

2022 Fall Council of Governors' Committee Report

Northwest Lions Leadership Institute

Report to the Council of Governors

Submitted by PCC Al Hedstrom, Institute Superintendent

Our expected Superintendent PCC Laura Wintersteen-Arleth had to withdraw due to a family emergency. IPS Jan Weatherly will continue her participation without title in the planning and preparation to ensure a smooth turnover. At a meeting of the NMWLLI Steering Committee, PCC Al Hedstrom was appointed as Superintendent.

The next Institute is scheduled for May 4 through 7 in beautiful Post Falls, Idaho at the Ross Point Conference Center. If this sounds familiar, this is the same venue as our 2021 Institute. Ross Point provides us with the advantage of logistics experience and an established relationship with the management. As before, the close proximity of the border helps to attract Lions from Canada.

The expected changes to rotation and movement of personnel at every Institute occurs again this year. We welcome back PDG Mark and DG Debbie Mansell, CC Lyndon Harriman and PID Anne Smarsh as faculty, coaches Lion Dr. Nancy Messmer and PDG Tom Smarsh, Treasurer PZC Art Weatherly, Registrar PDG Dave Risley, Assistant Superintendent PDG Wanda Eddy, and Superintendent PCC Al Hedstrom. We also enjoy a plethora of other Lions assisting in web page, online registration, marketing, liaison with LCI, financial accounting, and training materials and equipment assembly.

We expect the curriculum, provided by LCI, will have minimal, if any, changes. Again with the hindsight of experience, we can make adjustments with the knowledge of what works and what doesn't.

We again will aim for 40 students but our facilities contract allows for expansion to 50 if the need arises. Our first flyers are ready for distribution.

For future Institutes, we now plan for this to be an annual event. Each graduating batch inspires more participation and our reputation has expanded beyond our MD-19 borders. It is this writer's intent to lobby (with our marketing geniuses) the leadership of MD-36 (Oregon) and other Lions leaders throughout the West to urge greater participation.

We have a long list of tasks and errands to be completed before we make the drive to Post Falls. We welcome the opportunity to introduce new and veteran Lions to the concepts and practices of leadership in the world's preeminent volunteer service organization. We Serve.

Al Hedstrom
Superintendent