

International Relations Report

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Nominations for Presidential and Leadership Medals have been submitted. All current FVDGs, soon to be DGE need to keep their eyes open for those Lions whom you may wish to nominate this coming Lions year. You should be seeing the criteria in early August, don't be surprised, be prepared.

The planning for the 2024 International Board Meeting in Vancouver is well underway. We have the arrival schedule for all the guests attending. The host night is being held on March 17th at the Chief Joe Mathias Longhouse in North Vancouver; this will be a unique event, somewhat similar to what we did during the 2011 Convention in Seattle. We continue to be open to clubs donating to financially assist us with this project.

Internationally we have a multi-year project called Mission 1.5, I know that you have all heard of the goal to be at 1.5 Million Members by July 1, 2027. Sometimes a number like that is difficult to relate to, we are not looking for 1.5 Million members in MD19, it might be nice but let's be realistic. In MD19 for this year our target (CA1 & CA2) is a net 80 members and a net of 6 new clubs. Currently the USA side of MD19 is -43 and the Canadian side is +17. Obviously, there is room to move. The FVDGs already have their target numbers for 2024-2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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