

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

October 16, 2021

Zoom Meeting

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson John Moralek at 9:00 AM. Introductions of the Council and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs took place at this time.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and recorded as attended:

## I. Council of Governors

John Moralek, Council Chairperson  
Al Hedstrom, Past 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  
Melissa Smith, District Governor 19-F  
Marilyn Patterson, District Governor, 19-G  
Ken Ball, District Governor 19-H  
Lorne Bunyan, District Governor 19-I  
Vilma Fernandez, PDG 19-B  
Joe Nilles, PDG 19-D  
Peggy Harriman, PDG 19-E  
Doug Harvey, PDG 19-G  
Orson Christensen, PDG 19-H  
Jane Beddows, PDG 19-I

## II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Budget & Finance  
PDG Steve Patterson, USA CARE  
PZC George Sim, 2022 International Convention  
PCC Polly Voon, USA / Canada Leadership Forum  
PDG Steve Noble, Diabetes  
PDG Grace Hwo - Elections  
Nancy Messmer & PZC Bob Johnson - Environment  
PID Don Shove, International Relations / Participation  
PCC J.D. Nellor, I&T, Parliamentarian & Webmaster  
PDG Sharon Sikes -Leadership  
Eric Miura - Membership  
PDG Mark Mansell, GMA & LCIF – U.S. West  
PDG Wanda Eddy, Service (GST)  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Debbie Mansell – Leader Dogs West  
PDG Cec Specht, LCIF – B.C.  
PZC Barry Shiles, LEO  
PCC John Kirry, Strategic Planning

## Foundations & Societies

PCC Surinder Gahir, BC Hearing Society  
PDG Jan Weatherly, NW Lions Leader. Ist. (2022)  
Bill Lundin, NW Lions Foundation

## III. Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests

Andy Arvidson	PZC Sharon Hansen	PID Roger Richert
Colette Arvidson	Gloria Hardan	PDG Rosemary Richert
Michele Barrie	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Lisa Ikeda	PID Anne Smarsh
PDG Pat Burch	PDG Harry Lippincott	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Lia Marie Versaevol
2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Leslie Chasse	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Michael Livingstone	Robin Woolmer
2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Joel Haggen	2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Elaine Luk	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Steven Wong

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Jane Beddows, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Melissa Smith, 19-F to accept the minutes of the Spring Council of Governors' Meeting, held June 12, 2021 via Zoom as posted. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

### APPROVAL OF MD19 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Peggy Harriman, 19-E and seconded by District Governor Marilyn Patterson, 19-G to approve the following members to the MD19 Committees as follows:

PCC Enoch Rowland and PZC Bob Johnson – MD19 Environment Team  
PDG Grace Hwo – MD19 Elections Chairperson  
PDG Erick Keller – MD19 Evaluation Committee, 3<sup>rd</sup> year

Motion carried.

### ENDORSEMENT OF MD19 TRADING PIN

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Doug Harvey, 19-G and seconded by District Governor Tom Smarsh, 19-B to endorse the pin created by the MD19 Pin Traders as the official 2022 MD19 Trading Pin for the 2022 Montreal Lions International Convention. Motion passed.

Prices: as a set \$5.00 or \$3.00 for the large pin and \$2.00 for the small pin.



**REDISTRICTING** by PCC John Kirry, Chairperson:

In the Strategic Planning Committee's last report to the council of Governors in June, we wrote these words to describe the emerging importance of redistricting MD19:

***'The Strategic Planning Committee has concluded that MD19 is rapidly approaching a critical point in its history that, absent a significant reversal of membership and leadership trends, redistricting will be the only option remaining for MD19 to effectively continue serving its Lions. As result, the committee feels it would be remiss to simply kick the problems, and the viable solutions to those problems, down the road. Simply put, the time has come to face a very real possibility that redistricting MD19 will be necessary.'***

At that June, 2021 meeting the Council approved the plan to implement a full redistricting plan for consideration to the clubs and districts of MD19, and to place it on the ballot at a special MD19 Virtual Meeting sometime in May or June of 2022.

At this point in the process, the urgent need for redistricting continues. The Strategic Planning Committee has populated the MD19 website with documents pertaining to redistricting, and we are focused on finalizing the full plan and getting it ready to be reviewed by each of our nine districts.

That said, it is imperative that Districts organize and mobilize merger committees to begin discussions with their merger counterpart(s). Some Districts have already begun to do so and are well along the way. Other districts have not come up to speed yet, and we need to fully engage those districts. Beginning mid-October 2021, we have expanded our Zoom meetings to weekly events and invited all the Merger Committee members from each of the nine districts to participate in those information sharing meetings.

Those expanded meetings will allow us to delve into the many specific requirements and actions of each of the District Merger Committees. It is our hope that those meetings are productive and will result in Districts fully understanding how the process works. The end of the calendar year is coming up fast and we want all districts to be fully informed and ready to discuss and implement the next steps in the Redistricting process at their upcoming Spring conferences/conventions in 2022.

Much of what has been discussed last night and now today can be found on the MD19 website. <https://lionsmd19.org/redistricting.php> This page contains all the steps that the redistricting committee has taken thus far, who the committee members are and the timeline for events to take place if this redistricting proposal is to move forward to Lions Clubs International in a timely manner."

**CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS**

**DIABETES REPORT** by PDG Steve Noble, Chairperson:

"Information I have passed along to District Chairpersons:

**July 2021:** Fellow Lions Diabetes awareness leaders. An excellent article on what Lions in India are doing for diabetes awareness.

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=369577988025546&id=105708244412523](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=369577988025546&id=105708244412523)

**August 2021:** Walmart has a program called Walmart Wellness Day where they screen for diabetes as well as other health related screenings. The link is just below (The date shown here is July, but I was told they are again in September). My suggestion is for clubs to contact their local Walmart and find out if this program is still viable during the current Covid19 situation. They should contact the manager or the pharmacy manager. There may be opportunities for the Lions Clubs to partner with Walmart to help them screen people. There also may be opportunities to screen for sight and hearing issues in connection with the Northwest Lions foundation.

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

**September 2021:** It is uncertain whether Walmart held the diabetes awareness day. It may have been a challenge at this time because of the Covid19 issues. I suspect that Walmart postponed this event during this time; let me know locally if you have found a different experience.

On the American diabetes website there is a test here you may want to pass this along to others.

<https://www.diabetes.org/risk-test>

Also on the same web site here is a good article on A1C

<https://www.diabetes.org/a1c>

**ELECTION REPORT** by PDG Grace Hwo, Chairperson:

Dear Council Chairperson John and fellow Lions Leaders:

This is a new experience for me to serve on MD19 level. According to CC John, my duty is as follows:

1. Looking at ways to amalgamate the voting process across the districts and report more as I progress.
2. Research and confirm all the election rules of the nine districts and MD19

The following five Districts have their District Conferences/Conventions dates posted on the MD19 website except District's B, E, G, and I:

March 11-12, 2022 19H

March 18-19, 2022 19F

April 8-9, 2022 19C

April 15-16, 2022 19A

April 22-23, 2022 19D

I will approach each District and do my research accordingly.

I noticed that on June, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes there was a thorough District Election Procedure mentioned and I will ensure that it would be followed through by the districts.

For online voting system, I did a bit of research on LCI International Convention's voting system which was very user friendly. The system is named Simply Voting. In order to use the system, we need to pay a fee according to how many voters would be casting their votes. Approximately 100 votes would cost USD\$100.

I will search further on other voting systems that may have a less expensive fee and will report back at next Council Meeting."

**LEADER DOGS REPORT** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Debbie Mansell & PDG Carol Whitman, Co-Chairpersons:

"Council of Governors,

The following report is submitted by the Leader Dogs for the Blind Committee. We have included the MD19 donation total for the 2020-2021 Lions year, the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter donations for the 2021-2022 year and a copy of the Leader Dog Chairperson and Trustee Report that shares the latest happenings at the Leader Dog organization. Please encourage your clubs to donate to Leader Dog for the Blind. Your club donations make a difference in the lives of the blind and visually impaired.

**Last year MD19 LD Donations 7/2020-6/2021 - Total \$20,786.56**  
**1<sup>st</sup> quarter June-Sept. 2020 MD19 donations to LD**

<u>District</u>	<u>Donation</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Donation</u>
A	\$0	F	\$0
B	\$850.00	G	\$135.60
C	\$200.00	H	\$0
D	\$500.00	I	\$0
E	\$415.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2100.60</b>

**Leader Dog Chairperson/Trustee Quarterly Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY2021-2022\* (July 1 – September 30, 2021)**

Leader Dogs Issued Year to Date (FY 2021 -2022): 31

Orientation & Mobility (White Cane) Clients Served Year to Date (FY 2021-2022): 31

Summer Experience Camp & TOM Talks Year to Date (FY 2021-2022): 0

States Served (guide dogs and orientation & mobility) Year to Date (FY 2021-2022): California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin, and Virginia

**States/Countries Served (summer experience camp & TOM Talks– virtually) FY 2021-2022: Quarterly**

**Lions' Donation Reports:** [www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports/](http://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports/)

**Monthly Lions/Leader Dog Newsletter (please share with newsletter editors and clubs), materials for events and videos:** [www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/](http://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/)

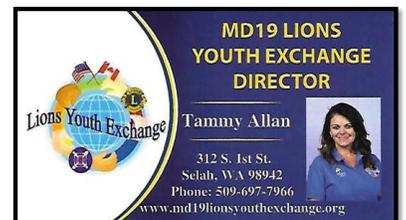
\*Leader Dog's fiscal year is from July 1 – June 30 (same as the Lions' fiscal year)

**Leader Dog Happenings:**

- 1)Virtually Connected: Encourage clubs and districts to reach out to their Leader Dog chairperson/trustee or to the Lions Team at Leader Dog for a virtual presentation! We can share the Lions legacy with short virtual presentations to clubs and at district conventions. Call or email and we can create a tailored program: [LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org) or call Lion Kathleen at 888.777.5332 x2052. We are particularly interested in reaching out to any cyber clubs in your district.
- 2)Share a district directory copy, we would appreciate it! Each year we spend a lot of time researching addresses and re-sending returned acknowledgement letters from donating clubs. Help us put that valuable time into serving your community! We do not share the information, nor do we solicit from clubs that do not already support the Leader Dog mission. Hard copy editions can be mailed to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Attn: Lions, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Send electronic versions to [donorsupport@leaderdog.org](mailto:donorsupport@leaderdog.org).
- 3)Leader Dog is currently in the final year of the organization's three-year strategic plan. This plan was extended by a year due to the pandemic environment. We have embarked on our new three-year strategic plan process and are working with a consultancy, The Leadership Group, to facilitate this process. A committee has been formed with members with expertise from across the organization and Board members. In mid-September, we concluded the data gathering phase of the workplan. This included surveys completed by all active clients in North and South America, on campus volunteers, breeding hosts and puppy raisers, team members, board of trustee members, Lions Clubs members, other donors and foundations, corporations and various other organizations that have parallel missions. The survey data is currently being analyzed and from it, larger themes will be pulled that will inform the plan."

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE** by ZC Tammy Allen, Chairperson:

"We are making progress with the MD19 Youth Exchange Camp for the Summer of 2022! Our camp will be held June 23 - 30, 2022 at the Seattle University Ballard Lions Youth Camp on Camano Island! Our group has been working hard to get a location that wouldn't blow our budget right out the door, and I personally am so excited to say finally that, 'We have a location'! Our group will be doing a walk through and finalizing the details of camp the end of October, 2021. We have already been in contact with local clubs asking them to supply a lunch for a day or dinner as we have outings showing the European students around our beautiful Pacific Northwest!



The 25 students from Europe will also be needing an in-home host family to stay with for a couple weeks in July. If you think that may be of interest of you, please contact me.

On February 10, 2021 I held a zoom Youth Exchange training for the District Youth Chairpersons. Sadly, it wasn't well attended but the few that did make it, enjoyed some great discussion and ideas!

[WWW.MD19LIONSOUTHSEXCHANGE.ORG](http://WWW.MD19LIONSOUTHSEXCHANGE.ORG)"

**LEO CLUBS REPORT** by PZC Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

"Another difficult start to the new school/Leo year; Covid19 has thrown more changes at Leos Clubs and Leo members. In the beginning we thought we could start normal meetings but that was severely challenged when the latest surge left us with no ability to meet in person. So, back to Zoom meetings which is a great tool but it's not the same as in person.

Several interesting things have occurred at the beginning of this year—we have a Leo member appointed for a two-year term to the 'Leo Advisory Panel' at LCI, Leo Sophia from the Kwantlen Park Leo Club.

The Canadian Leo Clubs have an opportunity to nominate Leo members to the 'BC Youth Leadership Council' that the Province of British Columbia is setting up for young community leaders who will have the Government's ear, which is the type of advocacy International Director Al Hunt's Canadian Conversation is trying to engender. Below is the newspaper article from the *Vancouver Sun* calling for nominations. The nominations should come from the Leo Advisors and the website address is:  
[vgov.bc.ca/youngleaderscouncil](http://vgov.bc.ca/youngleaderscouncil)

Leo Executive Round Table District H: Oct. 24, 2021 2-4pm This is a special meeting for Leos and Leo Advisors. It is a meet, greet and learn seminar, sponsored by Surrey Central Lions and South Fraser Lions Branch Club. Activities and panels will be presented for both Leos and Leo Advisors. Deserts and sweets will be supplied by Surrey Central Lions. There will be separate seminars for Leo Advisors and Leos. Hall capacity is only 50 people so register early to assure attendance. Leo Advisors please invite your Leo Club President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. For registration: contact SCL President Robin Woolmer at 778-887-1995 or [rgwoolmer@gmail.com](mailto:rgwoolmer@gmail.com)

REMINDERS: Leo Advisors be sure to enter the Leo Clubs Executive members in the LCI website as this can facilitate training the Leos to enter their club members with LCI and their service and fund-raising projects and hours as well as ensure they are covered under the LCI insurance policy.

Of course, this is all predicated on the Leo Clubs signing up as many new members as possible to give them the opportunity to serve their community's at maximum strength when we are back to normal. Include in your Zoom meetings, trailing seminars for Leadership in service and fund raising.

**Article from the *Vancouver Sun* by Tiffany Crawford (October 7, 2021)**

The B.C. government is seeking British Columbians between the ages of 14 and 26 to form a new youth leaders council.

The Stronger B.C. Young Leaders Council will provide direct and continued feedback to Brittany Anderson, the premier's special advisor on youth issues that matter to young people, such as the climate crisis.

"The Stronger B.C. Young Leaders Council will have our government's ear as part of an ongoing dialogue. We want to know what matters most to B.C.'s youth and to make sure they have a say in building a stronger province and a brighter future for everyone," Premier John Horgan said in a statement Wednesday.

Horgan said council members selected will include youth throughout the province who are Indigenous, Black or people of colour, who live in remote or rural areas, young people living with disabilities. LGBTQ2S+ and other young leaders from equity seeking communities.

Applications for the council are now open. People interested in applying should visit:  
[gov.bc.ca/youngleaderscouncil](http://gov.bc.ca/youngleaderscouncil)

Council members will be appointed for a one-year term and have the option to continue with the council for up to three years. Meetings will be held every three months with a mixture of in-person and online get-togethers.”

**LIONS QUEST - BC REPORT** by PDG Norma Bent, Chairperson:

“Last Year was a good year for Lions Quest even with all the difficulties with Covid19. Looking forward to another successful year as the Lions Quest Canada Board of Directors has approved a plan for 2021-22 for across Canada and here are some highlights.

- Train 250 more educators reaching more than 35,000 students
- Develop and launch an in-depth virtual training for adults working outside of school settings, that is based on our Lions Quest principles and philosophy
- Host free webinar events with external speakers on relevant topics (mental wellbeing, brain research, other positive youth development topics)
- Raise \$145,000 through Lions donations, Lions Quest fellowships, Q-Bear Fan Club memberships, a promotional contest and other efforts
- Increase social media platforms – including Facebook, twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn and update the website

Multiple Districts and District Lions Quest Chairpersons meet monthly from across Canada via Zoom, sharing ideas, strategies and challenges. Below are ‘goings-on’ in the BC Districts of MD19.

19-A: PZC Vivian Lo

Since July 1<sup>st</sup> Clubs have donated \$500.00 and PZC Vivian attended a workshop in May on social emotional learning.

19-D: PDG Norma Bent

Since July 1<sup>st</sup> Clubs have donated \$700.00. Educators in Williams Lake and Fort St. James will be taking the workshops in October. A Librarian from Norkam High School in Kamloops took the workshop in August.

19-E – No chairperson

19-H: Lion Nathan Martyn

Since July 1<sup>st</sup> Clubs have donated \$500.00. A special thank you to H 5 and ZC Shannon for all the hard work in raising another \$842.63 through a 50/50 raffle for Lions Quest Programs to be used for BC Students.

19-I: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Michael Stanford

Cabinet approval and matching funds are in place to apply for about a \$28K in a Lions Quest Program Grant. The Course at University of Victoria that uses Lions Quest ‘Universal Program Guide’ as a required text has started and is going well.

Lions Quest – social emotional learning – workshops are most important for our youth today and in these very trying times. If you know of an educator who would be willing to learn about the Lions Quest programs. Please contact me. [bentnj41@shaw.ca](mailto:bentnj41@shaw.ca)”

**MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS**

**CLERC REPORT** by PZC Paul Hand, Chairperson:

“This is my 1<sup>st</sup> year on MD19 Cabinet and I am looking forward serving on the Board.

Things are slowly picking up now that some of the restriction are being lifted

My thanks go to PZC Barry Shiles for his help with the distribution of glasses. Between us we have shipped out about 191 boxes of mixed glasses and lens since April, 2021. The average weight of the boxes was 30 lbs., for an approximate total weight of 2705 pounds – well over a ton.

There are another nine boxes ready to go that I have collected and waiting to be shipped out.

On Wednesday, I spoke to the New Westminster Lions about replacing a box that was misplaced by one of the Schools when they moved to a new location earlier this year.

North Surrey Lions are also looking at increasing their pickup points and have been the most productive club in H-5. They were contacted by a local optician and asked to collect approximately 20,000 lenses.

Would be grateful to know if the Canadian clubs in other districts are increasing their numbers as well. With restrictions being lifted it is hoped, with clubs getting back to meetings, that collections will pick up in the near future."

**LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT** by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:  
"Council Chairperson John, fellow Council Members, Lions, Leos, and Guests, greetings.

We are working on increasing communication between Lions Clubs and Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society. We are also working with Lions Clubs to collect used hearing aids for our recycling program. The hearing aids which are five years or newer can be reprogrammed and used. These 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. We rely on donations from Lions Clubs to provide hearing aids.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society also 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](mailto:governor.gahir@gmail.com) or Bob Jones at [lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com](mailto:lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com)"

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA/ GUIDE DOGS REPORT** by PZC Joanne Phillips, Provincial Director:  
"Governors; I found these to be some of the most interesting years with Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. All our meetings were no longer in person due to Covid19. So, we had lots of zoom meetings, which I felt went very well and were very interesting.

This past year, we held a virtual Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides and raised an impressive \$818,466.50! Hopefully we can get more clubs involved with the next one which will be on May 30, 2022.

We be upgrading LFCDG with a new school built from the ground up just south of Westwood Park hopefully by the late 2023. The move to the new building will achieve the following:

- Meeting compliance standards to achieve the Rick Hansen Foundation Gold Standard Accreditation for Accessibility.
- Accommodating all the staff under one roof.
- Having an on-site vet clinic.
- Providing a purpose-built facility for training both the dogs and their new owners.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides purchased land in the Joshua Creek area, so they're not moving too far from the community and will remain in Oakville. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for LFCDG to build a new school from the ground up to enable us to meet our growing demands.

This year the contributions from Multiple District 19 is \$85,890.00. Great job; keep up the great work! As you may, or may not know, the directors were asked last year if they wanted to stay one more year, which I did. My replacement, PZC Richard Simonson will be officially starting his year this October, 2021. Richard will do a wonderful job as he is very dedicated and has sat in on some of our meetings. Congrats to Richard."

**MD19 LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE FDN REPORT** by PDG George Robison, President:

"For two years there have not been any Youth Exchanges, therefore no scholarships have been presented and there has been no need to purchase paraphernalia for youth. The only activity has been associated with the occasional reminder to some clubs to include a donation in their club budget, along with some individual urging for donations.

Part of the funds that have been in CDs with a bank in Canada have been placed into CDs in a bank in Washington State."

## **CONVENTION & FORUM REPORTS**

**USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT** by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:  
**2022 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**  
**September 15 – 17, 2022**  
**Calgary, Alberta**



We look forward to the 2022 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum which will be in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Mark the dates, September 15-17, 2022, down on your calendar and make plans to attend! The Forum website, [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org), continues to be updated with information on the 2022 Forum. Check it out!

The Forum General Chairperson is PID Randy Heitmann of Cambridge, Nebraska and the Forum Honorary Chairperson is LCI 1VP Brian Sheehan of Bird Island, Minnesota. We are pleased and proud to advise that MD19 Lions are well represented on the Planning Committee – PID Anne Smarsh and PDG Mark Mansell on the Education Committee, PDG Steve Somerset on Exhibits and PCC Polly Voon as the Canadian Advisor. We are pleased and proud that PID Anne Smarsh has been appointed as the General Chairperson of the 2025 Forum which will be in Atlantic City, New Jersey!

Early Bird Registration is now open – US\$285.00. Hotel deposit is US\$175.00. We had great interest from Des Moines Forum attendees with 273 pre-registering for Calgary.

The Headquarter hotel is the Westin Calgary. Do not book your hotel room directly with any of the Forum designated hotels. Book room on the Forum Registration Form where you can indicate your three choices of hotels listed, in order of preference. Forum proceedings will be at the BMO Center which has been recently renovated.

The theme for Calgary Forum is **'Stampede To Lead'**. The keynote speaker for the Saturday Closing Dinner is Steve Rizzo, with his unique brand of humor, insightful stories and mind-altering strategies that can elevate your overall degree of motivation, regardless of your circumstances."

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Past District Governor Jane Beddows, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Lorne Bunyan, 19-I to accept the Consent Agenda Reports. Motion approved.

## **REPORTS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**LCIF – US WEST REPORT** by PDG Mark Mansell, Chairpersons -West (Oral Report):

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some fantastic Lions from this past year with a Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson Medal – Campaign 100 Medal. First to District C, Immediate Past District Governor Donna Murr and PDG Pat Burch. District C raised over \$30,000 with an increase of over 10% from the previous year. To 19-G, IPDG Governor Doug Harvey and Co-Coordinators PCC Hal Palmer and PZC Helen Sutfin – they will also receive the same recognition for the same goal and finally to 19-H IPDG Orson Christensen and Co-Coordinators PID Don Shove and Lion Bill Cheaqui. Letters of appreciation from LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir will also be sent to the recipients.

Congratulations Lions, and again thank you on behalf of LCIF, your foundation, for making a difference in the lives of people. I also want to give a shout-out to all the rest of the districts that may have not reached that threshold, the entire team of MD19 LCIF Coordinators, we want to thank you for your efforts and leadership. We have eight months to go in this campaign and we want to finish strong. We still do not have a district coordinator for 19C. If you know of any person who would like to fill that position let them know that they will have our full support.

**LCIF – BC REPORT** by PDG Cec Specht, Chairperson-Canada:

"This fiscal year has not been as productive as I had hoped for so far, but hopefully Clubs will start meeting in person and will be able to start fundraising again.

We will be having a Campaign 100 training session for the District Coordinators District Governors and their teams on October 23. It was initially scheduled for October 16-17 as an in-person session but was changed

to a Zoom Session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the conflict with the COG. We look forward to having the District Governors and their team in attendance.

The District Coordinators will be working hard to get all the Clubs in their District to participate in Campaign 100.”

**LCIF – US EAST REPORT** by PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairperson-East:

“**Campaign 100** has entered the final year with just under 220 million dollars collected. This is great news considering how Covid19 has reduced our fundraising efforts. This past year while some clubs struggled to donate there was a large increase in member donations.

**A big significant change has taken place with Model Clubs.** As you should know a model club is a club that donates \$500.00 per member over the course of the campaign. Simply put, a club with 10 members needs to donate a grand total of \$5,000.00. Money can come from club members, the pizza parlor your club meets at, optometrist, dentist, rich uncle and more. Any funds that are legal would be acceptable.

**Here is the big change. Should your club decide to accept the Model Club challenge you have three years from that date to hit your goal. In other words, if the club accepts the challenge on 10/1/2021 you have until 10/1/2024 to hit your goal. If you accept on 2/15/2022 you have until 2/15/2025 to make your goal.**

**Scenario 1;** Club has 25 total members, 5 of those members are family members (normally a spouse). For calculating the club goal, we use 20 members x \$500.00 for a grand total of \$10,000. Now, let's say the donations over the first four years were \$4,000. Fiscal year 7/1/2017-6/30/2018 was grandfathered into the campaign. The 4K over four years averages 1K a year. Suppose we increase that to 2K a year the remaining three years with increased donations from all sources. That's an additional 6K along with 4K already donated for a grand total of 10K which is the goal. Congratulations you have achieved your goal.

**Scenario 2.** Same Scenario but the remaining three years you only donate \$1600.00 each year. The donations now total \$4000.00 the first four years and \$4800.00 the remaining three years which would leave that club short \$1200.00. Congratulations, the additional \$600.00 each year will significantly help LCIF with the many causes we support. They support the fight against hunger, childhood cancer, Type 1 Diabetes, disasters, vision and much more. The club does not get banned from Lions, no nasty letter from the IP etc. You know that LCIF benefitted from your effort as did many recipients who may have not received the help they need.

District 19E received two grants in the last two years. One grant was for the PPEs which were distributed throughout the district. The second grant was due to the forest fire that destroyed the town of Malden. They purchased kitchen equipment and tables for the Malden Community Center. Total grants received were nearly \$18,000.”

**CARE REPORT** by PDG Steve Patterson & Lion Patti Easterling, Co-Chairpersons:

“**Steve Patterson:** We continue to fight the affects lockdowns and mandates have had on our fundraising efforts at the club level. Although we are seeing some contribution numbers, we probably will have to work overtime to get the numbers we want by the end of next year.

I am spending lots of extra time sharing the Gordon Smith Fellowship opportunity for honoring fellow lions by reminding clubs of the \$500.00 minimum donation.

We will continue to remain positive in the hope that our country will get control of the pandemic so clubs can get together in person rather than Zoom and focus on raising monies for all projects, including CARE.

**Patti Easterling:** This past year has brought many hurdles for our Haiti project, not just hampered by COVID: they've dealt with the Government being overthrown, a major earthquake and a tropical storm but worst of all MD19 Lions Clubs inability to fully support OUR own project.

The struggle is real. They are still dealing with the after effects of the turmoil of these past months yet CARE is there and doing their best to keep not just girls but as many children as possible in school. When attending

school, the children are guaranteed at least one full healthy meal for many of them. It's the only one they receive that day. Many of them are hiding food to take home to share amongst other family members.

Many say charity begins at home. I say whose home?

**Report from CARE Northwest, Dana Tseng:**

**CARE- MD19 Project: Haiti: Help Keep Kids in School and Fight Hunger**

We know that education is often the key to escaping poverty. But in Haiti, many children lack access to quality, basic education. And for girls, the problem is even greater. In the Central region of Haiti, the number of girls who complete primary education is shockingly low. In 2018, **more than half of school-age girls in this region did not complete more than 2.5 years of schooling.**



Right now, because of COVID-19, there risk for kids dropping out of school and not returning is especially high, and especially for girls. Even before the pandemic began, many families in Haiti were experiencing extreme poverty, and as a result, girls were often kept home from school to help with household work and other jobs. Now, COVID-19 has pushed families further into poverty and children are even more likely to be kept at home and not receive an education. Furthermore, Haiti's hunger crisis has worsened in the past year due to pandemic and subsequent emergencies, including the earthquake which struck Haiti in August 2021. To address hunger and to also encourage school attendance, CARE has initiated a Community School Feeding Program that provides snacks and hot meals, feeding 800 school children and teachers in Haiti. This program further benefits the community by employing local women to cook and serve the meals and also supports local vendors by purchasing nutritious and locally-sourced foods. CARE closely works with Haiti's



government to make sure that COVID-19 protocols are followed, to ensure that children and teachers are in a safe environment.



So far, MD19 clubs have raised \$20,000 to support children in Haiti through the Community School Feeding Program. This money will help reduce hunger in school children and ensure they receive an education.

MD19 is committed to helping these school children next year, too. We want to be able to provide more meals, and our goal is to reach \$80,000 by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please talk to your club and ask them to consider giving as generously as you can to help school children in Haiti!

To Make Your Contribution: Please send checks to the MD19 Office in Bellingham. Donations will be combined and given together as one grant check to CARE at the end.

Questions? Contact Patti Easterling, CARE Co-Chairperson: [pattieasterling@gmail.com](mailto:pattieasterling@gmail.com)

**KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND REPORT** by Andy Arvidson, Chairperson:

"Because of the emotional nature of this report to the Committee Chairperson, Andy Arvidson, has asked Colette Arvidson, Secretary, to present this report:

This month marks one year since the Council approved the Knights of the Blind Committee and its mission statement to focus on the second half of the Lions Global Vision Goal to improve the quality of life for people

who are blind and visually impaired. This past year we have worked to share information on Blindness and accessibility with Lions and helping our Lions who are blind to learn more about service through Lionism. We've done this through monthly updates to DG and Newsletter Editors, participation within our own clubs, MD19 & International Conventions, the Helen Keller Vision Event and more than 30 presentations to Districts, Zones and other Clubs.

We are asking MD19 Lions to turn their attention to the LCI change of focus since 2014, of White Cane Safety Day, October 15. This change was the result of the American Council of the Blind reaching out to LCI on behalf of their members who are Lions. This is the date the US congressional resolution and first presidential declaration was made in 1964, of White Cane Safety Day. Several MD19 clubs have celebrated with their communities this past week, some combining it with fundraising, but always focusing on the use of the white cane, guide dogs and other efforts for improving accessibility for the blind and blind ability. (In Canada, White Cane Awareness has been celebrated in February since 1946.)

As the sighted wife of a Lion who is blind, I spent three years urging my husband to just go along with our club's table outside the local grocery store, asking for money and bring his white cane to encourage contributions. His main question was, 'Why do Lions use a crooked handled white cane to raise funds for a variety of much needed services that for the most part provide services that are meant to prevent the need for a white cane?' His question made sense to me and our club. In October 2020 and 2021 the Anacortes Lions hosted events with other blind members in our community to support White Cane Awareness and Safety. Then, in May 2021 we did our fundraising for the Northwest Lions Foundation under their own slogan of 'Restoring Sight, Hope and Hearing,' which more accurately defines the valuable services provided.

KOTB is not trying to legislate how clubs choose to promote raising of funds, that is an individual club choice. We are asking people to consider the fact that the symbolism of the white cane has evolved from one of helplessness to one of independence. Some of our Lions Clubs are still promoting the image of helplessness. As it was initially used, it was a simple black stick to avoid obstacles in the 20s. In the 30's Lions promoted it as a 'white' cane to more clearly identify those who are blind for added safety. As veterans returned from the war an army physician developed the long cane and related technique, which provided a device to allow blinded veterans to move independently and safely as they returned to their civilian lives.

Truly, the cane, which was initially used as a symbol of need and helplessness, has become both an effective navigation tool and a symbol of independence, mobility and safety. That is why the use of the white cane for fundraising in the way it is sometimes used is like having your picture on a poster saying this person can't survive without your donation. Regardless of the intention, focusing on the symbolism of helplessness, it often projects a sense of being 'less-than' for these blind Lions. As I mentioned earlier, we just ask that MD19 Lions look to the leadership of LCI as found on its website and stickers celebrating the abilities of the blind when aided by understanding of accessibility. It is a solid blue circle with the straight white cane with red tip supporting a banner containing the Lions Logo and the words 'WHITE CANE DAY.' Above the banner are the words 'Lions Support' and below the banner the words 'INDEPENDENCE, MOBILITY, SAFETY.'

Please look with us to this leadership and direction provided by Lions Club International!  
For more information, or to invite a KOTB representative to your meeting, contact Andy Arvidson, Chairperson, MD19 Lions Knights of the Blind, [arvidsonandy@gmail.com](mailto:arvidsonandy@gmail.com), (425) 218-0190."

**NW LERC REPORT** by PZC Suzanne Gayda, President:

"We have completed Phase Two of our warehouse build. We have occupancy and have emptied the container into the warehouse and moved it off the property.

We have several plaques of appreciation to award now that clubs are starting to meet again face to face.

We held a successful Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on September 18.

We have sent glasses to only two mission trips in Africa. Hopefully business will pick up.

We have lots and lots of raw glasses. We really need more volunteers to process them. We are piloting a program with Airway Corrections to process glasses. It is a work in progress.

We have a great core of wonderful volunteers and can use more. We would love for clubs to schedule work parties and help us wash, polish and sort glasses. Thank you to Bill Scholl who recently brought a group and Tim Johnson who also brings in volunteers.”

**ENVIRONMENT REPORT** by the Four Corners of the Earth Team - Nancy Messmer, Representative:  
**“Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.” *Lions Clubs International***

The 2021-2022 Lions Year continues to present Lions with the challenges of working through a global pandemic. Many Clubs meet the challenges with creative new ideas and practices. Representing all nine districts, one or two District Environment Chairpersons work closely with six Lions serving as Multiple District 19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. This makes an Environment Team of 14, that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chairperson John Moralek. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at noon and invite interested Lions to join us. If you would like to join in the conversations and presentations, watch for an invitation on the Lions of MD19 Facebook page, or ask CC John.

**Connections.** Connecting is a theme of our work and is the key to increased service, effectiveness, and new membership. The Environment Chairpersons are reaching out to Lions within our own Clubs and Districts, linking people and projects, problem-solving our way through the actions needed to serve our communities. One of our key objectives is to take powerful service projects and share them throughout the MD, projects like backyard composting, and recycling sheet plastic (the Trex Challenge).

**Environment Featured at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.** Several MD19 Lions were presenters at the 2021 Forum in Des Moines, Iowa. Environment team members PZC Bob Johnson, PCC Al Hedstrom, and Nancy Messmer gathered great ideas from multiple seminars. Nancy was one of five presenters, who gave a 2½ hour seminar on the Five Lions Global Service Goals, in addition to presenting an interactive seminar on ‘Growing Lions with Impactful and Effective Environment Service Projects.’ The Forum is a powerful learning experience for attending Lions, and the sad thing this year is that most Canadians could not travel to the US. We all look forward to getting together in Calgary next year.

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

**Evening Environment Presentations.** In September, Lion Leslie Chasse hosted a presentation on backyard composting, featuring a knowledgeable Master Composter running effective programs in SW Washington. Lions from around MD19 attended the one-hour Zoom presentation. The Environment Committee Lions are brainstorming topics now for evening environment presentations in the future. Stay tuned. Suggest topics.

**District Newsletters.** Environment Chairpersons strive to submit monthly articles to District newsletters with information specific to the district and including information from around MD19. The team works from a growing Dropbox of shared information so that we can share ideas around the Multiple District. Wendy Yau and Kitty Chiu (A) are continuing the practice of writing monthly Environmental Tips. Angus Benedict (D) writes monthly about re-using, re-cycling and re-purposing items. Bob Johnson (C) summarizes District environmental activity in his regular columns. We gather information from the LCI website and share it. We hope to connect efforts in one district with efforts in others.

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**2022 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT** by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

"We will be off to Montreal next June and we hope to have many MD19 Lions in attendance.

Registration is now open and I suggest you book soon to get the Early Bird deal. Go to the Lions International website and click on LCIcon and it will take you to registration.

If you require a Passport to travel make sure it is up to date as I hear the wait time for passports could be three to four months.

Our 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.

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.

Given the success of our 'Hospitality Suite' in Milan, we are going to try and find another little street café that will cater to us and host a few evening sessions for us.

Register Now!"

**2021 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT** by PDG Jan Weatherly, Superintendent:

"Your Northwest Lions Leadership Institute (NWLLI) is scheduled for May 5-8, 2022, at beautiful Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. This is the second half of the originally scheduled Institute in the same location that was cancelled for our Canadian students due to Covid19 restrictions. The US students attended their Institute in Post Falls, Idaho last June.

We need your hands of influence to reach out to those Lions whom you know have leadership qualities. The NWLLI experience will inspire them to step forward at the club, zone or district level to fill those critical leadership positions in each district.

This Institute is targeted to our Canadian Lions who could not participate in Post Falls. US students are most welcome to enroll also. Application deadline February 1, 2022.

**Institute Cost: \$350 with a \$200 MD19 Foundation grant to apply to tuition.** This covers 3 nights lodging, 4 meals, parking, materials and priceless leadership experiences. Visit: [www.NWLLI.org](http://www.NWLLI.org) for the application, course details, faculty and full visual experience of beautiful Harrison Hot Springs.

**New Staffing.** Assistant Superintendent, PDG Steve Somerset, resigned his position in August 2020 because of new responsibilities he has accepted to train incoming DGE's for 2021 and the opportunity to work on the USA/Canada Forum committee. Prior to his departure he had recommended hosting the next Institute in District E because it had never been held there. With that in mind the staff and faculty began

the search for a new Assistant Superintendent from District E. PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth was nominated and elected unanimously to this position by the staff and faculty. We are thrilled to have her join our staff.

PCC Polly Voon also stepped down from her faculty position because of her role in the 2021 USA/Canada Forum. PDG Wanda Eddy will fill her position on the faculty. Wanda has been working on the Institute in conjunction with her position as MD19 GST for the past year.”

Meeting Recessed at 10:32 AM  
 Meeting Resumed at 10:49 AM

The following District Governors spoke on a challenge they faced during the year and resolved as a Lion Leader: Tom Smarsh, 19-B; Ken Ball, 19-H and Paul Bogaard, 19-E.

**MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT** by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson (Oral Report):

“As I mentioned last night there hasn’t been a lot of activity to the budget for the first three months of the fiscal year. We’ve reported about \$96,000 of income and obviously some expenses during this time. The only major variance that I see is that we budgeted \$2700 for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum and we only spent \$300 of it as we only had one 1<sup>st</sup> VDG in attendance. So that will be in our favor in terms of expenses. Expenses to date in the range of \$65,000 so we are currently at a \$31,000 net, which makes sense since we got most of our revenue in July and August from club dues.

So, at the moment there is not a lot of activity, but I suspect come the Winter Council meeting we’ll have a bit more to show in terms of actual numbers versus budget.

2021-22 Budget with April 30, 2021 Membership								
Income					6% (10 Months)			
MD19 dues, \$24.60	7/1/2021	5/15/2021	4/30/21	2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Mem Jul 201
MD19 Dues	Members	Members	% Dues Pd.	Budget	5/15/2021		Budget	-10%
District A	943	1056	64%	\$562	\$381	\$(181)	\$ -	849
District B	616	632	83%	\$604	\$409	\$(195)	\$ -	554
District C	1180	1215	81%	\$1201	\$814	\$(387)	\$ -	1062
District D	1033	1073	87%	\$890	\$603	\$(287)	\$ -	930
District E	1159	1192	67%	\$773	\$524	\$(249)	\$ -	1043
District F	1077	1097	68%	\$959	\$650	\$(309)	\$ -	969
District G	1168	1193	79%	\$1092	\$740	\$(352)	\$ -	1051
District H	1344	1404	83%	\$1336	\$905	\$(431)	\$ -	1210
District I	1121	1157	75%	\$652	\$442	\$(210)	\$ -	1009
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9641</b>	<b>10,019</b>	<b>76.33%</b>					<b>8677</b>
MD19 Operations Account – 89%				\$211,080	\$81,061	\$ -	\$ -	
District Budgeted 6% from above				\$8071	\$5468	\$ -	\$ -	
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%				\$7115	\$3232	\$ -	\$ -	
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%				\$2372	\$911	\$ -	\$ -	
MD19 Building Reserve Account – 1%				\$2372	\$911	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Dues Income (gross)</b>				<b>\$231,009</b>	<b>\$91,583</b>	<b>\$(139,426)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
				<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>MD19 Other Income</b>				<b>Budget</b>	<b>9/30/2021</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>	
MD19 Annual Convention				\$6500	\$ -	\$(6500)	\$ -	
District Budget Support				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (Foundation)				\$2000	\$ -	\$(2000)	\$ -	
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)				\$2000	\$2100	\$100	\$ -	
District & Zone Officer School Grant (LCI)				\$1500	\$ -	\$(1500)	\$ -	
District & Zone Officer School Grant (MD19 Foundation)				\$8000	\$ -	\$(8000)	\$ -	
Grant Leader Development Programs				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
MD19 District Support Team Grant (Foundation)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Credit Card 3% Fee				\$10	\$ -	\$(10)	\$ -	
Building & Grounds Improvements				\$200	\$ -	\$(200)	\$ -	

			2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
			Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
Building-Memorial Garden			\$2000	\$851	\$(1149)	\$ -	
International Convention			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia			\$500	\$331	\$(169)	\$ -	
Council of Governor's			\$30	\$ -	\$(30)	\$ -	
Postage Recovered			\$225	\$38	\$(187)	\$ -	
Printing Recovered			\$100	\$22	\$(78)	\$ -	
Sales –Award Banner Patches			\$50	\$ -	\$(50)	\$ -	
Sales – Other			\$200	\$42	\$(158)	\$ -	
Pins – Sales Income			\$10	\$3	\$(7)	\$ -	
Uniforms – Sales Income			\$1800	\$322	\$(1478)	\$ -	
Roster / C&A Sales			\$100	\$95	\$(5)	\$ -	
Roster / C&A Advertising			\$875	\$350	\$(525)	\$ -	
Bulletin Subscriptions			\$84	\$64	\$(20)	\$ -	
MD19 Marching Band Reserves			\$ -	\$455	\$455	\$ -	
Miscellaneous Income			\$30	\$29	\$(1)	\$ -	
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund			\$50	\$20	\$(30)	\$ -	
Exchange Income (Information Only)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Income			\$10	\$1	\$(9)	\$ -	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total MD19 Other Income</b>			<b>\$26,274</b>	<b>\$4723</b>	<b>\$(21,551)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Total MD19 Income</b>			<b>\$257,283</b>	<b>\$96,306</b>	<b>\$(160,977)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>			<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>District Ops Accounts</b>	<b>1/31/2021</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>9/30/2021</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>	
District A			\$562	\$ -	\$562	\$ -	
District B			\$604	\$ -	\$604	\$ -	
District C			\$1201	\$ -	\$1201	\$ -	
District D			\$890	\$ -	\$890	\$ -	
District E			\$773	\$ -	\$773	\$ -	
District F			\$959	\$ -	\$959	\$ -	
District G			\$1092	\$ -	\$1092	\$ -	
District H			\$1336	\$ -	\$1336	\$ -	
District I			\$652	\$495	\$157	\$ -	
<b>Total District Operations Account</b>			<b>\$8071</b>	<b>\$495</b>	<b>\$7576</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
			<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	
<b>International Convention Forum / Director</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>9/30/2021</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>	
Council Chairperson – Montreal			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Elect (Seated VCC) July, 2022			\$600	\$ -	\$600	\$ -	Montreal, 7/2022
Convention Chairperson – July, 2022			\$600	\$ -	\$600	\$ -	Montreal, 7/2022
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) July, 2022			\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -	Montreal, 7/2022
VCC to USA / Canada Forum			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1 <sup>st</sup> VDG to USA / Canada Forum – Sept. 2021			\$2700	\$300	\$2400	\$ -	\$2700 Max
<b>Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director</b>			<b>\$4400</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$4100</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
			<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>9/30/2021</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>	
Office Equipment			\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$ -	
Copier Lease -Canon			\$4525	\$1929	\$2596	\$ -	
Vehicle Purchase Contract (\$300 p/m - \$3600)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>			<b>\$4725</b>	<b>\$1929</b>	<b>\$2796</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
			<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>MD19 Convention Expenses</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>9/30/2021</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>	
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)			\$3500	\$ -	\$3500	\$ -	
MD19 Annual Convention			\$5500	\$4420	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total MD19 Convention Expenses</b>			<b>\$9000</b>	<b>\$4420</b>	<b>\$4580</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
			<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>MD19 General Operations</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>9/30/2021</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half</b>	
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)			\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$ -	
Credit Card Fees			\$175	\$ -	\$175	\$ -	
Accounting Compilation / Services			\$4200	\$ -	\$4200	\$ -	
Bank Charges			\$100	\$5	\$95	\$ -	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)			\$1800	\$317	\$1483	\$ -	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)			\$4500	\$818	\$3682	\$ -	
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation			\$75	\$ -	\$75	\$ -	

		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
Maintenance – Auto		\$400	\$217	\$183	\$ -	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)		\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel		\$1000	\$ -	\$1000	\$ -	
Post Office Box Lease-Canada		\$80	\$ -	\$80	\$ -	
Postage		\$5000	\$192	\$4808	\$ -	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)		\$400	\$33	\$367	\$ -	
Printing & Office Supplies		\$1100	\$139	\$961	\$ -	
Printing Roster / C&A Books		\$3200	\$1808	\$1392	\$ -	
Purchases – Other Sales		\$550	\$357	\$193	\$ -	
Purchases – Wearables		\$2100	\$557	\$1543	\$ -	
Computer Programs		\$500	\$77	\$424	\$ -	
Exchange Expense		\$12,000	\$8747	\$3253	\$ -	
Utilities		\$5800	\$3017	\$2783	\$ -	
<b>Total MD19 Operations – General</b>		<b>\$43,580</b>	<b>\$16,284</b>	<b>\$27,297</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
<b>Insurance – Auto/Building</b>						
Auto Insurance		\$1850	\$1710	\$140	\$ -	
Commercial Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty, etc.)		\$2500	\$2608	\$(108)	\$ -	
<b>Total Insurance-Auto/Building</b>		<b>\$4350</b>	<b>\$4318</b>	<b>\$32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
<b>Personnel-Calendar Year</b>						
Bulletin Editor		\$2100	\$650	\$1450	\$ -	
Payroll – Admin Assistant		\$38,480	\$9768	\$28,712	\$ -	
Payroll – Executive Director		\$49,504	\$12,567	\$36,937	\$ -	
Payroll – Receptionist / Bookkeeper		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Medical Insurance – April 2021		\$18,950	\$4797	\$14,153	\$ -	
Payroll Taxes		\$10,810	\$2703	\$8107	\$ -	
Pension-Exec Dir. 6%		\$2970	\$ -	\$2970	\$ -	
Pension-Admin Asst. 6%		\$2309	\$ -	\$2309	\$ -	
<b>Total Personnel</b>		<b>\$125,123</b>	<b>\$30,485</b>	<b>\$94,638</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
<b>Taxes (non-personnel)</b>						
Personal Property Tax		\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$ -	
Building Property Tax		\$5600	\$5100	\$500	\$ -	
<b>Total Taxes (non-personnel)</b>		<b>\$5800</b>	<b>\$5100</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
<b>Support: Club, Zone and District</b>						
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDGs at Dist. Cabinet Mtgs. (\$800 + \$800)		\$800	\$ -	\$800	\$ -	
Awards & Trophies –plaques, banner patches, embroidery, certificates		\$1000	\$539	\$461	\$ -	
MD19 Border Crossing – total expense of printing and AWeber		\$300	\$87	\$213	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Expense		\$4000	\$ -	\$4000	\$ -	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDGs at Council of Governors' Meetings		\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -	
Council Meeting – Fall – Zoom, Oct. 2021		\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -	
Council Meeting – Winter		\$250	\$ -	\$250	\$ -	
Council Meeting – Spring		\$3000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Dist. & Zone Officer Training- Hotel, Mileage, Fares		\$7000	\$ -	\$7000	\$ -	
Dist. & Zone Officer Training-Admin 2022		\$7000	\$ -	\$7000	\$ -	
Executive Director Expense		\$6000	\$320	\$5680	\$ -	
MD19 District Team Expenses		500	\$ -	\$500	\$ -	
Membership / Rebuilding Programs		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
LEO Liaison for MD19 Convo		\$20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Extension Chairperson	50%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Club, Zone and District Support</b>		<b>\$30,870</b>	<b>\$946</b>	<b>\$29,924</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
<b>Telephone</b>						
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)		\$2650	\$679	\$1971	\$ -	
Website		\$175	\$ -	\$175	\$ -	
<b>Total Telephone &amp; Website</b>		<b>\$2825</b>	<b>\$679</b>	<b>\$2146</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
<b>Zone Chairperson</b>						
Zone Chairperson – Expenses		\$5000	\$235	\$4765	\$ -	

		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total Zone Chairperson</b>		<b>\$5000</b>	<b>\$235</b>	<b>\$4765</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
		2021-2022	Actual	Variance	2021-2022	Notes
		Budget	9/30/2021		2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	
<b>Reserve</b>						
ID Candidate Reserve Fund		\$500	\$126	\$374	\$ -	
MD19 Marching Band Reserve		\$ -	\$455	\$(455)	\$ -	
Payable to MD19 Reserve		\$3500	\$ -	\$3500	\$ -	
Payable to Building Reserve		\$3500	\$ -	\$3500	\$ -	
<b>Total Reserve</b>		<b>\$7000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$7000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Contingency</b>		<b>\$96</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$96</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Total MD19 Expense</b>		<b>\$250,840</b>	<b>\$65,191</b>	<b>\$185,649</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Total MD19 Expense Budget</b>		<b>\$250,840</b>	<b>\$65,191</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Total MD19 Income Budget</b>		<b>\$257, 283</b>	<b>\$93,306</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>		<b>\$6443</b>	<b>\$31,116</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

**GOVERNANCE REPORT** by PDG Chuck Waid, Chairperson:

“Green is addition – MD19 Policy Manual

**CHAPTER 2**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

- The per capita tax shall include provisions for a Student Membership Plan / Leo to Lion as adopted by Lions Clubs International. Eligible students /Leo to Lion who are less than 30 years old at the semi-annual billing date, as members they shall pay a semi-annual per capita tax equal to one half (1/2) of the total amount of the dues. Documentation of student members / Leo to Lion shall be made through Lions Clubs International utilizing the approved criteria and application form.”

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Peggy Harriman, 19-E and seconded by District Governor Joyce Stevens, 19-D to include the Leo to Lion category into the MD19 dues structure (MD19 Policy Manual: Chapter 2, Budget and Finance #17), to be the same as student dues, in which the Leo to Lion would also pay half the total dues amount. Motion passed.

**INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION/RELATIONS REPORT** by ID Allan Hunt & PID Don Shove, Oral Report:

**Allan:** There are quite a number of changes that are beginning to roll through the system that will have an impact. One being the change in the qualifications for Vice District Governor are starting to have an effect. In fact, you can only serve once as a district governor which is starting to show up in some places. And in terms of Zone Chairpersons, you can only serve up to three times. District Governors cannot go back and serve as a Zone Chairperson.

I am currently working on Lions Canada Day on Parliament Hill, similar to the one held in Washington, D.C. – we are trying to a variation of that in Canada. It will be interesting to see how that rolls out as it isn’t as easy as it seems on paper.

Service and activity reporting are on the forefront of what we discuss on the committee that I chair. I am a club secretary and although it took a couple moments to figure out the reporting process I have found it to be second nature now. I have found that the most reliable format is to use my PC. I would imagine that those using a Mac will have the same level of success that I have had. But if there are issues, let me know so our committee can look into them.

This pandemic has forced our organization to evolve rather faster than we might have – we are doing virtual meetings now and if this had been brought up in a committee a few years ago, the idea of virtual meetings would’ve been kicked down the road to be dealt with at another time. But it now a part of how we are doing business. I think we are adapting fairly well.

**Don:** This is gentle reminder to the District Governors that October 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline date to get in your nominations for the International Presidential and Leadership Medal Awards. The sooner you can get those

nominations in to the MD19 Office the sooner we can get the committee together and go over the nominations. We've been very fortunate in getting a great many of our nominations awarded.

### **ENDORSEMENT FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by District Governor Ken Ball, 19-H and seconded by District Governor Marilyn Patterson, 19-G for the Council to endorse Past International Director A.P. Singh for Lions Clubs International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. Motion approved.

The following District Governors spoke on a challenge they faced during the year and resolved as a Lion Leader: Marilyn Patterson, 19-G; Luis Montes-Gonzales, 19-C and Melissa Smith, 19-F.

### **DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM (Global Action Team) REPORTS**

#### **LEADERSHIP REPORT** by PDG Sharon Sikes, Coordinator:

"The following activities have been accomplished in the July to October Time Frame.

1. Completed three multiple district club officer training sessions (May/July/Sept.)
  - a. Our May sessions had attendees from: USA, Canada, Turkey, Philippines, Tanzania, Cyprus, Nepal, Nigeria & Guyana.
  - b. Representatives from all nine districts attended training
  - c. However, we only had 158 clubs attending (total 406 clubs)
  - d. To ensure the course information is made available, all the handout information will be provided via the Facebook site: MD19 Club Office Learning.
  - e. A special thank you to the faculty for their insights and participation in all three (May/July/Sept.) training classes:
    - i. PDG Sharon Sikes (19C)
    - ii. PID Anne Smarsh (19B)
    - iii. PDG Mark Mansell (19G)
    - iv. PDG Wanda Eddy (19D)
    - v. GMT Stephanie O'Dell (19G)
    - vi. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lisa Ikeda (19C)
    - vii. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Debbie Mansell (19G)
2. Several Meetings have been conducted to identify how the MD19 Leadership team can support and strengthen our current 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs as they begin their LCI Leadership training this month. We will begin enhancement sessions after January, 2022. Current Team is comprised of: PCC Polly Voon (19A), PDG Sharon Sikes (19C), and LCI DGE training instructors: 19G PDG Mark Mansell (19B/19D), PDG Steve Somerset (19A), and last year trainer PID Anne Smarsh (19B). In addition, we are working with DGE trainer instructors from California Liz Crooke (19G/19H/19I/19F) and Australia, Leslie Lions (19A/19C/19E).
3. Identified continued need for Certified Guiding Lion Training. A Zoom session will be offered January 22, 10:00am – 2:00pm. Zoom registration is required. Initial flyer has been posted on MD19 and registration is currently open.
4. We continue to support our current DGs, by keeping them up-to-date with training information and their members participation.
5. A special thank you to our current DGs. They have done a great job in ensuring their Zone Chairpersons and Club Leadership teams are kept current on leadership learning opportunities."

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** by Eric Miura, Coordinator:

"Our clubs and districts as a whole are still facing the same challenges we did during this time last year. Moving forward, working off the lessons learned from our Covid19 Campaign communications and website, as well as the online MD19 Environmental Survey, my plan is to reach out to both the Membership and Retention Chairpersons within each district. I will be in contact with each of them to schedule a zoom meeting to discuss the topic of club support in the areas of membership and retention strategies. Topic of discussions will include creating an online survey that will be distributed to Club Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairpersons to fill in on their Club's behalf. This will give us a roadmap of sorts to see where clubs are struggling the most and where strategies can put in place to assist.

From there, I will develop a Report Card of my findings to share at the next Council of Governors' Meeting. This will also help develop a plan for moving forward.

Click on this link to watch an example of a Lions promotional video of a service activity that is both modern and inviting in hopes of attracting new members. Hit 'Ctrl' and click on the link at the same time to view the file.

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/mqx17y4bwcg7djp/CAR\\_RALLY\\_2021\\_REVISED.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/mqx17y4bwcg7djp/CAR_RALLY_2021_REVISED.mp4?dl=0) “

#### **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH REPORT** by PDG Mark Mansell (Oral Report)

I just wanted everyone to be aware that last year the GMA was known as NAMI, North American Membership Initiative, but as it is going world-wide this year, the name has updated. The first thing I want to do is give a loud shout out to all the District GMA Champions for doing great work in their districts. I also want to thank the District Governors and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors for all the hard work they did last year and this year in preparing their goals. We did a great job last year in creating our goals, getting them sent to International and then getting to work on them.

This year we are starting a little earlier in that process and it is called, “Build A Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Build Success”. It's a four-part process and the first step is for all the GMA district teams, and in particular, all the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs to attend training, the first of which will be held November 3, at 7:00 PM. Trainer will be PCC Polly Voon, who is our Global Action Team area leader. This is the first of four trainings that will occur throughout the winter and in to next April. The first training is the most important – build a team - and we need the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs and their current and future Global Action Team members to attend. I would challenge all of us to carve out some time, attend and get some information, as this is going world-wide and there is a lot of support for it, at the zone level and even at the club level, where some clubs have started this process and are seeing results.

We also have monthly GMA Champions meetings. This month it will be October 28, at 7:00 PM. We also need all the 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs in attendance. There is a three-training strand: Lions Clubs International training, your GAT training and the Multiple District training, that we will start after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **SERVICE REPORT** by PDG Wanda Eddy, Coordinator: (Oral Report)

For the first few seconds I want to talk about our motto: “We Serve.” Did you guys know that my great uncle was a member of the club who created that motto? And now my mother's cousins are in that same club. There is a family connection that happens in Lions.

So, we serve; think about what our motto means. When we talk about membership, when we talk about leadership, it's all about what we are here to do – and that is to serve. What is it our clubs do for our communities, what do we do for each other. Look at the money we've raised today for CARE, due to someone throwing out a challenge and we all rallied to the cause.

But, like Eric mentioned we are not very good at telling people about what we do and even amongst ourselves we are not good at telling each other what we do. And that is the same with reporting our service activities as well. This is one of my goals this year – to increase club reporting of service activities.

The GST in 19-I sends me a newsletter each month and that's fantastic, but it is something I'd like to see happening in all the districts. And in thinking back to what DG Luis, from 19-C was saying about fundraisers, perhaps we need to incorporate some ideas about fundraising, because service and fundraising do go hand-in-hand. It would be hard to serve if we do not have the funds to help our communities.

Thank you, to all of the governors for all the work that you do in continually promoting to the clubs how important it is to report what we do and to keep a chin up – we can get through this!

The following District Governors spoke on a challenge they faced during the year and resolved as a Lion Leader: Lorne Bunyan, 19-I; Syrus Lee, 19-A and Joyce Stevens, 19-D.

#### **MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION** by ED Peter Anderson:

The MD19 Annual Convention will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> and registration is now open. The link is through EventBrite and is posted on our MD19 website. Information on the convention is also in the *Border Crossing*. Lions Clubs International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Patti Hill is our International guest.

We have several great sessions lined up and we are using the same platform that we used last year – Hubb. We are hoping that registrants will log on early enough and get used the platform and enjoy all the features. There are instructions for navigating the site which should make it easier this year and that will be sent out in an email to those registered to attend. This year we added a scavenger hunt and we have some great prizes coming directly from the MD19 “vault”.

**Meeting adjourned at Noon**

**Upcoming Events**

MD19 Annual Convention	November 5-6, 2021	Virtual
Winter Council Meeting	February 18-19, 2022	Pre-Council and Council Meeting