

One of the good things that has come out of this is the Leadership 101 program that PCC Hal Palmer, DG Kathy Crawford and a number of others in 19-G put together initially and we've used as the model is in the process of being updated. It is my understanding that the new version will be available in the next ten days. The basics are still very similar but it is being made current.

So, if there is anybody in this room who might be interest in the position of Coordinator please Al Beddows or Patty Allen or I know that you are interested. There is an application form available and a due process that we have to follow.

RETENTION REPORT by PDG Dori Somerset, Chairperson:

"One month left to leave our mark upon the Multiple District and our Districts.

District Retention Chairpersons, how has this past year been for you in your role as a Retention Chairperson? Did you meet or exceed your goals that you set out at the beginning of the year?

As of May 2, 2015--13 clubs have been cancelled. A couple of the clubs merged together, one was cancelled due to financial suspension and the rest were disbanded. I do not know how many members each club had, but this means that without those 13 clubs, a lot of 'Service' is not being done in those respective communities. That means less people being helped.

Looking back a year ago I see that our Multiple District is still plagued by the same issues. Members joining and members leaving far too soon. I continue to be perplexed why a member would join and be dropped within a year or less for non-attendance and non-payment of dues. We all know that we are good at bringing in new members but it's the keeping of the new members that is challenging. Does this mean we hold the sponsors and mentors more accountable? Follow up with them to ensure they are doing their job properly? Perhaps we should be focusing more directly at the club level. Make sure each club has a Membership Committee and make sure that the 'chairperson' is fulfilling his/her role. Remember Lions Clubs International has information on the three-person membership committee readily available. What are your thoughts please? I realize that I am probably repeating myself but sometimes it is necessary.

I do want to acknowledge District A and I in establishing new clubs in their respective Districts. Above all, don't give up, keep on trying & keep that commitment to LIONS."

Meeting Recessed at 10:03 AM

Meeting Resumed at 10:26 AM

SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT by PDG Steve Somerset, Interim Chairperson: Oral Report

How many of you who receive the *Border Crossing* have made a suggestion as to what panel or topic you'd like to see at the Convention? We do have some topics already. One is on the environment, and one from PDG Ken Cook. But we've also got the President, Secretaries and Zone Chairperson Round Tables – those are the usual events. There will be a panel on the different proposed future Conventions. But we need your help to make this the most interesting and most successful convention that we've had. So, anybody who has suggestion, make EST Patty or Leadership Chairperson, Bob Ayotte aware of them.

TRAINING REPORT by PDG Tom Smarsh, Chairperson:

"Most of my focus lately is gearing up for the upcoming in service workshop for the incoming Lions District Governors elect, Vice-District Governors elect, and all of the Zone Chairpersons elect. More training for these leaders will be conducted as we kick off the new-year in MD19."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Chairperson:

"As we come to the end of our Lions' year, I want to thank our District Governors, our District Membership/Retention/Extension and PR chairs, VDGs and ZCs. You have made wonderful efforts in membership through bringing in new members, forming new clubs and helping to retain the members we have. I have appreciated working with the leaders in each district. Sometimes we set goals and don't meet them, so feel as if we have done something wrong. You have not. What is important is that you are working on your goals and making a point of reviewing them often and changing plans as needed.

I recently met with the VDGs. I felt it was important to find out how, as MD19 GMT, they see my role, explain my function and listen to their ideas on how our District Support Team could be of more support to them. I appreciated their thoughts and suggestions.

Some common thoughts:

- ❖ The districts want support and communication.
- ❖ They would like me to promote the programs of LCI, sharing the ideas with the District GMTs so they can promote them in their own districts.
- ❖ Promote ideas for membership.
- ❖ Promote orientation and retention with ideas for success.
- ❖ Would like to see more trained facilitators for CEP.
- ❖ Increase/change communication between the DST and the CST.
- ❖ Would like me to work with the CST members to assist them in reaching out and assisting clubs.
- ❖ Give tools to the district teams so they can use those tools as they work as a team to meet their goals.

Based on the conversation with this great group, some things I will be looking at for next year, as I set my own goals:

- ❖ Monthly membership notes with ideas, new programs, and things to share with the teams. This will go to the District GMT, with copies to DG, VDG as a FYI.
- ❖ I will not send the Club Health Report as they already review the reports as they come out and know their numbers.
- ❖ I will schedule regular meetings with the District GMTs, Retention Chair, Extension Chair, PR chair as a way of sharing ideas and getting support.
- ❖ Work at training more Facilitators for CEP. This will be looked at possibly using the GoToMeeting. One District has used this and it has been very valuable. I will work with Sharon Sikes who has done this before. I will get an information sheet and make sure it is sent out.

Since the beginning of our Lions year, our clubs have **provided: 415,098 hours of service to 3,439,024 people. This has been done with 12,260 members** (as of now). Just think if we had more members, how many more hours of service could be given to how many more people.

I just want to reinforce that our District Support Team is just that: a support. We are here to serve the districts so that the districts can serve their communities. I welcome any feedback, ideas or suggestions on how we can assist the districts in being successful and meeting your goals.

Thank-you for a great year and I look forward to the next."

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT by Denise Murray, Chairperson:

"Since the last Council of Governors' Meeting, the 1st Vice District Governors for our Multiple District 19 (and their volunteers) have been distributing the A-Frames and Corex Blanks to our 450 area Lions Clubs.

I have received a report from 19D, District Governor Elect Shelley Costello that they are working diligently to get all A-Frames and Blanks out as quickly as possible & 1st Vice District Governor Bob Yeoman from 19-E reported this week that it is his intent to have all of his signs delivered by the end of May! I received a personal 'Thank You' note from the Renton Lions Club for their A-Frame, and I have started to receive some of the best pictures of our A-Frames in use!!

It is my hope that all signs will be delivered by the 15th of June and that I will continue to receive photos of Lion Club A-Frames 'in use', so that I may include the photos in my final report to Lions Club International by the end of June, 2015.

In closing I would also like to ask all 1st Vice District Governors to please forward copies (or originals) of their completed delivery signature books to me at denisemurray1@msn.com or mail completed books to: MD19 Office, 4141 W Maplewood Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226 for verification of A-Frame and Corex Blank deliveries.

Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication to Lions!"

Debate held on the pros and cons of returning to an Annual Convention in the Spring with a Fall Forum in the Fall and having just one Fall Annual Convention. Debaters: 1st VDGE Wanda Carisse, 19-D and 1st VDGE Jan Weatherly, 19-C.

Current District Governors and incoming District Governors (DGEs) switched places at the Council table for the "Changing of the Guard".

Announcement made that the Immediate past District Governor name badges are being sent to the Current Council Chairperson for distribution.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:46 AM
Meeting resumed at 1:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS

USA / CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM BID by PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth

"Multiple District 19 and Spokane, WA has been selected to receive a Site Visit for the 2019 USA/Canada Forum. I am appealing to 'YOU' because we need the support of our ENTIRE MULTIPLE DISTRICT!

Site Meeting Date has been set for Monday, June 8, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at the Spokane Convention Center-Hall D.

We need all Lions to represent our organization with LIONS PRIDE in Lion shirts, vests, hats, etc., to be ready to 'WELCOME' our Site Selection Committee.

We will be entertained by the 'The Mane Event' Quartet of the Spokane Shadle-North Lions Club and Visit Spokane is offering a FREE glass of wine to each attendee!

A second meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Center, 1316 N Lincoln St., Spokane, WA, which is the meeting place of the Spokane Central Lions Club (remember to wear your Lions attire!)

RSVP, for both days by June 1st. This is VERY IMPORTANT: We need accurate numbers for wine on Monday and lunch on Tuesday. Cost for lunch is \$15.00 each

Call Laura Wintersteen-Arleth 509-999-6282 or e-mail: lionlaurawintersteen@gmail.com

Thank YOU so much for Your Support!"

NEW BUSINESS

2015-16 MD19 BUDGET

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Elect Eric Keller, 19-A and seconded by District Governor Elect Brian Phillips, 19-I to accept the proposed 2015-16 MD19 Budget. Motion carried.

2015-2016 MD19 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The following 2015-16 MD19 Committee appointments were brought before the Council for approval:

Budget & Finance: PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson (19-G); PCC Gary Lockert (19-B); Neil Gruchalla (19-C), Committee Members

Border Crossing Editor: Chaz Nelson (19-H)

Building: Marc Boucher (19-H)

CARE: ZC Jane Beddows (19-I)

Constitution & By-Laws: PCC Larrie Taylor (19-I), Chairperson; PDG Sandy Conroy (19-G); PCC Rod Barnes (19-H); PCC Larrie Taylor (19-I), Committee Members

Contests & Awards: 2nd VDG Corinne White, Chairperson (19-H); 3rd year: _____

Conventions:

Fall Annual Convention:

2016 International Convention: PDG Kenny Lee (19-H)

USA / Canada Forum

Diabetes Awareness:

Elections Committee: PDG Judy Portas (19-H)

Environment: Nancy Messmer (19-I)

Evaluation Committee:

Information & Technology: PZC Ken Ball (19-H)

Webmaster: PZC Sandy Ball (19-H)

International Relations:

International Participation: ID Don Shove, Chairperson; IPDG John Clinton, 19-B Committee Member

LCIF – B.C.: PCC Polly Voon (19-A)

LCIF – US: PDG Joan Hunter (19-D)

Leader Dogs: PZC Lonnie Morse (19-E)

LEO Clubs: Brittany Karas (19-D)

Lioness: Anne Scott (19-I)

Lions Quest – BC: PZC Mike Stanford (19-H)

Lions Quest – US East: Lee Teichmer (19-E)

Lions Quest – US West: PZC Bill Cheaqui (19-H)

Memorial Garden: PZC Dennis Bullock (19-H)

Parliamentarian: PCC Jim Kemp (19-F)

Policy Manual: PCC Jim Knight (19-B)

Strategic Planning: PDG Paul Kauzlarich, (19-F)

District Support Team: VCC Enoch Rowland, Facilitator

Extension:

Leadership (15-18): PDG Bob Ayotte (19-D)

Faculty Development Chairperson (15-18):

Leadership 101/Membership 201 (14-17):

Training Chairperson (13-16) /Special Events Coordinator (14-17): PDG Tom Smarsh (19-B)

Membership (14-17): PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth (19-E)

Public Relations (15-18): Denise Murray (19-E)

Retention (13-16): PDG Dori Somerset (19-I)

MD19 Foundations & Projects

BC Lions Society for Children w/disabilities: Craig Munro, Chairperson

Canadian Eyeglass Recycling Center:

Int'l Youth Exchange: (they haven't confirmed)

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society: PCC Surinder Gahir, President; PZC Bob Orchard, Secretary; Bob Jones, Treasurer

Lions Foundation of Canada: PDG Mel Stokes

Lions Project New Hope: (they haven't confirmed)

MD19 Lions Service & Leadership FDN: PCC Jerry Flood, President; PDG Janet Rinehart, Secretary; PZC Lynn Logan, Treasurer

Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center: Don Schmidt, President; Hope Ramsdale, Secretary; Lyell Clark, Treasurer

Northwest Lions Foundation: PID Roger Richert, Chairperson (until September)

Quest Foundation: Lee Teichmer, President; PZC Bill Cheaqui, Sec/Treas.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Lonnie Morgan, 19-F and seconded by District Governor Elect Bob Yeoman, 19-E to approve the 2015-2016 MD19 Committee appointments. Motion passed.

MD19 POLICY MANUAL

Requested change to Chapter XII, Rules of Audit to increase hotel allowance rates from \$35 to \$40.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Jimmy Ho, 19-A and seconded by District Governor Elect Eric Keller, 19-A to approve the change to the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter XII, Rules of Audit, to increase hotel reimbursement from \$35 to \$40. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm