

MINUTES OF THE MD19 SPRING COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

June 17, 2023

Pasco, WA

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Lyndon Harriman at 9:30 am. Roll Call and introductions of the Council and Vice District Governors were made at this time. This meeting was held, both in person and on Zoom.

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

I. Council of Governors

Lyndon Harriman, Council Chairperson
John Moralek, Past Council Chairperson
Steve Noble, Vice Council Chairperson
Peter Anderson, Executive Director
May Ho, District Governor 19-A
Lee Woodard, District Governor 19-B
Harry Lippincott, District Governor 19-E
Melissa Smith, District Governor 19-F
Debbie Mansell, District Governor 19-G
Steven Wong, District Governor 19-H
Lia Versaevel, District Governor 19-I
Tom Smarsh, PDG 19-B
Joyce Stevens, PDG 19-D
Paul Bogaard, PDG 19-E
Ray Fujiura, PDG 19-F
Marilyn Patterson, PDG 19-G
Lorne Bunyan, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairperson's & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Budget & Finance
PZC George Sim, International Conv. 2023
PID Allan Hunt, International Relations
DG Debbie Mansell, Leader Dogs West
PDG Sharon Sikes, Leadership
Eric Miura, Membership
PDG Peggy Harriman, Service
PDG Mark Mansell, Global Membership Approach
PCC J.D. Nellor, Parliamentarian

III. Foundations & Societies

PCC Al Hedstrom, NWLLI Superintendent 2023

IV. Lions, Leos and Guests

VCCE Patty Allen-White
Michele Barrie
Elaine Cook
DGE Ken Cook
Gloria Hardan

PID Allan Hunt
Sonia Hunt
1st VDGE Beth James
1st VDGE Bob Johnson
DGE Michael Livingstone

PDG Lonnie Morgan
Susan Nellor
PDG Steve Patterson
PID Roger Richert
PDG Rosemary Richert

The Evaluation meeting of the MD19 Executive Director was held prior to the Council Meeting. A motion was made by District Governor Steven Wong, 19-D and seconded by PDG Marilyn Patterson, 19-G to accept the Evaluation Committee Report as given. Motion passed. Further discussion was held on staff wages. A motion made by District Governor Steven Wong, 19-H and seconded by District Governor Debbie Mansell, 19-G to incorporate the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) to the wages of the MD19 Staff. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Harry Lippincott, 19-E and seconded by PDG Marilyn Patterson, 19-G to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Winter Council of Governors' Meeting, held via Zoom, February 18, 2023. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

CONTEST & AWARDS REPORT by ZCE Robin Woolmer, Chairperson:

"Fellow Lions,

The year did not go quite as I had hoped.

At the beginning of the year, I heard from many people that our Contests and Awards needed to be updated, as this had not been done for at least a decade. One area that needed to be improved was recognition that we communicate now using our computers, and the awards did not reflect this.

Over various Lions events and via social media, and extensively at the MD19 Convention in Penticton, I reached out to Lions who expressed interest, and collected their contact information. Later in the year, I assembled a package of Awards to be reviewed and sent them out for feedback.

Unfortunately, only one Lion (a Treasurer) provided suggestions, and I felt that this was not enough information to support any changes.

I can only conclude that everyone is happy with the status quo."

ELECTION REPORT by PDG Grace Hwo, Chairperson:

"Dear Council Chairperson Lyndon and Fellow Lions Leaders,
My apologies that I am not able to attend the meeting physically due to my parents'. I am not comfortable leaving them alone for two days.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to Council Chairperson Lyndon's trust in inviting me to be the Election Chairperson for the 2nd year and thanks to Council Chairperson Elect Steve for keeping me for the 3rd year. This has been a valuable experience for me to have such an opportunity to get to know MD19 administration better.

In February 2023 a special meeting was held to confirm the eligibility of the three Vice Council Chairperson candidates to be voted on using the Election Buddy. Conclusion was that only one candidate had met all the criteria and was qualified to be on the Ballot. The main issue was the requirement for the candidate to have the Zone endorsement as per MD19 Policy Manual. There was a shortfall for some of the districts that there was no Zone Chairperson within the candidate's jurisdiction and therefore the candidate was not able to get the endorsement.

I would recommend having that requirement on MD19 Policy Manual reviewed and revised if necessary to ensure that future candidates would have their opportunities to be endorsed.

MD19 Council Chairperson Steve Noble and Vice Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White for 2023-2024 were duly elected with majority votes on June 7th at 5 pm. by the Election Buddy. There were 911 voters this time and 33% voting rate.

If Election Buddy system is used for future Council and Vice Council Chairpersons Elections or any other District election, I strongly recommend having the notification of access codes and passwords to be emailed directly to the delegate email addresses. Both Executive Director Peter and I received emails from club presidents that they have no knowledge of this Election from the club secretaries. Information was not transmitted effectively enough to boost the voting rate.

Besides, I do think that the notification should be emailed to both club presidents and secretaries instead just to the club secretaries."

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

"The data for this report was taken from the Leader Dogs for the Blind Website (leaderdog.org) and includes the MD19 donation totals from the first three quarters of the 2022-2023 Lions year. The 4th quarter donations from Lions will be entered at the end of June. There is still time to make your club and personal donations before the end of this Lions year. The gift of a guide dog empowers the blind and visually impaired to build confidence and gain their independence. This gift is given to clients free of charge, thanks to donations from Lions just like you!

3rd quarter MD19 Donations

Districts	Donations	Districts	Donations
A	0.00	F	8,968.45
B	2,200.00	G	7,231.83
C	725.00	H	2,553.50
D	1,300.00	I	0.00
E	3,394.50	Total	\$26,373.28

There has been a five-year decline in MD 19 donations to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The last three years were during the pandemic and donations were considerably down from all Multiple Districts in the Constitution Area 1. I am happy to report the data from the 3rd quarter shows the MD19 donations already exceed last year's total by over \$2,600.00. Thank you for your generous giving!

5 Year Donation history MD-19

17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
\$40,741.82	\$36,153.66	\$29,509.67	\$27,391.56	\$23,709.33



Leader Dog Chair/Trustee Quarterly Update for Third Quarter (July 2022- March 31, 2023) *

- **Leader Dog Guide Dog Clients served Year to Date (FY 2022-2023): 96**
- **Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) Clients Served Year to Date (FY 2022-2023): 106**
- **Summer Experience Camp (FY 2022-2023): N/A**
- **States Served Year to Date (FY 2022-2023):** Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. We have also served people from Ontario, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, United Kingdom, and Spain.

Lions Club Donation Reports Year* to Date: www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports/

*Leader Dog's fiscal year is from July 1 – June 30 (same as the Lions' fiscal year)

News to Share:

1. Leader Dog added a new program called Youth Orientation & Mobility. We successfully piloted this program option last year. Youth O&M will provide Orientation and Mobility (white cane) instruction for 16- or 17-year-olds. Additionally, the program provides education for an adult supporter (such as a family member) to learn more about blindness, the skills their loved one uses, and how to help with O&M goals. Participants in this program stay in a local hotel and participate in our traditional training environments. All travel, meals, and hotel expenses are covered by Leader Dog. This program is one week and is scheduled based on the availability of the participants.
2. Within our Guide Dog Program, we have expanded our DeafBlind program* to include adaptive services. The Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training program offers individualized service models for people *with vision loss and additional needs*. Our team specializes in direct instruction using spoken English or American Sign Language with individuals who are DeafBlind, have mobility issues, and/or have cognitive impairments. Our team emphasizes the individual and focuses on adapting instructional techniques to meet the specific needs of each student. We offer a variety of training options including home delivery, class (3 weeks), or flex. We offer a 1:1 or 1:2 ratio for our students based on everyone's needs.

Examples of clients who will be served in the Leader Dog DeafBlind and Adaptive Services training include clients with vision loss and cerebral palsy, clients who are on the Autism Spectrum, clients who have a learning disability and struggle with group instruction, clients who have a traumatic brain injury and struggle with memory and cognition, clients who are totally deaf and totally blind and uses tactile American Sign Language, clients who have balance difficulties.

*Please note that we have standardized the term DeafBlind in accordance with the Helen Keller National Center, other national organizations as well as the DeafBlind community.

The Leader Dog-Lions March Match Campaign has been mailed to clubs! Your club's gift will be matched by the Lexington Lions' gift of \$15,000. Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who contribute. Your generosity, at any level, allows Leader Dog to provide all services for free for people blind, visually impaired, or DeafBlind in all communities.

Leader Dog Experience- Visit Leader Dog and enjoy a Lions specific tour of campus, experience walking with a guide dog and white cane and see the difference Lions' make in the lives of others! Leader Dog Tour Experiences will be held June 3 and July 15. Register by clicking on <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/leaderdogtourexpériences/> Hurry! Registration is required and space is limited to 30 people on each date."

LCIF-BC REPORT by PDG Simon Yau, Chairperson:

"District 19A, D, E, H, and I Total donations to LCIF at the at the beginning of June 2023 is USD\$177,980.93 which we reach the goal by 243%! Great work Lions.

Campaign 100 Model Clubs have not reached their goal and are asked to be completed as soon as they can.

LCIF Tell-a-thon on Sunday, June 4, 2023, Goal to raise US\$1,000,000.00.

District 19A held a Melvin Jones Fellows Appreciation Gala on April 7, 2023. LCIF Chairperson PIP Douglas Alexander, PID Allan Hunt and lions' dignitaries from other districts attended the event, total fund raised, including two major donations, \$72,000.00.

Thank you to LCIF District Coordinators of 19A, D, E, H, and I for their hardworking support. This is the last report for the 2022-2023, next year the MD19 LCIF Canada will under the new letter districts."

STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT by PCC John Kirry, Chairperson:

"As we approach the end of our current Lions year, I am pleased to report that our five newly created districts, renamed Districts L-I-O-N-S, are progressing toward consolidation as approved by The International Board of Directors in October 2022.

The three-year long consolidation of our nine smaller districts into five larger districts officially takes place on July 11, 2023, immediately after the close of the Lions International Convention in Boston. While the MD19 Strategic Planning Committee has created numerous blueprint documents to be used in consolidation, the district merger committees now take on the larger responsibility of moving forward and implementing the many detailed interactions of the merger plan.

While our committee fully supports new ideas and new proposals, there is a point that needs clarification, with regard to new Zone Designations: The MD19 policy manual (ARTICLE BL VI, Section 5— DISTRICTS AND ZONES) stipulates that. '**Zones shall be designated by District, and by a number assigned within that District.**'

To clarify, this simply means that Zones shall be designated as in our previous manner, such as L-5, I-2, O-4, N-3, and S-6 etc. No other designations shall be approved.

It is my honor to have worked the past three years with members of the MD19 Strategic Planning Committee, the Council of Governors, and many focused leaders in MD19 to help implement this historic change for our Multiple District. The members of our committee now stand ready to assist each district merger committee in every way possible as new challenges and opportunities arise."

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

BC HEARING SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson, Lyndon, and Council Members', greetings.

The Society members are working hard to promote the hearing aid program in their districts. I am very confident that the work we do is going to have positive results.

We collect used hearing aids for our recycling program. The newer hearing aids are sent to the Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre in Victoria for testing, reprogramming and are ready to use again.

We provided over 50 new hearing aids to clients who were not able to pay for them. With more information getting to the Lions clubs, we will be supplying a lot more hearing aids.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society have 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."

YOUTH EXCHANGE by 1st VDG Tammy Allan, Chairperson:

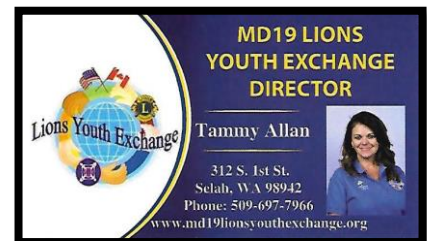
"It's my pleasure to send this final report as the MD19 YEC. It has been my honor to serve in this capacity, for the Multiple District, over the past four years.

We successfully completed our second camp this past April, that included our MD19 Lion friends from Canada. It was quite a learning experience to say the least. Never, and I mean never, try to take a 15-passenger bus and large pickup downtown Vancouver BC to catch a Canucks Game. Plenty of parking for little rigs, but not for a big bus or pickup truck... We lived. We learned.

Camp Camano will be adding some extra events to our agenda, thanks to Lion Lauren Nowack. She solicited the funding to bring the camp to Chelan County for a couple days! I look forward to the additional items we'll be offering our campers at the end of this month!

We got Wheels! Last December our Youth Exchange Foundation purchased a 15-passenger bus to haul campers, instead of hiring a rental van every time we needed one. The 'Great White' was a Church Bus for 25 years in Ellensburg, WA. But now the 'Great White' bus will shortly be getting a makeover to show off our fantastic Youth Exchange program. I hope this will encourage Lions clubs all over our Multiple District to offer this to their local high school students. We have over 100 camps available all around the world, to send these students from MD19. These Lions Camps are safe options for students traveling alone, because of Lions from all over the world investing in their future! Currently our MD19 will be sending four students to Europe this Summer for Camp and Host Family Stay.

Our Team has grown considerably and has the energy to move forward with Youth Exchange for the future of our program in MD19."



MD19 CONVENTION REPORTS

2023 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

"MD19 is going to Boston' July 7-11 and we hope many MD19 Lions will attend.

Registration is still open, and the cost is \$250 US\$. Go to the Lions International website and click on LCIcon and it will take you to registration.

For Canadians travelling, make sure your passport is up to date.

Our MD19 host hotel is the Boston Marriott Copley Place in the "Back Bay" area. The rate for this hotel is \$252 US\$/night. Let me know if you want a roommate and we will try and put people together so you can save on the rooming costs.

Also **please advise me or the MD19 office** when you have registered so that we know who is going to Boston. (So far, we are only aware of 20 people registered and we know there are more like 60 but do not who they are!) LCI will not provide that information to us due to their 'privacy policy'. Please include your email address and your cell phone number so that we can add you to the WhatsApp list for communicating and to ensure that we can get the necessary information to you.

We have created a Facebook page '*MD19 is going to Boston*' 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 Boston.

Register Now!

Please contact me with any questions or requests....

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USA / CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:
2023 Reno Forum September 21-23, 2023. We shall be in the Biggest Little City in the World, Reno, for the 47th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum from September 21-23, 2023.



The theme for the Reno Forum is '**Up and Away with Leadership**', in keeping with the world famous annual Great Balloon Race in Reno.

The Forum will be in THE ROW, the city within the city. There is a choice among the hotels in the ROW: The Silver Legacy, Circus Circus and the Eldorado. All hotels are under one roof. The ROW will also host seminars and other special events. The Reno Ballroom, just a half block in walking distance from the ROW, will be the home of one large seminar room, the Forum Store and Exhibits. Just a half block from the Reno Ballroom is The Reno Event Center, which is where the general sessions will be held. So, there is no transportation needed once attendees arrive at The Row. The Row provides free shuttle service from the airport to The Row on a regular basis. Just look for the shuttle that has any of the hotels listed named on the vehicle. More detailed shuttle information is on The Row website.

Be a **Friend of the Forum!** You can help the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum fulfill its' mission to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. There are two different levels available to become a Friend of the Forum. Individual Lions, for the sum of \$150.00, and Lions Couples, Lions Clubs, Lions Districts or Lions Multiple Districts can support this fantastic event for \$250.00. Whether you are planning on attending or cannot attend but believe in the event enough to still be a part of it.



We have four excellent speakers for Reno. Floyd Smith, San Diego's living legend, will share his music and Lion's story during the Thursday Opening Dinner. For Friday lunch we have storyteller Donna Hartley who delivers an inspirational message with a twist of humor and a bit of drama. 2023-24 LCI President Dr. Patti Hill will speak during the Saturday's lunch, and we close out the Forum on Saturday night with Striker Corbin, a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist and success coach. The Education Committee under the leadership of our own MD19 PDG Mark Mansell is putting together a lineup of quality facilitators, moderators, and seminars in an environment of shared learning, positive power and energy where we can embrace new ideas to uplift our Lions service individually and collectively.

The Forum website: www.lionsforum.org continues to be updated with information on the 2023 Forum. Check it out."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Lorne Bunyan, 19-I and seconded by PDG Debbie Mansell, 19-G to accept the Consent Agenda reports, the Foundation & Societies report and the Convention and Forum Reports. Motion approved.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

CARE REPORT by Patti Easterling and PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairpersons:

"Patti Easterling – BC: We are at that time when we need to decide on a new project for CARE. There are two proposals up for the Council of Governors to consider.

1st is Guatemala. Guatemala is facing an unprecedented food security crisis. It is affecting some of the country's most vulnerable people.

2nd is Honduras. They want to create better opportunities for rural farming families to Northern Honduras which needs addressing with the causes of climate change which is a complex and long-term challenge.

Both projects are very deserving of our commitment to CARE. The COG needs to review both and make your decision.

I have been asked to give my decision, which is always difficult. After reading and rereading I have gravitated towards recommending Guatemala.

PDG Bob Yeoman – US: I am recommending to the COG that for the next two years we support the Country of Honduras. Honduras has a devastating problem with deforestation and **their new government which took power in 2021 has already in place measures to combat climate change and preserve forests.** I view this as very encouraging. However, in Northern Honduras regional areas deforestation has contributed to burning of wood for cooking of food. Heat waves, flooding and droughts all pose a threat to the livelihoods of rural agriculture areas. I witnessed this in Haiti several years ago, preparing meals over an open campfire each day.

An alternative option is biogas from waste products such as pig manure. In these rural small communities that is readily abundant. Pig manure can be converted into safe gas for cooking stoves through a process known as anaerobic digestion, during which bacteria break down organic material in a sealed vessel called a biodigester. It is simple and productive and has proven to be low-cost. Currently pig manure is deposited into the environment generating pollution and wasting a potentially important resource. By adopting this program opportunity, we help with a heat source and help with cleaning of the environment.

With the support of MD 19 Lions, CARE intends to implement the following activities.

Construction of 20 biodigesters with their respective ovens that will be installed in selected homes. Carry out an environmental education campaign involving households that are part of the Nutriendo el Futuro Schools and children project.

Carry out reforestation campaigns involving the population in the selected communities, using native plants from each region.

Conduct training for the families that will be building the biodigesters. Raise awareness about the experience and make the main impacts visible.

Conclusion

Creating better opportunities for rural farming families in Northern Honduras urgently requires addressing the causes of climate change. That is a complex and long-term challenge, but a relatively simple step is to reduce the burning of wood as a household fuel, substituting biogas. Experience has shown that rural communities can readily produce clean biogas by processing organic waste such as pig manure using biodigesters – a simple, sustainable technology. With support from Multiple District 19 Lions, we will be able to introduce this technology to four communities in Northern Honduras, not only bringing immediate benefits to the selected families but also showcasing the technology in a manner that we hope will promote its wider adoption. We hope you will consider this important project.

CARE Proposal #1 for Multiple District 19 Lions

Country: Guatemala

Project Location: Santa María Chiquimula, Totonicapán

Project Name: A Future Without Hunger

Requested Amount: \$40,000 Goal for Year 1 (\$80,000 goal for 2 years)

Fundraising Period: July 2023 - June 2025

Project Implementation: Jan. 2025 - Dec. 2026

Contact: Dana Tseng



Introduction

Guatemala was one of the Latin American countries with the best macroeconomic performance during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, people living in poverty, in particular women, are struggling to recover their previous income and working conditions. Marginalized populations, especially indigenous Mayan women small-scale farmers and their families, face tremendous barriers to improving their livelihoods and achieving gender equity. These barriers have been compounded by the food crisis brought on by war in Ukraine, the pandemic, the economic crisis, human mobility and disasters including recent hurricanes and flooding. This is exacerbated by a weakness in the political and institutional framework for disaster prevention and response, and a gap in women's participation in the labor market. Women make up only 37% of the workforce and have a median income of less than \$240 per year.

Guatemala is experiencing a complex humanitarian crisis affecting almost a third of the population: 6.4 million people are vulnerable, and 5 million people require humanitarian support.¹ Food and nutrition needs reached a historic high in 2022, with 35% more people than the previous year – mainly subsistence and semi-subsistence farming families and households with minimal or no income – requiring immediate assistance.



As we seek to address hunger, CARE has focused interventions in the department of Totonicapán. We currently implement the project *Building Resilience through Farmer Support*, supporting families in the municipality of Santa María Chiquimula, which is among the municipalities with the highest levels of poverty: 84.3%.² The project is financed directly by CARE USA through funds from the Global Hunger Crisis campaign, with the objective “to improve the food and nutritional security of women, their families and communities in the department of Totonicapán.”

Proposed Intervention

In order to expand our response, the hunger crisis faced by Guatemalan families, CARE proposes the project *A Future Without Hunger*, with support from MD19 Lions. We intend to complement and expand our model strengthening food systems through improved agricultural production and climate resilience in Santa María Chiquimula.

The project is expected to contribute to strengthening the production and food systems of families vulnerable to the food crisis. The intended result is good food production practices implemented as a measure of adaptation to food and nutrition insecurity caused by adverse climatic effects.

Population

- Year 1: 200 families
- Year 2: 200 families
- Total: 400 families

Activities

1.1. Capacity-building in health and nutrition practices and reorganization of activities within the home (healthy households): Through the learning-by-doing methodology, activities will be developed for the reorganization of the household and application of hygiene practices. This will facilitate a change in families' behavior, which will have an impact on their food security.

1.2 Training and direct technical assistance to women producers through Farmer Field and Business Schools (FFBS), CARE's proven, women-focused agricultural skills-building approach: In order to promote changes in traditional production practices, the project will develop training processes on good agricultural practices and conservation of natural resources, which will increase agricultural production of

foods of high nutritional value. Likewise, CARE will promote a food sovereignty³ approach for the reduction in the use of chemical fertilizers that increase the production of greenhouse gases.

1.3 Backyard family gardens: plans to improve production: To reorganize food production models in small spaces and optimize land use, the project will work on planning the yards of participating families. This will allow us to conceive an integral model of backyard production in the future that will allow permanent availability of food of high nutritional value.

1.4 Backyard family gardens: use of native plants: Leveraging training and technical assistance provided in the FFBS, we will promote the production of native foods from the area, that are adapted to the climate and soil conditions of the territory and allow the stable production of foods of high nutritional value. The intended result is improved resilience in the face of the seasonal hunger crisis faced by families in the dry season.

Conclusion

Guatemala faces an unprecedented food security crisis, affecting some of the country's most vulnerable people. Addressing the root causes of the crisis requires first and foremost a focus on the small-scale farmers, above all indigenous women, who are the backbone of rural food production. With support from Multiple District 19 Lions, CARE seeks to leverage our extensive experience to provide the women of Santa María Chiquimula training in farming and nutritional practices, including sustainable backyard gardening. We are confident that they will be better equipped in the long term to weather the effects of climate change and provide their families with healthy, nutritious food. Thank you for your consideration.

CARE Proposal #2 for Multiple District 19 Lions

Country: Honduras HoHai

Project Location: Northern Honduras

Project Name: Support Families with Production of Natural Fuel for Cooking

Requested Amount: \$40,000 Goal for Year 1 (\$80,000 goal for 2 years)

Fundraising Period: July 2023 - June 2025

Project Implementation: Jan. 2025 - Dec. 2026

Contact: Dana Tseng



Introduction

Honduras has one of the highest rates of deforestation in Latin America, [losing 10% of its forests in just over a decade](#). While the new government that took power in 2021 has put in place measures to combat climate change and preserve forests, the damage will last a long time. Deforestation and related environmental degradation play a major role in climate-related stresses including flooding, contamination of water, heat waves and droughts – all of which pose a threat to the livelihoods of rural agricultural areas and are driving high rates of migration.

One such area is Northern Honduras, including the departments of Cortés, Santa Bárbara and Yoro, where small-scale farming families face extremely high rates of poverty, limited economic opportunity and gender inequality. Marginalized populations like women, small farmers, micro-entrepreneurs and their families face enormous barriers to improving their livelihoods, exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing economic crisis – and particularly by climate change and related natural disasters.

An important contributor to deforestation in rural Honduras, as elsewhere in Central America, is the [burning of wood for cooking and other household purposes](#). Traditionally, open fires are used not only to cook staple foods such as tortillas, but also to heat water, keep insects away, provide light when there is no electricity, and heat clothes irons.

It is vitally important to introduce and promote the use of sustainable alternatives to wood as a household fuel. Fortunately, these exist, including the production of [biogas from waste products](#) such as pig manure – readily available in small-scale farming communities. Pig manure can be converted into safe gas for cookstoves through a process known as anaerobic digestion, during which bacteria break down organic material in a sealed vessel called a biodigester – a relatively simple and low-cost technology that has been demonstrated to be feasible in rural agricultural communities. However, in Northern Honduras, the vast majority of small-scale farmers do not use pig manure for productive purposes, but rather deposit these residues in the environment, generating pollution and wasting a potentially important resource.

To capture this missed opportunity, CARE now proposes to partner with MD19 Lions to **construct biodigesters to produce natural fuel**. Our objective is to reduce the use of firewood in kitchens, helping address deforestation and contamination of water sources, and protecting the health of the population and the ecosystem. In addition, products such as organic fertilizers will be obtained.

The project will be implemented in three municipalities in northern Honduras (Santa Cruz de Yojoa and Villanueva in the department of Cortes, and Siguatepeque in the department of Comayagua) and four communities (Agua Salada, Terreritos, Casitas and El Guiral).

The project will have two phases, each lasting 12 months, starting in early 2025 and ending in late 2026. The MD19 Lions-funded project will complement the ongoing work of a larger project in the region known as Nutriendo el Futuro (Feed the Future), where CARE works to improve access to inclusive markets and productive resources with a strong focus on inclusion, adaptation, and climate change mitigation.

With the support of MD19 Lions, CARE intends to implement the following activities:

- Construction of 20 biodigesters with their respective ovens that will be installed in the selected homes.
- Carry out an environmental education campaign involving households that are part of the Nutriendo el Futuro, Schools and children project.
- Carry out reforestation campaigns involving the population in the selected communities, using native plants from each region.
- Conduct training for the families that will be building the biodigesters.
- Raise awareness about the experience and make the main impacts visible.

Conclusion

Creating better opportunities for rural farming families in Northern Honduras urgently requires addressing the causes of climate change. That is a complex and long-term challenge, but a relatively simple step is to reduce the burning of wood as a household fuel, substituting biogas. Experience has shown that rural communities can readily produce clean biogas by processing organic waste such as pig manure using biodigesters – a simple, sustainable technology. With support from Multiple District 19 Lions we will be able to introduce this technology to four communities in Northern Honduras, not only bringing immediate benefits to the selected families but also showcasing the technology in a manner that we hope will promote its wider adoption. We hope you will consider this important project.

The choice of which new CARE Project to support will be made by the new Council later in this meeting.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT by Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:

“District Environment Chairpersons: A-Kitty Chiu & Alvina Seid; B-PCC Enoch Rowland; C-VDG Bob Johnson; D-PZC Angus Benedict; E-PDG Kim DiRienz; F-PZC Judy Riggers; G-VDG Leslie Chasse; H-Lion Leo Wang and I-Lion David Haynes.



DISCOVER

We Have a Plan

Lions and Leos serve to strengthen the relationship between the community and its environment. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities.

Our Strategic Objective

Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.



Reflecting on Spring Activities and Anticipating Summer. Lions Clubs International focuses on the Environment Global Service Goal in April. WWW.EARTHDAY.ORG and <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en> websites are great sources of project ideas for springtime and throughout the year. Each provides toolkits for volunteers. Environment Chairpersons, in Districts, Zones and Clubs are ready to assist clubs with ideas.

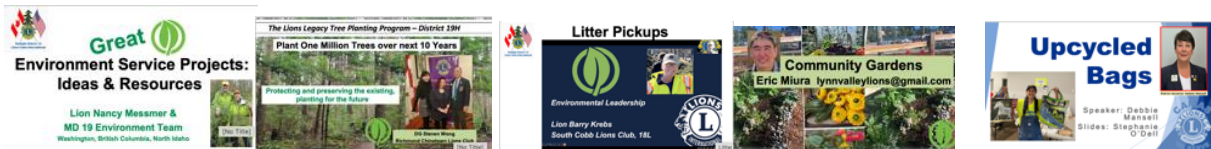
Team Building. Representing all nine districts, one or two District Environment Chairpersons work closely with five Lions serving as MD19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by CC Lyndon Harriman, PCC John Moralek, PCC Al Hedstrom and now VCC Steve Noble. 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.

Environment Team Facebook Page and Evening Presentations. District G Environment Chairperson, 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>.

The MD19 Environment Team and the District C Environment Team are hosting Evening Talks on Zoom. Our goal is to reach Lions and other community members with a variety of presentations that feature Lions at Work for the environment, or information about specific environmental issues. The District C Environment Team offers Climate Summits every other month, including the January Summit on the Airport Issue in Pierce and Thurston Counties. The May topic was 'Converting your Home's Power Plant and Availing Yourself of New Incentives' by Lion Barak Gale. The MD19 Team is filling in the calendar with Evening Environment Talks. Our scheduled April 25 workshop on Repurposing with Lion Angus Benedict, turned into an impromptu memorial sharing conversation after our dear friend, Angus, passed away suddenly. He inspired us with his kindness and creativity in making good use of items others send to landfills. Watch the MD19 website for monthly information about dates and times for upcoming presentations. <https://lionsmd19.org>.

MD 19 Environment Team Presents at Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston

At the LCI Convention in Boston this summer, Lions from around the world have been selected to share service projects on the Presentation Stage. Nancy Messmer, DG Steven Wong, Barry Krebs (Georgia), Stephanie O'Dell and DG Debbie Mansell, and Eric Miura will present information about Great Environmental Service Projects. Information will be shared by Nancy and Debbie in person, Barry by video, and Steven and Eric have contributed text and photos.



As the Environment Chairpersons circulate through our districts, speaking to Lions, scanning MyLion, Facebook pages and websites, these are some of the projects we see.



Surrey Central Lions Adopt a Road.



We had a good weekend project at the park cleaning up some trees and limbs. Thank you to all the Lions and guests that helped get the project done.

Forks Lions-Park Cleanup



Evolved from teamwork at NW Lions Leadership Institute)



Camas Lion Tim Eubank's Pollinator Project
 District I Lions Restore & Maintain Camp



11/22/22 Lakewood First Lions plants a tree at District Environmental event at SilverCreek Park.



District C Earth Day Event.

Salt Spring Lions Garage Sales.

Nanoose Bay Lions "Broom Busting"

MD19 Environment Chairpersons Call or email. We can assist you with ideas & resources.

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KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND REPORT by PDG Ray Fujiura for PZC Bill Scholl, Chairperson:

"Greetings Governors,

We are so pleased to bring you another report on the progress of our committee.

A very important step forward is the acquisition of a sponsor. The Olympia Host Foundation agreed to not only become our sponsor but also allocated \$1500 to help pay for a variety of initial expenses. The Fairhaven Lions had initially funded \$300 for the cost of a post office box and several of the first books we received, and the authors had generously sent us a large supply of the 'Grandpas White Cane' children's books to distribute, on a 'pay-as-you-can basis.' The Foundation's allocation allowed payment for the balance due for the books we had received plus they helped to pay for professional printing of our brochures, along with various other expenses. Most clubs would be able to fund the books they might use with a program (especially with the author's generously providing MD19 with the books at nearly half-price). As sponsor, the foundation is also able to accept donations from Clubs earmarked for KOTB that we can then obtain funding from the foundation for these ongoing expenses or books for a club needing support for materials.

Also, since our last report our committee has begun many school presentations using the children's book to educate third graders on how and why someone uses the long white cane. These presentations include six classrooms, a complete school of 200 students (done in one day) and a presentation done to a Senior Center in Sunnyside, WA. All done in collaboration with local Lions Clubs and in some cases with members of the Washington State Council of the Blind.

Another great aspect of all these presentations is that they are giving 'LIONS' a greater exposure to their communities.

Plans are being made to do more presentations to local Senior Centers, scout troops and libraries through the summer as the schools are out; then return to the schools in October. All the classroom teachers have expressed a desire to have us return in the new school year.

As many of you know KOTB members attended seven of the nine district conventions these last two months. Through attending these conventions, we have increased attention to who and what we are to many interested clubs and individual Lions.

As you can tell our KOTB committee is on the move forward and looking forward to being a presence in each of the districts this coming Lions year.

The MD19 Lions Knights of The Blind committee would ask you to consider proclaiming October 15, 2023, as 'White Cane Safety Day'.

We realize that our request may seem a bit premature but if we wait for the next meeting the timing will be too late.

Thank you for ALL your support for our endeavors to make our communities more aware to those individuals that are Blind or Visually impaired."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Ray Fujiura, 19-F and seconded by PDG Marilyn Patterson, 19-G to proclaim October 15th as 'White Cane Safety Day'. Motion passed.

LIONS FDN OF CANADA DOG GUIDES REPORT by DG Steven Wong for PZC Richard Simonson, BC-Yukon Director:

"As spring heads into summer, I set out to compile an encouraging report. I had hopes for contact with each of the MD19 Districts in Canada. I was successful in speaking with the Governor's and/or the Governor's-elect about creating changes to the Multiple District By-laws and Policies regarding Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. There are plans to allow for the transition to following the outline as requested by Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Board of Directors.

We will see over the next few months how that will come to be.

I was able to attend two District Conferences, in person, meeting with the District Governor, future Vice District Governors and District Chairs for LFCDG as well. I was asked to present on behalf of the Lions Foundation at the MD 19 District D conference, which was very well received.

I have also visited with a couple of local Clubs and spoke on the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. We need to renew our efforts to explain the Awards that are available along with pertinent information.

Also, I participated in a local Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides and exceeded my personal goal which was a very pleasant event.

My activities include:

- Attending LFCDG Board and Committee meetings.
- Connecting with staff regarding questions that have been brought forward to me.
- Attending local events to promote support for LFCDG.
- Searching for an opportunity to speak to the Clubs of MD19 at the DG's invitation.

Director Selection Process Time Frame

1. During the final year of the Director's term on the LFCDG Board, the Incumbent Director will inform the Province/MD that a new Director will need to be recommended to the Governance and Nominating Committee (G&NC) of LFCDG by the end of April.

2. Province /MD will notify **all Lions** in their Province or MD that a new Director is being sought. The nominee must be a Canadian Lion in good standing, living in the Province/ MD that they will represent.
3. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (G&NC) will provide the Province/MD with the Director Job Description including a detailed outline of the time commitment expected, the Board Skills Self-Assessment questionnaire, Confidentiality Agreement, Conflict of Interest Policy, Harassment Policy, the LFCDG Strategic Plan, LFCDG Mission Statement, and a link to the LFCDG website.
4. Province /MD should provide an open and transparent selection process which should include a written resume and an interview panel. One of the members of the interview panel should be the Incumbent Director
5. Once the candidate has been selected, the Province /MD will submit to the G&NC Committee the resume and self- assessment along with the Agreement to accept the nomination to LFCDG Board, not later than the end of April in the year in which a new Provincial Director is needed. G&NC will provide an update to the Board prior to the June meeting.
6. The candidate will be informed that their name will be included on the slate of board members to be elected by the Membership of LFCDG at the Annual General Meeting in October.
7. The candidate will be invited to the District Governor Elect visitation at the Foundation in June prior to election to the Board in October.
8. At the June meeting, the Director Elect will be required to sign the Confidentiality Agreement and the Conflict-of-Interest Form. Background documents will also be shared with the Director Elect as part of the orientation process.
9. Following the June meeting, the incumbent Director will start mentoring the Director Elect and the Director Elect will be invited to attend the virtual Board meetings as an Observer.

Support Documents needed:

LFCDG Director Job Description
LFCDG Mission Statement
Board Skills Self- Assessment
Confidentiality Agreement
Harassment Policy
LFCDG Strategic Plan

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Joyce Stevens, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Steven Wong, 19-H to accept the new procedures set forth by Dog Guides in selecting the new Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Provincial Director. Motion passed.

LCIF-US REPORT by PDG Mark Mansell for PDG Jan Weatherly, Chairperson:

A hearty THANK YOU to all the clubs and individual Lions who have donated to LCIF this year. It is our Foundation that makes it possible to respond to disasters, provide refugee relief and meet our needs through grant requests.

- **Club donations** are heavily engrained as a part of our club obligation---at whatever level the club chooses to afford. Yet not all clubs give to LCIF each year.

So far 76 clubs have donated to LCIF. These are just the US clubs of which there are 202 in Washington and Idaho. District leaders, with the help of your District Coordinators, make a call to your clubs asking for that donation NOW. In the future, encourage clubs to give no later than the 3rd quarter to avoid the rush at the end of the year so the donation counts in the current year.

- **Personal donations:** We have made significant strides with this area of giving.

At midyear, 44 Lions had made a personal donation to LCIF. Now 165 Lions have opened their personal wallet to support our Foundation. That is a 375% increase! It is the accumulation of these one-time and monthly donations that have launched us into a new level of giving across our MD. And THANKS to the DGE's who have made this personal giving a priority for their leadership team this next year.

- **LCIF grants** District Community Grant awards have exploded!

This newest LCIF grant and the only one that can go directly to a club, has prompted eligible clubs to apply for a District Community Grant. Fifteen percent of all unrestricted club LCIF donations over \$5000 can be returned to the club for a humanitarian service project. Nine DCG grants were awarded to clubs in the last 6 months.

- **LCIF District Coordinators for 2023-2024** All are registered to attend a hands-on training in Oak Brook, IL, in July.

Our team of District Coordinators will hit the ground running in this next Lions year. Work closely with them to support your LCIF goals while they strive to make their donation for 2023-2024.”

The following District Governor's reported on what they have learned as district governors that they didn't know at the beginning of their year: May Ho, 19-A and Lee Woodard, 19-B

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson:
“2023-2024 MD19 PROPOSED BUDGET

2023-2024 Budget with April 30, 2023 Membership				
MD19 Dues Income @ \$25.60	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
MD19 Operations Account – 89%	\$211,214	\$ -	\$(211,214)	
District Budgeted 6%	\$14,239	\$ -	\$(14,239)	
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%	\$7,120	\$ -	\$(7,120)	
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%	\$2,373	\$ -	\$(2,373)	
MD19 Building Reserve Account – 1%	\$2,373	\$ -	\$(2,373)	
Total Dues Income (gross)	\$237,309	\$ -	\$(237,309)	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
MD19 Other Income				
Annual Convention	\$13,000	\$ -	\$(13,000)	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (FDN)	\$1,500	\$ -	\$(1,500)	
Border Crossing Editor Grant (FDN)	\$4,400	\$ -	\$(4,400)	
District & Zone Officer School Grant (MD19 FDN)	\$8,000	\$ -	\$(8,000)	
Building & Grounds Improvements	\$200	\$ -	\$(200)	
Building-Memorial Garden	\$1,500	\$ -	\$(1,500)	
New Club Paraphernalia	\$500	\$ -	\$(500)	
Office Expense Recovered	\$300	\$ -	\$(300)	
Sales - Other	\$200	\$ -	\$(200)	
Uniforms – Sales Income	\$300	\$ -	\$(300)	
Roster	\$1,600	\$ -	\$(1,600)	
Bulletin Subscriptions	\$100	\$ -	\$(100)	
Miscellaneous Income	\$40	\$ -	\$(40)	
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund	\$50	\$ -	\$(50)	
Interest Income	\$10	\$ -	\$(10)	
Property Tax Reimbursed	\$4,300	\$ -	\$(4,300)	

Total MD19 Other Income	\$36,000	\$ -	\$(36,000)	
Total MD19 Income	\$273,319	\$ -	\$(273,319)	
EXPENSES				
District Ops Accounts	Projected 2023-2024	Actual 7/1/2023	Variance	NOTES 7/1/2023
District L	\$3,160	\$ -	\$(3,160)	
District I	\$2,365	\$ -	\$(2,365)	
District O	\$2,829	\$ -	\$(2,829)	
District N	\$3,489	\$ -	\$(3,489)	
District S	\$2,396	\$ -	\$(2,396)	
Total District Operations Account	\$14,239	\$ -	\$(14,239)	
Int'l Convention Forum / Director				
	Projected 2023-2024	Actual 7/1/2023	Variance	NOTES 7/1/2023
CCE (Seated VCC) June 2023	\$400	\$ -	\$(400)	
Convention Chairperson	\$600	\$ -	\$(600)	
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm)	\$250	\$ -	\$(250)	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum	\$300	\$ -	\$(300)	
1 st VDG to USA / Canada Forum	\$1,500	\$ -	\$(1,500)	
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director	\$3,050	\$ -	\$(3,050)	
Capital Outlay				
	Projected 2023-2024	Actual 7/1/2023	Variance	NOTES 7/1/2023
Office Equipment	\$200	\$ -	\$(200)	
Copier Lease Canon	\$4,525	\$ -	\$(4,525)	
Total Capital Outlay	\$4,725	\$ -	\$(4,725)	
MD19 Convention Expenses				
	Projected 2023-2024	Actual 7/1/2023	Variance	NOTES 7/1/2023
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)	\$7,120	\$ -	\$(7,120)	
MD19 Annual Convention	\$12,500	\$ -	\$(12,500)	
Total MD19 Convention Expenses	\$19,620	\$ -	\$(19,620)	
MD19 General Operations				
	Projected 2023-2024	Actual 7/1/2023	Variance	NOTES 7/1/2023
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)	\$100	\$ -	\$100	
Credit Card Fees	\$150	\$ -	\$150	
Accounting Compilation / Services	\$4,200	\$ -	\$4,200	
Bank Charges	\$150	\$ -	\$150	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)	\$2,000	\$ -	\$2,000	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)	\$5,000	\$ -	\$5,000	
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation	\$75	\$ -	\$75	
Maintenance – Auto & Equipment	\$900	\$ -	\$900	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
Post Office Box Lease - Canada	\$200	\$ -	\$200	
Postage	\$2,500	\$ -	\$2,500	
Printing and Office Supplies	\$1,300	\$ -	\$1,300	
Printing Roster	\$3,200	\$ -	\$3,200	
Purchases – Other Sales	\$500	\$ -	\$500	

	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
OTHER EXPENSES				
Purchases – Wearables	\$2,000	\$ -	\$2,000	
Computer Programs	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
Exchange Expense	\$16,000	\$ -	\$16,000	
Utilities	\$6,000	\$ -	\$6,000	
Total MD19 Operations – General	\$45,275	\$ -	\$45,275	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
Insurance – Auto/Building				
Auto Insurance	\$1,800	\$ -	\$1,800	
Commercial Pkge. Insurance	\$3,200	\$ -	\$3,200	
Total Insurance – Auto/Building	\$5,000	\$ -	\$5,000	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
Taxes (non-personnel)				
Personal Property Tax	\$200	\$ -	\$200	
Building Property Tax	\$8,600	\$ -	\$8,600	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)	\$8,800	\$ -	\$8,800	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
Personnel – Calendar Year				
Compensation – MD19 Office	\$125,000	\$ -	\$125,000	
Total Personnel	\$125,000	\$ -	\$125,000	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
Support: Club, Zone and District				
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors	\$800	\$ -	\$800	Dist. Cab. Mtgs
Awards & Trophies	\$1,000	\$ -	\$1,000	Plaq., Patches, etc.
MD19 Bulletin	\$300	\$ -	\$300	Border Crossing
Council Chairperson Expense	\$4,000	\$ -	\$4,000	
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors	\$500	\$ -	\$500	MD19 Council Mtgs.
Council Meeting – Fall	\$1,500	\$ -	\$1,500	
Council Meeting – Winter	\$250	\$ -	\$250	
Council Meeting – Spring	\$3,000	\$ -	\$3,000	
Dist. & Zone Officer Training	\$8,000	\$ -	\$8,000	Hotel, Mileage, Fees
Executive Director Expense	\$6,000	\$ -	\$6,000	
MD19 District Team Expenses	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
LEO Liaison for MD19 Convo.	\$50	\$ -	\$50	
Total Club, Zone and District Support	\$25,900	\$ -	\$25,900	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
Telephone				
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)	\$2,500	\$ -	\$2,500	
Website	\$175	\$ -	\$175	
Total Telephone & Website	\$2,675	\$ -	\$2,675	
	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
Zone Chairperson				
Zone Chairperson – Expenses	\$11,000	\$ -	\$11,000	
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention	\$2,500	\$ -	\$2,500	

Total Zone Chairperson	\$13,500	\$ -	\$13,500	
Reserve	Projected	Actual	Variance	NOTES
	2023-2024	7/1/2023		7/1/2023
ID Candidate Reserve Fund	\$500	\$ -	\$500	
Payable to MD 19 Reserve	\$2,373	\$ -	\$2,373	
Payable to Building Reserve	\$2,373	\$ -	\$2,373	
Total Reserve	\$5,246	\$ -	\$5,246	
Contingency	\$289	\$ -	\$273,319	
Total MD19 Expense	\$273,319	\$ -	\$71,337	
Total MD19 Expense Budget	\$273,319	\$ -	\$273,319	
Total MD19 Income Budget	\$273,319	\$ -	\$273,319	
Net Income/(Loss)	\$0	\$ -	\$0"	

The approval for the 2023-2024 MD19 Budget will be done later in this meeting under New Business by the 2023-2024 Council of Governors.

GOVERNANCE REPORT by PDG Chuck Waid, Chairperson:

"It has been recommended that this information in Chapter 12 of the Policy Manual be moved back to the By-Laws of the MD. These recommendations are approved by the Governance Committee and recommend a "Do Pass" by the Council of Governors at the Spring Council meeting on 17 June 2023, the MD19 Membership would vote of this at the MD Convention in Surrey, 14 October 2024, then this information would be removed from the Policy Manual.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: (Many of the following proposed amendments have been removed from MD19 Policy Manual and inserted in the MD19 Constitution and By Laws as seen below.)

ARTICLE BL III, ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

SECTION 1. ELECTION PROCEDURES AND SUBMISSION DEADLINES

When running for an office above the district level, the following procedures shall be followed by the candidates in the order listed:

a. Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson

1. By e-mail, fax, and/or letter the candidate shall state his/her intent to seek the position of Council Chairperson or Vice Council Chairperson. The candidate shall state the qualities he/she believes qualify him/her for the said position. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters shall be sent to the secretary of his/her club, the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which his/her club is located, the seated Vice District Governor(s), and seated District Governor of the district in which his/her club is located and the MD19 Executive Director. The e-mails, faxes, and/or letters must be received by the for mentioned officers on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.

b. Vice Council Chairperson

1. The proposed Vice Council Chairperson candidate's club secretary shall submit an email, fax, and/or letter of club endorsement to the seated Zone Chairperson of the zone in which the club is located, stating that the candidate is an active member in good standing in a club in good standing and further, that candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular club meeting. A copy of the e-mail, fax, and/or letter must be submitted to the seated District Governor and the seated Vice District Governor(s) of the district in which the candidate's club is located and the MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.

2. The Zone Chairperson shall submit an e-mail, fax, and/or letter of zone endorsement of the candidate for Vice Council Chairperson. It must include a copy of the zone meeting minutes stating the motion to endorse the candidate, and further, that the candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular zone meeting. The e-mail, fax, and/or letter must be sent to the seated District Governor of the district in which the zone is located. Copies of the e-mail, fax, and/or letter of endorsement must be sent to the seated Vice District Governor(s) of the district in which the zone is located and to the MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current Lions year.
 3. The District Cabinet Secretary shall submit an email, fax and/or letter of the District Cabinet's endorsement of the candidate for the office of Vice Council Chairperson to the Multiple District Executive Secretary. It must include a copy of the Cabinet Meeting Minutes stating the motion to endorse the candidate and further that the candidate was endorsed by a majority vote at a regular cabinet meeting. Copies of the letter must be sent to the seated District Governor, the Vice District Governors and Zone Chairperson in which the candidate's club is located. A courtesy copy to the candidate should be sent.
 4. If there are two candidates requesting the endorsement of a club, zone, or district, only one candidate will be able to garner a majority vote of that entity.
- d. Voting for Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson shall be by ballot at the ~~District Conferences~~ Multiple District 19 Annual Convention.
- e. A candidate's certification of endorsement must specify the single office sought and no candidate may seek election for any office other than the office designated in his/her certification. No candidate shall have more than one (1) endorsement pending for more than one (1) office within his/her zone or district in the same election year.
- f. If there are no announced Council Chairperson and/or Vice Council Chairperson candidates registered with the Multiple District Office at the time of a District's Conference, any qualified Council Chairperson or Vice Council Chairperson candidates with proper endorsements may be nominated from the floor of the district to be that district's candidate.
- 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, the procedures for filling these positions shall be followed in accordance with the procedures prescribed in MD 19 ARTICLE BL IV, SECTIONS 1 and 2.

AND Section 2: MULTIPLE CANDIDATES: In an election where there are three or more candidates for Vice Council Chairperson and no candidate receives a majority vote for the office, the same shall be reported to the ~~Council at the MD 19 Spring Council Meeting following the district elections~~ **Lions attending the MD Annual Convention prior to noon on Saturday, the day of the election.** The candidate with the least number of votes will automatically be dropped and a second and subsequent ballot shall be taken ~~by email of the clubs in each district.~~ **until one of the candidates received a majority of the vote.** ~~The email vote will be conducted by the MD 19 Office. The results of the second ballot will be announced by the MD 19 ED by email to the Council of Governors within three days after the ballot are counted.~~

Reason: If an additional vote is required the polling place will be required to remain open until the voting is complete.

ARTICLE BL IV – VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON, VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON OR AN OFFICER OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

SECTION 2 VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

c. ...**MD19 Executive Director, obtained by resolution the endorsement of his/her club and his/her zone, and has obtained by vote, his/her district cabinet's endorsement per ARTICLE BL III SECTION 1 b 3.**

Proposed amendments for ARTICLE BL VII DISTRICT and ZONE OFFICERS

Move current SECTIONS 4“DUTIES OF VOTING DISTRICT DELEGATES” and SECTION 6 “DUTIES OF VOTING ZONE DELEGATES” in ARTICLE. BL VII to New SECTION 5 d.1) and 5 d. 2) in same ARTICLE BL VII. (with minor amendments).

Renumber Current SECTION 5 to SECTION 4 “EVERY ZONE CHAIRPERSON SHALL:” (No changes in Section other than renumbering.)

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

New SECTION 5. ELECTION PROCEDURES OF DISTRICT AND ZONE OFFICERS

- 1) No Lion may declare his/her candidacy for any office above the club level unless the Lion and his/her club are both in good standing with Lions Clubs International and MD19. All candidates meeting the requirements for the office of District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairperson must submit their declaration of candidacy in writing indicating the candidate to be a Lion of good standing in a club of good standing, which must be received by the Multiple District Office and their District Governor no later than December 31st prior to the year of the election. If only one candidate for an office has submitted a declaration of candidacy and complied with Article VIII "BL" by the stated deadline, said candidate shall be unopposed at the election for said office.
 - 2) If no candidate has declared in accordance with Paragraph 1, above, then all candidates meeting the requirements for the office of District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Zone Chairperson 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 District Convention.
 - 3) If NO candidate has declared his/her candidacy in accordance with the above, the candidate(s) meeting the requirements and with proper endorsements for the office of District Governor and Vice District Governor may be nominated from the floor at the General Session of the District Convention.
- b. Candidates for the office of First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and District Governor shall obtain their Club's endorsement. If his/her Club endorsement is not secured, the candidate may secure the endorsement in writing of a majority of the Clubs in his/her District. The secretary of each Club endorsing the candidate by a majority vote at a regular or special meeting shall submit an e-mail, fax, and / or letter stating the Club's endorsement to the Zone Chairperson, First Vice District Governor, District Governor, and MD19 Executive Director on or before December 31 of the current year.
- c. Candidates for the office of Zone Chairperson shall obtain their Club's endorsement, or the endorsement of the majority of the Clubs in the Zone. The letter(s) of endorsement shall be filed with the current Zone Chairperson with copies to the Multiple District Office no later than thirty (30) days prior to the district's annual spring convention. If no candidates for a Zone have declared thirty (30) days prior to the district's spring convention, nominations may be made from the floor, and elections conducted at Zone Meetings held in conjunction with the district's spring convention. In any event an election shall be held, and reported to the Multiple District Executive Director, prior to 1 May to enable attendance at the Zone Chairperson Training. In the event that a Zone Chairperson is not elected in a Zone by 1 May, the District Governor Elect of the affected 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 MD19 Constitution.

d. District and Zone Voting Delegates

d.1) and d.2) below are the current ARTICLE BL VII, SECTION 4 and SECTION 6

- 1) The official District Voting Delegates from each District shall nominate and elect a District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors at their Annual District **Convention** held during the months of March, April or before the third week of May of the Lions Year preceding **their** taking office. Each club in good standing shall be entitled to ~~cast its vote~~ **select its voting delegates to vote** for District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VIII, SECTIONS 4 & 5 of this Constitution.
- 2) The designated Zone Delegates of each Zone shall nominate and elect a Zone Chairperson for their Zone at a specifically designated Zone Meeting fixed within the limits of practical planning to precede or coincide with the District **Convention**. Each Lions Club in good standing shall be entitled to two delegates to the Zone Meeting, each with one vote and such delegates shall be the President and the Secretary, or their official representatives, in the 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.

Renumber Current SECTION 7 VACANCY IN THE OFFICES OF DISTRICT GOVERNORS, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS OR ZONE CHAIRPERSONS: to SECTION 6. (No other changes. The wording remains the same.)

Renumber Current SECTION 8. OFFICE HOLDERS. to SECTION 7. (No other changes. The wording within Section remains the same.)

Section 8 - District Operations

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

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

C. The voting members of a 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, (if a Secretary/Treasurer, only has one (1) vote, Zone Chairperson of the zones of the district and each appointed committee Chairperson.

The following were recommended to the Council last October:

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 interests 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 66.67% (2/3rd) of the total Council members are required**”.

Reason: There will be 17 voting members of the Council of Governors 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. After 1 July 2024, there will be 13 voting members of the Council of Governors.

Multiple District Conventions & District Conventions
Article VIII

New Section 14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VOTE

Once the voting for Lion(s) running for office are completed, the membership will be informed of the winning Lions(s) within a timely manner. At NO time shall the total votes for or against be announced.

In the case of Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws, the total yes and no’s can be announced as well as the total votes cast and within a timely manner. At NO time shall the vote by either clubs or districts be announced.

Reason: Put in writing that which has been the unwritten understanding.

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL GOVERNORS

Amend Article VI, Section 3, Powers (f), line 1 to read.

Each member of the Council of Governors ~~including the Council chairperson~~ shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the Council of Governors. **The Council chairperson shall vote only to break a tie or make a tie on the question. (See BL X, Section 6 (d).**

Reason: This is in violation of Robert’s Rules of Order which governs the proceedings of the meeting of the Council of Governors. (In any meeting the chairperson has no vote other than to break a tie or make a tie.)

Multiple District Convention & District Conventions.

Amend Article VIII, Section 4. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA to read:

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Club International, and its district, and this Multiple District shall be entitled in each convention of this Multiple District to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the International office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person, **or in the case of an electronic election present within the time allowed for the voting**, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this **Multiple** District. Any Lions Club 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.

A member who has transferred to another Lions Club, who is a member in good standing and has been a member over one year and one day shall be considered an enrolled member. This formula shall be used for district convention.

Delinquent dues may be paid, and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of Spring credential certification, and as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention. **In the case of an electronic election, the club's check must be received in the Multiple District office ten (10) days prior to the first day of the convention.**

Reason: Lions Club members who were in clubs that merged into another club were not counted as enrolled members and were disenfranchised from voting. This also address electronic voting. The ten (10) day period allows for payment by check to be in the MD office the week prior to voting.

Re-write ARTICLE BL III, Election of the Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson, Section 2: VOTING FOR COUNCIL CHAIR and VICE COUNCLE CHAIR to Read: **Voting for these Officers shall occur at the Multiple District Annual Meeting.**

Reason: The voting at District Spring Convention will no longer be required after 1 July 2023.

Voting on the proposed amendments will be done later in this meeting under New Business by the 2023-2024 Council of Governors.

The following District Governor's reported on what they have learned as district governors that they didn't know at the beginning of their year: Harry Lippincott, 19-E and Melissa Smith, 19-F.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT by PID Allan Hunt, (Oral Report)

This report was recorded via Zoom and can be viewed / heard on that recording.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2023 REPORT by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

"MD19 is going to Boston' July 7-11 and we hope many MD19 Lions will attend.

Registration is still open, and the cost is \$250 US\$. Go to the Lions International website and click on LCIcon and it will take you to registration.

For Canadians travelling, make sure your passport is up to date.

Our MD19 host hotel is the Boston Marriott Copley Place in the 'Back Bay' area. The rate for this hotel is \$252 US\$/night. Let me know if you want a roommate and we will try and put people together so you can save on the rooming costs.

Also, **please advise me or the MD19 office** when you have registered so that we know who is going to Boston. (So far, we are only aware of 20 people registered and we know there are more like 60 but do not who they are!) LCI will not provide that information to us due to their 'privacy policy'. Please include your email address and your cell phone number so that we can add you to the WhatsApp list for communicating and to ensure that we can get the necessary information to you.

We have created a Facebook page '*MD19 is going to Boston*' 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 Boston.

Register Now!

Please contact me with any questions or requests.... georgesim@shaw.ca 778.838.8727."

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM REPORTS

The Global Action Team oral reports from Leadership, Membership and the Global Membership Chairpersons were recorded via Zoom and can be viewed on that recording.

GLOBAL SERVICE REPORT by PDG Peggy Harriman, Chairperson:

“Evidence does show that we are moving in the right direction as far as clubs getting out and doing service projects since the pandemic; however, there are many Lions who are responsible for reporting service that don't report because the system is too difficult, or they haven't had the proper training. Hopefully, this will all change when the new program is launched next month.

The Kindness Matters Awards preparations should have already started. This is an award that is only awarded to a few clubs in the world. In fact, Constitutional Area I recently received 6 such awards, and one of them went to a club in 19 G. I am hoping that by providing you and your clubs with the necessary information, we can bring another KMSA to the Multiple District, but more importantly, to a well deserving club in your district.

The guidelines for the 2022-23 KMSA are as follows: Nomination timeline 2022-2023

For clubs to be considered, please adhere to the following timeline. These are guiding deadlines to help the nomination process at the local level. Any nominations submitted to Lions International beyond October 31 will be disqualified.

Please note that all nominations should be submitted electronically to serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org. Lions International will not accept physical applications.

July 1 to October 31: Nominations are open.

August 15: Deadline for **club service chairpersons and Leo club presidents** to electronically send one nomination to **the district global service team coordinator (D GST)**

September 15: Deadline for **D GST coordinator** to electronically send one nomination to the **multiple district (MD) GST coordinator** (PDG Peggy Harriman @ pah4610@gmail.com)

October 31: Deadline for **MD GST coordinator** to electronically send one nomination to Lions International and copy the multiple council chairperson.

January: Winners are selected by the Lions International Board of Directors Service Activities Committee; winning clubs notified.

March: Winning clubs to receive their award from Lions International

This year's deadline for Lions and Leos to report 2022-2023 service to LCI is July 15.

DON'T FORGET THAT THERE ARE MANY GRANTS AVAILABLE IN ALL AREAS OF SERVICE. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A GRANT REQUEST IS NINETY (90) DAYS PRIOR TO THE LCI BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS WHICH TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY, MAY AND AUGUST."

The following District Governor's reported on what they have learned as district governors that they didn't know at the beginning of their year: Debbie Mansell, 19-G; Steven Wong, 19-H and Lia Versaevel, 19-I.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW DISTRICT BANNERS

VCE Patty Allen-White presented the incoming District Governors for 2023-2024 with their new district banners for the newly formed L.I.O.N.S. districts. These banners have ecologically reserved older Lions emblems from useable banners that have been stored in the MD19 Office. They were placed on to a new felt banner and have accompanying lettering for each new district.

TRANSITIONAL MOMENT:

At this time CC Lyndon Harriman read the Council Chairperson Oath to Office for CCE Steve Noble, who pledged he would carry them out to the best of his abilities. CCE Lyndon then read the VCC Oath of Office to VCE Patty Allen-White, who also pledged to carry them out. PCC John Moralek presented CC Lyndon with his Past Council Chairperson Pin and CC Lyndon presented CCE Steve with his Council Chairperson pin.

NEW BUSINESS

The "Changing of the Guard" took place at this time with the District Governors Elect (2023-2024) taking the place of the 2022-2023 Past District Governors on the Council. **The following motions were voted on by the 2023-2024 Council of Governors: (Their titles will reflect their 2023-2024 titles)**

CARE PROJECT FOR 2023-2024

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Steven Wong, 19-H and seconded by PDG Harry Lippincott, 19-E for the Council to select the Support Families with the Production of Natural Fuel for Cooking in Northern Honduras, for the 2023-2024 MD19 CARE Project. Motion passed.

2023-2024 MD19 BUDGET

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Michael Livingston, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Ken Cook, 19-S, to accept the proposed 2023-2024 MD19 Budget. Motion carried.

2023-2024 MD19 Committee Chairpersons

The following 2023-24 MD19 Committee Chairpersons and Other Appointees were brought before the Council for approval:

2022-2023 MD19 Committees

Budget & Finance: PDG Steve Staudinger (19-N), Chairperson; PZC George Sim (19-L), Bob Elliott (19-I), Gloria Hardan (19-O), PCC Jon Whitman (19-N) Committee Members.

Border Crossing Editor: Rebecca Anderson (19-O)

Building: Dan Cantrell (19-O)

CARE: Bob Yeoman (19-S) USA

Contests & Awards: 2nd year PZC Elaine Cook (19-S), 3rd year **Currently Vacant**

Conventions:

2023 Annual Convention: Linda Deroche (Surrey Central, 19-O) and Wendy Canessa (Fort Langley, 19-O)

2024 Annual Convention: PDG Marilyn Danby (Tacoma Downtown, 19-N) and PDG Leslie Smith (Nanaimo Hub-City, 19-L)

2024 International Convention: PZC George Sim (19-L)

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

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Harry Lippincott (19-S)

Election Certification: PDG Grace Hwo (19-L)

Environment: Nancy Messmer (19-L)

Evaluation Committee: PDG Eric Keller (19-L), Chairperson; 2nd year; PDG Dan Comsia (19-N); 3rd year (recommended by Evaluation Committee)

Governance Committee: PDG Chuck Waid (19-N), Chairperson; PCC Larrie Taylor (19-L); PDG Debbie Bostock (19-I); Rock White (19-O), PCC John Kirry (19-N); PDG Brian Ross (19-S); Members at Large: PDG Kenneth Liu (19-L) and PCC JD Nellor (19-N)

Webmaster: Miles Baron (19-O)

International Relations / Participation: PID Allan Hunt (19-O), Chairperson; All PIDs, PDG Steve Patterson (19-N)

International Youth Exchange: PDG Lonnie Morgan (19-S)

LCIF – B.C.: PDG Simon Yau (19-L)

LCIF – US: PDG Jan Weatherly (19-N)

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

LEO Clubs: PZC Barry Shiles (19-O)

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

Memorial Garden: PDG Ray Fujiura (19-S), Wes Reynolds (19-O)

Parliamentarian: PCC JD Nellor (19-N)

Strategic Planning: CC Steve Noble (Exofficio), VCC Patty Allen White, ED Peter Anderson, PCC John Kirry (19-N) Chairperson; PZC Sharon Hansen (19-L); PDG Debbie Bostock (19-I); PDG Tom Smarsh (19-O); PCC JD Nellor (19-N); PDG Paul Kauzlarich (19-S)

District Support Team: VCC Patty Allen-White, Facilitator

Global Leadership PDG Sharon Sikes (19-N),

Global Membership: Eric Miura (19-L)

Global Membership Approach: PDG Mark Mansell (19-N)

Global Service: PDG Peggy Harriman (19-S)

Canadian LERC: PZC Barry Shiles (19-O)

Lions FDN of Canada Dog Guides: PZC Richard Simonson

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Melissa Smith, 19-F and seconded by PDG Harry Lippincott, 19-E to accept the 2023-2024 MD19 Committee appointments. Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Harry Lippincott, 19-E and seconded by PCC Lyndon Harriman to recommend a Do Pass on the MD19 Constitution & By-Laws changes to be voted on by the Delegates at the Annual Convention as shown under the Governance Report. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:57 AM