

MINUTES OF THE MD19 SPRING COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

May 26, 2016

Yakima Valley Hotel & Convention Center

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Al Beddows at 8:30 am. Invocation was given by District Governor Don Wight, 19-H. Introductions of the Council and Vice District Governors were made at this time.

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

I. Council of Governors

Al Beddows, Council Chairperson
Enoch Rowland, Vice Council Chairperson
Gary Reidel, Past Council Chairperson
Don Shove, International Director
Patty Allen, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Eric Keller, District Governor 19-A
Janet Rinehart, District Governor, 19-B
Al Hedstrom, District Governor 19-C
Shelley Costello, District Governor 19-D
Bob Yeoman, District Governor 19-E
Viva Metz, District Governor 19-F
J.D. Nellor, District Governor 19-G
Don Wight, District Governor 19-H
Brian Phillips, District Governor 19-I
John Clinton, PDG 19-B
John Kirry, PDG 19-C
Lonnie Morgan, PDG 19-F
Kathy Crawford, PDG 19-G
Al Stobbart, PDG 19-H
Leslie Smith, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Brien Patton, Budget & Finance
ZC Jane Beddows, CARE
PDG Steve Somerset, Centennial Coordinator-BC
PCC Larrie Taylor, Constitution & By-Laws
2nd VDG Corinne White, Contests & Awards
PDG Bob Ayotte, Leadership
2nd VDG Ron Smircich, Faculty Development
PDG Steve Brooks, Leader. 101 / Member. 201
PDG Tom Smarsh, Training
PDG Kathy Crawford, Public Relations
Dr. Nancy Messmer, Environment
ID Don Shove, International Participation
Lee Teichmer, Quest US East
PCC Jim Kemp, Parliamentarian
ZC Jim Knight, Policy Manual
PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Strategic Planning

Foundations & Societies

PCC Jerry Flood, MD19 Lions Service & Leader. FDN
Bill Lundin, Northwest Lions Foundation

III.

IV. Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests

Sonia Ayotte	1 st VDGE Bill Karcher, 19-G	2 nd VDGE Sharon Sikes, 19-C
Michele Barrie	PDG Erma Kemp	PID Anne Smarsh
ZC Norma Bent	ZCE Michael Lally	PDG Dori Somerset
2 nd VDG Joyce Boyle, 19-I	ZCE Bruce MacNair	Nancy Strain
Judy Brooks	1 st VDGE Kathe Martin, 19-B	1 st VDGE Crystal Walk, 19-F
ZC A.J. Butterfield	DGE John Moralek	DGE David Walk, 19-F
2 nd VDGE Carol Butterfield, 19-F	Luz Murillo	DGE Monte Ward, 19-G
DGE Wanda Carisse, 19-D	DGE Mar Murillo, 19-B	DGE Jan Weatherly, 19-C
PDG Marilyn Danby	Susan Nellor	PDG Carol Whitman
PZC Lynda Davidson	Laura Patton	PDG Jon Whitman
2 nd VDGE Michael Dukes, 19-I	Joanne Phillips	ZCE Maureen Winn
DGE Alan Guy, 19-I	PCC Hal Palmer	ZCE Hans Wong
Janet Guy	PID Roger Richert	DGE Simon Yau, 19-A
Gloria Hardan	PDG Rosemary Richert	Barbara Yeoman
PZC Betty Ann Herbert	ZCE Sherry Senciw	

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Brian Phillips, 19-I and seconded by PDG Al Stobbart, 19-H to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Winter Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Vancouver, WA, February 20, 2016. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

LCIF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – BC by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:

“Supporting LCIF is among the important responsibilities of district leaders and one that can positively affect people worldwide. The district governor shares this responsibility with the LCIF district coordinator and they work collaboratively to support the education of Lions and encourage contributions. Effective teamwork will help to sustain meaningful service initiatives and support the mission of LCIF – **To support the efforts of**

Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects.'

A recap for the current 2015-2016 Lions year (from July 01, 2015 to March 31, 2016) for MD19 district/clubs with Canadian and US Clubs shows:

CLUB PARTICIPATION				
District	# of Clubs	Clubs Donating	Percentage	Amount
19A	60	13	21.67%	\$8,921.36
19D	54	14	25.93%	\$7076.63
19E	51	26	50.98%	\$11,117.26
19H	50	23	46.00%	\$23,097.11
19I	51	9	17.65%	\$4399.46
Totals	266	85	31.95%	\$54,611.82

The goal for MD19 districts/clubs is for 100% club participation. LCIF's goal is to raise US\$50 million in 2017-2018 for LCIF's 50 year anniversary.

Number of Melvin Jones & Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows

District	MJF	PMJF
19A	459	78
19D	210	5
19E	75	1
19H	323	27
19I	191	4
Totals	1258	115

District Governors: Time is running out if the districts/clubs are to meet the goal of 100%. The current 31.95% participation is very disappointing. We have been fortunate to have been successful in acquiring LCIF grants in the past year. We MUST step up and ensure that ALL our clubs show their support of LCIF if we want to continue to be successful in acquiring LCIF grants whenever the need comes up within our communities. I urge you to work with your District LCIF Chairpersons to encourage all your clubs to support LCIF by making a donation to LCIF before the end of June, 2016.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid delays or misdirected donations, which can result in credits not being available when clubs need them to request recognition, proper identification of donors (full club name/club number and member name/number) and promptly sending in the remittance is important. If assistance is needed with club or individual ID numbers for donation submissions, please contact Denise Whistler (LCIF Donor Relations Representative in LCIF Donor Services assigned to assist Canadian Lions with LCIF donation and recognition inquiries), Email: Denise.Whistler@lionsclubs.org; Tel: 630-468-6774 Fax:630-571-5735. You can also contact the MD19 Office for club and individual ID numbers.

As members we all belong to Lions Clubs International, but Lions Clubs International Foundation belongs to us.

LCIF is OUR Foundation"

LEADER DOG REPORT by PZC Lonnie Morse, Chairperson:

"2015-2016 Year in Review

19-A = \$ 0.00	19-D = \$1,830.00	19-G = \$1,450.80	
19-B = \$2,400.00	19-E = \$4,341.70	19-H = \$2,266.41	Total = \$17,570.16
19-C = \$ 550.00	19-F = \$4,231.25	19-I = \$ 500.00	

Canine Development Campaign. The goal is to raise \$14.5 million with Lions raising \$3 million of that goal. Currently, we are \$250,000 from reaching the \$14.5 million goal! Fundraising continues with foundations, corporations, Lions clubs and individual donors.

We have 18 clients in MD19 with a Leader Dog."

LIONESS REPORT by Lioness Anne Scott, Chairperson:

"This report time frame is from February 1 – March 30, 2016 and represents the 14 LIONESS Clubs of MD19. Membership: 233 Volunteer hours: 3,400 Donations: \$26,272

All Lioness Clubs within MD19 were delighted to receive the A-Frame sign boards and currently, all are in use!! THANK YOU!!

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS from each Club:

KELOWNA LIONESS: Blood Donor Clinic; Okanogan Metis/Aboriginal Housing; Kelowna General Hospital; Cancer Clinic; Freedom's Door and Days for Girls. **OLIVER LIONESS:** Delivering School Lunches; School Lunch Muffin project (baking& delivering); giving assistance to an immigrating Syrian Family; distributing Drug Awareness Books. **MOSES LAKE LIONESS:** Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation Sweethearts Dinner, Dance & Auction; Homeless Warming Program; assisting at Lions bingo; the Veterans Parade. **NANAIMO HARBOR LITES LIONESS:** Operating the Lions concession at their Flea Market; the Baby Expo; attended 19-I Lioness Forum at Camp Shawnigan; assisted at an elementary school Vision Spot Scanner session; enjoyed a visit from District Governor Brian Phillips. **SOUTH CARIBOO LIONESS:** participated in Family Fun Night; baked cupcakes and volunteered at the SPCA; held a successful Yard Sale; enjoyed a visit from the DG; held a couple of fun meat draws and kept score for the Special Olympics Program. **PARKSVILLE LIONESS:** attended introductory session on Vision Spot Scanner; hosted membership/Retention Seminar for Lions 19-I; DG Brian made an Official visit. **PORT McNEILL LIONESS:** held a successful garage sale; catered LIONS dinner meeting; sponsored the Indoor Farmers Market; **AND, have raised enough funds to purchase a 3rd Guide Dog!!** Just waiting for that GIC to mature this summer! **PRIEST RIVER:** held a Membership Drive and inducted seven new members; made a donation to the West Bonner Fire Department towards purchase of an Imaging Apparatus; volunteered at the Soup Kitchen, Newport Extended Care Home and Aspen Spring Nursing Home; Mother's Day Cedar Chest Raffle. **SOOKE DISTRICT LIONESS:** Tree 'Chip in for the Kids'; volunteered Sooke Food Bank; DG Brian made an official visit; Attended Lioness Forum at Camp Shawnigan; Lioness World Week of Service prepared, and served lunch at Vital Vittals; 14th Annual Yard Sale; assisted Lions Catering for Lion Ken's Celebration of Life and sponsored a tree in the LIONS Memorial Forest in his name. **TOLEDO LIONESS:** this was a quiet time for them although they had a visit from DG John, who presented their A-frame board; regularly bake treats for the Volunteer Fire Department and with their Lions Club are sponsoring a park bench in memory of Lioness Phoebe and her husband Lion Bill Phillips. **VICTORIA CHINATOWN LIONESS:** 'Chip in for the Kids' highly successful – in excess of \$5,000; served Chinese New Year Lunch to the homeless at Our Place; sponsored their Annual Chinese New Year Dinner and Auction Night. **WESTBANK LIONESS:** volunteered alongside their Lions Club's Annual Pickerel Dinner; worked at the Thrift shop; assisted at Harmony Day in the local schools; held a bowling fund raiser for Camp Winfield. **WILLIAMS LAKE LIONESS:** volunteer regularly at the Red Cross Loan cupboard; bundled daffodils for the Cancer Society; the Vesey Bulb Sale net proceeds towards a defibrillator for the Seniors Centre and the ever popular Barkerville Raffle. **WINLOCK LIONESS:** a very quiet time for them just now, but thoroughly enjoyed an official visitation from DG John with A-frame board presentation; held their annual Valentine's Bake Sale and volunteer at their local Food Bank.

DONATIONS: KELOWNA LIONESS: Melvin Jones, Guide Dogs, PID Larry Schrodt, Harmony Days School District # 23, Gospel Mission Walk, Parkinson's, Freedoms Door, MD19 CARE, BC Cancer Foundation. **MOSES LAKE LIONESS:** Freedom Wrestling Academy, Little League 'Spartans' Tournament Team, Boys and Girls Club Auction sponsorship, Columbia Basin Elite Volleyball Club, Homeless Warming Center, LIONS 4H Dinner Auction, Youth Dynamics, Moses Lake Library Foundation, Senior Center. **OLIVER LIONESS:** Camp Winfield, School Muffin Program, Medical Expenses for a child, Local Food Bank. **NANAIMO HARBOR LITES:** M.S. client, ALS, Diabetes Campership, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship. **PARKSVILLE LIONESS:** Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship \$100. **PORT McNEILL LIONESS:** Spot Scanner Project, Campership Camp Shawnigan, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship. **SOOKE DISTRICT LIONESS:** Sooke Food Bank, Sooke Loan Cupboard, LCIF, CARE, Dog Guides, Vital Vittles Lunch, I-Phone Project, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship, LIONS Memorial Forest, **SOUTH CARIBOO LIONESS:** BC LIONS for Diabetes, **TOLEDO LIONESS:** Memorial Park Bench **PRIEST RIVER LIONESS:** West Bonner Fire Department Imaging Fund. **VICTORIA CHINATOWN LIONESS:** Bridges for Women, Our Place Lunch, Puppets for Peace, Lioness birthdays, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship.

WEST BANK LIONESS: Boys & Girls Club, COACH, CNIB, CO Child Development Assoc., KIDNEY Foundation, Harmony Day, Arthritis Society, Kelowna General Hospital Orthopedic Rehab. **WILLIAMS LAKE LIONESS:** Hospice, Pregnancy Outreach, 'CONTACT' Women's Society, Camp Winfield, Camp Kakamela. **WINLOCK LIONESS:** Leader Dogs and Local Food Bank."

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT by PZC Dennis Bullock, Chairperson:

"Memorial Garden work days began in April with a moderate turnout of faithful weeders. Hard work improved the look of the garden substantially but more people are needed to continue the upkeep and improvements needed for the lush, beautiful place we want.

Please continue to encourage your Clubs to visit, participate and contribute!

Boy Scout Bryce Nichols' Eagle Scout Project at the garden has made some great improvements. Fill dirt has been leveled in a low spot, paths rebuilt and benches restored. Looking ahead to summer, we will work on weed control and soil improvement. Donations by several clubs have given us enough funds to at least pay for some basic needs for now. A broader base of support with more Clubs taking ownership of their garden is a primary goal."

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA / DOG GUIDES REPORT by PDG Mel Stokes, Provincial Director:

"It has been a very busy, but rewarding couple of month as the Foundation has been represented at all District Conferences involving Canadian clubs. I have been able to interact with Lions on both sides of the border providing information and pamphlets about the Lions Foundation of Canada. Many US Lions are unaware that they could donate towards a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship or Life Membership thus recognizing their clubs at their awards night ceremonies. The sale of shirts, hats and the dogs was also very successful. Thank you to all the Lions who purchased an item on behalf of the Foundation.

Thank you to all the Districts that allowed me to speak at panel sessions and luncheons. Another thank you goes out to the District Chairpersons and Past Zone Chairperson, Irene Stokes who volunteered at the table when I was at the aforementioned events.

This year there are 29 planned Purina Dog Walks, with the majority happening on May 29th versus the 16 walks the previous year. A thank you goes out to Pet Value, who for the first time is organizing a number of walks.

The following donations have been received over the last nine months to March 31st from all Districts. We are improving since the last report. One exciting aspect is the upcoming District A Purina Dog Walk, which will generate over \$30,000 an all-time high for B.C.

				Variance (15/16 compared to 14/15)
British Columbia	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	
19-A	7,000.00	32,120.00	14,680.00	
19-D	13,678.90	16,417.93	20,476.40	
19-E	8,434.80	1,475.00	2,850.00	
19-H	19,052.10	22,516.66	5,833.33	
19-I	10,850.00	10,050.00	6,225.00	
Totals	59,015.80	82,579.59	50,064.73	-28.53%

Overall, the Foundation fundraising is down this year as a result of much lower investment income due to the funds received. We need your help. Please ask all clubs to consider additional financial support.

The following are a few of the ways to donate and some are for ways a member can be recognized.

- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship and progressive - \$500
- LFC Fellowship - \$250
- Life membership and progressive - \$100
- Adopt a Puppy - \$100

- Memorial Forest - \$200
- Dog Guide Sponsor from \$4,000 to \$12,000 (can be done over a number of years)
- Leave a Legacy through a bequest
- Planned Giving, whether a lump sum or periodic payments
- Organize a Purina Walk for Dogs Guides
- Donate your reward points: Aeroplan, Airmiles, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Optimum
- Open donation to the Foundation”

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:
“Council Chairperson AI, Fellow Cabinet members, Lions, 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, making it easier to communicate with one another and making life a little better for those who cannot afford hearing aids.

This year we have three companies working with us: Connect Hearing; NexGen, or Mainland Hearing; and HearingLife Canada Hearing providing new hearing aids with a three-year warranty and batteries. We still offer ‘refurbished’ hearing aids, however we have very few takers.

This year we provided one hundred and twenty-six (126) hearing aids to deserving clients at a cost of over \$81,000.

Over the years we have collected used hearing aids from across British Columbia. I do want to thank the Lions Clubs from districts A, D, E H and I for collecting used hearing aids. This year we have donated over four thousand (4,000) used hearing aids to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center for them to use and recycle.

My friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help. For more information about our Society and all our programs, please check our website at: www.lionsofbchearingsociety.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.”

NW LIONS FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT & HEARING by Bill Lundin, Board Chairperson:

“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 2016.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible growth with over 3,048 corneal transplants this quarter, setting a new record which is triple our volume from two years ago. In addition, we will provide thousands of additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program.

SightLife has completed its merger with The Northwest Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank in Allentown, PA. The Lions in that area have formed a new Lions Foundation and will be providing community services similar to ours. The Northwest Lions Foundation will consult in that project.

In 2016, SightLife received the National Non-Profit Time Magazine’s Annual best Place to Work Award. This is the sixth year in a row to win this honor.

We are very pleased that the Northwest Lions Foundation’s quarterly community service programs included screening over 3,000 school children across the MD19 service area, as well as dozens of other low income people and benefitting non-profit organizations with various Northwest Lions Foundation grants. Over \$40,000 in hearing aids grants and an additional \$50,000 in Lions sponsored Project Support Grants were funded this quarter.

The Northwest Lions Foundation Board is excited to announce that we have joined forces with Group Health Cooperative to expand our community screening programs. The pilot of this endeavor will begin in District C and expand to other MD19 Districts during the next 12 to 18 months.

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. Your support this spring and summer is a critical funding source for our community support programs.

Thanks you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities.”

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A and seconded by Past District Governor John Clinton, 19-B to accept the Consent Agenda reports as presented. Motion Passed.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE GIVEN ORALLY

ENVIRONMENTAL 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.

‘Protecting Our Environment’ is one of the four Centennial Global Service Action Campaigns, with Lions all over the world implementing projects to improve and protect our environment locally and globally. MD19 Lions spearhead community and environment improvement projects and also join other groups in coordinated projects. These projects will be highlighted in the Border Crossing and media presentations. The LCI website presents a cornucopia of project ideas, media, and support materials:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment/index.php>

Spring Conference Workshops on ‘Protecting Our Environment’. As MD19 Environment Chairperson, I attended seven of the nine District Conferences and provided display materials to the other two. It was a pleasure to travel to Abbotsford, Wenatchee, Pasco, Courtney, Spokane, Vancouver/Portland, and Bothell to work with Lions from British Columbia, Washington and Northern Idaho.

I partnered with District Environment Chairpersons, working at display tables featuring Lions completing Environment Projects. We hosted seminars facilitating sharing among Clubs and learning with each other about great projects around our Multiple District. It is invigorating to learn with Lions about the amazing work we do in our communities. I sent attendees follow-up emails, full of links to good resources and people.



Lions Do Great Work....shhhh...in Secret?

Picture yourself in this seminar. Lions write down Environment Projects their Club does. We go around the circle, sharing what we've written. With each project explained, we hear 'Oh, we do that,' and 'we do that, too.' Turns out that Clubs do many Service Projects that 'Protect our Environment', but don't think of them as such. Examples are recycling eyeglasses, recycling community items through thrift shops and rummage sales, or supporting parks and gardens. I urge Lions to survey current projects, and make sure that they write and submit service activity reports for all of the Centennial Service Challenge areas, Engaging Our Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving Hunger and Protecting our Environment. Also important is encouraging Secretaries to include multiple Challenge areas when appropriate. For instance, a project that includes kids building and maintaining a food garden, addresses three goals (Youth, Hunger,

and Environment).

Another common comment from Lions is that they participate in many projects that protect our environment, but they don't do the work as formal Lions projects. It is important for Lions to expand our ideas of Lions service to include projects in which we partner with others, as participants, supporters, registrars, photographers, journalists, cooks, and more. These are all opportunities to expand the public knowledge of Lions and expand our membership. (*Wear your Lions clothing when you work on these projects!*)

Emphasize to Lions that we need to share our great work. Ask fellow Lions (or their kids or grandkids) to take lots of photos. Focus on action pictures. Submit articles to local newspapers, community newsletters, your Club Facebook page, and to me. I'll write articles and post on MD19 Environment Page.

Need For Photos and Info from Each District to Create Media Displays and an Online Databank of Multiple District 19 Environment Projects.

Please send photos, contact information and particulars to Nancy Messmer (able@olypen.com). Many Lion service projects and Centennial Legacy projects fall in these categories and so many more.

Tree Planting

Gardens

Highway Cleanups

Recycling

Community Cleanups

Stream/Forest Restoration

Beach and Shoreline Cleanups

Parks and Camps

Sustainable Food Gardens

Education Programs

Help build safe drinking water system

Decrease plastic waste consumption

Host environmental film festival

School-wide recycling program

Join Lions Clubs around the world on the Lions Blog (<http://lionsclubs.org/blog/>).



Walnut Grove Leos Plant Trees.

Organize a Lions Recycling Project

Thursday, April 11, 2013



Lions Blog: Recycling Project.



Blog: Tree planting in India.

**Dr. Nancy Messmer Multiple District 19 Environment Chairperson
Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions. able@olypen.com 360.963.2442**

CARE REPORT by ZC Jane Beddows, Chairperson:

"We are finishing our second year of the two year project 'Water Links' in Guatemala. As of the end of April, we have not succeeded in reaching our goal of \$40,000.00. I would urge everyone here to spread the word and hopefully more clubs will donate to this worthwhile project. With two months to go many clubs wait to spend their budgets, so I am optimistic that our goal will be reached.

This will be my final year as CARE Chairperson for the Multiple District. I have been the Chairperson for a few years now and feel that it is time for someone else to take over.

I want to thank everyone for being so supportive of the CARE Projects. For spreading the information on the CARE Projects. We have had amazing success in reaching and exceeding our goal year after year. I will miss this very much. I feel I have come a long way from that first report where PDG Rosemary Richert had to whisper to me, 'Jane, mention the project'.....Again thank you all.

Now onto the business at hand. The Council of Governors was sent the three new CARE projects for their perusal. They will be voting to choose the one the Council would like to support for the next two years. I am attaching the three projects submitted.

I am also submitting an update report on the redirected project in Guatemala. Thank you again for supporting these important issues.

CARE Proposal #1



Project Name: Educational Opportunities for Girls
Location: Chincha (Ica) and Huaytará (Huancavelica), Peru
Amount Requested: \$80,000 over Two Years
CARE Contact: Dana Tseng

Introduction

While strides have been made in getting young children – particularly girls – into primary schools in Peru, there has been less success in getting them to stay and complete their secondary education. Currently, some 50 percent of Peruvian girls aged 17-19 in rural areas do not complete high school; however, evidence demonstrates that girls who do graduate high school have 40-50 percent more income earning potential than girls who do not finish.

In the departments of Huancavelica and Ica, 49 percent and 17 percent of pupils respectively do not complete secondary school. Among the problems that contribute to the low levels of school completion are gender discrimination and violence; poverty and economic instability; low-quality education; family conflicts; adolescent pregnancy; and limited accessibility to secondary school for girls in rural areas. Not finishing secondary school excludes many adolescent girls from continuing with technical or university studies, having better employment opportunities and earning higher incomes. This limits their options in life, making it more difficult for them to progress and achieve fulfillment within their personal and professional lives, and ultimately overcome poverty.

CARE's Capacity and Project Strategy

CARE has continuously worked in Peru since 1970, and today our programs are structured around empowering vulnerable groups – especially women, indigenous people and rural populations – to exercise their rights. In Peru, CARE aims to reduce chronic malnutrition and maternal and infant mortality, improve access to water and sanitation, improve regional and local governance, increase household income and improve education quality. We are accomplishing these goals through programs focused on climate change, economic development, disaster risk reduction, gender equality, health and nutrition, water resource management, governance and education.

CARE has developed a program framework for the proposed *Girls with Opportunities* initiative, which intends to reach 100,000 girls nationwide over a 10-year period. The proposed project is part of a broader program framework, and achievement targets have been established to contribute to this broader goal. As part of this broader initiative, CARE seeks funding for **the two-year Girls with Opportunities pilot project, which will target 4,569 girls at 19 schools in the departments of Huancavelica and Ica in southern Peru**. The focus of this project is to empower adolescent girls from rural and marginalized urban areas with better quality education and opportunities to learn important social skills.

Expected results of the project include:

1. An increase in the number of secondary school girls who remain in school and complete all grades, and a related reduction in teen pregnancies;
2. An improvement in the self-confidence, social abilities, leadership skills and life plans of secondary school girls; and
3. An increased awareness and active commitment to the education of girls among parents, teachers and principals from secondary schools.

This project is a natural evolution for CARE's education work in Peru, which has for the past 15 years focused on advancing early childhood development and primary multilingual education. Through this new initiative, CARE aims to create a model that can be replicated and expanded so that we may help 100,000 Peruvian girls complete high school by 2026.

Budget

The total budget for this new initiative is \$80,000. CARE Peru seeks \$40,000 per year over a period of two years to fulfill the objectives of this pilot project.

Conclusion

With more than 70 years of experience, CARE has demonstrated that one of the best ways to deliver lasting change to marginalized communities is to empower women and girls. On behalf of the thousands of girls in southern Peru who would be empowered by this project, we thank you for considering the support of this important work.



CARE Proposal #2

Project Name: Women's Economic Empowerment through Community Based Tourism
Location: Chota Valley, Ecuador
Amount Requested: \$80,000 (Over Two Years)
CARE Contact: Dana Tseng, dtseng@care.org

Introduction

Most of the rural economy in Ecuador relies on the work of women. But there is a huge gender gap in the country, giving women access to only a fraction of the productive assets, inputs, training and information that men have. According to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, only 5 percent of all extension resources – such as inputs and training – are directed at women. Moreover, only 15 percent of extension workers are female. In Ecuador, between 10 percent and 20 percent of all landholders are women, but the amount of female smallholders who can access credit is 5 percent to 10 percent lower than male smallholders. Women often are relegated to activities with lower added value, and their huge contributions are not recognized or remunerated. CARE works in many of the most beautiful places in Ecuador, which have considerable potential for tourism, although poor communities suffer from the constraints mentioned above.

CARE's Capacity and Project Strategy

CARE has worked in Ecuador since 1962. To address the underlying causes of poverty, we have defined a program strategy that consists of three key elements that apply to all programs: 1) Increase the capacity of key local and national actors; 2) Support integral development approaches developed by excluded groups; and 3) Influence policies and promote civic and private attitudes and practices at the local, regional and national level that promote equity, inclusion and improved power relations. To operationalize this strategy, CARE pursues a multi-disciplinary approach to the design and implementation of programs in democracy and governance, education, health, water and sanitation, natural resource management and economic development, with a focus on empowering women and girls.

According to the World Bank, tourism has been steadily increasing in Ecuador, with tourist arrivals growing from 440,000 in 1995 to 1.3 million in 2015. However, with large national and international companies dominating this market, revenues from tourism have not always reached the community level. Community-based tourism (CBT) is a way of promoting tourism in a way that is inclusive for host communities and maximizes their income, while being environmentally and socially sustainable. CBT is experiencing a growing international demand. Tourists attracted by this alternative style of travel are interested in experiencing something different from the mainstream tourism circuits directed by international tour

operators and large hotel chains. CBT is an activity with high potential for women's economic empowerment, as the economic activities promoted in the communities are usually led by women.

Goal, Strategies and Activities

The *Women's Economic Empowerment Through Community Based Tourism* project will, in partnership with the private sector, test and scale up innovative business models to promote community-based tourism and empower women in low income communities in the ecological route through Cayambe, Cotacachi and the Chota Valley. **This project will benefit 500 people – making up 100 families – in the target communities.** The project will promote CBT value chains that are inclusive and empowering for women, and connect international and local tour operators to the communities with community-based tourism projects. The initiative will be designed as a social business driven by CARE, working toward income generation, sustainability and scalability.

Strategy

- Increase and diversify income sources in rural communities through women's economic empowerment interventions, also increasing resilience.
- Economically empower women, who usually provide substantial contributions to the tourism industry as service providers, input providers and entrepreneurs.
- Provide communities with access to private-sector companies and other important decision-makers, so they can have influence on their own development strategies.

Activities

- Select target communities in coordination with relevant social actors.
- Define the profile of the pilot tourists together with the partner company (volunteers sent by CARE private-sector partners during the first pilot).
- Conduct feasibility study and baseline survey; monitor and evaluate the project's impact.
- Design draft business plan.
- Secure agreements with private-sector partners.
- Establish mechanisms for host communities to be able to permanently accommodate tourist traffic.

CARE Proposal #3



Project Name: Fighting Gender-Based Violence in Ecuador
Project Location: Pichincha, Imbabura, Carchi and Sucumbios Provinces, Ecuador
Amount Requested: \$80,000 (Over Two Years)
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Background

In Ecuador, eight of every 10 women have suffered some form of violence. One out of every four women has suffered sexual violence, which is most prevalent among indigenous women, Afro-Ecuadorians and *mestizas*, or people of mixed race. The most common forms of violence committed daily against these women include partner abuse, sexual harassment and violence, and institutional and discriminatory violence. Ecuador is also a country of origin and transit, as well as a destination for victims of trafficking and labor exploitation. According to UN Women Ecuador, 12 percent of sex workers in the provinces of Imbabura and Sucumbios are girls under 18 years of age, mainly from Colombia.

CARE's Capacity and Project Strategy

CARE has worked in Ecuador since 1962. To address the underlying causes of poverty, we have defined a program strategy that consists of three key elements that apply to all programs: 1) Increase the capacity of key local and national actors; 2) Support integral development approaches developed by excluded groups; and 3) Influence policies and promote civic and private attitudes and practices at the local, regional and national level that promote equity, inclusion and improved power relations. To operationalize this strategy,

CARE pursues a multi-disciplinary approach to the design and implementation of programs in democracy and governance, education, health, water and sanitation, natural resource management and economic development, with a focus on empowering women and girls.

Through the *Fighting Gender-Based Violence in Ecuador* project, CARE will address gender-based violence at local and national levels by engaging indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian women, and women survivors of violence and trafficking, through the formulation of national laws and policies that guarantee their human rights. **This project will directly impact 300 women** in Pichincha, Imbabura, Carchi and Sucumbios provinces, **as well as 50 public sector officials** from the National Assembly, local and provincial governments, the criminal justice system and other government entities involved in women's rights.

Goal, Strategies and Activities

The goal of the project is for women victims of violence to gain a better understanding of how to access the justice system, as well as a better understanding of violence itself and violation of their rights. To do this, the project will work to contribute to the consolidation of a favorable legal framework for the prevention, treatment and eradication of gender-based violence. This will be achieved by developing networks and linkages between social organizations and public authorities that will focus attention on the issue, and provide oversight on the effectiveness of public policies to combat gender-based violence.

Strategy:

- Promote spaces of outreach, information and education to build the capacities of women who are involved in advocating for policies that protect women's rights, as well as ensuring that they are enforced.
- Build alliances with local and national organizations to influence and advocate for the formulation, implementation and enforcement of public policies that protect women's rights.
- Develop research and systematize knowledge management around proposal development, laws and policies, with the active participation of women.

Activities:

- Identify and train leaders of women's organizations on participation and social control processes related to gender violence.
- Strengthen social, legal and psychological support networks – including the justice system and social organizations focused on this issue – for victims of violence and exclusion.
- Build capacity of women's organizations to reactivate organizational processes related to the enforcement of human rights and laws and protocols that guarantee enforcement of women's rights.
- Advocate for the formulation and implementation of public policies that combat gender violence, with a special focus on the most vulnerable populations.
- Create a follow-up and monitoring system that generates information for people involved in the field.”

Voting on the 2016-2017 CARE Project will be done by the 2016-2017 Council of Governors' later in this meeting.

LIONS QUEST REPORT by Lee Teichmer, Chairperson: Oral Report

The Foundation is closing down. The Quest Program is still active in some areas, but there have been no requests to the Foundation for financial help. In essence the money is just sitting idle. The Foundation Board has decided to give the remaining funds to the MD19 Lions Service & Leadership Development Foundation. These funds in the amount of \$12,935.08 are to be used for service and leadership development involving youth.

LIONS PROJECT NEW HOPE NORTHWEST REPORT by 1st VDGE Ron Smircich for PZC Pat Bucknell, President:

“Lions Project New Hope Northwest (LPNH NW) has one major goal:

‘To insure the effects of combat stress be dealt with, allowing individuals

and families to enjoy a normal and prosperous lifestyle'

The beneficiaries are the combat veterans and, more importantly, those who must deal with the collateral damage; the families and friends. The children bear the brunt of the collateral damage and must live with it for a lifetime. Currently the children are not receiving the assistance they direly need. LPNHNW is dedicated to provide that needed support to all. As Lions - We Serve, We Must Not Fail, Failure Is Not an Option.

LPNHNW has established partnerships with veteran's support professional organizations; Federal Way Vet Center; Give an Hour and The Soldier's Project. As a result of this approach several joint retreats are being planned for 2016. These partnerships are formalized with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for each retreat.

Four retreats have been scheduled at a new site, Gwinwood Conference Grounds and Westwood Retreat Center in Lacey, WA. The LPNHNW website is continually updated for retreat details – www.lionsprojectnewhopenw.org . Also, planning is underway to conduct day workshops for both men and women veterans. The purpose of the one day workshop is to introduce Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) support into the local community.

As a Lion, what can you do to support our combat veteran families deal with PTS and its concomitant collateral damage? Be a 'spokesperson' within your community to help insure our combat veterans and families are aware there is no cost support available. Volunteer where you feel you can help.

As a Club, thank you for your continued support of the veteran's families and children's weekend retreats. Because of the continued support these retreats are provided at no cost so there is not an obstacle of financial burden to our veterans. Lions Project New Hope Northwest asks clubs to place a line item in the budget. For a contribution of \$250 or more, clubs receive the Traditional LPNHNW Banner Patch. For \$500 or more a Joel Graves Founder's Patch. Club sponsorship of these retreats provides valuable working tools for re-integration/resolution workshops for our veterans, their spouses and children. Chevrons provided yearly for continued donations once patches are earned.

Lions volunteers are always needed to fill vacancies on the Lions Project New Hope Board and committees: Secretary, Fund Raising Oversight, VP of Operation, Workshop Organization, Treasurer, Grants, Volunteer Coordinator, Kids Camp Leader and Coordinator with Lions Clubs. Men and Women Lions are always needed at our summer retreats to provide both administrative support at the retreats and to provide activities for the children of the veteran's families."

CANDIDATES FOR VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON INTRODUCED

Candidates for the position of 2016-2017 Vice Council Chairperson were introduced to the Council: PDG Steve Somerset by PCC Jerry Flood and PID Anne Smarsh and PDG Jon Whitman by PDG Rosemary Richert. Both candidates spoke on their goals. Ballots were given to the 2015-16 Council. The announcement of which candidate will be the 2016-2017 Vice Council Chairperson will be given at lunch.

MOMENTS OF CELEBRATION

2015-16 District Governors Eric Keller, 19-A; Bob Yeoman, 19-E and J.D. Nellor, 19-G shared special events that have taken place in their districts.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

"The Budget that we are presenting for the 2016-2017 Lions year has a deficit of \$37.00. We are proposing a few larger changes to the income section of the budget. You will see that in the total dues income Line 18 we are projecting \$6,615 less due to the drop in membership. On Line 35 'Pin Sales Income', we reduced the amount by \$1,400 as the merchandise from the International convention isn't selling as much anymore. We have proposed other small changes to the income section which you can see when you review the budget.

We cut Line 171 Council Chairperson expense by \$1,000, Line 179 Executive Secretary by \$1,500. We made some smaller reductions to other expense lines, which you will see when you review the budget. Once we make it through the first half of the Lions Year, we will review the budget line items and make changes if necessary to adjust for membership changes and expense requests for events that have already taken place. This budget we are presenting to the Council is very close to the one we presented last year.

I would like to thank those on my committee who helped work on this budget. Thanks to EST Patty for all of her help with my budget requests.

Proposed Budget for 2016-17 with April 30, 2016 Membership									
Income					6%	6%			
MD19 dues, \$18.60		4/30/2016	4/30/16	4/29//2016	2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	2016-2017
MD19 Dues 12/31/2016		Members	less 2%	% Dues Pd	Budget	4/27/2016		Budget	Budget
District A		1172	1149	83%	\$1294	\$1630	\$336	\$1282	\$1282
District B		829	812	86%	\$986	\$926	\$(60)	\$907	\$907
District C		1434	1405	96%	\$1577	\$1593	\$16	\$1568	\$1568
District D		1376	1348	94%	\$1581	\$1821	\$240	\$1505	\$1505
District E		1479	1449	90%	\$1636	\$1619	\$(17)	\$1618	\$1618
District F		1328	1301	91%	\$1502	\$1419	\$(83)	\$1452	\$1452
District G		1344	1317	90%	\$1523	\$1554	\$31	\$1470	\$1470
District H		1705	1671	98%	\$1895	\$2183	\$288	\$1865	\$1865
District I		1217	1193	96%	\$1399	\$1753	\$354	\$1331	\$1331
Totals		11884	11,646	91.56%					
MD19 Operations Account – 89%					\$198,682	\$216,950	\$18,268	\$192,793	\$192,793
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%					\$6697	\$7313	\$616	\$6499	\$6499
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%					\$2232	\$2438	\$205	\$2166	\$2166
MD19 Bldg Reserve Account – 1%					\$2232	\$2438	\$205	\$2166	\$2166
Total Dues Income (gross)					\$223,238	\$243,636	\$20,399	\$216,622	\$216,622
					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
MD19 Other Income					Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Fall Annual Convention					\$7251	\$8070	\$819	\$5000	
Border Crossing Editor Grant					\$1800	\$1800	\$ -	\$1800	
District & Zone Officer School Grant					\$6000	\$ -	\$(6000)	\$6000	Waiting receipt of chk
LCI Grant for 2016 Leadership Development Grant					\$1500	\$ -	\$(1500)	\$1500	Chk After School
MD19 District Support Team Grant					\$1773	\$1773	\$ -	\$1386	
Building & Grounds Improvements					\$ -	\$41	\$41	\$ -	
Building-Memorial Garden					\$2000	\$2441	\$441	\$2500	
District Budget Support					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$1800	
International Convention					\$ -	\$63	\$63	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia					\$1350	\$1280	\$(70)	\$1300	
Postage Recovered					\$400	\$143	\$(257)	\$300	
Printing Recovered					\$300	\$429	\$129	\$450	
Sales –Award Banner Patches					\$150	\$176	\$26	\$175	
Sales - Other					\$1500	\$916	\$(584)	\$1200	
Pins – Sales Income					\$2600	\$610	\$(1990)	\$1200	
Uniforms – Sales Income					\$1500	\$1298	\$(202)	\$1500	
Roster / C&A Sales					\$250	\$220	\$(30)	\$250	
Roster / C&A Advertising 2016-17					\$1115	\$1115	\$ -	\$1200	
Bulletin Subscriptions					\$350	\$231	\$(120)	\$250	
Bulletin / AWeber Advertising					\$420	\$505	\$85	\$500	
Lioness - Awards					\$187	\$207	\$20	\$200	
Lioness-Roster					\$166	\$190	\$24	\$180	
Miscellaneous Income					\$3362	\$3362	\$(0)	\$ 3000	
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund					\$25	\$7	\$(18)	\$10	
Exchange Income					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Income					\$25	\$28	\$3	\$30	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs					\$5	\$ -	\$(5)	\$ -	
Total MD19 Other Income					\$34,029	\$24,904	\$(9,125)	\$31,731	
Total MD19 Income					\$257,266	\$268,540	\$11,274	\$248,353	
EXPENSE					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
District Ops Accounts 4/21/14					Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
District A					\$1294	\$1630	\$(336)	\$1282	

					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
					Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
District B					\$986	\$926	\$60	\$907	
District C					\$1577	\$1593	\$(16)	\$1568	
District D					\$1581	\$1821	\$(240)	\$1505	
District E					\$1636	\$1619	\$17	\$1618	
District F					\$1502	\$1419	\$83	\$1452	
District G					\$1523	\$1554	\$(31)	\$1470	
District H					\$1895	\$2183	\$(288)	\$1865	
District I					\$1399	\$1753	\$(354)	\$1331	
Total District Operations Account					\$13,393	\$14,498	\$(1105)	\$12,997	
					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
					Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
International Convention Forum / Director									
Council Chairperson – Fukuoka, Japan					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Elect (Seated VCC) Fukuoka, Japan					\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$400	
Convention Chairperson - Fukuoka, Japan					\$400	\$397	\$3	\$400	
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) Fukuoka, Japan					\$200	\$100	\$100	\$ -	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum – Omaha, Nebraska					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
VDG to USA / Canada Forum – Omaha, Nebraska					\$600	\$600	\$ -	\$1200	
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director					\$1600	\$1097	\$503	\$2000	
					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
					Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Capital Outlay									
Major Capital Expense (i.e. roof replacement)					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Equipment					\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$200	
Copier Lease (Minolta)					\$2960	\$2493	\$467	\$2960	
Vehicle Purchase Cont.(\$402.86 p/m - \$4834.32)					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Capital Outlay					\$3160	\$2493	\$667	\$3160	
					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
					Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
MD19 Convention Expenses									
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)					\$2800	\$1665	\$1135	\$1500	
MD19 Annual Convention					\$4580	\$4580	\$ -	\$5000	
Total MD19 Convention Expenses					\$7380	\$6246	\$1134	\$6500	
					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
					Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
MD19 General Operations									
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)					\$1000	\$ -	\$1000	\$500	
Credit Card Fees					\$500	\$220	\$280	\$350	Oct Fees-Conv.
Accounting Review / Services					\$3000	\$2930	\$71	\$3000	
Bank Charges					\$400	\$401	\$(1)	\$400	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)					\$1200	\$716	\$484	\$1000	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)					\$1200	\$891	\$309	\$1200	
Bond – Employee (This appears to be covered in Commercial Policy)					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Business License / Non Profit Corporation					\$50	\$ -	\$50	\$ -	
Maintenance Contract – Minolta Copier					\$662	\$662	\$0	\$670	
Maintenance – Auto					\$1200	\$1281	\$(81)	\$1300	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)					\$500	\$97	\$403	\$400	Fire Extinguishers
Security System					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel					\$1100	\$2081	\$(981)	\$900	Restocked
Post Office Box Lease U.S. & Canada					\$65	\$65	\$0	\$70	Canada PO Box
Postage					\$5700	\$4239	\$1461	\$5000	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)					\$650	\$908	\$(258)	\$550	Renamed
Office Supplies					\$450	\$489	\$(39)	\$500	
Printing and Stationary Supplies					\$2500	\$2405	\$95	\$2500	
Printing Outside					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing Roster / Contests & Awards Books					\$3735	\$3735	\$(0)	\$3800	
Purchases – Other Sales					\$1000	\$1153	\$(153)	\$1000	
Purchases – Trading Pins					\$1000	\$1012	\$(12)	\$1000	
Purchase Vest Rental Refund					\$100	\$40	\$60	\$100	
Purchases – Uniforms for Sale					\$1400	\$946	\$454	\$1100	
Computer Programs					\$600	\$552	\$48	\$600	
Exchange Expense					\$10,900	\$10,900	\$0	\$9000	
Utilities					\$6200	\$4663	\$1537	\$6200	
Total MD19 Operations – General					\$45,112	\$40,384	\$4,728	\$41,140	

			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
Insurance – Auto/Building			Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Auto Insurance			\$1680	\$1680	\$ -	\$1680	
Commercial PKge Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)			\$2323	\$2323	\$ -	\$2323	
Total Insurance – Auto/Building			\$4003	\$4003	\$ -	\$4003	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
Personnel-Calendar Year			Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Part Time Employee: Bookkeeper			\$500	\$435	\$66	\$500	
Bulletin Editor			\$1800	\$2010	\$(210)	\$1800	June 2015 included
Medical Insurance – April 2016			\$14,759	\$12,060	\$2699	\$14,760	
Payroll – Admin Assistant-Statistics \$12.57			\$26,246	\$22,425	\$3821	\$26,246	
Payroll – Executive Secretary \$21.49			\$44,871	\$37,822	\$7049	\$44,871	
Payroll – Receptionist \$10.30			\$13,390	\$12,051	\$1339	\$13,390	
SUI (Employ. Security 2.04% x \$42,100 max per employee 1/2015			\$675	\$1523	\$(848)	\$1000	
FICA – 1/1/2016 Soc Sec 6.2% gross 1/2015			\$6384	\$4634	\$1750	\$5600	
FUTA – 1/1/2016 Fed. Unemployment 0.006% x \$7k max			\$168	\$127	\$41	\$168	
Medicare – 1/1/2016 MediCare 1.45% gross 1/2015			\$1470	\$1084	\$386	\$1470	
L&I –SDI (Worker's Comp –L&I .1588 x reg hrs) 1/2015			\$943	\$704	\$239	\$943	
Pension-Exec Sec. 6% or .06 of gross payroll (6/30/2015)			\$2692	\$2682	\$10	\$2692	
Pension-Admin Asst. 6% or .06 of gross Payroll (6/30/2015)			\$1528	\$1563	\$(35)	\$1563	
Pension-Reception. 6% or .06 of gross payroll			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Personnel			\$115,427	\$99,119	\$16,308	\$115,003	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
Taxes (non-personnel)			Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Personal Property Tax			\$100	\$85	\$15	\$100	
Building Property Tax			\$5000	\$4760	\$240	\$4800	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)			\$5100	\$4844	\$256	\$4900	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
Support: Club, Zone and District			Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
International Director Candidate			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1 st Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings			\$975	\$508	\$467	\$800	
2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$800	
Awards & Trophies – Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroidery, Certificates			\$1400	\$1159	\$241	\$1300	
MD19 Bulletin (Border Crossing): Total Expense of printing/AWeber			\$800	\$494	\$306	\$800	
Council Chairperson Expense			\$4500	\$2539	\$1961	\$3500	
1 st Vice Dist. Governors at MD19 Council Meetings			\$2500	\$2135	\$365	\$2500	
2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at MD19 Council Meetings			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$1000	
Council Meeting - Fall	Spokane, WA 2016		\$2047	\$2248	\$(201)	\$2300	
Council Meeting - Winter	Langley, B.C. 2017		\$2500	\$2896	\$(396)	\$2800	
Council Meeting - Spring	TBD 2017		\$2500	\$ -	\$2500	\$2500	
Dist. Gov. & Zone Chair. Training	TBD 2017		\$13,500	\$530	\$12,970	\$12,500	
Supplies for In Service DG & ZC Training			\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$ -	
Executive Secretary Expense			\$5500	\$4630	\$870	\$4000	
MD19 District Team Expenses			\$1773	\$387	\$1386	\$1386	
Membership / Rebuilding Programs			\$ -	\$190	\$(190)	\$200	Chamber Dues
Extension Chairperson	50%		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Club, Zone and District Support			\$38,095	\$17,717	\$20,378	\$36,386	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
Telephone			Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)			\$3800	\$3718	\$82	\$3800	
Website			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Telephone & Website			\$3800	\$3718	\$82	\$3800	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
Zone Chairperson			Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Zone Chairperson – Expenses			\$11,500	\$8479	\$3021	\$10,000	
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention			\$6200	\$6008	\$192	\$6200	
Total Zone Chairperson			\$17,700	\$14,486	\$3214	\$16,200	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2016-2017	
Reserve			Budget	4/27/16		Budget	
Payable to MD 19 Reserve			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Payable to Building Reserve			\$2232	\$2438	\$(206)	\$2300	
Total Reserve			\$2232	\$2438	\$(206)	\$2300	

Contingency				\$264	\$ -	\$264	\$ -	
Total MD19 Expense				\$257,265	\$211,042	\$46,224	\$248,389	
Total MD19 Expense Budget				\$257,265	\$211,042	\$46,224	\$248,389	
Total MD19 Income Budget				\$257,266	\$268,540	\$11,274	\$248,353	
Net Income / (Loss)				\$ -	\$57,498	\$ -	\$(37)	

The approval for the 2016-2017 MD19 Budget will be done later in this meeting under New Business by the 2016-2017 Council of Governors.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT by PCC Larrie Taylor, Chairperson:
“PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AS OF APRIL 19, 2016

LEGEND

GREEN = PROPOSED AMENDMENT

RED = PROPOSED DELETION

ARTICLE IV

Officers

SECTION 3. ~~The Election of the Council Chairperson and the Vice Council Chairperson of the Multiple District: shall be elected at the Annual Convention of the Multiple District.~~

- a. Candidates for the Offices of Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson shall have their announcements and endorsements filed with the MD19 Office by December 31 of the Lions year in which the election for these offices is held.
- b. Voting for these Officers shall occur at each District’s Spring Conference. The ballots will be deposited into sealed official MD19 boxes that will be collected at the close of the elections at each District Conference. The sealed ballot boxes shall be delivered by a Lion representing the MD19 Office to the MD19 Office. The ballot boxes shall not be opened until the voting at all District Spring Conferences have taken place. The ballots shall be counted in the presence of the Council Chairperson and/or the Immediate Past Council Chairperson, the MD19 Election Chairperson, two Lions selected by the Council Chairperson, and the MD19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The counting of the ballots will be observed by the scrutinizer of each of the candidates and will take place at the close of the final District Conference.

SECTION 10. The official voting delegates from each District shall nominate and elect a District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors ~~for their District at a specially scheduled meeting of the District held in conjunction with at their Annual Sub District Conference at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Multiple District Annual Convention~~ held during the months of March, April or before the third week of May of the Lions year preceding taking office. Each club, in good standing, shall be entitled to cast its vote for District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VI, Sections 6 to 8 inclusive of this Constitution.

SECTION 11. The designated delegates of each Zone shall nominate and elect a Zone Chairperson for their Zone at a specially designated Zone Meeting fixed within the limits of practical planning to precede or coincide with the ~~Sub~~-District Conference. Each Lions Club in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates to the Zone Meetings, each with 1 vote and such delegates shall be the President and the Secretary, or their official representatives, in case of their inability to be present. It shall be the duty of each Lions Club in good standing to be represented by their delegates at all Zone Meetings.

ARTICLE V

Multiple District Council of Governors

SECTION 3. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall provide an up-dated Policy Manual on the Multiple District 19 website reflecting the actions and decisions of the Multiple District Council of Governors at each Council of Governors Meeting. ~~following the Annual Convention of this Multiple District~~

~~along with~~ The current up-dated Multiple District 19 Constitution & By-Laws will be posted on the MD19 website following the Annual Convention of Multiple District 19. Constitution and By-laws amendments shall be voted on at the Multiple District 19 Annual Convention.

SECTION 6. Regular meetings of the Multiple District Council of Governors shall be held at least twice a year, one in connection with the Annual Convention of the Multiple District, and another at such time and place as may be determined by the Council of Governors or, in event of their failure to act, as designated by the Chairperson of the Multiple District Council of Governors. The Vice Council Chairperson (Incoming Council Chairperson) may convene an unfunded special meeting of the following year's Council of Governors at the Annual Convention for the primary purpose of considering and reviewing the approved appointments of the MD Committee Chairperson and the approved MD Budget.

ARTICLE VI Conventions

SECTION 3. Where more than one club exists in a convention city, one of the clubs shall be designated the Host Club in sponsoring the Annual Convention. ~~or Fall Forum~~

SECTION 7. Each member club in good standing shall be entitled, at any convention of a District or the Multiple District, to one voting delegate and one alternate delegate for every ten members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, or major fraction thereof, carried upon the roster of the club and so reported upon its monthly report to Lions Clubs International and the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer of this Multiple District for the month immediately preceding the convention. Any Lions clubs chartered less than 12 months preceding the MD19 Annual Convention are entitled to one delegate and one alternate delegate. All Multiple District 19 seated and Past International Directors shall have an automatic vote in elections, in addition to those allocated to his/her club, in accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 10. QUORUM: A majority of the delegates in attendance at any session of a ~~sub-district~~ or multiple district convention shall constitute a quorum. .

SECTION 16. At Multiple District Conventions and at the Conferences of all of its ~~Sub-Districts~~, delegates and alternate delegates shall be certified and all persons, whether delegates, alternate delegates or others, may be permitted to attend or participate in any sessions or proceedings, only after registering and paying such registration fees as may be fixed by the Multiple District Council of Governors, ~~Sub-District Cabinets~~ and their Convention or Conference Committees.

ARTICLE VII Finance

SECTION 2. A percentage of the Multiple District dues levied upon each member per month is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses of ~~the Fall Forum and~~ the Annual Convention of the Multiple District. The percentage of the Multiple District dues appropriated for the Convention Fund shall be specified in the Policy Manual. A registration fee may be charged those attending any Convention, ~~Forum~~ or ~~District~~ Conference held in this Multiple District.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the certified voting delegates present at the Annual Convention of the Multiple District.

SECTION 2. Proposed amendments, other than those submitted by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, shall have the written approval of at least one club of the Multiple District over the signature of the Club President and attested by its Secretary, and a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the certified voting delegates pre-sent at the ~~sub-district~~ annual conference of which the submitting club is a member. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the ~~sub-district~~ Cabinet Secretary with the reasons sixty (60)

days prior to the ~~sub~~-district conference. The ~~sub~~-district Cabinet Secretary shall then submit the proposed amendments to the Secretary of each club within the ~~Sub~~-District at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the ~~Sub~~-District conference.

ARTICLE I "BL"
Election of Multiple District Officers and
Voting on Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws

SECTION 5. Delegates desiring to vote shall present their voting certificate at the Polling Place and be checked against the list of registered delegates, and, if qualified, shall be furnished a ballot. Each delegate shall mark their ballot in secret, and deposit it in the ballot box.

SECTION 9. In the event the incumbent Vice Council Chairperson stands for election as Council Chairperson and at the election fails to secure a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting, he/she shall be declared not elected, ~~and a vacancy in that office shall be declared. the same shall be reported to the Convention. Thereupon any Active Lion Member in attendance at the Convention meeting the requirements for the Office of Vice Council Chairperson may be nominated from the floor at a General Session of the Convention, and a ballot taken in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article I 'BL' until an election for the office of Council Chairperson can be declared. Any such candidate need not comply with the requirements of Article VIII 'BL'.~~

ARTICLE II "BL"
Duties of Officers

SECTION 5. MULTIPLE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - TREASURER The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be a Lion member in good standing, in a club in good standing in the Multiple District, and he/she shall administer, supervise, and perform the necessary duties to maintain the fiscal and internal activities of the Multiple District. These will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- c. Prepare and distribute the Multiple District monthly report, reports for the Annual Convention, ~~Fall Forum~~, and as directed by the Council of Governors; prepare and distribute other publications and materials.
- f. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be designated as Director of the Multiple District Convention. ~~and the Fall Forum.~~ He/she shall also coordinate with Lions International, Multiple District 19 participation in the International Convention.

ARTICLE IV "BL"
Convention Financing

SECTION 1. Conventions of this Multiple District shall be financed as follows:

- e. ~~In planning and preparing the budget for the Council of Governors, the Host Club shall not budget in excess of 95% of the Council of Governors' approved budget for the Convention or Forum. The remaining 5% of the budgeted amount for the Convention or Forum shall be held in reserve to cover any emergency expense not provided for in planning. At the Winter Council of Governors Meeting, the Host Club/Convention Committee shall prepare present an annual Convention budget. The budgeted Multiple District 19 Convention Reserve will provide for any emergency expenses not provided for in the Convention planning.~~
- f. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to ~~pay~~ lend the Host Club, upon its request, the sum of \$2,000.00 from the budgeted amount for the Annual Convention, to cover preliminary expenses incident to the planning, preparation, and conduct of the Annual Convention. ~~The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay the Host Club for the Fall Forum, upon request, the sum of \$500.00 from the budgeted amount for the Fall Forum, to cover preliminary expenses incident to the planning, preparation, and conduct of the Fall Forum.~~

~~g. When the Council of Governors has approved the plans and budget of the Convention, or Forum, as prepared by the Host Club, the Host Club shall be entitled to receive from the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer the balance of the MD19 budgeted Annual Convention or Forum amount, less the 5% held in reserve.~~

h.g. As soon as possible, and not later than sixty (60) days following the close of the convention, the Host Club shall submit a complete statement of income and expenses on account of the convention, to the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer and upon approval of the same by the Council of Governors, the Host Club shall receive from the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer such amount from the Convention Fund ~~5~~ 3% Reserve as may be necessary to balance its accounts. In no event, however, shall the Host Club receive from the Convention Fund any amount in excess of the total budgeted for the Convention ~~or Forum~~.

~~i.~~ h. Immediately after final settlement with the Host Club by the Council of Governors, any balance in the hands of the Host Club and in the Convention Fund in reserve shall be paid into the General Fund of the Multiple District.

SECTION 2. Any surplus of funds found to be in excess of the actual expenses of the Convention, ~~or Forum, after receipt of the budgeted allocation and the retained 5% Reserve Fund by the Host Club,~~ shall be paid by the Host Club/Convention Committee into the General Fund of the Multiple District. ~~except that surpluses less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be retained by the Host Club upon approval of the Multiple District Council of Governors, providing no funds have been used from the Convention Reserve Fund.~~

ARTICLE VII "BL"

~~This Article is held in abeyance from 2011 through 2016 for a trial period allowing an MD19 Fall Annual Convention as passed by the delegates at the 2009 MD19 Annual Convention.
Fall Forum~~

~~**SECTION 1.** Upon approval by the Multiple District Council of Governors at its meeting during the preceding Fall Forum or Annual Convention, after a study of a suitable meeting location, housing, travel, and other facilities, a Fall Forum may be called, preferably during the month of September, or October, as a Special Convention of the Multiple District; provided, however, that the site of all Fall Forum shall be fixed by the Multiple District Council of Governors not less than two (2) years prior to the date thereof, subject to inspection by, and approval of, the Convention Director as being capable of handling such a Conference.~~

~~**SECTION 2.** The call for this Forum shall be issued and mailed to the member clubs sixty (60) days in advance.~~

~~**SECTION 3.** The Fall Forum may be a three day event for the purpose of Training, Education, and Motivation for all levels of Officers and Committee Chairpersons. A Council of Governors' Meeting may be held on one of the three days. Committee reports, reports of Council actions and other such business as may be appropriate, or expedient, may be received and approved, but amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, or elections of Multiple District Officers may not be acted upon.~~

ARTICLE VIII "BL"

Zone Chairperson, Vice District Governor, District Governor, Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson

SECTION 3. When running for an office at the multiple district level, the following procedures shall be followed by the candidates in the order listed:

a. Vice Council Chairperson, Council Chairperson

4. A District Cabinet may only endorse one (1) candidate for each position above the district level. The District Cabinet endorsement at a regularly scheduled Cabinet Meeting prior to December 31st of the Lions Year in which the election will take place for candidates for Vice Council Chairperson and

Council Chairperson, other than the incumbent Vice Council Chairperson must be received by the Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer from the District Cabinet Secretary prior to December 31. ~~obtained by a simple majority of affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting at the subsequent district spring conference. The seated District Governor shall submit the results of this vote to endorse a candidate in writing to the MD19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer within 15 working days following the district spring conference.~~

- b. Voting for Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson shall be by ballot at the District Conferences.
- g. If there are no Council Chairperson and/or Vice Council Chairperson candidates registered with the Multiple District Office by December 31 of the Lions Year in which they would be elected ~~the first day of the Multiple District Annual Convention, any qualified Council Chairperson and/or Vice Council Chairperson candidate may be nominated from the floor; providing the candidate's home club has submitted written endorsement prior to the convening of the Annual Convention.~~ the procedures for filling these positions shall be in accordance with the procedures prescribed in Article IV, SECTION 14 and SECTION 15.

ARTICLE XII "BL" Amendments

SECTION 2. Proposed amendments, other than those submitted by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, shall have the written approval of at least one club of the Multiple District over the signature of the club President and attested by its Secretary, and a two-Thirds (2/3) majority vote of the certified voting delegates present at the ~~Sub-District~~ annual conference of which the submitting club is a member. All proposed amendments shall be submitted to the ~~Sub-District~~ Cabinet Secretary with the reasons 60 days prior to the ~~Sub-District~~ conference. The ~~Sub-District~~ Cabinet Secretary shall then submit the proposed amendments to the Secretary of each club within the ~~Sub-District~~ at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the ~~Sub-District~~ conference.

ARTICLE XIII "BL" ~~Sub-District~~ Operations

The Sections of this Article shall not supersede ~~Sub-District~~ Constitution and By-Laws if those sections are provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of the ~~Sub-District~~, and adopted prior to 1 July 1995. Subsequent amendments of the ~~Sub-District~~ thereafter shall not be in conflict with the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 1. The office of First Vice District Governor is required and shall be an elected office by the members of the ~~Sub-District~~, and the qualifications for such office shall be in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Club. The office of Second Vice District Governor, shall be an elected office by the members of the ~~Sub-District~~, and the qualifications for such office shall be in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Club.

SECTION 2. The voting members of a ~~Sub-District~~ Cabinet shall be: The District Governor, the First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Secretary of the Cabinet, the Treasurer of the Cabinet, Zone Chairperson of the Zones of the ~~Sub-District~~ and each appointed committee Chairperson.

SECTION 3. District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairperson Declaration of Candidacy:

- b. If NO candidate has declared in accordance with Section 3, "a" above, then all candidates meeting the requirements for the office of District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairmen may declare their candidacy to be received in writing by the Multiple District Office and their District Governor and the District Nominating Committee as per the Lions Clubs International Constitution (30) days prior to the

first day of the ~~Sub~~-District Conference.

- c. If NO candidate has declared in accordance with either Section 3, "a" or "b" above, the candidate(s) meeting the requirements for the office of District Governor and Vice District Governor may be nominated from the floor at the General Session of the ~~Sub~~-District Conference.
- e. Candidates for the office of Zone Chairperson shall obtain their Club's endorsement, or the majority of the Clubs in the Zone. The letter(s) of endorsement shall be filed with the Zone Chairperson with copies to the Multiple District Secretary no later than thirty (30) days prior to the ~~Sub~~-District's annual Spring Conference. If no candidates for a Zone have declared thirty (30) days prior to the ~~Sub~~-District's Spring Conference, nominations may be made from the floor, and elections conducted at Zone Meetings held in conjunction with the ~~Sub~~-District's Spring Conference. In any event an election shall be held, and reported to the ~~Multiple District~~ Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer, prior to 1 May to enable attendance at the Zone Chairperson Training, ~~held at the Multiple District's Annual Convention~~. In the event that a Zone Chairperson is not elected in a Zone by 1 May, the District Governor Elect of the affected ~~Sub~~-District shall appoint a Zone Chairperson for that Zone. The Zone Chairperson so appointed shall meet the qualifications for the office stated in Article IV, Section 9 of the Multiple District 19 Constitution.

~~**SECTION 4.** The Immediate Past District Governor of the Sub-District currently serving on the Multiple District Council of Governors shall automatically become Chairperson of the District Credentials and Elections Committee and shall serve with four (4) additional members appointed by the District Governor.~~

- ~~a. This Committee shall certify that all candidates for the Office of District Governor meet the requirements for this office~~

SECTION 4: District Election Procedures in accordance with Lions Clubs International

a. Nominating Committee

1. Each member shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office.
2. Shall consist of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members.
3. Responsible for reviewing qualifications of each nominated candidate within thirty (30) days prior to the election and rule on the eligibility of same.
4. Shall submit a completed checklist for each nominated candidate to the elections committee prior to District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governor elections.

b. Credentials Committee

- 1 Shall be composed of the District Governor, as chairperson, the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer and two other non-officers of the district that are appointed by the District Governor.
- 2 Each member shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office.
- 3 Responsible for verifying club delegate credentials.

c. Elections Committee

- 1 Shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the District Governor.
- 2 Responsible for preparation of materials, vote tabulation, and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots.
- 3 Shall prepare a comprehensive report of election results.

- 4 This Committee shall certify that all candidates for the Office of District Governor meet the requirements for this office

SECTION 11. In the event the incumbent Second Vice District Governor stands for election as First Vice District Governor, and at the election fails to secure a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting, he/she shall be declared not elected, and the same shall be reported to the conference and a vacancy declared. This vacancy will be filled according to the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws ARTICLE IV, SECTION 19. ~~Thereupon, any active member of a Lions Club of the District in attendance at the conference and meeting the requirements for the Office of First Vice District Governor as provided in Article IV, Section 7 of the Multiple District 19 Constitution, and who presents his or her letter of intent and letter of endorsement by his or her club, may be nominated from the floor at a general session of the Sub-District Conference. A ballot shall be taken in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article XIII 'BL' until an election for the Office of First Vice District Governor can be declared.~~

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Brian Phillips, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Bob Yeoman, 19-E to recommend a DO PASS to all the changes presented above for the MD19 Constitution & By-Laws. Motion passed.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS REPORT by 2nd VDG Corinne White, Chairperson:
"CLUB BULLETIN AWARD RULES

To qualify for this Award: To be eligible the club must publish at least one bulletin per month.
Bulletins to be Judged:

1. A copy of each bulletin must be mailed or emailed to the Club's District Governor and to the Multiple District 19 Office, or notification of the club bulletin / newsletter with a link to it must be sent to the Club's District Governor and to the Multiple District 19 Office each time it is published. ~~Emailed copies will be printed by the MD19 Office in black and white. Clubs who produce their bulletins in color may choose to mail in a hard copy each month for judging.~~

The contests and awards committee would like to add to Rule #1, "The District Governor and MD19 Office should save the emailed or mailed bulletins / newsletters in folders – emailed in folders on his/her computer and mailed in a physical file folder. One folder would be kept for each Zone Chairperson and one or more for each of the clubs sending in bulletins / newsletter. When the time comes, the District Governor would email the folders or provide the folders to the district contests and awards chairperson. The emailed bulletins / newsletters then could be judged on the computer. In the event the winning club bulletin has not been sent to the MD19 Office, the runner up bulletin shall be considered the winner of the District contest. The District Governor shall submit the name of the District winner and runner up to the MD19 Contests and Awards Chairperson and the MD19 Office within 30 days of his/her District Spring Conference.

Zone Chairperson Newsletter Award Rules

Rule #1 GENERAL APPEARANCE OF THE NEWLETTER

The month and year of the newsletter, plus the editor, MUST appear on the first page. ~~The contests and awards committee would like to add the name of the Zone Chairperson and the Zone MUST appear on the first page.~~

CLUB SECRETARY EXCELLENCE AWARD RULES

5. MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 ROSTER INFORMATION 42 points

The Club Officer Report Form (P.U. 19) with the Club Officer information for the Multiple District 19 Roster must be postmarked on or before April 30th to be considered On Time.

We would like to add the following, 'If the officer information for the Multiple District Roster is postmarked by May 15th the secretary would receive 21 points.'

Contests and Awards Committee

The Multiple District Contests and Awards committee is supposed to consist of three people. This year there is only two. There is concern that when I step down at the end of this year there will only be one person on the committee. You need to have someone to bounce ideas off."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Lonnie Morgan, 19-F and seconded by PDG Al Stobbart, 19-H to accept the recommended changes to the MD19 Contests and Awards as presented. Motion passed.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION REPORT by ID Don Shove, Chairperson:

"As we approach 100 years of service, we'd like to thank you for your tremendous efforts leading up to our Centennial. We also want to encourage you to report your club's and Districts hard work and continue working toward your end-of-year goals. Reporting allows your club and District's accomplishments to be recognized and shared with Lions around the world.

Here's how your club and District can finish the year strong and help usher in our next century of service:

- Invite and retain at least three new members to help your club and District grow and make Lions even stronger!
- Host a youth, vision, hunger and environment project in support of the Centennial Service Challenge.
- Plan a Legacy Project during the Centennial Celebration to create a visible reminder and a lasting legacy of your service to your community.

As our 99th year comes to a close, we can all take pride in our accomplishments. Let's keep up the momentum so we can continue to serve and turn our humanitarian vision into reality!"

It was announced that International Director Candidate, PDG Hal Palmer will be running for this position at the International Convention in Chicago, 2017 rather than in Japan this year.

Meeting recessed for break at 9:55 AM

Meeting resumed at 10:10 AM

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT by PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Chairperson:

"The Strategic Planning Committee continues to work on the following items:

Item #1 Replacement of MD19 Secretary/Treasurer.

A sub-committee is addressing questions/comments associated with the job description, duties and hiring of the new MD19 Secretary/Treasurer. The replacement of the Secretary/Treasurer is the number one goal of the Strategic Planning Committee at this time.

Item #2 Membership and retention in MD19 future.

A sub-committee is still working on the review and changes to the proposed 'Project Club' Model. Hopefully, results of that review will be coming soon.

Item #3 Increase involvement of Lioness.

Council Chairperson Al Beddows continues to work with MD19 Lioness Chairperson, Anne Scott on ways to have Lioness more involved. Examples of things that have been or will be done include: Club reader boards for each Lioness group; Lioness Leadership 101 training in Vancouver, B.C.; Plans to set aside 90 minutes of time at the MD19 Convention in Spokane sponsored by the Lioness.

Item #4 Elimination of Lions Quest USA and International Relations Committee at MD19.

Because of lack of interest, the Strategic Planning Committee is recommending to the MD19 Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson to eliminate the Lions Quest USA and International Relations Committees.

Item #5 Multiple District Wide Membership Drive

The Strategic Planning Committee is recommending a one-time Multiple District wide membership drive. The membership drive would be tied to the date of March 12, 2017 which is the day clocks are changed for Daylight Saving Time. The membership drive would be called 'Spring Ahead Membership Drive'.

EVERY club would be encouraged to do a membership drive to take place at that time. MD19 Public Relations Chairperson, Kathy Crawford has pledged to do an intense monthly promotion campaign starting in July 2016 and ending in March 2017. Prizes will be awarded to clubs with largest increase in membership. \$1000 has already been donated for prizes. Perhaps clubs, zones, districts, foundations and Lions would consider adding to the prizes. Prizes would center on spring and springing ahead. Things like flowers, gardens, baseball, spring training, new life, etc., are all associated with spring. Why not spring into action and get new life in our clubs with a spring membership drive?

The Strategic Planning Committee continues to ask for your help and support in referring new topics that you feel the Strategic Planning Committee should address."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Shelley Costello, 19-D and seconded by District Governor J.D. Nellor, 19-G to adopt the program, "Spring Ahead Membership Drive". Motion passed.

POLICY MANUAL REPORT by ZC Jim Knight, Chairperson:

"CHAPTER 4

COMMITTEES AND OTHER APPOINTEES OF MD19

NOTE: The several committees appointed, approved and functioning within MD19 shall be so structured as to complement, support and enhance each other's efforts through networking and communications designed to share ideas which would further the opportunity for success of all committees.

- A. The MD19 Vice Council Chairperson, with approval of the Council, shall appoint (with exceptions as listed within this chapter) the following Committee Chairpersons and committee members as are mandated by the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs and Multiple District 19, and the MD19 Council of Governors' Policy Manual.
- B. COMMITTEES OF MD19
Chairpersons with committees comprised of members from both the east and west side of the Cascade Mountains are encouraged to alternate meeting locations between the east and west side.

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E. All members appointed to Committees of MD19 shall be members in good standing of Lions Clubs in good standing, within the boundaries of MD19. **[NOTE: The exception would be the appointment of a Lioness Club member as the Lioness Chairperson, who then shall be a member in good standing of a Lioness Club in good standing, within the boundaries of MD19.] At no time shall a Lion serve simultaneously on more than one of the MD19 Committees listed above.** The members of the MD19 Evaluation Team as stated in Chapter C, Section C, may serve simultaneously on other committees.

F. If an MD19 Committee member is elected to the position of Vice Council Chairperson, District Governor or 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor and there is time remaining in his/her term of office, that member will be replaced according to the MD19 Policy Manual.

G. All committee reports shall be typed and submitted to the MD19 office to be received in the Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of Governors, to enable timely emailing to Members of the Council. All reports will be emailed to each member of the Council of Governors, including the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, by the MD19 Office 10 working days prior to the next scheduled Council Meeting. All reports will be included on the Consent Agenda of the Council Meeting unless removed by the Committee Chairperson to be presented orally at the Council Meeting by the Chairperson or that Chairperson's representative.

H. **Proposals** for the creation of new MD19 Committees shall be presented in writing to the Strategic Planning Committee for their study and subsequent recommendation to the Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting. **[NOTE: The exception to this would be in the case of a mandate coming from Lions Clubs International delegates' vote or Lions Clubs International Board of Directors' actions.]**

I. Appointments:

The Council Chairperson Elect shall convene a special meeting to be held Sunday morning immediately following the Annual Convention and attended by the seated Council Chairperson, the Council Chairperson Elect, the Vice Council Chairperson Elect, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the incoming Parliamentarian, and the seated District Governors and the District Governors Elect of the nine (9) District of MD19. At this meeting the Council Chairperson Elect shall ask those in attendance for approval of his/her appointments to fill vacancies due to occur at the end of the present fiscal year. (Vacancies which may occur other than at a regular term ending date shall be filled by the then serving Council Chairperson's appointment of a Lion from within the District where said vacancy occurred, with approval of the Council. Such appointments would be for the remaining term's duration).

Lions who have served on any one of these Committee for one (1) complete term (three (3) years) may be appointed to succeed themselves for one (1) additional three (3) year term.

J. Chairperson:

Annually, following the filling of vacancies through appointments, as noted in the membership section of each committee, the Vice Council Chairperson shall appoint one (1) of the Sub-District Committee Members to serve as Chairperson during the next fiscal year. The Council Chairperson Elect shall seek approval of the new Committee Chairperson appointment at a special MD19 Council Meeting held Sunday morning immediately following the Annual Convention. This meeting will be attended by the seated Council Chairperson, the Council Chairperson Elect, the Vice Council Chairperson Elect, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the incoming Parliamentarian, and the seated District Governors and the District Governors Elect of the nine (9) Districts of MD19.

NOTE: During the Annual Convention test period, approval of these appointments and chairpersons will take place at the end of the last (Spring) Council Meeting of the year.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

~~(During the five (5) year Convention test period, the Fall Forum and Annual Convention sections are combined as the Fall Annual Convention. Please review both sections for procedures and activities)~~

CONTESTS AND AWARDS

A. **NAME: CONTESTS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

D. **CHAIRPERSON:** The Chairperson of the Contests and Awards Committee shall be the most senior member of said Committee during the fiscal year. The Committee Chairperson of said fiscal year will also be a member of the Judging Committee for the MD19 Trading Pin Contest. The Chairperson should attend the ~~Fall Forum~~ **Annual Convention** following his/her year to make presentations of Awards.

E. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES** All Committee Members should become knowledgeable of the rules, requirements, and judging of the Contests listed in the current Contests and Awards book. They are expected to assume an active role in all phases of the committee's responsibilities. Committee members should assist the District Contests and Awards Chairpersons, in the promotion their District Contests and Awards Programs.

1. May - Prior to the Annual Convention:

- Judge the District Bulletin winners from copies of the bulletins filed in the MD19 Office. The Chairperson is responsible for getting the judges if the Contests & Awards Committee is not going to do the judging.
- Select the recipient of the Lion, Lioness and Leo Distinguished Service Awards from the District Governors' nominations.
- Obtain a list of winners for the contests that are based on the statistics kept in the MD19 Office: Club Membership Growth & Club Visitations,
- Obtain the Judging Sheets from the MD19 Office for all Competitions held at the Convention.
- Obtain the Book of Transparencies to be used when announcing the winners and runner-ups at the Closing General Session at the Annual Convention.
- Review the lists of District Contest Winners and Runner-ups to determine their eligibility to compete in MD19 Contests & Awards competitions.

2. May - At the Annual Convention:

Thursday:

- Begin to arrange for Judges for all competitions held at the Convention. Make sure the judges have the required judging sheets and know the exact location and time of the competitions.
- Organize the order of the participants for the following Friday afternoon competitions: Tall Tales, Induction, and Musical Entertainment.

Friday:

- The Contests & Awards Chairperson acts as the Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon competitions.
- Assign a member of the C&A Committee to be at the door of the Contests and Awards Room 30 minutes before the start of the competitions to check in the participants.
- Chairperson acts as the MC for the Achievement (5-Minute Talks) Competition at the Fellowship Dinner.
- Following the dinner, the Contests & Awards Chairperson arranges to pick up the Registration Books from the Registration Committee so the C&A Committee can select the Convention Attendance winner and runner-up. The Registration Books must be returned to the Registration Committee that evening.
- As early as possible, following the Fellowship Dinner, a list of the Runner-ups must be given to the MD19 Office Staff so that the names can be put on the Runner up Certificates. The Committee must get the certificates signed and put into the folders provided by the MD19 Office.
- The Committee is responsible for writing the names of the winners and runner-ups on the transparencies for the Saturday presentations.

Saturday:

- The Uniformed Delegation competition will be one of the first events at the Closing General Session. The Committee arranges for background music and judges. One of the committee members compiles a list of the

competing clubs in the order they will enter the room so that the Chairperson can announce their names as they parade in front of the head table. A couple of Lions will be needed to organize the Clubs for the parade. A member of the committee will take the names of the Runner-ups to the MD19 Office Staff so that the names can be printed on the certificates. The committee will have them signed and put them into folders.

- The Chairperson will announce the Runner-ups first, thus building anticipation for the announcement of the Winner of each Contest at the Closing General Session. With the help of the committee, the banner patches and certificates will be presented as the names are read. Background music is a nice touch while the recipients are coming forward to receive their awards. You may have to announce the results of the Uniformed Delegation Parade at lunch if a decision has not been reached prior to the end of the Closing Session. The Awards are presented in the order they appear in the Contests & Awards Book.
- At the District Governors' Banquet, the Chairperson will present the MD19 Lion, Lioness and Leo Distinguished Service Awards. The Council Chairperson may want to be involved in this presentation.

3. Late August or Early September

In late August or early September the Contests & Awards Committee will meet at the MD19 Office to judge the Secretary of the Year and the Zone Chairperson of the Year Award Winners.

4. MD19 Annual Convention ~~Fall Forum~~ – October

The last official duties of the Committee are during the following year at the Annual Convention ~~Fall Forum~~. On Saturday morning at the General Session the Chairperson will act as MC for the presentation of the Secretary Excellence, Zone Chairperson Excellence and Club Excellence Awards. The Committee will assist in lining up the recipients and getting the awards organized for the ceremony. At the Saturday Awards Luncheon the Chairperson will present both the Secretary and Zone Chairperson of the Year Awards.

ENVIRONMENT- BC & US

A. **NAME: ENVIRONMENT-BC & US**

B. **PURPOSE:** To encourage the preservation of our natural resources, and the improvement of quality of life.

C. **CHAIRPERSON:** Chairperson appointed by the Vice Council Chairperson, with approval of the Council.

D. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Encourage Lions Clubs, zones and districts to appoint a Chairperson at each level with the goal of networking together for the benefit of all.
2. Aid and assist district, zone and club Chairpersons with environmental service activities.
3. Identify the major environmental problems of natural and biological environments (i.e. air, water, ground, sound, etc.) and potential solutions (i.e. regulate pollutants, recycle, lower decibel levels, etc.)
4. Educate and promote an environmental quality of life concept through the use of speakers, films, publications and other resources.

E. **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** This Committee shall handle no funds.

F. **MEETINGS:** One (1) meeting would be held in conjunction with the Annual Convention ~~Fall Forum~~ Council Meeting, and at that time the MD19 Chairperson would encourage the various District Chairpersons to attend, share ideas, and cooperate in the planning of the fiscal year's activities.

G. **REPORTS:** All committee reports shall comply with Section G, page 2 of Chapter IV.

ELECTION / CERTIFICATION

A. **NAME: ELECTION/CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

B. **PURPOSE:**

1. To certify the voting certificates of the registered delegates and alternates.
2. To certify the voting certificates of any current or Past International Directors and / or current or Past International Presidents who are members of Lions Clubs in Multiple District 19.
3. Compile a complete list of the accredited, registered delegates and alternates for each district.
4. Supervise the balloting for Multiple District Officers and all other balloted items.
Assist in counting the ballots at the close of the elections.

- C. **CHAIRPERSON:**
Sixty days (60) or more prior to the Annual Convention, Council Chairperson shall appoint the Chairperson of the Election / Certification Committee.
- D. **MEMBERSHIP:**
Each District Governor shall appoint two Lions, both of whom should be Immediate Past Zone Chairpersons. The name, address and phone numbers of the District appointees must be sent to the Multiple District 19 Office by **May 1.**

FALL FORUM

~~(During the five (5)-year Convention test period, the Fall Forum and Annual Convention sections are combined as the Fall Annual Convention. Please review both sections for procedures and activities)~~

- A. ~~**NAME: FALL FORUM**~~
- B. ~~**PURPOSE:** The Fall Forum shall be a training, education, motivation, and leadership forum for all levels of Lionism and designed to promote attendance by all Lions; Officers serving at Club, Zone, District, and Multiple District levels; and Committee Chairpersons and Committee Members serving on Committees of MD19 at the District, Zone and Club levels.~~
- C. ~~**BID:** The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall review all bids submitted on the proper form by Lions Clubs desiring to host a future Fall Forum. After reviewing the bids, sites and dates, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer will make recommendations to the Council of Governors for their approval.~~
- D. ~~**CHAIRPERSON:** The MD19 Fall Forum Chairperson shall be selected by the Convention Director and the Officers of the Host Lions Club. The Chairperson shall then be recommended to the Council Chairperson for presentation and subsequent approval by the MD19 Council of Governors.~~
- E. ~~**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership could be assumed to include only the Conference Director (MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer) and the appointed Chairperson, however, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1.a provides for inclusion of ex-officio members if so desired.~~
- F. ~~**GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**~~
- ~~1. The Chairperson shall be a member in good standing of the Host Club.~~
 - ~~2. The Chairperson shall work closely with the Conference Director in local planning and implementation of the Fall Forum.~~
 - ~~3. The Chairperson shall be aware of progress and be prepared to update the Conference Director (as may be requested) regarding number of Lions and others pre-registered for rooms and meals.~~
 - ~~4. The Chairperson shall periodically contact the contracted facilities to ensure all activities and preparations are progressing as scheduled.~~
 - ~~5. The Chairperson shall be in attendance and available during all scheduled functions of the Fall Forum.~~
 - ~~6. The Chairperson shall ensure that all meeting rooms, banquet rooms, rooms for voting etc. are scheduled as requested and that the necessary set-ups (microphones, lecterns, seating etc.) are in place and in good working order.~~
 - ~~7. The Chairperson shall oversee and instruct Lions from the Host Club and other Lions if involved and scheduled to assist with the functions of the Fall Forum.~~
 - ~~8. The Chairperson shall establish and maintain a separate Fall Forum account and provide all financial reports and bank statements to the Conference Director for his perusal.~~
 - ~~9. The Chairperson will provide with the cooperation of the Conference Director an accounting report of the number of attendees at all events, so this may be available to assist planning by future Chairpersons.~~
- G. ~~**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Chairperson, in conjunction with his/her designee and with the approval of the Conference Director, shall collect and bank money received as pre-registration and other money collected during various Fall Forum events and pay such debts as may be incurred and/or this will be the responsibility of this Committee.~~
- H. ~~**MEETINGS:** Meetings held as deemed to be beneficial by the Conference Director, Fall Forum Chairperson or Council Chairperson.~~
- I. ~~**REPORTS:** All committee reports shall comply with Section G, page 2 of Chapter IV. In addition a synopsis of all Fall Forum proceedings shall be submitted to the secretaries of all MD19 Lions Clubs within sixty (60) days of the closing of the Fall Forum. The financial report shall comply with Article IV "BL", Section 1.h.~~

INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

- F. **MEETINGS:** The Chairperson should encourage a meeting with the various District Chairpersons at the Annual Convention ~~Fall Forum~~ Council Meeting, for those who are in attendance to plan a networking program for their term.
- G. **REPORTS:** All committee reports shall comply with Section G, page 2 of Chapter IV.

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- F. **MEETINGS:** The Chairperson should encourage a meeting with the various District Chairpersons who are in attendance at the Annual Convention ~~Fall Forum~~ to plan a networking program for their term.
- G. **REPORTS:** All committee reports shall comply with Section G, page 2 of Chapter IV.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM (LEADERSHIP, EXTENSION, MEMBERSHIP, PUBLIC RELATIONS, RETENTION)

SECTION 2: LEADERSHIP (Global Leadership Team Coordinator - GLTC)

2. MD19 SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

- (a). **PURPOSE:** The MD19 Special Events Coordinator will work with and assist the MD19 Leadership Chairperson (GLTC) with an emphasis on those areas identified under General Responsibilities, Paragraph C.
- (b). **QUALIFICATIONS:** This position requires a Lion in good standing who has:
1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
 2. A proven track record in arranging, promoting and overseeing quality workshops, seminars, round table discussions and other forms of leadership building events.
 3. A knowledge of proper protocol with regards to International Guests, election procedures, etc.
 4. Effective interpersonal skills.
 5. Respect and credibility within the Multiple District.
 6. The ability to give an effective presentation before a group.
 7. The willingness and temperament to take directions and guidance from the MD19 Leadership Chairperson (GLTC) and the MD 19 Council of Governors.
 8. Must be a team player.
- (c). **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1. Arrange for workshops and seminars as well as presenters and moderators for each at the MD19 ~~Fall Forum~~ Annual Convention.
 2. Arrange for round table discussion sessions for Lions Club Presidents and Vice Presidents, and Lions Club Secretaries and Treasurers in conjunction with other leadership and training seminars at the ~~Fall Forum~~ Annual Convention
 3. Promote by example and training, good protocol with regards to International Guests, election procedures, etc.
 4. Assist the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Leadership Chairperson (GLTC), Council Chairperson and Convention Chairperson in selecting Convention speakers.
 5. In the selection of the International Guest/Keynote Speakers for the MD19 Annual Convention, the seated International Director, or Immediate Past International Director will make recommendations and be involved with the selection process.

LIONESS

- F. **MEETINGS:** Not required, but should encourage meeting briefly with those District Chairpersons in attendance at the ~~Fall Forum~~ Annual Convention Council Meeting to exchange ideas.

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A. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

5. Work with the District Chairpersons to arrange Displays at District Conferences, and ~~Fall Forum~~ the MD19 Annual Convention.

LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH COMMITTEE

- H. **MEETINGS:** It is suggested that ~~two meetings~~ a meeting be held each fiscal year prior to the ~~Fall Forum~~ the Winter Council Meeting. The MD19 Chairperson would encourage various MD Chairpersons to attend, share ideas and cooperate in planning and implementing the fiscal year's activities.
- I. **REPORTS:** All committee reports shall comply with Section G, page 2 of Chapter IV.

LEO CLUBS

10. Organize a training, informational, motivational or educational session at the ~~Fall Forum~~ Annual Convention for District Leo Chairpersons and Leo Advisors.
- E. **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** This committee will handle funds to the extent described in Paragraph K, Chapter II – Budget and Finance (Page II-1).
- F. **MEETINGS:** The Committee Chairperson shall be in contact with all members of his/her committee at least once a quarter during the year. This can be either by electronic means or with a face to face meeting. Following each meeting or electronic contact, a report should be sent to the MD19 Office and the Council Chairperson with the minutes of the meeting or an indication that "No action was taken."
- G. **REPORTS:** All committee reports shall comply with Section G, page 2 of Chapter IV.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- D. **CHAIRPERSON:** Annually, following the filling of vacancies through appointments, as noted in the membership section of this committee, the Council Chairperson Elect shall appoint one (1) of the three to five (3-5) appointees to serve as Chairperson during the next fiscal year. The Council Chairperson Elect shall seek approval of the new Committee Chairperson appointment at a special MD19 Council Meeting held Sunday morning immediately following the Annual Convention. This meeting will be attended by the seated Council Chairperson, the Council Chairperson Elect, the Vice Council Chairperson Elect, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the seated District Governors and the District Governors Elect of the nine (9) Districts of MD19.

~~*During the Fall Annual Convention test period, approval of these appointments takes place at the end of the last Council of Governors' Meeting of the Lions year.~~

USA/CANADA FORUM

- D. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1. Be aware of the dates for the next USA/CANADA Forum and those in the future, and appraise the MD19 Council and Executive Secretary/Treasurer of said dates early enough so that every effort may be made to avoid scheduling the ~~Fall Forum~~ Annual Convention in conflict with this important training event.
 2. Make Lions at all levels aware of what the USA/CANADA Forum offers: guest speakers and their qualifications, main seminar presenters and their topics, special interest sessions, training and networking opportunities.
 3. Promote MD19 Lions participation in the Forum through items in the MD19 Bulletin, District Governors' newsletters, and oral presentations at the District Conferences ~~and the~~ Annual Convention, and Displays and handouts are particularly urged.

CHAPTER V

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **MD19 NEWSLETTER:**
4. Included in the MD19 Newsletter are news articles about club activities, pictures, changes in the MD19 Roster, announcements concerning new clubs and charter anniversary celebrations of existing clubs. Flyers advertising the Annual Convention ~~and the Fall Forum~~ are incorporated into the newsletter.
- C. **MD19 ROSTER:**
- g. Dates and locations of future MD19 Conventions ~~and Fall Forums~~, USA/CANADA Forums and International

CHAPTER VI
CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES
(ANNUAL-FALL FORUM-DISTRICT-INTERNATIONAL)

Multiple District, District and Zone Banners represent the history and the pride of each of these particular entities. As such, they shall be treated with respect. The banners themselves are expensive to purchase new, but after they have been embroidered with the names of the multiple district, district, or zone leaders, they are invaluable, and become extremely expensive and difficult to replace. When these banners are displayed at a Multiple District 19 Annual Convention ~~or Fall Forum~~ or at a District Conference, they shall never be pilfered, but shall be protected by all Lions. Pilfering of any Lions Paraphernalia is strongly discouraged.

The Multiple District 19 Lions own and maintain the British Columbia, Canada, Lions Clubs International, Northern Idaho, United States, and Washington flags, along with their standards and stands to be used at the MD19 ~~Fall Forum~~, Annual Convention, MD19 Council of Governors' Meetings, and in the parade at the Lions Clubs International Convention. A large parade banner is also maintained to precede the MD19 delegation in the International Convention parade each year. Any other use of these flags and banner must be approved by the Council of Governors.

A. ANNUAL CONVENTION:

1. The MD19 Council, acting as the Convention/Conference Commission, shall have complete oversight of the planning, preparation and implementation of the MD19 Annual Convention as per the MD19 Constitution & By-laws, Article III "BL", Section 1.a.
2. The MD19 Annual Convention shall be held each fiscal year at a time and place to be determined by the MD19 Council. The selection of said convention site shall be made by the Council not more than four (4) years, nor less than three (3) years, prior to the bid dates under consideration.
- ~~3. The date, or dates, of the MD19 Annual Convention shall be selected by the MD19 Council, within the limits of practical planning, to precede the date of the International Convention by thirty (30) days, but shall not be scheduled to begin before the second Wednesday of May of any fiscal year.~~
3. The MD19 Annual Convention shall be scheduled during a period of days not to exceed a Wednesday through the following Sunday noon format.
4. The Convention Director shall be the MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer as per MD19 Constitution & By-laws, Article II "BL", Section 5.f.
5. The Lions Host Club designated shall be as per MD19 Constitution & By-laws, Article VI, Section 3.
6. The MD19 Annual Convention Chairperson shall be selected by the Convention Director and the Officers of the Host Lions Club.
7. The MD19 Annual Convention Chairperson shall be recommended to the Council Chairperson for presentation and subsequent approval by the MD19 Council of Governors.
8. The Convention Director shall cooperate with, and advise, the Host Club of their obligations and duties as addressed in the MD19 Constitution & By-laws, Article IV "BL", Section 1.d., e., and f.
9. Bids submitted to host an Annual Convention shall be detailed on properly executed forms, provided by the Convention Director.
10. Bids shall be submitted to the MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer on, or before, January 5th, indicating a desire to host the Annual Convention in a fiscal year 3 to 4 years in the future. Bids shall include, but not be limited to, such information as hotels available, the number of rooms and estimated costs, meeting and banquet rooms including their size and any potential costs, distances between convention activities, and other facilities in area, etc. Bids submitted must be accompanied by a letter signed by the submitting Lions Club's President, and Club's Secretary indicating their Club has agreed, by Board action, to serve as the Host Lions Club for the convention at the location upon which they have bid.
11. In the event no bids are received, or no bids fulfill the requirements as outlined on the bid form, the MD19 Council shall direct the Executive Secretary/Treasurer to seek possible sites from which the Council may make a selection at their next regularly scheduled meeting.
12. Room rates and facility or meeting room costs, if any, shall be guaranteed firm by September 1st of the same fiscal year in which the Annual Convention is scheduled to be held. The costs of meals, which are part of the Convention's schedule of events, shall be guaranteed firm by ~~January 15th~~ **September 1st** of the same fiscal year in which the Annual Convention is scheduled to be held. **NOTE: Every effort shall be made to secure reasonable room and meal costs.**

13. Complimentary rooms, not to exceed four (4) nights, shall be made available to the following attendees and Partners in Service, if in attendance, at the Annual Convention: Council Chairperson, International Guest, MD19 International Director (if in attendance), MD19 Annual Convention Chairperson, MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer (Convention Director).
14. The Immediate Past Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson should be given complimentary rooms if the Convention Chairperson has any available.
15. Complimentary tickets for the meals listed on the convention registration form, with the exception of the luncheon which is served in conjunction with the Council Meeting, shall be provided to all those listed above receiving complimentary rooms. Complimentary meals will also be provided for the MD19 Vice Council Chairperson, seated District Governors, and their Partners In Service, if in attendance. **NOTE: If a non-Lion is scheduled to be a guest speaker at a Convention event which includes a meal, then a complimentary meal ticket shall be provided for the speaker and their spouse or escort, if in attendance.**
16. Complimentary tickets for the noon luncheon which is served in conjunction with the Council Meeting shall be provided to the following attendees: all members of the MD19 Council, International Guest, MD19 International Director (if in attendance), and Parliamentarian.
17. There shall be no increase to the cost of meal tickets purchased by the attendees over the actual cost of said meals as charged by the caterer. The only exception would be the rounding off to the nearest fifty cents or one dollar over the caterer's charge to ease accounting procedures.
18. Any Lion who has written an NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds) check for ~~an Fall Forum or~~ Annual Convention will be asked to pay for their registration at future Annual Conventions ~~or Fall Forums~~ with either a cashiers check or money order. The records will be kept by the MD19 Office.
19. All Fees for the convention to include events, meals, etc. shall be publicized and paid only in the currency of the Host Country.
20. The dress standard shall conform to Chapter VIII, Section B for members of the Council of Governors. The dress standard for the International Guest, Parliamentarian and the MD19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer at all general sessions of the Convention shall be: business suits/sports jackets with slacks, dress shirts and ties for the men; daytime dresses/suits and blouses/coordinated pants outfits for ladies. Acceptable dress for Partners in Service is required when seated at the head table.
21. The dress code for Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, Immediate Past Council Chairperson, seated District Governors, International Guests and their Partners in Service at all evening meals scheduled as a part of the Convention shall be as noted above in A-21 for men and women with the exception of the District Governors' Banquet which is covered in A-23 below. **NOTE: If other individuals are seated at a head table, they will be expected to comply with the same dress code and will be notified of same by the Convention Chairperson well in advance of the event.**
22. The dress code for the District Governors' Banquet for the Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson Elect, International Guests, seated District Governors, District Governors Elect, MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer and their Partners In Service attending the District Governors Banquet shall be: formal white dinner jacket, black dress pants with a tuxedo shirt and appropriate accessories, and black shoes and socks for the men; evening dresses - tea-length (ankle) or floor length - for the women.
23. In an effort to make the MD19 Annual Convention interesting and concise for the audience, the following procedures are highly encouraged. Introductions of dignitaries, other than the International Guest and his/her Partner in Service, shall only be made at the Opening General Session and Closing banquet. While current officers should be recognized individually with their Partners in Service, to save time and repetition, group recognition shall be utilized for past officers, i.e. 'Will all PID's please stand and be recognized,' and the same for PCC's PDG's, PZC's and ZC's. Those dignitaries not introduced at the opening General Session may be introduced at the first major event following their arrival. Keynote speakers shall be formally introduced during the event at which they are giving their address. To save time and repetition, the national anthems shall be sung only at the opening General Session and closing banquet.
24. No smoking shall be permitted at the Council Meeting, general sessions, any meal functions, seminars, training sessions, or any organized function of the Annual Convention. Available smoking areas shall be so noted in the Convention Program.
25. **Attendees shall not be allowed to bring any cellular phones into any of the function rooms, general sessions, meeting rooms, seminars, training sessions, meals which are part of the scheduled events, nor at the Council Meeting.**

26. The Convention Committee, with the approval of the Council, may conduct one (1) single raffle / fund raiser / tail twisting activity and if so authorized:
 - a. it shall be held in conjunction with the convention:
 - b. it shall be conducted only by the Host Club or other clubs noted in the official convention program;
 - c. all proceeds shall be deposited in the Convention fund and used to defray the cost of the convention.
27. No Lions, Lioness, or Leo Clubs, nor any of their members, shall conduct any fund raising promotion(s) at or near the site of the MD19 Annual Convention within the dates and times of starting and ending said Convention (including the date of the Council Meeting) without the express written consent of the Annual Convention Committee. The exception to this rule would be is a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club purchased a vendor table through the MD19 Office, they would be allowed to promote their activity or sell their product from that table only. If signs or selling occurred more than two (2) feet away from the table, they would be asked to remove their display and wares from the convention site for the remainder of the Convention.
28. At each MD19 Annual Convention there shall be scheduled a session(s) to allow the District Officer Trainers to meet with the MD 19 Officer Trainer for an exchange of ideas.
29. At each MD19 Annual Convention the MD19 Leo Chairperson will hold an informational session with all incoming and outgoing District Leo Chairpersons to exchange ideas and promotional skills.
30. Resolutions: All Resolutions shall be presented to the Multiple District Executive Secretary/Treasurer not later than the time specified by the Convention Program. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer will forward all submitted resolutions to the Council Chairperson and the Multiple District Committees concerned. The Committee or Committees with Resolutions shall report them to the Convention, with their comments and recommendations.
31. Nomination Procedures: Candidates for Vice Council Chairperson and International Director will each have 12 minutes total time for their nomination, second, candidate's comments and demonstration. MD19 Leadership Chairperson will monitor.
32. Election Procedures:
 - a. Election/Certification Committee: Sixty days (60) or more prior to the Annual Convention, the Chairperson of the MD19 Council of Governors shall appoint the Chairperson of the Election/Certification Committee. Each District Governor shall appoint two Lions, both of whom should be the immediate Past Zone Chairpersons. The names and phone numbers of the District Appointees must be sent to the Multiple District 19 Office ~~by May 4~~.

This Committee shall do the following:

 1. Certify the voting certificates of the registered delegates and alternates after making sure their club is in good standing in the Multiple District.
 2. Certify the voting certificates of any current Past International Directors and/or current Past International Presidents who are members of Lions Clubs in Multiple District 19;
 3. Compile a complete list of the accredited, registered delegates and alternates for each district;
 4. Supervise the balloting for Multiple District Officers and all other balloted items;
 5. Assist in counting the ballots at the close of the elections.
 - b. Scrutineers
Each candidate whose name appears on the current ballot shall be allowed to appoint one Lion to represent him or her to scrutinize the voting and ballot tallying for the office in which he/she is a candidate.
 - c. Hours for Certification of Credentials

Thursday	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am – 12:00 pm; 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday	7:30 am – 11:30 am

Two people are required for each shift.
 - d. Certification Procedures:
 1. Delegate presents proof of registration, which is the "Registration" Ticket found in each attendee's Registration packet.

2. Delegate presents the Voting Certificate to Certification Official. The Delegate and Alternate portions of the Voting Certificate must be attached together and the Club President, Secretary or District Governor must have signed the Voting Certificate for it to be valid.
3. If the club is in Good Standing, the Certification Official will stamp the Voting Certificate with a "Certified" stamp. The Delegate will print and sign his/her name on his/her Club Page in the District Voting Roster Book.

Alternate does not need to be certified unless Certified Delegate is unable to vote and therefore gives the alternate the Voting Certificate.

- e. Hours for voting will be published in the Convention program.
- f. Voting Procedures:
 1. 6:30 am Election Committee Meeting at site of voting.
 2. At least 4 people are needed to check credentials.
 - a. They will certify those who have been certified;
 - b. Verify the signature of delegate against the District Voter Registration Books (If possible, one person should be assigned to each District Book);
 - c. Put a check in the box marked Ballot #1;
 - d. Hand a ballot to the delegate.
 3. Room and Door Monitors as needed (Each situation will be different).
 4. 2 Ballot Box Monitors – 1 box for Candidates and 1 box for Constitutional amendments.

33. Formal pictures, taken during the Annual Convention in conjunction with the District Governors' Banquet, will be made available to all members of the then seated Council.

34. An MD19 reception honoring the Council Chairperson Elect, the International Director (if filled) and District Governors-Elect will be held each year at the MD19 Annual Convention.

~~B. **FALL FORUM:** This section B is held in abeyance from 2011 through 2016 to allow the trial period for an MD19 Fall Annual Convention as passed by the Delegates at the 2009 MD19 Annual Convention.~~

- ~~1. This MD19 Convention shall be called the Fall Forum.~~
- ~~2. Scheduled dates, each fiscal year, shall be in October of each fiscal year and shall not be in conflict with the scheduled date of the USA/CANADA Forum of the same fiscal year.~~
- ~~3. The Council, acting as the Convention/Conference Commission shall have complete oversight, planning, and implementation of the Fall Forum as per ARTICLE III 'BL', SECTION 1. A. of the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws.~~
- ~~4. The Fall Forum shall be a training, education, motivation and leadership forum for all levels of Lionism and shall be designed to promote attendance by all Lions, Officers serving at Club, Zone, District, and Multiple District levels and also Committee Chairpersons and Committee Members serving on Multiple District, District, Zone, and Club levels.~~
- ~~5. The Fall Forum shall be scheduled as a two (2) day event, Friday and Saturday, with the fiscal year's first Council Meeting being held on Friday of this two (2) day period.~~
- ~~6. Training, informational, motivational, and educational session shall be planned by the MD19 Leadership Chairperson to be conducted during the second day of the Fall Forum. This would include a training session for District Leo Chairpersons and Leo Advisors conducted by the MD19 Leo Chairperson.~~
- ~~7. At each Fall Forum interactive sessions for Club and Zone officers will be provided.~~
- ~~8. Special sessions, such as opening sessions, committee meetings, Foundation and Society meetings and other events deemed to be beneficial to attendees may be planned for Friday following the Council Meeting or at other times not to be in conflict with seminars and agreed upon by the Leadership Chairperson and/or the Council acting as the Convention/Conference Commission.~~
- ~~9. In an effort to make the MD19 Fall Forum interesting and concise for the audience, the following procedures are highly encouraged. Introductions of dignitaries, other than the International Guest and his/her Partner in Service shall only be made at the opening General Session and the closing Banquet. While current officers should be recognized~~

~~individually with their Partners in Service, to save time and repetition, group recognition shall be utilized for past officers, i.e. 'Will all PID's please stand and be recognized,' and the same for PCC's PDG's, PZC's and ZC's. These dignitaries not introduced at the opening General Session may be introduced at the first major event following their arrival. Keynote speakers shall be formally introduced during the event at which they are giving their address. To save time and repetition, the national anthems shall be sung only at the opening General Session and closing banquet.~~

~~10. **CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES:**~~

- ~~a. The Convention Director shall be the MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer as per MD19 Constitution and By-Laws, Article II "BL", Section 5.f.~~
 - ~~b. The MD19 Fall Forum Chairperson shall be selected by the Convention Director and the Officers of the Host Lions Clubs~~
 - ~~c. The MD19 Fall Forum Chairperson shall be recommended to the Council Chairperson for presentation and subsequent approval by the MD19 Council of Governors.~~
 - ~~d. The Convention Director shall cooperate with and advise the Host Lions Club of their obligations and duties as they are addressed in the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws, article IV "BL", Section 1. d., e., f., g., h., and i.~~
- ~~11. Bids to host the Fall Forum shall be submitted on properly executed forms provided by the Convention Director.~~
- ~~12. Bids shall be submitted to the MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer on or before January 5th indicating a desire to host the Fall Forum in a fiscal year 2 to 3 years in the future. Bids shall include, but not be limited to, such information as hotels available, the number of rooms and estimated costs, meeting and banquet rooms including their size and any potential costs, and distances between convention activities, and other facilities in area, etc. Bids submitted must be accompanied by a letter signed by the submitting Lions Club President and Secretary, indicating their Club has agreed, by Board action, to serve as the Host Lions Club for the Convention at the location upon which they have bid.~~
- ~~13. In the event no bids are received, or no bids fulfill the requirements as outlined on the bid form, the MD19 Council shall direct the Executive Secretary/Treasurer to seek possible sites from which the Council may make a selection at their next regularly scheduled meeting.~~
- ~~14. Room rates and facility or meeting room costs, if any, shall be guaranteed firm by January 15th of the fiscal year preceding that in which the Fall Forum is scheduled to be held. The cost of meals, which are part of the convention's schedule of events, shall be guaranteed firm by May 15th of the fiscal year preceding that in which the Fall Forum is scheduled to be held. **NOTE: Every effort shall be made to secure reasonable room and meal costs.**~~
- ~~15. Complimentary rooms, not to exceed three (3) nights shall be made available to the following attendees and Partners in Service, if in attendance, at the Fall Forum: Council Chairperson, International Guest, MD19 International Director (if in attendance), MD19 Fall Forum Chairperson, MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer (Convention Director).~~
- ~~16. Complimentary tickets for the meals listed on the forum registration form, with the exception of the luncheon which is served in conjunction with the Council Meeting, shall be provided to all those listed above receiving complimentary rooms. Complimentary meals will also be provided for MD19 Vice Council Chairperson, seated District Governors, and their Partners in Service, if in attendance. **NOTE: If a non-Lion is scheduled to be a guest speaker at a Convention event which includes a meal, then a complimentary meal ticket shall be provided for the speaker and their spouse or escort, if in attendance.**~~
- ~~17. Complimentary tickets for the noon luncheon which is served in conjunction with the Council Meeting shall be provided to the following attendees: all members of the MD19 Council of Governors, International Guest, MD19 International Director (if in attendance), and Parliamentarian.~~
- ~~18. The dress code for the Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, Immediate Past Council Chairperson, seated District Governors, International guests, Parliamentarian, and MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer at all general sessions and meals of the Fall Forum shall be: Business suits/sports jackets with slacks, dress shirts and ties for men; daytime dresses/suits and blouses/coordinated pants outfits for women. Acceptable dress for Partners in Service will be the same as above depending upon gender.~~
- ~~19. No smoking restrictions and cellular phone restrictions shall be as outlined for similar events and locations as addressed under Annual Convention, Section A-18 and A-19 above.~~
- ~~20. The same provisions for allowing only one (1) single raffle/fund raiser/ tail twister activity exist as for Annual Convention Section A-27 and A-28 above.~~

~~21. There shall be no increase to the cost of meal tickets purchased by the attendees over the actual cost of said meals as charged by the caterer. The only exception would be the rounding off to the nearest fifty cents of one dollar over the caterer's charge to ease accounting procedures.~~

CHAPTER VIII COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

H. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:

1. The Council Chairperson shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Council and perform all duties listed in the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. The Council Chairperson shall be the presiding officer at the MD19 ~~Fall Forum and~~ Annual Convention.

L. MEETINGS:

1. **REGULAR MEETINGS:** There shall be three (3) regularly scheduled meetings of the Council of Governors during each fiscal year. One meeting will be held in conjunction with the ~~Fall~~ Annual Convention; a second meeting will be held in February, not on the same weekend as a district Conference; a third meeting will be held in June prior to the Annual Lions International Convention. MD19 committee appointments will be approved at the third Council Meeting.

CHAPTER X MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 HEADQUARTERS AND STAFF

A. MULTIPLE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS: (hereafter referred to as the "MD office")

2. **Working Hours:** The MD19 Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Exceptions to this are holidays and (sometimes) the day which immediately precedes the Annual Convention Council Meeting ~~and the Fall Forum Council Meeting.~~ Any other closures are published in the MD19 Roster or MD19 Bulletin.

CHAPTER XI PROTOCOL & COURTESIES

HEAD TABLE PROTOCOL:

In an effort to make the MD19 Annual Convention and ~~Fall Forum~~ the District Conferences or any major event that takes place over the course of 2 or 3 days interesting and concise for the audience, the following procedures are highly encouraged. Introductions of dignitaries, other than the International Guest or Keynote speaker and his/her Partner in Service shall only be made at the opening General Session and closing banquet. While current officers should be recognized individually with their partners in service, to save time and repetition group recognition shall be utilized for past officers, i.e. 'Will all PID's please stand and be recognized,' and the same for PCC's, PDG's PZC's and ZC's. Those dignitaries not introduced at the opening General Session may be introduced at the first major event following their arrival. Keynote speakers not attending the entire event shall be formally introduced during the event at which they are giving their address.

CHAPTER XII RULES OF AUDIT

NOTE: The rules of audit are to serve as guidelines for reimbursement and are approved annually by the Council of Governors. Rules of Audit may be subject to change in order to maintain a balanced budget.

No travel expense accounts shall be paid unless submitted upon the approved form properly itemized and accompanied by the necessary receipts. Claims of less than \$20.00 will be held and paid with subsequent claims when they total at least \$20.00.

All claims must be submitted within sixty (60) days of the expense that was incurred in order to be paid.

- A. **ZONE CHAIRPERSON & ACTING ZONE CHAIRPERSON**, who will fulfill the requirements of the Office of Zone Chairperson by January 1, of the current Lions year in which they are serving as Acting Zone Chairperson.

MILEAGE FOR VISITS: (Mileage paid in US Funds)

~~f) Fall Forum (\$0.25 cents per mile. Attendance at Rap Session required for payment.)~~

HOTEL ALLOWANCE: (Hotel allowance paid in US Funds)

~~e) Fall Forum 2 nights, Hotel receipt and attendance at Rap Session required for payment.~~

B. SEATED 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS:

2. MD19 COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- b. A hotel allowance at the rate of \$40.00 US shall be as follows: two nights for the ~~Fall~~ Annual Convention Council Meeting, one night for the Winter Council Meeting, and one night for the Spring Council Meeting. If the round trip mileage for the Winter or Spring Council Meetings is 200 miles or more, then one additional night will be allowed. These allowances will be subject to the presentation of receipted bills. NOTE: A hotel receipt, attendance at the total Council Meeting and signing in on the official attendance sheet at the Council Meeting are mandatory in order to receive reimbursement.

C. IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS, IMMEDIATE PAST COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

2. A hotel allowance at the rate of \$40.00 U.S. for Immediate Past District Governors, Immediate Past Council Chairperson, and Vice Council Chairperson who are members of the Council shall be as follows: two nights for the ~~Fall~~ Annual Convention Council Meeting, one night for the Winter Council Meeting, and one night for the Spring Council Meeting. If the round trip mileage to the Winter or Spring Council Meetings is 200 miles or more, then one additional night will be allowed. NOTE: A hotel receipt and signing in on the attendance sheet at the Council Meeting is mandatory in order to receive reimbursement.

**CHAPTER XIV
OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

1. District Governor Team Manual, Chapter 1 and in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

D. ZONE CHAIRPERSON:

1. MD19 will provide Zone Chairperson training sessions ~~prior to the Lions Clubs International Convention~~ and at the MD19 Annual Convention ~~and Fall Forum~~. See #5 below for details of this training."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Brian Phillips, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A to accept the recommended changes made in the MD19 Policy Manual. Motion passed.

MOMENTS OF CELEBRATION

2015-16 District Governors Al Hedstrom, 19-C; Don Wight, 19-H and Viva Metz, 19-F shared special events that have taken place in their districts.

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Bob Ayotte, Chairperson:

"Goals accomplished for this year:

1. Training on SMART Goals, is ongoing and will continue this week at our District and Zone Officer Training, specifically, most of Friday afternoon. It became apparent in Calgary this winter at the Vice District Governor training that although most incoming District Governors had a very good idea what SMART goals were, there was a bit of a shortcoming with others. Whether it was lack of training, or not grasping the full concept of SMART Goals and District planning, I am not sure. But training and helpful guidance on SMART Goals will continue to be provided.
2. To provide good and meaningful training sessions at the MD19 Annual Convention. This will continue this year, with planning for those sessions already started. Some of the sessions are: Getting more from your tablet; Active Shooter program; Pensions, US and Canada; Mentoring with ID Bruce Beck; District GMT/GLT training, hopefully with good outside expertise assistance; Project Management; ZC, Club Secretary, Club President meetups and others. If you have any specific ideas, I would be very interested. Please pass them on to me.

3. A current and complete list of CQI facilitators is still a work in progress and 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Sharon Sikes has been quite good at providing me with many names of graduates of her on-line training, using GoToMeeting.

4. Although not a goal from the start of last year, a complete set of Club Officer training modules has now been compiled and can be used either in a group setting or as self-directed learning. The Group Training format is recommended. Lion 1st VDGE Ron Smircich did a great job on this effort.

5. Another item that was not a goal but is ongoing is the revamping of the Leadership 101 program. This is still a work in progress and is being completed by Leadership 101 coordinator PDG Steve Brooks.

For this coming year:

- a. I will continue to meet regularly with the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, by GoToMeeting. I don't know which evening that will be, as this must coincide with the attendees' Club meeting dates. This past year was somewhat successful, with participation being generally from 10 to 13 from a possible 19, not including myself, with Council Chairperson Elect Enoch Rowland being the most consistent attendee.
- b. Better training for District GMT/GLT. During the MD19 Convention, there will be at least one session for Lions in this position. I am attempting to get outside expertise to assist with this, so as to make it most meaningful.
- c. The date of the Regional Progress and Planning Meetings is November 19, 2016. All three Meetings will take place on the same date, with three teams from the District Support Team facilitating each of these meetings. For consistency a common meeting guideline will be forwarded to the District Governors well prior to that meeting date. At present, none is planned for the spring of 2017.
- d. The attempt at completing a new and revamped Leadership 101 will continue. Some form will still be offered for Districts to use.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT REPORT by PZC Ron Smircich, Chairperson (Oral Report):

You all know by now that we have four training modules on the website: President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership. These are the result of accumulated inputs from all over the districts in the last year. In March we sent out a rough draft of all these modules to each district and the input that we received back was incorporated into the modules to give us a final draft. And I might mention that we have two versions of these on the website: a Power Point version that can be used as face-to-face training and the other can be used for webinar or go-to-meeting trainings. These have already been used in district C and they work very well. The Secretary training has two parts, the first being LCI and the second for MD19. There are also PDF's online as well for those individuals who cannot attend a face-to-face training. They do have quizzes that go along with the PDF's to show that the individual has taken and understands the training. The Membership Director's module is in three parts and part three is the Open House which follows the MD19 Membership Manual for the Open House with its extensive checklist for holding one. This power point can be used alone or even given to a Club President if they wish to hold such an event during their year.

I want to encourage the incoming District Governors to contact me about holding a Facilitator's Course. This is a basic course which teaches Lions how to conduct a club planning session. I would be glad to come to your district to do as this course cannot be done online as it requires a 20 minutes facilitator practice session. So please contact me if you wish to have members in your district who can run a club planning session. I would be very happy to work out the details to get this started in your districts.

LEADERSHIP 101 & MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR 201 REPORT by PDG Steve Brooks, Chairperson:

"MD19 is very fortunate to have Leadership 101 and Membership 201 training programs. During this Lions year five out of our nine districts have held Leadership 101 training sessions and several have asked questions regarding the program.

Districts C, D, E G and I have all had Leadership 101 training sessions. Each have been well received when presented to the members. District C did something unique this year in making it free for all participants using their district funds to cover expenses for the training. District B was scheduled to have a Leadership 101 training session but cancelled at the last minute due to short notice about the training and lack of participants signing up.

All across MD19 Clubs are turning in their Charters. In two instances that I am aware of, these clubs have refused the opportunity to have a Membership 201 program to help them recruit new members. As our membership continues to decline all of us need to help promote opportunities to add members for form new clubs.

District I has held several Membership 201 courses and is seeing success with the program. District B was looking at doing a Membership 201 course. MD19 Global Membership Team PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth has been willing to help districts with this program. Promoting and having membership 201 courses for Zones and Clubs would be helpful in growing our organization.”

TRAINING REPORT by PDG Tom Smarsh, Chairperson (Oral Report):

First off, I want to thank the faculty for this training conference. My job as training chairperson focuses on the Zone Chairpersons and our message to them last year was, “We work for you. The whole faculty. Anytime you have a question or an issue just give us a call or email.”

We didn’t do as many Go-To Meetings. But I did send out a blanket email to all the Zone Chairpersons at the end of each month to remind them about the WMMR’s / SAR’s. When resolving issues, they’d email me and I would try to get back to them with ways to resolve them. We must have done a good job last year as we haven’t had too many issue come up with those Zone Chairpersons.

I did attend some of the Regional Progress and Planning meetings. I think those meetings are a very good stage for the Zone Chairpersons in case they do have an issue; they are mid-way through their year and they can talk with the other Zone Chairpersons and District Governors to plan out the remainder of their year.

MEMBERSHIP / RETENTION REPORT by PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Chairperson:

“My apologies for this late and incomplete report. I did not have the time to follow up with district chairpersons to make sure I had their reports. As most of you know, my husband, Roger took a fall on March 9 and sustained a traumatic brain injury. He was in the hospital and then in a rehab unit until May 6. They had determined he was not meeting rehab standards, so sent him home. He had four great days at home, making progress and then on May 9, he had some sort of neurological event, which put him into a coma. I was able to have hospice assist with care and was able to care for Roger in his home at his beloved Loon Lake until his death on May 17.

Thank-you to all DGEs. I have received all your action plans and goals for Membership-Retention and Extension for this next year. I encourage you to actively get your Club Support Team involved to assist you in attaining your goals. Meet regularly with the CST—get your Zone Chairpersons and Membership-Retention-Extension Chairpersons at these meetings and regularly review where you are with your goals and what needs to happen. Make this next year the best ever. Thank-you to PCC Jim Kemp for keeping the stats for me. MD19 LCI April 2016

	6/30/2015	4/30/2016
A	1176	1172
B	895	829
C	1143	1434
D	1425	1376
E	1475	1479
F	1348	1327
G	1388	1342
H	1752	1705
I	1248	1217
TOTAL	12150	11881
		-269

I will send in a final report to the DGEs and their districts at the end of June on membership data.

I asked each Membership Chairperson to send me what they consider their greatest success and goal. I heard from a few. I have highlighted comments. Thank you to those who responded.

A: Teresina Lau: District 19A Membership status: Opening balance as of July 1, 2015 was 1,176. Closing balance as of May 9, 2016, 1,166 (as per Lions Clubs International record) YTD total adds 171/Total loss 181 – a net gain of 10 as of May 9, 2016 (as per LCI record) Total Club Count 60 (plus 1 Lioness Club and 11 Leo Clubs) 58% of clubs with less than 20 members. Average member count per club: 19.

The district goal of forming one new Club in the 2nd quarter Oct/Nov/Dec has been achieved and another one at the last quarter April/May/June is still to be accomplished. I am glad to report that some of the clubs have done very well with their membership growth over the last two quarters.

Unfortunately, some clubs have incurred dramatic drops from 25.81% to highest of 54.55% as of 3/31/2016. Will liaise with relevant Zone Chairpersons or Club Officers to find out the reasons for these drops, seek a solution to stop the drops if possible and see what can be done to help with retention.

I made regular postings on Facebook promoting Membership & Retention materials from LCI, such as 'How to Invite New members & Start New Clubs', 'Ask One-Start Today', etc., and also, the last two issues of Global Leadership Team / Global Membership Team Newsletter.

Eight new member enquiries were forwarded from LCI to GMT this quarter which were directed to the relevant zone for further follow up.

As this is my third year as GMT District Coordinator, I was invited to be the Extension Chairperson for the coming term, 2016-17 and my replacement GMT will be Past Zone Chairperson Clara Chow of the Vancouver Diamond Lions Club.

I am aware of our DGE's goals for the next term and will do my best to work with the team to achieve those goals.

B: Jacqueline Nelson: This has been a difficult year for District 19B. We have had net losses in membership for quite some time, but this year we are dealing with the loss of several clubs as well. Fortunately, many Lions have transferred to other clubs to continue their service.

A majority of the clubs that decided to turn in their charter cited difficulty in filling officer positions. It appears there's an administrative burn-out and out volunteers simply want to spend their time doing community service rather than in leadership roles. Also, our supportive core is dwindling at the club, zone and district levels, as we fail to recruit new leaders.

We are so proud of our hard-working Lions who make such a difference in their communities – we just need more of them!

1. Greatest success of this year in membership, retention and extension.

Merged Ballard Lions Club with Seattle University so their community projects can continue.

2. Are you continuing in your position as membership, Retention or Extension Chair? If not, who is replacing you? I will be replaced by Phil Johnson, from the Fairwood Lions Club.

3. Are you aware of your DGE's goals for this nest year? N/A

4. Success you have achieved in your district this year. 26 clubs added new members; 17 clubs with 0 loss or net gain in membership; 3 new Lions from LCI's website input for prospective members.

5. Areas you feel there needs to continue to be work done. We're working on better coordination within the Club Support team so we're more focused on District strategy as it pertains to membership.

6. A personal goal you had as chairperson and how you have worked towards that goal.

Promoting the advantages of having Membership Chairpersons at the club and zone levels to

facilitate communication. Included in cabinet reports, article in District newsletter; will promote officer training when dates are established.

C: DG Al Hedstrom: Greatest success of this year in membership, retention and extension: The mere fact that, as I type, this district is positive by one (and more expected before 30 June). Is the greatest success. I wanted one new club and one campus club by the end of the year but I've settled for one new Club Branch. Success you have achieved in your district this year. While some clubs are actually pursuing ways to change for the better, many clubs are not yet ready to accept it.

D: PZC Linda Schaffrick, Central area: Membership for the central area of D9 (which excludes the US Clubs and the northern clubs) is at -28. This is a result of two clubs folding – some embers have transferred to other clubs and 12 deaths.

E: PDG Ken Cook – Retention: Success – restarting Spokane Suburban North. Goal – remain positive.
PDG Brian Ross – Membership: The best success story I feel for District E this year is our reaching out to the clubs with our Zone Chairpersons and our two VDG's. They have done a tremendous job of increasing our awareness of and to the clubs secretary reporting and discovery of club needs. We have gone from the mid 70% to a high of 90%. I have been asked to continue on as GMT for next year for District E. Our DGE has presented his goal outline to me for the upcoming year and I have agreed we can work within it, keeping in mind real time reports.

To date we have achieved a plus membership, are still working on a club in North Spokane, increased our club reporting to be in the 90% plus status, increase women membership and family units and stop drops by a 10% goal. We also have all our Zone positions and both VDG positions filled for next year.

Areas to continue to work on consist of: club membership increases, women's membership increases, family memberships, club extension US and BC as well as retention. A strong group of Lions for district club canvassing. Let's say 6-8 teams of two, motivated in starting new clubs and successful in asking and motivating new prospective business individuals.

My personal goal is to see our DG achieve 100% of his goals for our District E to grow, realize success not matter how miniscule and have fun enjoying our Lions' Family.

I also want to personally thank Laura for all her efforts in support of our Lion's Family and MD19. I am sorry she will not be continuing on but understand why and her devotion to Roger. You're the best sweetheart.

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With Roger's accident and progression in his health and not knowing what the future will bring, I notified Council Chairperson Al, VCC Enoch and the District Support team in early May that I would be resigning my last year as MD19 GMT. I will continue as co-chairperson of the MD19 Convention as we have already started much and having a co-chairperson helps. These decisions were made with much prayer and searching the bible for answers. Please know that I will assist in any way I possibly can. I love being a Lion and treasure all of our friends we have met over the years. I just know that I cannot fulfill the responsibility with the expectations I place on myself. I consider you all wonderful friends and love our time together and all that we have accomplished.

I challenge each District membership-Retention-Extension Chairperson and DGs and VDGs to have strong goals for this next year and to follow through with your goals and action plans. Together we can accomplish much. Challenge yourselves to be the very best.

I do hope to see all of you at the MD Convention in Spokane, WA October 20-22. Be sure to get your Roaring 20's outfits ready and have fun Roaring with Lions as we play, serve and learn.

Dist.	St/Prov.	# Clubs	New Clubs	Drop Clubs	Reorg. Clubs	Charter Mbrs	New Mbrs	Reinst. Mbrs	Trans. Mbrs	Total Mbrs Added	Total Mbrs Dropped	Total Members	Grand Total Per Dist.
19A	BC	60	1	2		30	129	7	4	170	174	1,172	-4
19B	WA	35		3		0	62	2	12	76	142	829	-66
19C	WA	47			1	2	152	10	11	175	184	1,434	-9
19D	WA	18				0	37	1	2	40	62	505	
19D	BC	36		3	1	2	79	9	14	104	131	671	-49
19E	WA	21		1	1	1	49	4	2	56	52	678	
19E	ID	11				0	42	3	2	47	44	366	
19E	BC	19				0	30	2	1	33	36	435	4
19F	ID	11				0	18	0	1	19	31	337	
19F	WA	36				1	77	5	1	84	92	991	-20
19G	WA	41				1	99	3	17	120	164	1,344	-44
19H	WA	21		1		0	66	3	3	72	98	868	
19H	BC	29	1			32	84	3	9	128	149	837	-47
19I	BC	45		1		1	77	3	14	95	126	1,026	
19I	WA	6					13	3	4	20	20	191	-31
Totals		436	2	11	3	70	1014	58	97	1239	1505	11,684	-266"

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT by PDG Kathy Crawford, Chairperson:

"As the MD19 PR Chairperson, I am responsible for PR for the MD19 Lions Leadership Foundation. We completed a mailing to all clubs in April, asking for donations to the MD19 Lions Leadership Foundation.

A 3-year Marketing Plan for MD19 is being drafted and will be released to the MD19 District Support Team soon. Part of that plan will include the promotion of the 'Spring Ahead' membership campaign"

2015-16 District Governors Brian Phillips, 19-I; Janet Rinehart, 19-B and Shelley Costello, 19-D shared special events that have taken place in their districts.

MD19 CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR-CANADA REPORT by PDG Steve Somerset, Chairperson:

"Approximately 50% of clubs are reporting Centennial Service Challenge Activities. The four core areas are: Protecting our Environment; Relieving the Hunger; Sharing the Vision and Engaging our Youth. The Goal is to serve 100 million people globally. To date we have served over 82 million people. We have exceeded the 25 million mark for 'Engaging our Youth'.

Incoming Clubs officers need to know how to report this information via MyLCI. It is the only way we know what is actually happening.

Clubs are now formulating or are working on their Centennial Legacy Projects whether they be large or small, it is the impact on the community that is important. Depending on the Project, LCIF grants are available and District 19A and 19H have been approved for two Grants that I am aware of.

The most challenging task since the last Council meeting is preparing the Grant application to LCI for US\$15,000. We had asked all Districts to approve up to \$300 from their District Escrow accounts to be part of the 20% we need to show we have in place. Three Districts have still to respond.

While the grant application is being prepared I still need to hear from all Districts what they propose to do with the funds promoting the centennial Celebrations in their District. All Clubs will receive an insert for the A-Frames distributed last year which will have the Centennial Logo and slogan, 'Where there is a need, there is a Lion'.

The final challenge has been for clubs to get the new Centennial membership kits. I understand that issue may have been resolved."

International Director Don Shove reported that Lions Clubs International has inquired whether MD19 would consider hosting another International Convention. By a show of hands a majority of the Council of Governors indicated that MD19 is very amenable to hosting an International Convention.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 AM
Meeting resumed at 12:48 PM

Council Chairperson Al Beddows announced during lunch that the 2016-2017 Vice Council Chairperson is PDG John Whitman.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Don Wight, 19-H and seconded by District Governor Janet Rinehart, 19-B to destroy the ballots used for voting for VCC. Motion passed.

A Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from Immediate Past International President Joe Preston was given to PCC Gary Reidel. The "Changing of the Guard" took place at this time with the District Governors Elect taking the place of the 2016-2016 Past District Governors on the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

The following motions were voted on by the 2016-2017 Council of Governors: (Their titles will reflect their 2016-2017 titles)

2016-2017 MD19 BUDGET

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H and seconded by Immediate Past District Governor Brian Phillips, 19-I to accept the proposed 2016-2017 MD19 Budget. Motion carried

2016-2017 CARE Project

MOTION: A motion was made by Immediate Past District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A and seconded Immediate Past District Governor Brian Phillips, 19-I to approve for 2016-2017 the CARE Project: Educational Opportunities for Girls, Chinchá (Ica) and Huaytara (Huancavelica), Peru. Motion carried.

2016-2017 MD19 Committee Chairpersons

The following 2016-2017 MD19 Committee appointments were brought before the Council for approval:

Budget & Finance: PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson (19-G); PDG Brien Patton (19-G); Gloria Hardan (19-H), PZC Burnie Smith (19-I) Committee Members

Border Crossing Editor: Chaz Nelson (19-H)

Building: Marc Boucher (19-H)

CARE: IPDG Bob Yeoman, (19-E)

Centennial Coordinator – B.C.: PDG Steve Somerset (19-H)

Centennial Coordinator – US: IPDG J.D. Nellor, (19-G)

Constitution & By-Laws: PCC Larrie Taylor, (19-I) Chairperson; Janice Knight (19-B); PZC Art Weatherly, (19-C) Committee Members

Contests & Awards: 3rd year: PDG Janet Rinehart

Conventions:

2016 Annual Convention: PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, (19-E); co-chair: PZC Cliff Miller, Co-Chairperson

2017 International Convention: PZC Patty Allen, (19-H)

USA / Canada Forum: PID Anne Smarsh, (19-B)

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Tom Smarsh, (19-B)

Environment: Nancy Messmer (19-I)

Evaluation Committee: PDG Joan Hunter, (19-D)

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

Webmaster: PZC Sandy Ball, (19-H)

International Relations: PDG Mel Fernandez

International Participation: PID Don Shove, Chairperson; PDG John Clinton, (19-B), IPDG Eric Keller, (19-A) Committee Members

LCIF – B.C.: PCC Polly Voon (19-A)

LCIF – US: PDG Joan Hunter (19-D)

Leader Dogs: ZC Jimie Martin (19-B)

LEO Clubs: Barry Shiles, (19-H)

Lioness: PZC Linda Shaffrick, (19-D)

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

Memorial Garden: PDG Ed Brunz, (19-H)

Parliamentarian: PDG Rosemary Richert, (19-B)

Policy Manual: PCC Jim Knight (19-B), Chairperson; PZC Rob Loch, (19-E), PCC Jim Kemp, (19-F)
Committee Members

Strategic Planning: PDG Paul Kauzlarich, (19-F), Chairperson; IPDG Janet Rinehart (BCG rep)

District Support Team: VCC Jon Whitman, Facilitator

Extension:

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

Faculty Development Chair (15-18):

Leadership 101/Membership 201 (14-17): PDG Steve Brooks, (19-B)

Training Chairperson (16-19):

Membership/Retention (14-17):

Public Relations (15-18): PDG Kathy Crawford, (19-G)

Canadian LERC: Barry Shiles

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Moralek, 19-H and seconded by District Governor Simon Yau, 19-A to accept the 2016-2017 MD19 Committee appointments. Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by Immediate Past District Governor Janet Rinehart, 19-B and seconded by Immediate Past District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Memorial Garden Clean-Up

June 18

MD19 Office

MD19 Annual Convention

October 20-22, 2016

Red Lion, Spokane, WA

Meeting Adjourned at 1:27 pm.