

MINUTES OF THE MD19 SPRING COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

May 20, 2022

Zoom Meeting

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson John Moralek at 9:00 am. Roll Call and introductions of the Council and Vice District Governors were made at this time.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests attended the Zoom Meeting.

I. Council of Governors

John Moralek, Council Chairperson
Lyndon Harriman, Vice Council Chairperson
Allan Hunt, International Director
Peter Anderson, Executive Director
Syrus Lee, District Governor 19-A
Tom Smarsh, District Governor 19-B
Luis Montes-Gonzales, District Governor 19-C
Joyce Stevens, District Governor 19-D
Marilyn Patterson, District Governor 19-G
Ken Ball, District Governor 19-H
Hans Wong, PDG 19-A
Vilma Fernandez, PDG 19-B
Donna Murr, PDG 19-C
Joe Nilles, PDG 19-D
Peggy Harriman, PDG 19-E
Ray Fujiura, PDG 19-F
Doug Harvey, PDG 19-G
Orson Christensen, PDG 19-H
Jane Beddows, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairperson's & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Budget & Finance
Patti Easterling, CARE (Canada)
PDG Steve Patterson, CARE (US)
VCCE Steve Noble, Diabetes
PDG Grace Hwo, Elections
Lion Nancy Messmer, Environment
PDG Chuck Waid, Governance
PZC George Sim, International Conv. 2022
Andy Arvidson, Knights of the Blind
1st VDG Debbie Mansell, Leader Dogs West
PDG Sharon Sikes, Leadership
PZC Barry Shiles, LEO
PCC John Kirry, Strategic Planning
PDG Rosemary Richert, Acting Parliamentarian
PCC Polly Voon, USA/CDN Leadership Forum

III. Foundations & Societies

PCC Surinder Gahir, B.C. Hearing Society
PZC Paul Hand, CLERC
PDG Jan Weatherly, NWLLI Superintendent 2022

IV. Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests

DGE Debbie Allan	2 nd VDGE Bob Johnson	Roy Morris
PDG Patty Allen-White	PZC Sharon Hansen	2 nd VDGE Jack Peebles
Colette Arvidson	Gloria Hardan	PID Roger Richert
Michele Barrie	DGE May Ho	DGE Lia Marie Versaevel
PDG Frank Bega	PCC Jim Kemp	DGE Steven Wong
ZCE Marge Bega	PDG Harry Lippincott	DGE Lee Woodard
DGE John Budzak, Jr.	1 st VDGE Michael Livingstone	
1 st VDGE Leslie Chasse	2 nd VDGE Elaine Luk	

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Ken Ball, 19-H and seconded by PDG Peggy Harriman, 19-E to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Winter Council of Governors' Meeting, held via Zoom, February 19, 2022. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

DIABETES REPORT by VCCE Steve Noble, Chairperson:

"Looking for some new equipment? This looks like a good place to start..."

<https://consumerguide.diabetes.org>

I am repeating this link because it is too important.

PDG Art Ruben has informed me Walmart has restarted their Wellness program. Here is a (old) link to last year...

<https://corporate.walmart.com/newsroom/2021/07/21/walmart-hosts-free-wellness-day-to-empower-customers-to-prioritize-health>

Here is a link from this year. Even though the date has passed it is still relevant.

<https://corporate.walmart.com/newsroom/2022/04/19/walmart-hosts-community-wellness-day-april-23>

Contact your local Walmart if you are interested in partnering your club with Walmart. Sounds very much like what we do with the NLF trailer.

Here is a link to LCIF diabetes web page.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/diabetes>

ELECTION REPORT by PDG Grace Hwo, Chairperson:

"Dear Council Chairperson John and fellow Lions Leaders,

Voting for Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson for 2022-2023 by Nine (9) Districts was completed at 6 p.m. on May 15, 2022.

There were 863 eligible voters and 204 ballots submitted. Results are as follows:

Districts	CC Lyndon Harriman	VCC Steve Noble
A	90% YES	100% YES
B	100% YES	100% YES
C	100% YES	100% YES
D	100% YES	100% YES
E	88.9% YES	94.4% YES
F	100% YES	100% YES
G	100% YES	100% YES
H	100% YES	96.9% YES
I	100% YES	100% YES"

LEADER DOG REPORT by PDG Carol Whitman and DGE Debbie Mansell, Chairpersons:

"The following data was obtained from the Leader Dog Website (leaderdog.org) and represents the MD19 donations from July 1,2021 through March 31,2022. The 2nd quarter donations totaled \$11,473.66. Third quarter donations total \$19,853.26. An increase of \$8,379.60.

Please continue to make your generous club and personal donations to *Leader Dogs for the Blind*. These donations change the lives of the blind and visually impaired. Leader Dog clients receive a guide dog free of charge thanks to donations from Lions around the world. Please continue to give.

A - \$0.00	F- \$5,776.00
B - \$3,400.00	G- \$3,608.00
C- \$500.00	H- \$3,050.00
D- \$1,200.00	I- \$0.00
E- \$2,318.00	\$19,853.26"

LEO REPORT by PZC Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

"Awards: The Leo Club Excellence Award application is due in by August 15, 2022.

New Clubs: Glad to report there are two potential new Leo clubs, one in District G and one in District H.

The growth of the Leo program will only help and enhance the Lions clubs sponsoring these Leo Clubs. Leo Clubs continue to work in their communities and importantly, work alongside their sponsoring Clubs on their own service projects as well as Lions service projects.

We are indeed blessed to have the Leos to lead and work with. They are the future of Lions, the future of service in our Lions world. The quality of our Leos is indeed impressive and any fears for the future are certainly relieved when Lions work with these exceptional young people. Lions Clubs who sponsor Leo Clubs can attest to the quality and intelligence of Leos and any reservations about turning the pancake grill over to them is quickly dispelled when we let them display their abilities.

In the next four weeks we are going to be transitioning to electing next year's new executive for all our Leo Clubs. Please make sure this is happening and submit next year's executive to LCI."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Doug Harvey, 19-G and seconded by District Governor Marilyn Patterson, 19-G to accept the Consent Agenda Committee Reports. Motion approved.

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

BC HEARING SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson John, Fellow Council Member's, greetings.

BC Hearing Society board members are working hard to promote the hearing program in their district. I am very confident that the work we do is going to have positive results.

The work still goes on collecting used hearing aids for our recycling program. After sorting we are still getting lots of hearing aids which are five years or newer. These can be reprogrammed and used. These hearing aids are sent to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre in Victoria for testing and use on the Island.

There is still a lot of demand for new hearing aids from clients who are not able to afford them. This year 26 files are completed and working on many more files to complete.

After our AGM I will be able to give a complete report on the numbers of new hearing aids supplied to our clients and how many used hearing aids collected for recycling.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society has a great awards program for deserving Lions; the Meade Sutherland Fellowship Award for \$500 and the Society Fellowship Award for \$50. Lions clubs can order these for deserving Lions.

My friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help and donations. For more information please contact me at governor.gahir@gmail.com or Bob Jones at lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com"

CLERC REPORT by PZC Paul Hand, Chairperson:

"We have seen an increase in the number of donations recently.

Both PZC Barry and myself have been shipping boxes off to Calgary. Both the Pitt Meadows and Barnet Lions Clubs have classes that will be shipped out shortly.

We also have had a request from Calgary for contacts in different zones.

PZC Barry Shiles has been in contact with the Lougheed Lions club in Burnaby and collecting the eyeglass from them that can be used at our facility."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Joyce Stevens, 19-D and seconded by PDG Peggy Harriman, 19-E to accept the Foundation and Society Reports. Motion approved.

MD19 CONVENTION REPORTS

LCI CONVENTION REPORT by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

"As of April 22, there were almost 12,000 Lions registered. I expect that number to be much higher now as many Lions have taken the 'wait and see' approach and have registered late.

Registration is still open. Go to the Lions International website and click on LCIcon and it will take you to registration. If you require a Passport to travel to Canada, make sure it is up to date.

Our MD19 host hotel is the Holiday Inn Montreal Centre Ville Downtown and is walking distance to the Convention Center as well as being close to public transit. It is now sold out so if you have not booked a room yet LCI will place you in another hotel or you can arrange your own accommodation.

We have created a Facebook page 'MD19 visits Montreal' so please search it out and 'like' it so you can keep up to date with things to do, places to eat and general information about Montreal.

We will have Covid19 protocols in place to ensure the safety of all involved. We have decided that there will be no indoor hospitably events. We are still working to find an outdoor venue to hold gatherings for MD19 Lions.

MD19 is entered in the International Parade in the noncompetitive category and we will be wearing our green shirts. They are available in Canada from PZC George Sim and in the US from Executive Director Peter Anderson. If you have a 2020 Singapore Convention shirt, bring it and just add a **Montreal 2022** patch to the right sleeve. The patch is \$5 and you can get it at the convention from George or Peter. The patch has an adhesive backing and easy to apply."



USA / CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:

The 46th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary, Alberta Canada will offer a wonderful opportunity for cultivating leaders as we plant seeds for building leadership within your club, district, and multiple district membership.

The theme for Calgary Forum is **'Stampede to Lead'**. Plans are progressing well for an in-person Forum in Calgary, Alberta from September 15-17, 2022. The Forum website, www.lionsforum.org, continues to be updated with information on the 2022 Forum. Check it out!



We have confirmed 82 educational seminars for the 2½ days of the Forum. New to the lineup of sessions is 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy Lion Symposium' on Thursday morning, featuring a team of four facilitators including VP Patti Hill, and Lion Lori Sheehan. **Plan to arrive in Calgary on Wednesday** as Forum program starts as of Thursday morning. We are excited with the lineup of motivational / inspirational speakers for the general meal sessions, the selection of Lions University sessions, Lions University Graduation event, Strides Walk, service project, and countless opportunities to network with partner programs and other like-minded Lions members.

Also, if you know of any organizations (for profit or non-profit) that may be interested to be sponsors or exhibitors, please let me know and I shall pass the leads on to the coordinating committees.

We have a new sponsorship opportunity for individual Lions, Lions couple, Lions clubs, Lions District or Lions MD. For a donation of \$250.00, you can support this fantastic event whether you are planning on attending or cannot attend but believe in the Forum's mission to still be a part of it. Among other benefits, the sponsor will be recognized on the Forum website and on a special page in the official Forum program. Check it out on the Forum website or contact me for more information.



The Calgary Host Committee, under the leadership of PCC Tyler Bray, welcomes attending Lions to join them in hosting the Forum. Time commitment is flexible and you sign up for your preference of job/s. It's an excellent opportunity to spend time with the local Lions in fun and fellowship. Check it out and to sign up, please complete and submit a Volunteer Sign-Up form located on the Calgary Forum Host Committee website on www.2020lionsleadershipforum.com"

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Joe Nilles, 19-D and seconded by PDG Ray Fujiura, 19-F to accept the Convention and Forum Reports. Motion approved.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CARE REPORT by Patti Easterling and PDG Steve Patterson, Chairpersons:

"PDG Steve Patterson – US CARE:

Although we are not at our goal, my feeling is that we have done pretty well so far. We are now at \$31,463.53 heading to the 40K goal. An interesting thing was done in District G this year. District Governor Marilyn Patterson passed the hat at each club visit and collected over \$1,750.00. She randomly selected five clubs and will request four Gordon F. Smith Fellowships and give one club 250.00 to go towards another.

Patty Easterling, CARE Canada Rep. spoke to a possible CARE Project for the New Council to vote on. The project is described below. She also conveyed that she would like to remain in Haiti for one more year, if that could be possible.

CARE Proposal: Supporting Animal Husbandry in Peru



Project Name: Increasing Women's Competitiveness in Small Animal Husbandry

Project Location: Lima and Ica

Funding Goal: \$40,000

Project Submitted: March 2022

The Need

In Peru, raising small animals like ducks, guinea pigs, chickens and pigs constitutes the livelihood of many poor producers belonging to the lowest socio-economic strata. Their small backyard farms are mostly informal businesses, with inadequate sanitary and hygiene conditions, limited and unstable access to local markets, and low levels of productivity, which limits growth in sales, profits and income. Poor women producers rely on traditional ways to raise animals, which result in low average growth rates, high mortality and lower sale prices because they have no means to undertake proper farming with improved foundational stock, proper housing, feed and other management necessities. In addition, gender inequality limits the entrepreneurship of women farmers, as well as prevents them from forming or joining business associations, which compounds the situation. As a result, women do not have the collective bargaining power to get fair prices for the products they sell.

Working to change this context, CARE has more than 15 years' experience in Peru linking smallholder producers (women in particular) with different agriculture and livestock industries and helping them to be more competitive in marketing their products. Most recently, in 2019 and 2021, CARE conducted two successful pilot projects with women farmers on the outskirts of Lima, the capital of Peru. During these "tests" we confirmed that by providing technical assistance and skills training, as well as a small amount of initial seed capital for acquiring high quality feed and improving farm infrastructure, women producers can dramatically improve their performance, achieve connections with buyers and establish formal marketing agreements. For example, their piglets weighed more at birth and gained more weight quickly (up to 56% more when compared to traditional methods), leading to increased profits. After helping participating women to form a business association and improve their negotiation skills, the average price of pork they received increased from \$2.12 per kilogram to \$3.45. The women farmers who formed the association sold directly to local markets and to restaurants, and this increased their sales revenue from \$1,569 to \$2,466 per 10 animals. This is a remarkable accomplishment considering that most producers/families face an ongoing economic crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The demonstration effect on the size of animal growth when compared to the control groups was so evident that other women farmers in the area now want to learn and do the same.

The Proposed Project

The purpose of this proposed project – during the COVID-19 crisis and heightened vulnerability, increase in poverty and families lacking the financial means to buy food with protein – is to help farmers, particularly women, adapt to the situation by strengthening their production of pigs, laying hens and ducks, and profitability of their small-scale businesses so they can better provide for their families.

CARE is requesting match funding from Multiple Districts 19 Lions to complement activities during the second year of a new project (in 2023) that is planned to start soon with primary funding from another donor. In particular, with match funding from Multiple Districts 19 Lions, CARE will **enable 80 producers (at least 70% women) to enhance their production, generate quality products, and sell them in new venues, such as local fairs and direct sales, thus reducing their dependency of intermediaries (middlemen) that buy at lower prices.** The bottom line is that there is *tremendous potential* to improve their production and incomes, and thus put them on a path toward a better future.

Specific Activities

The proposed project will **target areas on the outskirts of Lima and the Ica Region (just south of Lima) with the greatest need and where farmers have expressed their desire and commitment to participate. The core project that is about to launch aims to reach at least 600 farmers in those areas, of which Multiple District 19 Lions funding will support approximately 80 farmers.**

Activities include:

- Providing necessary equipment to the 80 farmers (feeders, drinkers, animal pen/housing materials, etc.) as well as training on how to use and maintain the equipment to increase their production.

- Supporting farmers to participate in new sales channels such as local fairs for direct sales (including the provision of banners, basic equipment and assistance in using digital payment methods) as well as social media platforms for making online sales for the first time (for which they will deliver products locally).
- Providing training sessions on negotiation and leadership skills to promote the development of a business vision ('farming as a business), emphasizing the shift from subsistence farming to farming for profit.
- Facilitating workshops on animal breeding (management, health, genetic improvement through artificial insemination, etc.)."

Voting for the 2022-23 CARE Project will be done by the 2022-23 Council of Governors' later in this meeting.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT by Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:

“Team Building. Representing all nine districts, one or two District Environment Chairpersons work closely with six Lions serving as MD19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chairperson John Moralek, Past Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom or Vice Council Chairperson Lyndon Harriman. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at noon and invite interested Lions to join us. Our team increases in size and scope as we are joined by Lions from throughout our MD and from across the continent.

**2022 Spring Council of Governors Committee Report
 Multiple District 19 Environment Committee**



District Environment Chairs:
 A. Kitty Chiu & Wendy Yau, B. PCC Enoch Rowland & PDG Mar Murillo,
 C. PZC Bob Johnson, D. PZC Angus Benedict, E. PDG Kim DiRienz,
 F. PZC Judy Riggers, G. 2VDG Leslie Chasse,
 H. PZC Jones Atterberry, I. VDG/PDG Lia Marie Versaveel.

Environment Team Facebook Page. District G Environment Chairperson, 2nd VDG Leslie Chasse hosts a Facebook page to connect Lions as an active environment team. Active, helpful, Facebook pages require lots of participation. **Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/Lions-MD19-Environmental-Committee-103269998770756>.**



Evening Environment Presentations. The Environment Team is hosting mid-monthly evening talks. Our goal is to reach Lions and other community members with a variety of presentations that feature 'Lions at Work' for the environment. The District C Environment Team is offering Climate Summits every other month. The MD19 Team is filling in the calendar with Evening Environment Talks.

Lions from around the Multiple District Service Projects throughout the spring



Lions/Leos Surrey Central



Post Falls Lions



District C Lions



Clallum Bay Sekiu Lions



Camas Lions



District G Lions

To contact the MD19 Environment Chairpersons, call or email. We can assist you with ideas & resources: [Nancy Messmer, \(360\) 963-2442 able@olypen.com](mailto:nancy.messmer@olypen.com); [Enoch Rowland, \(206\) 878-1283 kleenwell@juno.com](mailto:enoch.rowland@shaw.ca); [Lynda Davidson, \(604\) 728-5946 lmag@shaw.ca](mailto:lynda.davidson@shaw.ca); [Kim DiRienz, \(509\) 446-4708 kdirienz@hotmail.com](mailto:kim.dirienz@hotmail.com); [Bob Johnson, \(253\) 353-3043 bobjohnson.centennial@gmail.com](mailto:bob.johnson@centennial@gmail.com)
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NW LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT by PDG Jan Weatherly, Superintendent (2022 year)

"Hot off the heels of another highly successful Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (NWLLI) May 5-8, 2022, your staff and faculty greeted 34 students, so eager to finally come to beautiful Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. This was the second half of the May, 2021 Institute, held in Post Falls, Idaho, because of the border closure last year.

This Institute hosted 27 Canadian students from Districts A, H and I and seven US students from C, G and H. **This Institute demonstrated that MD19 can and should offer this leadership training for Lions ready to step up into club, zone or district leadership each year.** Originally, we targeted 50 students for the postponed Institute of 2020. By offering the Institute in two locations in back-to-back years, 2021 & 2022, we attracted 68 students, even with the uncertainty of Covid19.

Just as important, there is momentum to move forward into 2023 with the dates of May 4-7, 2023, again to be held in Post Falls, Idaho. The staff are in place to do the planning, the contract is signed at a price that allows no price increase and students unable to come because of Covid19 this year want to come next year. Our faculty, PDG Mark and DGE Debbie Mansell, PDG Wanda Eddy and PCC Al Hedstrom delivered the nine sessions of the Institute with ease all receiving high evaluations. PDG Jane Beddows and PDG Eric Keller guided the students as coaches of the two breakout groups. A round of applause for all their dedication to growing new leaders.

PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth advances to the Institute Superintendent, as I hand over that role to her. Hats off to my partner in service, PZC Art Weatherly, who has served as the registrar/treasurer since 2016! He will be stepping down from that role. Many thanks to Lion Nancy Messmer for stepping into the role as PR lead and now moving forward to work with Laura on publicity.

The key to growing new leaders is the influence we all have to tap those people we see as potential new leaders and encourage them to invest in themselves by coming to the Institute in Post Falls, Idaho, May 4-7, 2023."

MOTION: A motion was made by VCC Lyndon Harriman and seconded by District Governor Tom Smarsh, 19-B for the Council to go on record as supporting the idea of the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute being held yearly, instead of every two years. Motion passed.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS by ID Allan Hunt, Oral Report:

We have the International Convention coming up next month. I'll touch on a few things relating to that first. The parade will be held on Saturday, 25th. I know there was discussion last night on what to wear and it is expected that each Multiple District will be wearing their parade uniform. If we've decided on the green shirts, then that is what everyone will be wearing.

There is a Canadian Caucus after the parade in room 519 of the Palais du Congres. The dress code for that is casual. There is also a reception on Monday the 27th, which is by invitation and is a formal event (business or formal attire).

For everyone who is registered, send your cell phone number and email to George Sim (Convention Chairperson). He will set up a communication tree for everyone. Some of the other MD's have done this with What'sApp.

I sent out an email this past week to all the incoming district governors about their spring conference schedule. If you are expecting to get a seated director you need to get on this pretty quickly. So far, I've heard back from two districts. Even if you don't have a location, if you have the dates set, we can work with that, for the time being. The incoming governors are also expected to come up with nominations for the International Awards (Presidential and Leadership), and the sooner you start the process the better. Once the criteria are set for the awards, they will be sent to the district governors.

This year, in Canada we have Canada Day on Parliament Hill, November 15th. The focus will be on LCIF and we have about 35 Lions who will be invited to this event – we are looking developing a list of people to invite and will reach out to them before the end of June. They will need to arrange their own transportation to Ottawa, after which meals and accommodations will be looked after.

On the ballot in Montreal there will be a vote on a dues increase. If passed it will be \$7 that will start in 2023 with a \$3 increase followed by two sets of \$2 increases.

KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND REPORT by Andy Arvidson, President. Oral Report:

Would like to let everyone know that we will be changing over our board of directors with Chad Lewis, from 19G as chairperson come July 1st. In June, we will be celebrating Helen Keller. Last year we did a two-hour event and at this time we haven't nailed down as to whether we will do the same this year.

We have a new 'tag-line' that we are using: Accessibility, Technology and Inclusiveness. We're trying to move forward and get the word out about vision, blindness and accessibility to as many people as we can.

We had a great time at district G's conference, where we had a lot of people stumbling around blindfolded with white canes. It was a great exercise for people to experience a world without sight.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT by PCC John Kirry, Chairperson:

“Change Before You Have To’

One of the great business leaders of the 20th Century was the legendary CEO of General Electric, Jack Welch. The above quote is one of his most often-repeated leadership themes, and it is a most appropriate

time to reflect on it in this moment in the history of MD19. Our Multiple District has lost over 10,000 Lions since 1987 and the time has come to lead our Multiple District into the future. On June 4, 2022, the voting delegates of all 385 Lions Clubs in our Multiple District can demonstrate that leadership and courage by casting their ballots in a critical election that will no less than decide the future of MD19.

The LCI timeline for redistricting is three years, and we will soon be at the two-year point in the process. In the past year, the Strategic Planning Committee along with merger committee members and leaders from all districts have been meeting twice monthly on Zoom. At those meetings we have addressed the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in creating five larger districts from nine smaller districts.

From the beginning in 2020, it has been our goal to use the MD19 redistricting website pages as the central hub for all information going forward. Now, with only two weeks to go until the club delegates of MD19 cast their ballots, we are focusing our energy toward ensuring that voters know how to use our online voting system, ElectionBuddy.

To that end we have sent a series of instructional emails and hard copy letters to each club secretary (or president in lieu of secretary) and we will be sending more instructional letters in the two weeks before the vote. In addition, now posted on our website are informational documents as well as a short instructional video explaining the full voting process.

Two critical things we should all know: First, it is important that clubs get voting delegates assigned as early as possible so those delegates will be informed and ready to vote on June 4, 2022. Second, per Constitution and Bylaws rules, it is required that clubs have their LCI and MD19 Dues paid by May 21, 2022.

We have also made clubs aware of the rigorous certification responsibilities of each voter, and we have put strong measures in place for voters who might have misplaced their certification credentials on voting day or who need help casting their ballot.

For example, should internet or computer access become unavailable on election day or if a delegate feels that their vote has not been cast correctly they can simply place a phone call to one of the representatives listed in the 'Questions' block of the MD19 voting portal to place a provisional vote. Voters can vote using their smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop.

Looking Ahead

An important milestone was reached at the June 2021 Council of Governors meeting. Strong leadership was shown by the Council members and they unanimously voted to approve the complex task of redistricting. At the February 2022 Council Meeting, Council leadership once again reaffirmed by majority vote our three-year timeline for the implementation of redistricting. That critical vote by the club delegates of MD19 is now just 14 days away.

The MD19 Strategic Planning committee strongly urges all clubs and their voting delegates to review the redistricting pages in the link at the bottom of the page for articles, charts, maps, sample ballots, timelines and full plan specifics for redistricting.

Over the past two years, countless hours of dedication and hard work has resulted in a solid plan going forward, a plan has been carefully developed and structured to have minimal impact on our current clubs and zones. And we want all our districts to know this: our work doesn't end on June 4th. It is our promise that the Strategic Planning Committee will continue to work diligently with our district merger teams to provide all the assistance they need to face the challenges ahead in the final year of our plan.

We have kicked the can down the road for decades and seen the loss of over 10,000 lions in our Multiple District. Strong leadership and courage are necessary to secure the future of MD19. As Jack Welsh has said: 'Change before you have to.' Our time to change is now.

Please Vote on June 4, 2022 <https://lionsmd19.org/redistricting.php>"



District Governors Tom Smarsh, 19-B and Marilyn Patterson, 19-G told of a bright spot that happened during their year in the midst of Covid19.

Meeting recessed at 10 AM
 Meeting resumed at 10:13 AM

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson:

2022-2023 Budget with April 30, 2022 Membership							
MD19 Dues Income @ \$25.60	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
MD19 Operations Account – 89%	\$211,080	\$187,294	\$(23,787)	\$208,829	\$ -	\$(208,829)	
District Budgeted 6%	\$14,230	\$12,627	\$(1,604)	\$12,539	\$ -	\$(12,539)	
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%	\$7,115	\$6,313	\$(802)	\$7,039	\$ -	\$(7,039)	

	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
MD19 General Operations							
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)	\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$100	\$ -	\$100	
Credit Card Fees	\$175	\$19	\$156	\$100	\$ -	\$100	
Accounting Compilation / Services	\$4,200	\$ -	\$4,200	\$5,000	\$ -	\$5,000	
Bank Charges	\$100	\$243	\$(143)	\$250	\$ -	\$250	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)	\$1,800	\$865	\$935	\$1,200	\$ -	\$1,200	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)	\$4,500	\$3,881	\$619	\$3,000	\$ -	\$3,000	
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation	\$75	\$ -	\$75	\$75	\$ -	\$75	
Maintenance – Auto	\$400	\$658	\$(258)	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)	\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$1,000	\$ -	\$1,000	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense	\$1,000	\$91	\$909	\$300	\$ -	\$300	
Post Office Box Lease - Canada	\$80	\$182	\$(102)	\$200	\$ -	\$200	
Postage	\$5,000	\$2,111	\$2,889	\$2,000	\$ -	\$2,000	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)	\$400	\$300	\$100	\$400	\$ -	\$400	
Printing and Office Supplies	\$1,100	\$999	\$101	\$1,100	\$ -	\$1,100	
Printing Roster	\$3,200	\$1,808	\$1,392	\$2,000	\$ -	\$2,000	
Purchases – Other Sales	\$550	\$737	\$(187)	\$750	\$ -	\$750	
OTHER EXPENSES							
Purchases – Wearables	\$2,100	\$3,170	\$(1,070)	\$2,500	\$ -	\$2,500	
Computer Programs	\$500	\$523	\$(23)	\$252	\$ -	\$252	
Exchange Expense	\$12,000	\$8,747	\$3,253	\$10,000	\$ -	\$10,000	
Utilities	\$5,800	\$6,710	\$(910)	\$7,500	\$ -	\$7,500	
Total MD19 Operations – General	\$43,580	\$31,044	\$12,536	\$38,500	\$ -	\$38,500	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
Insurance – Auto/Building							
Auto Insurance	\$1,850	\$1,710	\$140	\$1,850	\$ -	\$1,850	
Commercial Pkge. Insurance	\$2,500	\$2,608	\$(108)	\$2,900	\$ -	\$2,900	
Total Insurance – Auto/Building	\$4,350	\$4,318	\$32	\$4,750	\$ -	\$4,750	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
Taxes (non-personnel)							
Personal Property Tax	\$200	\$57	\$143	\$100	\$ -	\$100	
Building Property Tax	\$5,600	\$6,553	\$(953)	\$8,256	\$ -	\$8,256	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)	\$5,800	\$6,610	\$(810)	\$8,356	\$ -	\$8,356	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
Personnel – Calendar Year							
Bulletin Editor	\$2,100	\$1,800	\$300	\$2,100	\$ -	\$2,100	
Payroll -Admin Assistant	\$38,480	\$28,860	\$9,620	\$38,480	\$ -	\$38,480	
Payroll – Executive Director	\$49,504	\$37,128	\$12,376	\$49,504	\$ -	\$49,504	
Medical Insurance	\$14,213	\$15,806	\$(1,593)	\$20,000	\$ -	\$20,000	
PR Taxes	\$10,810	\$8,108	\$2,703	\$10,810	\$ -	\$10,810	
Pension – Executive Director	\$2,970	\$2,945	\$25	2,970	\$ -	2,970	
Pension – Admin Assistant	\$2,309	\$2,263	\$46	\$2,309	\$ -	\$2,309	
Total Personnel	\$120,386	\$96,910	\$23,477	\$126,173	\$ -	\$126,173	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
Support: Club, Zone and District							
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors	\$800	\$486	\$314	\$800	\$ -	\$800	D. Cab. Mtg
Awards & Trophies	\$1,000	\$ -	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$ -	\$1,000	Plaques, etc
MD19 Bulletin	\$300	\$232	\$68	\$300	\$ -	\$300	Bor. Crossing
Council Chairperson Expense	\$4,000	\$52	\$3,948	\$4,500	\$ -	\$4,500	
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors	\$500	\$105	\$395	\$500	\$ -	\$500	CoG Mtg.
Council Meeting – Fall	\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$3,000	\$ -	\$3,000	
Council Meeting – Winter	\$250	\$ -	\$250	\$250	\$ -	\$250	
Council Meeting – Spring	\$3,000	\$322	\$ -	\$3,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Dist. & Zone Officer Training	\$7,000	\$ -	\$7,000	\$1,500	\$ -	\$1,500	Hotel, Mileage, Fares
Dist. & Zone Officer Training	\$7,000	\$ -	\$7,000	\$1,500	\$ -	\$1,500	Admin 2023
Executive Director Expense	\$6,000	\$3,077	\$2,923	\$6,000	\$ -	\$6,000	
MD19 District Team Expenses	\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
LEO Liaison for MD19 Convo.	\$20	\$ -	\$ -	\$20	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Club, Zone and District Support	\$30,870	\$4,274	\$26,596	\$22,870	\$ -	\$22,870	

Telephone	Projected 2021-2022	Actual 4/30/2022	Variance	Projected 2022-2023	Actual 7/1/2022	Variance	NOTES 7/1/2022
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)	\$2,650	\$2,392	\$258	\$2,800	\$ -	\$2,800	
Website	\$175	\$ -	\$175	\$100	\$ -	\$100	
Total Telephone & Website	\$2,825	\$2,392	\$433	\$2,900	\$ -	\$2,900	
Zone Chairperson	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
Zone Chairperson – Expenses	\$5,000	\$1,854	\$3,146	\$3,500	\$ -	\$3,500	
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,000	\$ -	\$2,000	
Total Zone Chairperson	\$5,000	\$1,854	\$3,146	\$5,500	\$ -	\$5,500	
Reserve	Projected	Actual	Variance	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2021-2022	4/30/2022		2022-2023	7/1/2022		7/1/2022
ID Candidate Reserve Fund	\$500	\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
MD19 Lions Marching Band	\$ -	\$150	\$(150)	\$150	\$ -	\$150	
Payable to MD 19 Reserve	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$ -	\$2,346	\$ -	\$2,346	
Payable to Building Reserve	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$ -	\$2,346	\$ -	\$2,346	
Total Reserve	\$7,500	\$7,650	\$(150)	\$5,343	\$ -	\$5,343	
Contingency	\$96	\$ -	\$96	\$513	\$ -	\$513	
Total MD19 Expense	\$252,162	\$180,825	\$71,337	\$249,208	\$ -	\$249,208	
Total MD19 Expense Budget	\$252,162	\$180,825	\$71,337	\$249,208	\$ -	\$249,208	
Total MD19 Income Budget	\$263,443	\$221,396	\$42,046	\$249,208	\$ -	\$249,208	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$11,280	\$40,571	\$(29,291)	\$0	\$ -	\$0	

The approval for the 2022-2023 MD19 Budget will be done later in this meeting under New Business by the 2022-2023 Council of Governors.

GOVERNANCE REPORT by PDG Chuck Waid, Chairperson:

“IF REDISTRICTING IS APPROVED the Governance Committee recommends the following:

**Recommended Amendment to the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws Effective 1 July 2023
 For Approval by the Lions of Multiple District October 15, 2022**

Amend ARTICLE BL, VI, SECTION 7. REGIONS to Read:

~~‘Regions shall not be formed within Districts unless it can be shown that the best interests of Lionism and the affected Zones will be served thereby, and then only upon the advice and consent of the Multiple District Council of Governors.’~~

‘Regions may be formed within District(s) by the District Governor when in the best interest of the district and Lionism.’

Reason: Based on the size of and number of clubs in a district, the District Governor may wish to form regions.

Amend ARTICLE BL IX, Meetings, Section 3. QUORUM, to read:

~~‘The personal presence of a majority of the Council of Governors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, unless financial matters are to be acted upon, then 75% of the council members are required’.~~

Reason: There will be 17 voting members of the Council and for financial matters there should be more than a simple majority to pass any recommendation from the Budget Committee or a member of the council.

Reason: The membership must vote on these proposed amendments in Penticton at the Annual Convention so that IF the re-districting proposal is approved on June 4, 2022 these amendments can go into effect on July 1, 2023.

If we do not vote on them in Penticton the next voting opportunity to amend the Constitution and By-Laws will not be until the Annual Convention in Surrey, B.C. in October, 2023, 3½ months after the redistricting has taken place.

IF the re-districting is not approved, these WILL NOT be voted on in Penticton.

We ask for a 'DO PASS' recommendation from the Council of Governors."

The new Council will vote on the proposed amendments.

District Governors Joyce Stevens, 19-D, and Syrus Lee, 19-A shared a bright spot that occurred during the year of Covid19.

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM REPORTS

The Global Action Team oral reports from Leadership Chairperson had been recorded via Zoom.

OLD BUSINESS

MD19 Rosters by ED Peter Anderson, Oral Report:

We will be producing 500 rosters, as we did last year. We had one printing bid that was well below others that we'd received and we are going with that one. They will only be sent to the Club Secretaries, Council of Governors', Zone Chairperson's and MD19 Committee Chairpersons. Also available will be the PDF version that will can sent to anyone who needs it. They will be three-holed punched.

At this time CC John Moralek read the Council Chairperson Oath to Office for CCE Lyndon Harriman, who pledged he would carry them out to the best of his abilities. CCE Lyndon then read the VCC Oath of Office to VCE Steve Noble, who also pledged to carry them out.

NEW BUSINESS

The "Changing of the Guard" took place at this time with the District Governors Elect (2022-2023) taking the place of the 2021-2022 Past District Governors on the Council. **The following motions were voted on by the 2022-2023 Council of Governors: (Their titles will reflect their 2022-2023 titles)**

CARE PROJECT FOR 2022-2023

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Ken Ball, 19-H and seconded by PDG Joyce Stevens, 19-D to continue with the Haiti Project: Community-Managed Girls' Learning Centers, for the 2022-2023 MD19 CARE Project. Motion passed.

2021-2022 MD19 BUDGET

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Marilyn Patterson, 19-G and seconded by IPCC John Moralek, to accept the proposed 2022-2023 MD19 Budget. Motion carried.

2022-2023 MD19 Committee Chairpersons

The following 2022-23 MD19 Committee Chairpersons and Other Appointees were brought before the Council for approval:

2021-2022 MD19 Committees

Budget & Finance: PDG Steve Staudinger (19-G), Chairperson; PZC George Sim (19-A), PDG Donna Oiland, (19-B), PDG Pat Burch (19-C), PDG Bob Ayotte (19-D), PDG Bob Yeoman (19-E), PDG Carol Whitman (19-F), Gloria Hardan (19-H); PDG Mike Dukes (19-I) Committee Members.

Border Crossing Editor: Rebecca Anderson (19-H)

Building: Dan Cantrell (19-H)

CARE: Patti Easterling (19-H) Canada; Bob Yeoman (19-E) USA

Contests & Awards: Robin Woolmer (19-H), 2nd year PZC Galen Laird (19-H), 3rd year PZC Elaine Cook (19-E)

Conventions:

2022 Annual Convention: Bob Elliot, (19-D) for Penticton, B.C.

2023 International Convention: PZC George Sim, (19-A)

USA / Canada Forum: PCC Polly Voon, (19-A)

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth (19-E)

Election Certification: PDG Grace Hwo

Environment: Nancy Messmer (19-I)

Evaluation Committee: PDG Brian Ross (19-E), Chairperson; PDG Eric Keller (19-A), 2nd year; PDG Dan Comsia (19-C), 3rd year (recommended by Evaluation Committee)

Governance Committee: PDG Chuck Waid, (19-C), Chairperson; PDG Kenneth Liu (19-A); PCC Jim Knight (19-B); PCC John Kirry (19-C); PDG Debbie Bostock (19-D); PDG Frank Bega (19-E); PCC Jon Whitman (19-F); PDG Kathy Morrison (19-G); PDG Patty Allen-White (19-H), PCC Larrie Taylor (19-I).

Webmaster: PCC J.D. Nellor (19-G)

International Relations / Participation: PID Allan Hunt (19-H), Chairperson; IPDG Marilyn Patterson (19-G); PDG Peggy Harriman (19-E) committee members

International Youth Exchange:

LCIF – B.C.: PDG Simon Yau (19-A)

LCIF – US: PDG Jan Weatherly (19-C)

Leader Dogs: PDG Carol Whitman (19-F) – East; DG Debbie Mansell (19-G) - West

LEO Clubs: PZC Barry Shiles (19-H)

Lions Quest – BC: PDG Norma Bent (19-D)

Memorial Garden: PDG Ray Fujiura (19-F), Wes Reynolds (19-H)

Parliamentarian: PCC JD 'John' Nellor (19-G)

Strategic Planning: Committee Members –PCC John Kirry (19-C); PDG Frank Bega (19-E); PDG Chuck Waid (19-C); PDG Brien Patton, (19-G), PCC Jim Kemp (19-F); PCC Gary Reidel, (19-I); PDG Tom Smarsh (19-B)

District Support Team: VCC Steve Noble, Facilitator

Global Leadership PDG Sharon Sikes (19-C),

Global Membership: Eric Miura (19-A)

Global Service: PDG Peggy Harriman (19-E)

Canadian LERC: PZC Barry Shiles (19-H)

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Ken Ball, 19-H and seconded by PDG Tom Smarsh, 19-B to accept the 2022-2023 MD19 Committee appointments. Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor John Budzak, Jr., 19-C and seconded by PDG Marilyn Patterson, 19-G to recommend a Do Pass on the MD19 Constitution & By-Laws changes as shown under the Governance Report, with the exception to change the quorum to 66% from 75% for Article BL IX, Meetings, Section 3. Quorum. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 AM