

MINUTES OF THE MD19 WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

February 20, 2016

Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Al Beddows at 8:30 am. Invocation was given by District Governor Shelley Costello, 19-D. Introductions of the Council and Vice District Governors were made at this time.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and signed the Attendance Sheets.

I. Council of Governors

Al Beddows, Council Chairperson
Enoch Rowland, Vice Council Chairperson
Gary Reidel, Past Council Chairperson
ID Don Shove
Patty Allen, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Eric Keller, District Governor 19-A
Janet Rinehart, District Governor 19-B
Al Hedstrom, District Governor 19-C
Shelley Costello, District Governor 19-D
Bob Yeoman, District Governor, 19-E
Viva Metz, District Governor, 19-F
J.D. Nellor, District Governor 19-G
Don Wight, District Governor 19-H
Brian Phillips, District Governor 19-I
John Clinton, PDG 19-B
John Kirry, PDG 19-C
Lonnie Morgan, PDG 19-F
Kathy Crawford, PDG 19-G
Al Stobbart, PDG 19-H
Georgia Medwedrich, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Brien Patton, Budget & Finance
ZC Jane Beddows, CARE
PCC Larrie Taylor, Constitution & By-Laws
2nd VDG Corinne White, Contests & Awards
PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Diabetes
PDG Bob Ayotte, Leadership
2nd VDG Ron Smircich, Faculty Development
PDG Tom Smarsh, Training
PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Member./Retention
PDG Kathy Crawford, Public Relations
Dr. Nancy Messmer, Environment
ID Don Shove, International Participation
PCC Polly Voon, LCIF- Canada
PDG Joan Hunter, LCIF- US
PCC Jim Kemp, Parliamentarian
PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Strategic Planning

Foundations & Societies

Bill Lundin, Northwest Lions Foundation

III. Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests

PZC Peter Anderson	ZC Bob Johnson	Susan Nellor
Roger Arleth	2 nd VDG Bill Karcher	PDG Judy Portas
Sonia Ayotte	PDG Erma Kemp	Linda Reidel
Michele Barrie	PDG Shella Keung	ZC Sharon Sikes
ZC Norma Bent	2 nd VDG Harry Lippincott	PID Anne Smarsh
1 st VDG Wanda Carisse	Laura Patton	PDG Steve Somerset
PDG Marilyn Danby	Debbie Mansell	PZC Stephen Staudinger
Angela Davis	ZC Mark Mansell	PDG Terry Sutfin
PZC Karen Fern	2 nd VDG Kathe Martin	1 st VDG Monte Ward
Bobbie Fuller-Vandeberg	PDG Kay Metz	1 st VDG Jan Weatherly
1 st VDG Alan Guy	Roy Morris	PDG Carol Whitman
Gloria Hardan	PZC Ryan Morrison	PDG Jon Whitman
PDG Doug Hall	1 st VDG John Moralek	1 st VDG Simon Yau
PZC Alan Hunter	1 st VDG Mar Murillo	

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A and seconded by District Governor Don Wight, 19-H to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Fall Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Pasco, WA, October 16, 2015. Motion passed.

Added to New Business: Lioness, Youth Exchange Program and one presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

MD19 BUILDING REPORT by Mark Boucher, Chairperson:

"Storm water control issues are being addressed by new gutters on the Wheelchair Warehouse building plus trenching. Trenching will be done on the south side of the property to direct storm water into a public gutter system. Water control for the rear of the building will be a retaining area that will drain naturally and not allow discharge on to the neighbor's property. Details and cost are being handled by the Bellingham-Central Lions Club Warehouse.

A new parking area will be created for the Warehouse Service Bus to provide more public parking in the main parking lot helping to reduce congestion. All labor and any materials will be handled by Warehouse volunteers."

LEADER DOG REPORT by PZC Lonnie Morse, Chairperson:

"The normal donations to LDB are still coming in and will continue through June 30th. It appears that contributions to the Canine Development Center by the MD19 Lions Clubs has ended. The District Leader Dog Chairpersons that took part in this endeavor did a great job. You can view the project at www.leaderdog.org/canine-center

Normal contributions since 7/01/2015: (Total = \$14,585.21)

District 19B has 5 clubs for \$2,100.00	District 19C has 2 clubs for \$350.00
District 19D has 3 clubs for \$1,430.00	District 19E has 5 clubs for \$3,168.00
District 19F has 5 clubs for \$3,620.00	District 19G has 5 clubs for \$1,350.80
District 19H has 7 clubs for \$2,066.41	District 19I has 1 club for \$500.00

Contributions to the Canine Development Center since 10/19/2015: (Total = \$14,730.00)

District 19B has 1 club for \$500.00	District 19C has 3 clubs for \$969.00
District 19D has 6 clubs for \$2,600.00	District 19E has 3 clubs for \$9,900.00
District 19F has 1 club for \$500.00	District 19I has 1 club for \$261.00"

LIONESS REPORT by Lioness Anne Scott, Chairperson:

"This report time frame is from September 30, 2015 – January 31, 2016 and represents 14 Lioness Clubs. At this time: membership is 206; volunteer hours 4,564; donations: \$61,977.

Volunteer activities: Kelowna: The Community Theatre, SPCA, Blood Donor Clinic, The Library, Kelowna Hospital, Cancer clinic, Salvation Army kettles, Gospel mission, Christmas Platter Fund Raiser, Parkinson's Rec Centre, Freedom's Door, delivering Poinsettias, NOW gift wrapping, NOW Hallowe'en and Christmas parties, Baby clinic and a Flu Clinic. **Moses Lake:** Power Partners Grant County, Boys and Girls Club, City Quilters, Lakeview Elementary School, Longview Elementary School, Columbia Basin Allied Arts and Habitat for Humanity Festival of Trees. **Nanaimo Harbour Lites:** Gift Wrapping for Child Development Center, Lions Arena Concession, Christmas Hampers, Tree 'Chip in for the Kids' and the Nanaimo Society for the Visually Impaired. **Oliver Lioness:** Delivering School Lunches, Arena Concession, served hot chocolate at Christmas Light Up and Winter Wonderland, participated in the 'School Muffin' program, sold Lions Christmas Cakes, Timmy's Telethon and the Food Bank. **Parksville:** Annual Craft Fair, Parksville Lions Housing, Hustwick Place, Salvation Army program. **Port McNeill:** Christmas Showcase Craft Fair, Lions Bingo and Elementary School. **Priest River:** Fall Craft Fair, Sleigh Ride Raffle and Toys for Tots. **Sooke District:** Oktoberfest, Sooke Food Bank, Sooke Crisis Centre, Flu Clinic, Santa Parade, Christmas Tree 'chip in for the Kids', Christmas Bureau Committee, Christmas Hampers and Sooke Lions Hard times Dance. **South Cariboo:** made and sold Christmas Puddings, coordinated fund raiser Grocery Shopping Spree, Bowling for Handicapped, Mammogram Clinic, knitted mittens for Women's Center, Roe Lake Bazaar. **Toledo:** Walk-n-Knock for Food Bank, Lions photo with Santa refreshments, High School Principal's Coffee Hour and Chili Cook-off, baked treats for Volunteer Fire Department. **Victoria Chinatown:** Festival of Trees, Author's Banquet, Tree 'Chipping for the Kids', Project Connect for homeless women. **Westbank:** Thrift Shop, Lions Manor; Gospel Mission, local Food Bank, Salvation Army, West Kelowna Light-up, knitted toques for homeless, made Christmas Angels for Care Homes. **Williams Lake:** Red Cross Loan Cupboard, Salvation Army Kettles, Festival of Music and Lights, Secret Santa gifts to Senior's Ctr., Child Development Christmas Wish Breakfast and donated gifts, Lions Winter Carnival, Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy. **Winlock:** Walk 'n Knock food and gift campaign, The 'Giving Tree', School children's 'Back Pack' food program, Christmas hampers.

DONATIONS: Kelowna: BC Lions Camp Winfield, Camperships, Gospel Mission, Diabetes Emergency Supplies, Kelowna Safety Council, Salvation Army Christmas hampers, Freedom's Door, Support Alliance for the Blind, Pathfinders and Rangers, Poinsettia's for Car homes, project Literacy, Timmy's Telethon and NOW Christmas Party. **Moses Lake:** Project Wildlife for Moses Lake Schools, New Hope Domestic Violence 'Adopt a Family for Holidays', Moses Lake Food Bank, Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, Columbia Basin Elite Volley Ball Club, Homeless Warming Ctr., Lions 4-H Dinner and Auction.

Nanaimo Harbour Lites: Medical equipment for Nanaimo resident, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Nanaimo Visually Impaired, Salvation Army, volunteer Nanaimo Christmas Hamper. **Parksville:** Victim's Services, Oceanside Stroke Recovery, Heart House, Oceanside Hospice, Easter Seal house, S.O.S Christmas Program, Salvation Army Christmas Program and soup kitchen, A.L.S. Society, and Haven House. **Port McNeill:** Port McNeill Hospital Auxiliary, North Island Senior Secondary Student Council, 'Pennies for Puppies', assist resident to Camp Shawnigan, and Timmy's Telethon. **Priest River:** supplied and served soup, sandwiches and coffee for Junior High Fall Fair, proceeds from 'Sleigh Ride' to 'Christmas Toys for Tots'. **Sooke District:** CARE, Pacific West Alternative School books, Sooke Christmas Bureau, Sooke Food Bank, Santa Sacks for 'Neediest of the Needy', Juvenile Diabetes Research, Sooke Crisis Centre, 19-I District Project I-phone. **South Cariboo:** Loaves and Fishes, food Bank, Family in Need, assist with wheelchair purchase, Food Bank, Local Hospital and Crime Stoppers. **Toledo:** 'Walk 'n Knock' food and gift Campaign, High School Scholarships, Christmas gifts for Children in the community. **Victoria Chinatown:** BC Children's Hospital, 19-I I-phone project and Coalition to end Homelessness. **Westbank:** High School bursaries, Food Bank, Samaritan's Purse, Christmas plants for Care Homes and Memorial Plaque at Camp Winfield. **Williams Lake:** Salvation Army, Senior's Activity Ctr., Red Cross Loan cupboard, Gavin Lake Forest Education Ctr., Family Skate Program, sponsored a family of four at Christmas and Hospice Memory Tree. **Winlock:** 'Knock 'n Walk' Christmas gift and food drive, the Giving Tree, provided Christmas Baskets for 35 Families, and baked cookies for the Volunteer Fire Department.

Sadly, I must report three Lioness have passed away since the last report: Lioness Anne Milliard, Parksville; Lioness Olive Tunnicut, Port McNeill and Lioness Renate Galka, Westbank.

LIONS QUEST – US WEST REPORT by PZC Bill Cheaqui, Chairperson:

"CC AI, VCC Enoch and Council.

I regret to say that I have no positive activity to report. I also wish to inform you that this will be my last year of service to the Multiple District in this capacity. If you wish, I will continue in my position for the remainder of the Lions year. Although I truly believe Lions Quest is a good program, there is virtually no support for it in this area. I would like to continue to serve the Multiple District in some other capacity."

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT by PZC Dennis Bullock, Chairperson:

"A committee meeting was held for the Memorial Garden with discussion of a variety of topics pertaining to the Memorial Garden with decisions made by agreement of the committee members without motions or votes.

1. Information for the MD19 website.

An information page will be crafted for inclusion on the MD19 Website. It will provide some basic information about the Memorial Garden including:

- a. Cost of memorials which includes purchase, planting soils, care and watering and an engraved metal plaque on the Memorial Wall:

For \$100.00 (USD) a bush or shrub; for example: Rose, Mahonia, Viburnum

For \$50.00 (USD) a flowering perennial or grasses; for example: hardy geraniums, helianthemus (sun roses), lavender, Russian sage, blue fescue and other small grasses.

Specific plants will be decided based on needs of the garden and desires of the donor.

At present the garden cannot accommodate additional trees.

- b. Dates for Memorial Garden (work) Parties in 2016. Lions and friends will gather in work clothes with tools and energy to spruce up the garden, weed, trim, plant, etc. from 0900-1200 on the following Saturdays. Please join us! April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, and August 13.

- c. Memorials for 2015-2016 will be dedicated on Saturday August 20, 2016 at 1:00-2:30pm.

- d. Lions Clubs are invited to 'adopt a garden'. Set up their own work schedule to care for one of the specific garden areas i.e. rose garden, flag garden, light garden, rhododendron row. Signs will be made to identify and credit Clubs that take charge of part of our Memorial Garden. This could be

a great environmental project for a Lions Club.

e. 'Friends of the Garden' Donations are always welcome from individuals or Lions Clubs. The Garden can't exist without contributions. Encourage your Club to budget annual support (\$1.00 per member would be spectacular!)

2. Job list for independent work schedule: This will need some development. Besides weeding, specific needs should be identified in the Spring after the scheduled work days begin.
3. Plans for Eagle Scout project: Scout Bryce Nichols is planning his Eagle Scout project with improvements to the Memorial garden. Specifically: to repair gravel pathways, add edging stone, level fill dirt, repair benches and help remove branches from tree removal.
4. Cutting spruce trees: Spruce trees near the building and one at the Northeast corner of the garden are to be removed. Patty will contact Kenny Roos to coordinate and schedule.
5. Identity tags for plants: Patty and Brenda will investigate engraved metal tags to attach to plants, identifying the plants and Lions remembered.
6. An updated Architectural Plan for the garden is still a goal for the future. Identifying a source for a pro bono job is needed.
7. Committee Chair to email reminders to all Clubs to budget support for the garden and send the checks to MD19 by April if possible so money for supplies, etc. will be available during the Spring and Summer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30"

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson AI, Fellow Council Members, Lions and Guests, greetings.

We, the Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society are working very hard to provide a one-of-a-kind service to our communities, making it easier to communicate with one another and making life a little bit better for individuals.

This year we have two companies working with us: Connect Hearing and NexGen Hearing. They are providing new hearing aids with a three-year warranty and batteries. We still offer 'refurbished' hearing aids but have had few takers.

Over the years we have collected used hearing aids across British Columbia and I want to thank the Lions Clubs from Districts A, D, E, H and I for collecting used hearing aids.

We have provided sixty-four (64) hearing aids to deserving clients so far this year.

My Friends, we remain deeply grateful for your help. For more information about our Society and all our programs, please check out our website at: www.lionsofbc hearingsociety.org

I want to thank all the Lions Clubs members, District Governors, Zone Chairpersons and the District Hearing Chairpersons for supporting and promoting this great organization."

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA / DOG GUIDES REPORT by PDG Mel Stokes, Provincial Director:

"As the MD19, District H and BC & Yukon Director of the Lions Foundation of Canada, I am able to communicate with numerous Lions throughout BC. Contact is ongoing with all Canadian District LFC Chairpersons and am pleased to advise Lion Bob Abrahams has agreed to Chair LFC for District E. To assist the District Chairpersons, donation results have been forwarded each quarter. In addition, emails

have been forwarded with the latest information received from the Foundation to keep all within the loop. I am continuing to produce a quarterly LFC bulletin, the last submitted in November, 2015. The intent is to email the bulletin to all Lions in BC to provide them information on what the Foundation is, how we work and how the Lions can help, as a club or individual, by donating to ensure the ongoing viability of this Foundation.

I am planning to attend five 2016 Spring Conferences with a display table, banner and pamphlets to help in advertising as well as providing information.

This year to date BC has received a total of nine Dog Guides given to clients. This equates to a cost of approx. \$225,000 to the Foundation.

The following are the donations received over the last six months to December 31, 2015 from all Districts. It should be noted 19H is down as a result of one club sponsoring a specific dog in 2014-15.

British Columbia	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	
19-A	1,500.00	11,050.00	11,800.00	
19-D	7,328.90	9,217.93	7,376.40	
19-E	5,750.00	1,250.00	1,400.00	
19-H	5,372.10	18,366.66	4,583.33	
19-I	5,200.00	2,850.00	2,475.00	
	25,151.00	42,734.59	27,634.73	-41.15%

Overall, the Foundation fundraising is down this year as a result of a much lower investment income due to the continuing decline in the investment portfolio and fewer bequests received. We need your help. Please ask all clubs to consider additional financial support.

The following are a few of the ways to donate and some of which members can be recognized:

- Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship and progressive \$500
 - LFC Fellowship \$250
 - Life Membership and progressive \$100
 - Adopt a Puppy \$100
 - Memorial Forest \$200
- Dog Guide Sponsor from \$4,000 to \$12,000 (can be over a number of years)
 - Leave a Legacy through a bequest
- Planned Giving, whether a lump sum or periodic payments
- Organize a Purina Walk for Dog Guides
- Donate your reward points – Aeroplan, Airmiles, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Optimum
- Open donation to the Foundation”

CONVENTION AND FORUM REPORTS

MOTION: A motion was made by and seconded by to accept the Consent Agenda reports as presented. Motion Passed.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE GIVEN ORALLY

LCIF-CA REPORT by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:

“Supporting our Lions Clubs International Foundation is among the important responsibilities of district leaders and one that can positively affect people worldwide. The district governor shares this responsibility with the LCIF district coordinator, and they work collaboratively to support the education of Lions and encourage contributions. Effective teamwork will help to sustain meaningful service initiatives and support the mission of LCIF – **‘To support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service**

projects.'

A recap for the first half of the 2015-2016 Lions year (from Jul 01 to Dec 31, 2015) for MD19 Canadian district/clubs shows-

CLUB PARTICIPATION

District	# of Clubs	Clubs Donating	Percentage	Amount
19A	60	9	15.00%	\$7,384.27
19D	54	11	20.37%	\$4,053.54
19E	51	15	29.41%	\$5,238.07
19H	50	14	28.00%	\$12,080.14
19I	51	5	9.80%	\$3,409.87
Totals	266	54	20.30%	\$32,165.99

The goal for MD19 Canadian districts/clubs is for 100% club participation. LCIF's goal is to raise US\$50 million in 2017-2018 for LCIF's 50 year anniversary. **District Governors** – With the current 20.30% club participation, there is much to be done to achieve the 100% participation goal by end of June 2016.

Please note the contact for Canadian club or individual donations is now:

If a tax receipt is needed, submit donations to:

Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF - PDG Stan Durward

Mailing address: Box 38, 50 Southern Court, Sunderland. ON L0C 1H0

Email: s.durward@sympatico.ca

If no tax receipt is needed and just a donation acknowledgement letter is sufficient, donations can also be submitted through the JP Morgan Chase Toronto lockbox:

JP Morgan Chase Lockbox Processing

Lockbox #2425, Royal Bank Plaza South Tower,

200 Bay Street, Suite 1800,

Toronto, Ontario M5J 2J2

IMPORTANT: To avoid delays or misdirected donations, which can result in credits not being available when clubs need them to request recognition, proper identification of donors (full club name/club number and member name/number) and promptly sending in the remittance is important.

If assistance is needed with club or individual ID numbers for donation submissions, please contact Denise Whistler (LCIF Donor Relations Representative in LCIF Donor Services assigned to assist Canadian Lions with LCIF donation and recognition inquiries), Email: Denise.Whistler@lionsclubs.org; Tel: 630-468-6774 Fax: 630-571-5735

As members we all belong to Lions Clubs International, but Lions Clubs International Foundation belongs to us.

LCIF is OUR Foundation"

LCIF-US REPORT by PDG Joan Hunter, Chairperson:

"Fellow Lions, Leos, Lioness:

As clubs, districts and multiple districts come together during LCIF Week, remember that LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) is the Cornerstone of Service. Service looks different all around the world. Whatever it looks like in your community, know that LCIF is there to support you while bringing hope and comfort to those around you.

LCIF Week is an annual event that gives clubs an excellent opportunity to discuss how LCIF supports efforts of Lions, both locally and globally. A new Grant, Disaster Preparedness, gives US\$5000 to \$10,000 to districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other organizations. Also, the Community Recovery Grant provides up to US\$20,000 for short-term clean-up and repair efforts in situations where other organizations have addressed more immediate needs.

Hats off to District Governor Al Hedstrom and LCIF Coordinator PDG Bill Ellis, as 19-C passed their yearly goal by over 10% in the first half of our Lions year. Excellent job, Lions!

Remember, Lions, no donation is ever too small or too big for personal donations. Your district chairperson can give you a receipt and a pin to indicate that you've donated. Please donate as other's will follow. Do not forget about giving a Melvin Jones Fellowship at your conferences. If any club would like to know their MJF balances, please email me and I will send the amount to your secretary."

CARE REPORT by Jane Beddows, Chairperson:

"Although water is not quite as scarce in Guatemala as in other parts of the world, high rates of waterborne diseases indicate poor water quality and inadequate access to sanitation. Exposure to contaminated drinking water and poor sanitation promote the spread of diseases, including diarrhea, which is the world's number one killer of children under 5.

According to recent data, more than 54 percent of the Guatemalan population lives in rural areas. Less than 60 percent of these rural households have access to clean water supply sources, and only 46 percent have access to basic sanitation services. These conditions undermine the country's development by keeping children, especially girls, out of school¹, having a negative impact on their future livelihoods, and denying many people a healthy and productive life.

Problems created by lack of access to proper water and sanitation are exacerbated by other situations that perpetuate poverty, such as gender inequality and social exclusion. The responsibility of supplying households with water rests disproportionately on the shoulders of women and girls, limiting their participation in family income generation, decision-making, community leadership and ability to go to school. Family incomes are further affected by poor water and sanitation services, as the costs associated with purchasing water are high, as are the costs of treatment and medicine for treating water-related illnesses.

CARE uses a proven approach known as the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) model, which is based on the active participation of communities and promotes gender equity. Under this model, municipal governments work with communities and provide technical support to strengthen the communities' ability to address their own water and sanitation problems, promote basic sanitation, and supply water and sanitation infrastructure.

In Guatemala, CARE is implementing *Water Links*, a project in the western highlands (shaded on map) that seeks to improve access to water and sanitation services for 5,000 people in at least eight communities, through the promotion of improved health and hygiene practices, the protection of groundwater recharge areas and the strengthening of organizations' and local governments' technical capacities. This project is currently underway, and CARE seeks to leverage current funding and support necessary activities with additional funding. For this reason, CARE asks Multiple District 19 Lions to partner with us on this project for a two-year period. An amount of \$40,000 in Year 1 with an additional grant of \$40,000 in Year 2 would be incredibly valuable and make it possible for us to carry-out this life-changing work.



The above is an overview of the current project supported by MD19 Lions. We are in the second year of this two year project having completed a very successful first year raising over the budgeted amount. Well done, Lions of MD19.

I usually do not like to deal with the money aspect as my vision was to have the Lions of MD 19 informed and knowledgeable with the projects. I think we are succeeding in spreading the word about CARE, but we must remain diligent in knowing about our current project and passing that information to as many

¹ School attendance is low because children are often sick from gastrointestinal diseases caused by poor water quality or because he task of collecting water takes priority over their educational pursuits.

Lions in the MD as possible.

For this report to the Council of Governors, I would like to dwell a little on the money collection side of CARE and MD19 Lions. As of the end of December 2015, the total raised to date is \$12,415.00. By District: A – 750.00; B - \$1050.00; C - \$950.00; D - \$950.00; E - \$2295.00; F - \$835.00; G – \$800.00; H - \$4375.00 and I - \$410.00. This gives an idea of where each district stands. Traditionally, clubs have been holding onto funds and tend to donate later in the Lion's year.

The 2014-15 year rockers for clubs that donated \$5 per member have been mailed.

This will be my last year as the MD19 CARE Chairperson. I have been doing this for many years and feel it is time to let someone with new ideas step up to this position. I have enjoyed it tremendously and feel very proud of the Lions of MD19 as they have exceeded the goal amount of \$40,000.00 year after year. As a Lion it is heart-warming to know that we made a difference to the lives of many women and children in South and Central America. Thank you everyone.”

MD19 LIONS SERVICE & LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION REPORT by PCC Gary Reidel, Vice President, for PCC Jerry Flood, President:

“Your Leadership Development Foundation continues to maintain significant value and to provide grants in support of Leadership Development in the Multiple District.

The Foundation is currently providing grants to attendees at the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute. The Foundation originally budgeted \$6,750.00 for the grant, but increased that amount to \$7,750.00 to cover a new need. We allowed the increase to cover the allowance for Canadian participants to pay in Canadian dollars at par. Each one of those allowances would increase our grant amount from \$150.00 to \$250.00 with a maximum of such allowances to be ten, for a total increase of \$1,000.00. Hopefully this will assist in increasing the participation by Canadian Lions.

The total number of grants used for the institute tuition assistance is not known at the time of this writing, but should be available at the time of the COG meeting and will be reported orally at that time.

The Foundation campaign to build the foundation's funding capabilities through donations from our Lions Clubs is moving slowly, continuing to need additional exposure to more clubs. We ask our Governors and Vice Governors to take that need to the Lions clubs they visit. As our Foundation funding base grows, we will be able to expand our support of Service and Leadership Development activities in the Multiple District.”

DIABETES REPORT by PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Chairperson:

“Diabetes can strike anyone, from any walk of life. And it does – in numbers that are dramatically increasing. In the last decade, the cases of people living with diabetes jumped almost 50 percent. Worldwide, it afflicts more than 415 million adults alone. And the World Health Organization estimates that by 2040, the number of people living with diabetes will more than double.

Today, diabetes takes more lives than AIDS and breast cancer combined, claiming the life of one person every three minutes. It is a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, amputations, heart failure and stroke. Do I have your attention?

As Diabetes Awareness is LCI supported, Lions work with the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) to promote diabetes awareness. NDEP is the leading public education program that promotes diabetes prevention and control in the USA. NDEP also provides diabetes resources and publications. It's time that our clubs become more cognizant of this disease and take part in supporting diabetes programs, either by sending a child to camp or hosting an awareness day, or both! This needs to be brought to the attention of more than just the Lions that read the Diabetes Newsletter, this needs to be taken into our communities. Are you willing to help?

In MD19 there are nine Districts, each with a Diabetes Chairperson. The Diabetes Chairpersons are there

to assist each club in their District with any Diabetes initiative they wish to take part in. Each year in November we celebrate World Diabetes Day; why not support your clubs by helping them to get something started to show Diabetes Awareness?

I have heard from District A and District C Diabetes Chairpersons regarding their current year. Both Districts are busy bringing awareness to their communities, either by hosting a Walk for Diabetes and donating the money towards sending a child to camp and for retinopathy help for those afflicted. Canadian Clubs host Tag Days, donating the monies received to Diabetes Awareness.

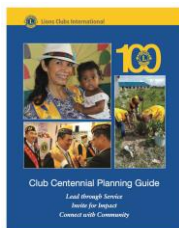
As clubs are beginning to hold their elections I hope that the new board of directors, if they haven't already, will consider having a Diabetes Chairperson in place in their club and host an awareness event. Contact your District Diabetes Chairperson for ideas."

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT by Dr. Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:

"As the Environment Chairperson for Multiple District 19, I work to encourage Lions to include environmental projects in their array of service projects, and to highlight the good work that Lions are doing.

'Protecting Our Environment' is one of the four Centennial Global Service Action Campaigns, with Lions all over the world implementing projects to improve and protect our environment locally and globally. MD19 Lions spearhead community and environment improvement projects and also join other groups in coordinated projects. These projects will be highlighted in the *Border Crossing* and media presentations. The LCI website presents a cornucopia of project ideas, media, and support materials: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planningprojects/community-environment/index.php>

Centennial Community Legacy Centennial Projects: Legacy projects can encompass multiple goals. For instance, creating community gardens protects our environment, engages youth and prevents hunger. These are the kinds of ongoing, multi-partner projects that enable Lions to leave a true legacy for many generations. LCI provides multiple resources to support Lions Clubs in planning, promoting, managing and reporting their Centennial Service Projects and Community Legacy Projects. See <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>.



Environmental Photo Contest: The winner of the MD19 Environmental Photo Contest will be announced soon and the winning photo will be sent on to Japan to the LCI International Convention. This is the worldwide contest that all Lions can enter, simply by taking and printing a picture of the community in which they live. Many districts post all District Contest entries on the walls and hallways at Spring Conferences. Encourage Lions to get photos ready for the contest next fall.

Spring Conference Workshops on Protecting Our Environment. As MD19 Environment Chairperson, I will be attending eight of the nine District Conferences and am working to partner with District Environment Chairpersons offering workshops that facilitate sharing among Clubs and learning with each other about great Environment Projects happening around our Multiple District. We will use workshop materials provided by LCI, and will hope to create a network among Clubs as we help each other accomplish our common goals.

Seeking Information from Each District to Create an Online Databank of Multiple District 19 Environment Projects, including contact people and particulars. Please tell me what is happening in your district. I am looking for photos and information. Projects seem to fall into these categories: Tree

Planting, Gardens, Beach Cleanups, Highway Cleanups, Community Cleanups, Recycling, Stream/Forest Restoration, and Parks.



Bellingham Harborview / Lynden Lion Beach Cleanup--Nanaimo Highway Cleanup--Duncan Recycling Gabriola Island Scotch Broom Pulling-Renton Post Office Cleanup-Clallam Bay Sekiu Gardens

MD 19 Lions work to engage Lions from around the Pacific Basin for Earth Day Beach Cleanups.

At the June LCI Convention in Honolulu and the December Hilo Symposium for Marine Debris and Tsunami Driftage, Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions Nancy Messmer and Roy Morris networked with Lions and multiple partners to create a healthy ocean for future generations. The local Lions spent many hours in Honolulu, meeting Lions and networking about marine debris efforts. In Hilo, I made a presentation to the Symposium audience of volunteer groups, government agencies and researchers, working in seminars on multiple solutions. The Symposium was followed by an all-day beach cleanup at one of the most remote beaches on South Point, Hawaii Island, where plastic pieces and marine debris are regularly deposited. Hawaii Lions Clubs participate in numerous beach cleanups, as Hawaiian beaches are especially hard hit by marine debris, since Hawaii is right on the edge of the North Pacific gyre. Lions around the Pacific Basin are joining with other partners to clean beaches and work on efforts to recycle/reuse and stop dumping. For more information, go to: <http://www.coastsavers.org> Select Pacific CoastSavers on top menu bar.



Convention Mobile Displays-----Tired Multi-National Crew-----Lion Roy Morris Unloads Buckets

Dr. Nancy Messmer, Multiple District 19 Environment Chairperson
 Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions. able@olypen.com 360.963.2442”

Environmental Chairperson Nancy Messmer handed out a form on which the District Governors could indicate what their environmental service activities are in their districts as part of the Centennial Celebration for Lions Clubs International. This will become an online data bank of environmental services.

LIONS PROJECT NEW HOPE NORTHWEST REPORT by 2nd VDG Ron Smircich for Jack Ford, President:
 “Lions Project New Hope Northwest (LPNH NW) is alive and well after a successful rebuilding effort. The Goal is –

‘To insure the effects of combat stress be dealt with, allowing individuals and families to enjoy a normal and prosperous lifestyle.’

As a result of the rebuilding effort, a very successful women’s retreat was realized in October by establishing a partnership with a professional organization, Federal Way Vet Center.

For this year five retreats have been scheduled at a new retreat site, Gwinwood Conference Grounds and Westwood Retreat Center in Lacey, WA. The retreat dates and Partners are

June 10-12, Men's Retreat

Federal Way Vet Center

July 15-17 Family Retreat

Give An Hour

Aug. 26-28 Family Retreat

The Soldier's Project

Sept 16-18 Women's Retreat

Federal Way Vet Center

Sept. 23-25 Family Retreat

Give An Hour

Check out the upgraded LPNH NW website for retreat details – www.lionsprojectnewhopenw.org

Also, plans are underway to conduct a day workshop for women in April. This will be the first and additional day workshops are under consideration.

Thank you for your continued support of the Lions Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) Veterans' families and children's weekend retreats. Because of your continued support these retreats are provided at no cost so there is not an obstacle of financial burden to our veterans. Lions Project New Hope Northwest is asking our clubs to place a line item in their budgets, for a contribution of \$250 or more, which earns the Traditional LPNHNW Banner Patch. \$500 or more earns The Joel Graves Founder's Patch. Your sponsorship of these retreats provides valuable working tools for re- integration/resolution workshops for our veterans, their spouses and children. Chevrons provided yearly for continued donations once patches are earned.

Lions volunteers are needed to fill vacancies on the Project New Hope Board and committees. Secretary, Fund Raising Oversight, Workshop Organization, Grants, Volunteer Coordinator, Public Relations Media, Kids Camp Leader and Coordinator with Lions Clubs."

2016 ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT by PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Chairperson (Oral Report):

Do you know where all of you are going to be October 19-22, 2016? You are going to be roaring with the Lions in Spokane, WA! It will be a "Roaring with the Lions" theme as we are going to place focus on the service that Lions do in our communities. We will have a Diabetes Strides Walk during the convention and we are working with the LEO's, to put on a service project that we can be involved with as well. We will be holding health screenings and our student nurses will be there to check blood pressure and conduct blood sugar testing. I am working on getting a bone densitometry machine so that we can test your bone density. We will have massage students available for free chair massages. There will be great seminars that will be fun, as well as informative. Many of the clubs in 19-E are working together to put on a wonderful convention. We have our Business Spokane people putting together some great tours for us and we are going all out to make sure that you have a wonderful experience.

PDG's John Kirry, 19-C and Kim Di Reinz, 19-E have written a letter regarding protocol that they felt was important after their experiences with club visitations.

February 11, 2016

Dear CC AI,

Sorry this has taken as long as it has. I know you wanted to get something to possibly use as a discussion point for the Winter Council Meeting or perhaps the one after that.

Your initial request of us was to take a look at the protocols from the viewpoint of DG's who had most recently seen the system in action, and see "what is relevant today." As such, Kim and I have had lengthy email exchanges with regards to our experiences with established protocols throughout our DG year.

In boiling down our email discussions, I think a few observations are in order.

- To the average club member, Zone Chairperson and even DG, the Protocols Chapter in the MD19 Policy Manual can best be labeled as traditional 'old school' stuff from the days when Lions functions, like society in general, were far more formal than today. Seating charts, flag etiquette, song etiquette

- and lengthy paragraphs on courtesies and procedures is lost on many newer Lions and practiced less and less at today's meetings.
- The introduction by LCI of the 'Your Club, Your Way' program has accelerated the move away from more formality to less formality in meetings and this has spilled over to all other Lions gatherings. In this significant new pamphlet, clubs are encouraged, for example, to 'QUESTION TRADITIONS – EXAMINE PROTOCOLS – DETERMINE DRESS CODES' as they structure their club and meetings.
- While less formality is indeed the order of the day, we think there would be a significant backlash by traditional Lions if all those long-time protocols were removed. These protocols are safe zones for many traditional Lions and represent 'The Way We've Always Done It.' It was unthinkable just a few years ago to have the District Convention Banquet be anything other than a White Coat event. At last year's District C Convention, we eliminated the wearing of White Coats, and our convention attendance at the banquet was up due to the less formal atmosphere.
- Kim and I both felt that we were well treated during our club visits over the year, but each club did it differently. Some were quite formal, others less so. It usually depended on the overall longevity of the club members. The older they were, the more traditional they were.
- When we went to other functions such as DGAM's, Leadership 101/201 within our Districts, Club Charter Nights and other social events, we had no expectation of a gratis meal unless we were performing some function such as speaker or MC. Even then, however, some clubs did not offer to pay for our meal. It all depended on how well financed the club or zone was. Either way, however, I don't think it became an issue.
- While the DG was most likely to be asked to say a few words at any social event they went to, there were times when outside guest speakers provided the only comments and the DG was not invited to speak other than offer greetings.
- Seating at a head table was dependent on what function the DG or other dignitary performed during that particular social event. If, for example, the DG was a speaker or part of the program at that event, it was generally the case that the DG was seated at the head table. In the case of DGAM's, for example, District C rotates the DG/ 1VDG/2VDG at each of the three meetings during the year. This may mean that the DG may be seated at a table other than the head table during that meeting. Each Zone generally did something different.
- In both my District C and Kim's District E, we were well aware that many clubs and zones operated on a shoe-string budget and free meals were not always offered to the DG on visits other than their Official Visit.
- Charter nights were a hot topic, and sometimes published protocols were either partly adhered to, or ignored altogether. Again, gratis meals and head table assignments usually depended upon whether the dignitaries in attendance had a specific function with regard to the program (i.e. speaker or introducing the speaker) At one recent event in District C, it was so top-heavy with invited dignitaries, there simply wasn't room for all the brass to sit at the head table. Nor was there time to have each dignitary say a few words of greeting.
- And finally, in what may be viewed as somewhat of a contradiction, our feeling is that there is still an important need to have delineated Courtesies and Protocols in the MD19 Policy manual. Now and in the future, there will surely be occasions when a club, zone, or district may need these tools when they decide to formally host a VIP.

While it may be difficult to make specific recommendations as to needed changes or revisions with regard to courtesies and protocol, it remains clear that we are living in a far less formal society today. With regard to the original question of 'what is relevant today' it is also clear that newer Lions, specifically Millennials, are not as impressed with protocols as older Lions. They simply do not seem to regard many of the protocols of the past as relevant to their daily lives as they go forward to accomplish the Lions mission "We Serve."

Respectfully Submitted,
IPDG John Kirry
IPDG Kim DiRienz

Council Chairperson Al will ask PDG Mel Stokes to create a job description for the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycling position.

2015-16 District Governors Brian Phillips, 19-I; Shelley Costello, 19-D and Al Hedstrom, 19-C shared special events that have taken place in their districts. DG Al promoted the "Lions Day at the Races".

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

"At the beginning of this Lions year we presented you with a deficit budget that you approved. Now after having a successful MD19 Annual Convention, getting a medical rebate, and some of our expenses coming in less than we budgeted for, we are presenting a balanced budget. We still need to collect all the dues that are owed by the clubs. There is still no money in the budget for the 2nd Vice District Governors. Below I have listed some of the bigger proposed changes to the budget.

The following are the bigger proposed changes to the Income side of the budget.

1. Line 21 Annual Convention - We budgeted to make \$5,000 and we netted \$7,251 for an increase of \$2,251, so Line 21 will now be \$7,251.
2. Line 41 Miscellaneous Income - We budgeted zero because we never know if we will receive any money. This year we received back \$3,362 for a medical over payment.
3. There are other smaller proposed changes to the income columns which you can review on your copy of the budget.

The following are some of the proposed changes to the expense side of the budget.

1. Line 68 1st VDG'S to USA/Canada Forum - we budgeted \$2,100 and only 2 claimed expenses so the new number will be \$600.
2. Line 121 Exchange Expense - we budgeted \$9,000 and propose a change to \$10,900.
3. Line 168 Council Chairperson Expenses from \$4,000 back to \$ 4,500.
4. Line 171 Fall Council meeting from \$2,500 to \$2,047.
5. Line 176 Executive Secretary Expenses from \$4,000 back to \$5,500.
6. Line 194 Zone Chairperson expenses from \$10,500 to \$ 11,500.
7. Line 195 Zone Chairperson expenses Fall Annual Convention \$ 7,150 to \$6,200 as we had less expenses claimed.

There are other proposed changes that you can review on your copy of the budget.

Proposed 2 nd Half Budget for 2015-16									
Income					6%	6%			
MD19 dues, \$18.60	4/30/2015	12/31/2015	4/30/15	1/23/2016	2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2015-2016	2015-2016
MD19 Dues	Members		less 2%	% Dues Pd	Budget	1/23/2016		Budget	Budget
District A	1183	1151	1159	23%	\$1294	\$729	\$(564)	\$1294	\$1294
District B	902	845	884	40%	\$986	\$636	\$(351)	\$986	\$986
District C	1442	1407	1413	53%	\$1577	\$1127	\$(450)	\$1577	\$1577
District D	1446	1370	1417	31%	\$1581	\$939	\$(642)	\$1581	\$1581
District E	1496	1451	1466	39%	\$1636	\$1024	\$(612)	\$1636	\$1636
District F	1373	1320	1346	42%	\$1502	\$912	\$(589)	\$1502	\$1502
District G	1393	1354	1365	43%	\$1523	\$998	\$(526)	\$1523	\$1523
District H	1733	1710	1698	38%	\$1895	\$1267	\$(628)	\$1895	\$1895
District I	1279	1210	1253	31%	\$1399	\$935	\$(464)	\$1399	\$1399
Totals	12,247	11,818	12,002	37.78%					
MD19 Operations Account – 89%					\$198,682	\$127,084	\$(71,598)	\$198,682	\$198,682
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%					\$6697	\$4284	\$(2413)	\$6697	\$6697
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%					\$2232	\$1428	\$(804)	\$2232	\$2232
MD19 Bldg Reserve Account – 1%					\$2232	\$1428	\$(804)	\$2232	\$2232
Total Dues Income (gross)					\$223,238	\$142,792	\$(80,447)	\$223,238	\$223,238
					2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
MD19 Other Income					Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
MD19 Annual Convention					\$5000	\$7251	\$2252	\$7251	
Border Crossing Editor Grant					\$1800	\$ -	\$(1800)	\$1800	App waiting approval
District & Zone Officer In Service Workshop Grant					\$6000	\$ -	\$(6000)	\$6000	App waiting approval

		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
		Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
LCI Grant for 2016 Leadership Development Grant		\$1500	\$ -	\$(1500)	\$1500	Waiting receipt of chk
MD19 District Support Team Grant		\$1773	\$ -	\$(1773)	\$1773	\$1773 left in grant
Building & Grounds Improvements		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Building-Memorial Garden		\$2000	\$1609	\$(391)	\$2000	
New Club Paraphernalia		\$1350	\$1234	\$(116)	\$1350	
Postage Recovered		\$1000	\$138	\$(862)	\$400	
Printing Recovered		\$100	\$223	\$123	\$300	
Sales -Award Banner Patches		\$150	\$ -	\$(150)	\$150	
Sales - Other		\$2500	\$891	\$(1609)	\$1500	
Pins - Sales Income		\$2600	\$229	\$(2371)	\$2600	
Uniforms - Sales Income		\$1500	\$832	\$(668)	\$1500	
Roster / C&A Sales		\$320	\$208	\$(112)	\$250	
Roster / C&A Advertising 2015-16		\$1000	\$1115	\$115	\$1115	
Bulletin Subscriptions		\$350	\$231	\$(120)	\$350	
Bulletin / AWeber Advertising		\$300	\$420	\$120	\$420	
Lioness - Awards		\$160	\$187	\$27	\$187	
Lioness-Roster		\$130	\$166	\$36	\$166	
Miscellaneous Income		\$ -	\$3362	\$3362	\$ 3362	Med Tax Overpay
Fundraising - MD19 General Fund		\$25	\$7	\$(18)	\$25	
Interest Income		\$25	\$16	\$(9)	\$25	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs		\$5	\$ -	\$(5)	\$5	
Total MD19 Other Income		\$29,588	\$18,119	\$(11,469)	\$34,029	
Total MD19 Income		\$252,826	\$160,911	\$(91,916)	\$257,267	
EXPENSE		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
		Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
District Ops Accounts 4/21/14						
District A	1183	\$1294	\$729	\$564	\$1294	
District B	902	\$986	\$636	\$351	\$986	
District C	1442	\$1577	\$1127	\$450	\$1577	
District D	1446	\$1581	\$939	\$642	\$1581	
District E	1496	\$1636	\$1024	\$612	\$1636	
District F	1373	\$1502	\$912	\$589	\$1502	
District G	1393	\$1523	\$998	\$526	\$1523	
District H	1733	\$1895	\$1267	\$628	\$1895	
District I	1279	\$1399	\$932	\$464	\$1399	
Total District Operations Account		\$13,394	\$8568	\$4827	\$13,394	
		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
		Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
International Convention Forum / Director						
Council Chairperson - Fukuoka, Japan		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Elect (Seated VCC) Fukuoka, Japan		\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$400	
Convention Chairperson - Fukuoka, Japan		\$400	\$397	\$3	\$400	
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) Fukuoka, Japan		\$200	\$100	\$100	\$200	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum - Grand Rapids, Michigan		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
VDG to USA / Canada Forum - Grand Rapids, Michigan		\$2100	\$600	\$1500	\$600	
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director		\$3100	\$1097	\$2003	\$1600	
		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
		Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
Capital Outlay						
Major Capital Expense (i.e. roof replacement)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Equipment		\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$200	
Copier Lease (Minolta)		\$2960	\$1753	\$1207	\$2960	
Vehicle Purchase Cont. (\$402.86 p/m - \$4834.32)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Capital Outlay		\$3160	\$1753	\$1407	\$3160	
		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
		Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
MD19 Convention Expenses						
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)		\$2800	\$630	\$2170	\$2800	
Fall Annual Convention		\$3000	\$4580	\$(1580)	\$4580	
Total MD19 Convention Expenses		\$5800	\$5210	\$590	\$7380	
		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
		Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
MD19 General Operations						
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)		\$1000	\$ -	\$1000	\$1000	

			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
			Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
Credit Card Fees			\$1100	\$162	\$938	\$500	Oct Fees-Conv.
Accounting Review / Services			\$3400	\$2930	\$471	\$3000	
Bank Charges			\$350	\$310	\$40	\$400	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)			\$1200	\$716	\$484	\$1200	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)			\$1200	\$580	\$620	\$1200	
Bond – Employee (This appears to be covered in Commercial Policy)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Business License / Non Profit Corporation			\$50	\$ -	\$50	\$50	
Maintenance Contract – Minolta Copier			\$662	\$ -	\$662	\$662	
Maintenance – Auto			\$1000	\$881	\$119	\$1200	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)			\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
Security System			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel			\$1100	\$864	\$236	\$1100	
Post Office Box Lease U.S. & Canada			\$203	\$65	\$75	\$65	Canada PO Box
Postage			\$5700	\$4003	\$1697	\$5700	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)			\$ -	\$488	\$(488)	\$650	Renamed
Office Supplies			\$400	\$395	\$5	\$450	
Printing and Stationary Supplies			\$2500	\$1923	\$577	\$2500	
Printing Outside			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing Roster / Contests & Awards Books			\$3200	\$3735	\$(535)	\$3735	
Purchases – Other Sales			\$1400	\$678	\$722	\$1000	
Purchases – Trading Pins			\$1800	\$ -	\$1800	\$1000	
Purchase Vest Rental Refund			\$100	\$40	\$60	\$100	
Purchases – Uniforms for Sale			\$1400	\$590	\$810	\$1400	
Computer Programs			\$600	\$552	\$48	\$600	
Exchange Expense			\$9000	\$10,900	\$(1900)	\$10,900	Can dues Cover
Utilities			\$6500	\$2822	\$3678	\$6200	
Total MD19 Operations – General			\$44,365	\$32,632	\$11,733	\$45,112	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
Insurance – Auto/Building			Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
Auto Insurance			\$1600	\$1680	\$(80)	\$1680	
Commercial Pkge Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)			\$2400	\$2323	\$77	\$2323	
Total Insurance – Auto/Building			\$4000	\$4003	\$(3)	\$4003	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
Personnel-Calendar Year			Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
Part Time Employee: Bookkeeper			\$500	\$171	\$330	\$500	
Bulletin Editor			\$1800	\$1340	\$460	\$1800	
Medical Insurance – April 2015			\$14,759	\$8620	\$6139	\$14,759	
Payroll – Admin Assistant-Statistics \$12.57			\$25,474	\$15,285	\$10,189	\$26,246	
Payroll – Executive Secretary \$21.49			\$44,871	\$25,788	\$19,083	\$44,871	
Payroll – Receptionist \$10.30			\$13,000	\$8,415	\$4,585	\$13,390	
SUI (Employ. Security 2.04% x \$42,100 max per employee 1/2015)			\$675	\$993	\$(318)	\$675	
FICA – 1/1/2015 Soc Sec 6.2% gross 1/2015			\$6384	\$3162	\$3222	\$6384	
FUTA – 1/1/2015 Fed. Unemployment 0.006% x \$7k max			\$168	\$32	\$136	\$168	
Medicare – 1/1/2015 MediCare 1.45% gross 1/2015			\$1470	\$740	\$730	\$1470	
L&I –SDI (Worker's Comp –L&I .1588 x reg hrs) 1/2015			\$943	\$449	\$494	\$943	
Pension-Exec Sec. 6% or .06 of gross payroll (6/30/2015)			\$2692	\$2682	\$10	\$2692	
Pension-Admin Asst. 6% or .06 of gross Payroll (6/30/2015)			\$1528	\$1563	\$(35)	\$1528	
Pension-Reception. 6% or .06 of gross payroll			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Personnel			\$114,265	\$69,239	\$45,025	\$115,427	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
Taxes (non-personnel)			Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
Personal Property Tax			\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$100	
Building Property Tax			\$5000	\$2314	\$2686	\$5000	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)			\$5100	\$2314	\$2786	\$5100	
			2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
Support: Club, Zone and District			Budget	1/23/16		Budget	
International Director Candidate			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1 st Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings			\$975	\$263	\$712	\$975	
2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Awards & Trophies – Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroidery, Certificates			\$1400	\$1106	\$294	\$1400	

		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half
		Budget	1/23/16		Budget
MD19 Bulletin (Border Crossing): Total Expense of printing/AWeber		\$800	\$341	\$459	\$800
Council Chairperson Expense		\$4000	\$1693	\$2307	\$4500
1 st Vice Dist. Governors at MD19 Council Meetings		\$2500	\$1459	\$1041	\$2500
2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at MD19 Council Meetings		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Council Meeting - Fall	Pasco, WA 2015	\$2500	\$2047	\$453	\$2047
Council Meeting - Winter	Vancouver, WA 2016	\$2500	\$ -	\$2500	\$2500
Council Meeting - Spring	Yakima, WA 2016	\$2500	\$ -	\$2500	\$2500
Dist. Gov. & Zone Chair. Training	Yakima, WA 2016	\$13,500	\$530	\$12,970	\$13,500
Supplies for In Service DG & ZC Training		\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$100
Executive Secretary Expense		\$4000	\$3761	\$239	\$5500
MD19 District Team Expenses		\$1773	\$387	\$1386	\$1773
Membership / Rebuilding Programs		\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$ -
Extension Chairperson	50%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Club, Zone and District Support		\$36,748	\$11,587	\$25,161	\$38,295
		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half
Telephone		Budget	1/23/16		Budget
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)		\$3800	\$2470	\$1330	\$3800
Website		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Telephone & Website		\$3800	\$2470	\$1330	\$3800
		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half
Zone Chairperson		Budget	1/23/16		Budget
Zone Chairperson – Expenses		\$10,500	\$6154	\$4346	\$11,500
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention		\$7150	\$5758	\$1392	\$6200
Total Zone Chairperson		\$17,650	\$11,912	\$5738	\$17,700
		2015-2016	Actual	Variance	2nd Half
Reserve		Budget	1/23/16		Budget
Payable to MD 19 Reserve		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Payable to Building Reserve		\$2232	\$1428	\$804	\$2232
Total Reserve		\$2232	\$1428	\$804	\$2232
Contingency		\$2073	\$ -	\$2073	\$64
Total MD19 Expense		\$255,687	\$152,213	\$103,474	\$257,267
Total MD19 Expense Budget		\$255,687	\$152,213	\$103,474	\$257,267
Total MD19 Income Budget		\$252,826	\$160,911	\$(91,916)	\$257,267
Net Income / (Loss)		\$(2860)	\$8698	\$ -	\$0

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Brian Phillip, 19-I and seconded by PDG Georgia Medwedrich, 19-I recommending that the District Governors go back to their Cabinets to get approval to give \$200 from their escrow accounts towards the MD19 budget to cover budgetary needs. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Lonnie Morgan, 19-F and seconded by District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A to approve the updated MD19 2nd half budget. Motion passed.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REPORT by PCC Larrie Taylor, Chairperson:

“The vote at the MD19 Fall Annual Convention regarding the MD19 Conventions in October 2015 requires that a number of amendments be made to the MD19 Constitution and Bylaws. I have tried to identify the Articles that must be amended to reflect the changes resulting from the vote. The text in blue are issues for which direction is sought. Those text in green are proposed changes. Those items in red text reflect proposed deletions to the existing document. The text in orange is LCI required changes to District Constitutions and By-laws.

However, I would ask that this document be accepted as a draft report. A meeting[s] including the Council Chairperson, the Immediate Past Chairperson and the MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer and the members of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee is scheduled in early February [but after the deadline submission of this report] The outcome of this meeting [s] will be submitted prior to the Council meeting.

List of required changes

Article IV Officers

SECTION 3. The Council Chairperson and the Vice Council Chairperson of the Multiple District shall be elected at the Annual Convention of the Multiple District. ~~When should this occur as we have to have these officers in place at the end of the Lionistic Year but the Convention is scheduled about 3+ months after they must take office.~~

PCC Rod Barnes and EST Patty Allen have proposed the following option for the election of these MD officers:

Proposed Solution:

Candidates for the Offices of Council Chairperson, and Vice Council Chairperson are to have their announcements, as well as their endorsements, filed with the MD Office by the end of December. It would appear to make sense that at the time of the nine Districts' Spring Conferences beginning in February or March and ending in May, voting for CC and VCC could be accomplished at each District Conference. The ballots would be sealed and delivered to the MD Office until the last of the Nine Districts' ballots were received. Once the Nine Districts' ballots, are received, at the MD Office, they would be counted by representatives of each District and then the winners could be announced.

EST Patty added the following details to this proposal:

Two ballot boxes would be provided, one that is opened and ballots counted at the conference for the district officers and one that remains sealed with the multiple district officers ballots inside.

The sealed ballot box (sealed with some sort of official seal?) would be taken back to the MD19 Office where it would remain until all District Spring Conferences have taken place. The ballots would be counted in the presence of the Election Committee Chairperson, the Executive Secretary, and the scrutinizer for each of the candidates. I don't know how many more people you want to use, but a small amount is better for a variety of reasons.

SECTION 10. The official voting delegates from each District shall nominate and elect a District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor for their District ~~at a specially scheduled meeting of the District held in conjunction with their Annual Sub-District Conferences held during the months of March, April or May of the Lions Year preceding taking office at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Multiple District Annual Convention~~

Each club shall be entitled to cast its vote for District Governor and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VI, Sections 6 to 8 inclusive of this Constitution.

SECTION 12. The officers of this Multiple District shall take office at the close of the Annual Convention of the International Association of Lions Clubs next succeeding their election, and shall serve for a period of one year, or until their successor shall be duly elected and enter upon his/her duties of office.

Article V

SECTION 3. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall provide an up-dated Policy Manual ~~on the Multiple District website reflecting the actions and decisions of the Multiple District Council of Governors each Council Meeting. following the Annual Convention of this Multiple District along with following.~~The current up-dated Multiple District 19 Constitution & By-Laws ~~will be posted on the MD19 website following the Annual Convention of this Multiple District. Constitution and By-laws amendments should be voted on at the MD's Annual Convention.~~

Article VI

SECTION 3. Where more than one club exists in a convention city, one of the clubs shall be designated the Host Club in sponsoring the Annual Convention ~~or Fall Forum.~~

SECTION 5. The officers of the Multiple District shall be the officers of the convention~~s~~ of the Multiple District. *How do we want to handle the overlap as the Convention is essentially the wrap of the previous Council but a new Council is now in place?*

Article IV BL

Section 1

e. In planning and preparing the budget for the Council of Governors, the Host Club shall not budget in excess ~~of 95%~~ of the Council of Governors' approved budget for the Convention ~~or Forum. The remaining 5% of the budgeted amount for the Convention or Forum shall be held in reserve to cover any emergency expense not provided for in planning. The budgeted MD19 Convention Reserve will provide a reserve for any emergency expenses not provided for in planning.~~

f. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay the Host Club, upon its request, the sum of \$2,000.00 from the budgeted amount for the Annual Convention, to cover preliminary expenses incident to the planning, preparation, and conduct of the Annual Convention. ~~The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to pay the Host Club for the Fall Forum, upon request, the sum of \$500.00 from the budgeted amount for the Fall Forum, to cover preliminary expenses incident to the planning, preparation, and conduct of the Fall Forum.~~

~~g. When the Council of Governors has approved the plans and budget of the Convention, or Forum, as prepared by the Host Club, the Host Club shall be entitled to receive from the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer the balance of the MD19 budgeted Annual Convention or Forum amount, less the 5% held in reserve.~~

hg. As soon as possible, and not later than sixty (60) days following the close of the convention, the Host Club shall submit a complete statement of income and expenses on account of the convention, to the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer and upon approval of the same by the Council of Governors, the Host Club shall receive from the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer such amount from the Convention Fund 5% reserve as may be necessary to balance its accounts. In no event, however, shall the Host Club receive from the Convention Fund any amount in excess of the total budgeted for the Convention ~~or Forum.~~

SECTION 2. Any surplus of funds found to be in excess of the actual expenses of the Convention, ~~or Forum,~~ after receipt of the budgeted allocation ~~and the retained 5% Reserve Fund by the Host Club,~~ shall be paid by the Host Club into the General Fund of the Multiple District, except that surpluses less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be retained by the Host Club upon approval of the Multiple District Council of Governors, providing no funds have been used from the Convention Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE VII

Finance

SECTION 2. A percentage of the Multiple District dues levied upon each member per month is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses of the ~~Fall Forum and~~ the Annual Convention of the Multiple District. The percentage of the Multiple District dues appropriated for the Convention Fund shall be specified in the Policy Manual. A registration fee may be charged those attending any Convention, ~~Forum~~ or Conference held in this Multiple District.

ARTICLE II 'BL'

Duties of Officers

Section 5

- c. Prepare and distribute the Multiple District monthly report, reports for the Annual Convention, ~~Fall Forum~~, and as directed by the Council of Governors; prepare and distribute other publications and materials.
- f. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be designated as Director of the Multiple District Convention ~~and the Fall Forum~~. He/she shall also coordinate with Lions International, Multiple District 19 participation in the International Convention.

ARTICLE IV "BL"
Convention Financing

Section 1

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ARTICLE VII "BL"

~~This Article is held in abeyance from 2011 through 2016 for a trial period allowing an MD19 Fall Annual Convention as passed by the delegates at the 2009 MD19 Annual Convention.~~
Fall Forum

~~**SECTION 1.** Upon approval by the Multiple District Council of Governors at its meeting during the preceding Fall Forum or Annual Convention, after a study of a suitable meeting location, housing, travel, and other facilities, a Fall Forum may be called, preferably during the month of September, or October, as a Special Convention of the Multiple District, provided, however, that the site of all Fall Forum shall be fixed by the Multiple District Council of~~

e. Candidates for the office of Zone Chairperson shall obtain their Club's endorsement, or the majority of the Clubs in the Zone. The letter(s) of endorsement shall be filed with the Zone Chairperson with copies to the Multiple District Secretary no later than thirty (30) days prior to the ~~Sub-District's~~ annual Spring Conference. If no candidates for a Zone have declared thirty (30) days prior to the ~~Sub-District's~~ Spring Conference, nominations may be made from the floor, and elections conducted at Zone Meetings held in conjunction with the ~~Sub-District's~~ Spring Conference. In any event an election shall be held, and reported to the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer, prior to 1 May to enable attendance at the Zone Chairperson Training, ~~held at the Multiple District's Annual Convention.~~ In the event that a Zone Chairperson is not elected in a Zone by 1 May, the District Governor Elect of the affected ~~Sub-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 Multiple District 19 Constitution.

International Board Changes

The position of International Third Vice President was re-instated effective with the 2016-17 Lions year which means both a 2nd and 3rd Vice President of LCI will be elected at the Fukuoka Convention.

The name of the "Leadership" Committee was changed to "Leadership Development" Committee to more accurately reflect its purpose.

Effective July 1, 2016 requiring dues to be paid no later than the 15 days prior to a District or Multiple District convention for a delegate or the club of a candidate to be in "Good Standing" for the purpose of voting or running for office.

EST Patty's comment:

I enthusiastically disagree with LCI in one vital area. I believe that clubs should be allowed to pay their MD19 dues at the conferences and conventions in order to vote. It is one of the best ways for us to collect dues and would be a shame if we decide not to allow this. We even accept International dues and send to LCI following the conference. I think it is a mistake not to let us collect these dues. It's a great leverage . . . one of the few we have.

Information from the LCI Legal Division

Each District should review [and amend as required] their respective Constitutions and By-laws regarding the following:

- Selection of district committees involved in the election process;
- Certification of delegates and candidates prior to election;
- Official call, site changes, and official report provisions;
- District Convention rules procedures;
- The Standard ballot form.

Many of the required changes are identified in the Standard Form District Constitution and By-laws on the LCI webpage.

END OF REPORT"

Ballots will be handed out to the Council at the break for them to vote on the Environmental Photos. They were to vote for a first, second and third choice.

Meeting recessed for break at 10 AM
Meeting resumed at 10:17 AM

REPORTS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA Continued:

NW LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by Bill Lundin, Chairperson:

"It is with great pleasure, that I present some great news on the growth of SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation for 2015.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible annual growth with over 12,000 corneal transplants in the US. In addition, we provided over 12,000 additional corneal transplants to needy people in our global program. Combined this 24,000 corneal surgeries is an 18% growth rate from last year.

SightLife and The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank (NEPA), one of the largest Lions eye banks on the East Coast, have officially joined together under the SightLife brand. This action was unanimously approved by the 36 member NEPA Lions Board of Directors. In addition, that Board will form a separate Lions Community Service Foundation to provide similar services as our Foundation.

This combination is aligned with the Lions' mission and creates the largest eye banking program in the world, which will allow us to accelerate the global work that SightLife is performing in the elimination of corneal blindness.

SightLife's growth has significantly helped our Northwest Lions Foundation. This year, SightLife's financial support exceeded \$400,000. These funds go directly to our Lions community service programs.

We are very pleased the Northwest Lions Foundation's community service programs included screening over 34,000 school children across the MD19 service area. In addition, dozens of other low-income people and non-profit organizations benefit by various Northwest Lions Foundation grants valued at over \$100,000. All these latter grant recipients are sponsored by their local Lions Clubs.

This last year, we launched our revised hearing program in partnership with The Starkey Foundation. This joint program with local MD19 Clubs, including Montana Lions, provided 388 hearing aids serving over 300 needy folks in a much more efficient and cost effective manner.

Our first 'Mini Health Screening Unit' was placed in service under the supervision of the Pullman Lions Club. This project will supplement our health screening service in Eastern Washington. This project has been very successful screening over 2,000 students in 2015. The NLF Board is now having discussion with Group Health Cooperative to potentially expand this program to serve even more residents.

In closing, The Board of Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would like to thank all the Lions and Lions Clubs in MD-19 for their continued support of White Cane Days. Our totals for the year exceeded \$118,000. Thank you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities."

The Following Announcements were made:

The winner for the MD19 Environmental Photo contest was announced: PDG John Kirry, 19-C.

The winner of the 2016 Peace Poster Contest was announced: Taylyn Diessner, Olympic Middle School, sponsored by the Shelton Lions Club, C-2.

The winner of the 2016 MD19 Trading Pin Contest was announced: PZC Ray Fujiura, Sunnyside Lions Club, F-2.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued:

CONTESTS AND AWARDS REPORT by 2nd VDG Corinne White, Chairperson:

"CLUB PRESIDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD RULES

Leadership Preparation: **The Club President will attend a Club Officer Training (An MD19 approved Face to Face or On-Line Training) after his/her club election and by June 30th prior to September 30th of in the Lions year preceding the year in which they he / she will serve in office.**

We would like to change this to The Club President will attend a Club Officer training no later than June

30th (prior to their term starting).

CLUB SECRETARY EXCELLENCE AWARD RULES

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D. He/She shall attend a secretary training session at the zone or district level (*an MD19 approved face to face or on-line training*) by June 30th. Attendance will be reported by the District Global Leadership Chairperson to the District Governor, Zone Chairperson, and MD19 Office by July 25th of the following Lions Year. **50 points**

~~Attendance at the meeting will be reported on the Zone Chairperson leadership training form. If the training session was not held by the preceding Zone Chairperson, or by the District, the current Zone Chairperson, or the District, may hold a training session by September 30th. A secretary may attend and receive these points.
(50 points)~~

We would like to change this to the District Global Leadership Chairperson will report who has taken the training. The training must be completed no later than June 30th. (Prior to their term starting.)

5. MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 ROSTER INFORMATION42 points

The Club Officer Report Form (P.U. 19) with the Club Officer information for the Multiple District 19 Roster must be postmarked on or before April 30th to be considered On Time.

We would like to add the following: If the officer information for the Multiple District Roster is postmarked by May 15th the secretary would receive 21 points.

ZONE CHAIRPERSON EXCELLENCE AWARD RULES

12. He/she will promote a District Club Officer Training Session **25**
and / or provide a Zone Club Officer Training Session after Club Officer Elections in April and prior to June 30 of the Zone Chairperson's term of office. The ~~Zone Chairperson~~ Report of Zone or District Club Officer Training form *must be sent to the MD19 Office on or before July 25th by the District Leadership Chairperson*. Evidence of promoting the event must be attached to the Zone Chairperson Report of Zone or District Club Officer Training form.

If Zone Chairperson attends the Club Officer Training Session. **5**
~~(Training Session, Zone Chairperson attendance and Club Presidents and Secretaries at the Training Session will be reported on a Form provided by the Multiple District 19 Office.)~~

The contests and awards committee wants to remove 'Training session, Zone Chairperson attendance and club Presidents and Secretaries at the training session will be reported on a form provided by the Multiple District 19 office' as attendance will now be done by the Leadership Chairperson on a form provided by the MD19 Office on the website. New information inserted in the paragraph above is underlined."

"Proposed Amendments to the MD19 Excellence Awards
Submitted by: Jan Weatherly, 1st VDG District C
Kathy Crawford, IPDG District G
Corrine White, 2nd VDG District H

Purpose: To broaden the way officer training is delivered to incoming club officers.
To introduce standard into the description of the officer training.
To standardize the format of the award criteria for the president, secretary and membership director.
To revise the way club officer training is reported to MD19 office.

Rationale:

The current criteria for earning credit for officer training for the president, secretary and membership director does not include delivery via online technology. This series of amendments adds online training as an acceptable method of training delivery for the president, secretary and membership director. This series of amendments also introduces a standard to the training for the president, secretary and membership director excellence awards.

Because the current criteria for earning the excellence points is written differently for each of the three offices, the wording has been standardized for the president, secretary and membership director.

Lastly, the way the officer training is reported to MD19 is changed from the Zone Chairpersons to the District Global Leadership Team Coordinator. This change simplifies the reporting process to MD19 from receiving reports from over 56 zone chairpersons to 9 District Global Leadership Team Coordinators who serve for a three year period, also adding simplicity and continuity over a three year period.

Patty Allen, EST, has reviewed and offered some of these changes. Two of the three committee members charged with offering these amendments believe the deadline for completing the training should remain September 30th, a deadline that has been in place for 30 years and maximizes the opportunity to train club officers. One member believes the due date should be changed to June 30th.

Proposed Amendment: Club President Excellence Award Rules:

The Club President will attend an online or face-to-face MD19 approved president training at the zone or district level after his/her election and prior to June 30th of the Lions year in which he/she is serving. The District Global Leadership Team Coordinator will report the completion of the training to the MD office and District Governor by July 25th of that year on a form found on the MD19 website. If the president training session was not completed by June 30th, the president may attend a training at the zone or district level by September 30th. The District Global Leadership Team Coordinator will report the completion of the training to the MD office and District Governor by October 25th of that year on a form found on the MD19 website."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG John Kirry, 19-C and seconded by PDG Kathy Crawford, 19-G to accept the above proposed change for the Club President Excellence Award Rules for Leadership Preparation. Motion passed.

Proposed Amendment: Club Secretary Excellence Award Rules:

He/she shall attend an online or face-to-face MD19 approved secretary training at the zone or district level after his/her election and prior to June 30th of the Lions year in which he/she is serving. The District Global Leadership Team Coordinator will report the completion of the training to the MD office and District Governor by July 25th of that year on a form found on the MD19 website. If the secretary training session was not completed by June 30th, the secretary may attend a training at the zone or district level by September 30th. The District Global Leadership Team Coordinator will report the completion of the training to the MD office and District Governor by October 25th of that year on a form found on the MD19 website."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Lonnie Morgan, 19-F and seconded by District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A to accept the above proposed MD19 Contests and Awards change for the Club Secretary Excellence Award Rules, number 3, letter D for secretary training preparation. Motion passed.

Proposed Amendment: Club Membership Director Excellence Award Rules:

Attend an online or face-to-face MD19 approved club membership director training at the zone or district level after his/her election and prior to June 30th of the Lions year in which he/she is serving. The District Global Leadership Team Coordinator will report the completion of the training to the MD office

and District Governor by July 25th of that year on a form found on the MD19 website. If the club membership director training session was not completed by June 30th, the membership director may attend a training at the zone or district level by September 30th. The District Global Leadership Team Coordinator will report the completion of the training to the MD office and District Governor by October 25th of that year on a form found on the MD19 website.”

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Al Stobbart, 19-H and seconded by PDG Georgia Medwedrich, 19-I to accept the above proposed MD19 Contests and Awards change for the Club Membership Director Excellence Award Rules for Club Membership Director training preparation. Motion passed.

“Proposed Amendment: Zone Chairperson Excellence Award Rules – page 198 in MD19 roster

12. He/she will promote a District Club Officer Training Session ~~and/or provide a Zone Club Officer Training Session after Club Officer Elections in April and prior to June 30th of the Zone Chairperson's term of office. The Zone Chairperson Report of Zone or District Club Officer Training form must be sent to the MD19 Office on or before July 25th.~~ Evidence of promoting the event must be **emailed or mailed to the MD19 Office and District Global Leadership Team Coordinator by July 1st.** ~~attached to the Zone Chairperson Report of Zone or District Club Officer Training form.”~~

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Al Hedstrom, 19-C and seconded by District Governor Bob Yeoman, 19-E to accept the above proposed change for the MD19 Contests and Awards, Zone Chairperson Excellence Award Rules, number 12. Motion passed.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION REPORT by ID Don Shove, Chairperson:

“Be the Lion who engages in four, hands-on service projects per year. Be the club that has a net growth of one. Be the District that charters one new club.

We have known for years the success we have with any of our programs depends on the District Governors, and their ability to properly utilize and manage their team.

We at Lions Clubs International are working hard on getting the information and tools to you as District Governors. We are making proposals, changes and challenges that can still be met by you Lions and other District Governors of North America.

One of the problems is the lack of action and follow through and COMMITMENT from the District Governors. So I'm looking you in the eye, and asking, why are you not fulfilling the goals, the promises you made in District Governor Elect School in Membership? Why will you not schedule a NEW CLUB consultant to come in and help you extend a new Lions Club? Why are you not utilizing your TEAM?

With that being said, we will be looking at job descriptions, requirements and responsibilities for District Governors, as well as the compensation based on them meeting their goals.”

2015-16 District Governors Eric Keller, 19-A; Bob Yeoman, 19-E and Janet Rinehart, 19-B shared stories from their year as Governor.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT by PDG Paul Kauzlarich, Chairperson:

“The Strategic Planning Committee continues to work on the following:

Item #1 Reformation of District Spring Conferences and MD19 Conventions.

The MD19 Leadership Chairperson is passing on information, ideas and suggestions at Regional Meetings and Go to Meeting with Vice District Governors and District Governors to improve their conferences. It is up to each district to assemble the information and decide how to use it to improve their conference.

Item #2 Replacement of MD19 Secretary/Treasurer.

Immediate Past Council Chairperson, Gary Reidel and Council Chairperson, Al Beddows are working with the appointed committee gathering information and resources. The group is proceeding with the process.

Item #3 Membership and retention in MD19 future.

A committee was set up to review and make adjustments to a proposed 'Project Club' model. The committee has not yet had time to meet for the review.

Item #4 Increasing involvement of Lioness.

Council Chairperson, Al Beddows will be working with the MD19 Lioness Chairperson to come up with ways to better recognize Lioness. They will be working on a possible Lioness of the Year Award and panels at the MD19 Convention among other things.

Item #5 Possible formation of Past Zone Chairpersons and Past District Governors groups.

The MD19 Leadership Chairperson will be including this topic for discussion at that District Regional Meetings to see if districts are interested in forming these groups in their district.

Item #6 Vice District Governors and District Governors mentors.

Immediate Past Council Chairperson Gary Reidel has put together a select list of people to serve as mentors for Vice District Governors and District Governors. That list will be presented at the officers' training in Yakima in May.

The next Strategic Planning Committee Meeting will be held in Abbotsford, B.C. on March 13. The main topic of discussion at this meeting will be membership.

We continue to ask for your help and support in referring any topics that you feel the Strategic Planning Committee should address."

POLICY MANUAL REPORT by PCC Jim Knight, Chairperson:

"The Policy Manual Committee is working on the many changes required by the change in the Annual Convention. At this time, we are waiting on reports from the various departments affected to be presented to the Council for verification. This process will be accomplished and finalized at the Spring Council Meeting. No further action at this time."

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Bob Ayotte, Chairperson:

"At the beginning of this year, I had prepared several goals as MD19 GLT – Leadership Coordinator. The first two Goals, being training to Vice District Governor's on SMART Goals is well in hand and will be completed soon. The second being to provide good training sessions at the Fall Annual Convention is now complete. The third goal dealt with better delivery of Club Quality Initiative Facilitator Training, and this goal just seems to be going nowhere. I cannot find any proper lists of Lions who have been trained already for being CQI Facilitators. I ask, but get no response. The definition of insanity is to continue doing the same activity over and over again but expecting a different result. I rest my case on that.

An activity that Districts have tasked the MD19 GLT, is in the process of being completed; that is to have better and more Club Officer Training take place. Lion 2nd VDG Ron will be reporting in a little while on how he has been doing with the finalization of that program. I hope what the GLT has come up with, will be in agreement with this council.

During my last bi-weekly conversations with the 1st and 2nd VDG's and Council Chairperson Elect Enoch Rowland, we determined that the MD GLT has a box that needed to be opened and the insides looked at differently. (*Thinking outside the box*) This has to do with the Fall Regional Progress and Planning Meetings, which was the replacement for the unsuccessful Regional Kickoff and Halftime meetings of several years ago. The VDG's have come up with a different approach, which would combine the Fall Annual Convention with some time used for the Progress and Planning Sessions.

The proposal would be that:

1. As is being done this past year by Council Chairperson Al Beddows, the currently seated DG's (presently 1st VDG's) are invited to state how they are making out with one or two of their District Goals for the year, each being given a short period of time to outline that activity. This would take about an hour and could take place on the evening of the Pre-Council Meeting on the Wednesday night, or Thursday afternoon after the end of the Council of Governor's meeting. I would prefer the Wednesday night, as Thursday is quite limited and squeezed for time.
2. The 1st VDG's (presently the 2nd VDG's) could then be tasked to talk about their ideas for District Goals on Thursday afternoon, after the Council of Governors' meeting, as their time is not limited in the afternoon, as is the time for the seated District Governors and Immediate Past District Governors.
3. On Friday morning or afternoon, there would be another opportunity for each of the District 1st VDG's, 2nd VDG's, GMT's, GLT's, and ZC's to participate in a planning session for their Districts, with guidance and facilitation from the District Support Team. This should be done as a group in its entirety, not as per smaller groups. Ideas would be farther ranging than the regional groups.

This proposal will be brought up at the next District Support Team meeting, to take place this Sunday, after the end of the Winter Council of Governor's Meeting. Any prospective VCC's for the next Lions year (2017-2018) will be encouraged to attend these sessions, as observers.

The presently seated DG's (seated IPDG's) at time of MD19 Annual Convention, will still be able to give their five-minute **Final Annual Report on Activities of their District**, during those three plenary sessions of the MD19 Annual Convention.

Limited training funding is available from LCI for Zone Chairperson Training. I have included a copy of the section from LCI web-site containing that information. Each District would have to apply to LCI individually for this funding. Funding would then go to MD19 to assist in the overall funding for the District and Zone Officer Training School in the Spring."

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT REPORT by PZC Ron Smircich, Chairperson (Oral Report):

At the last Council of Governors' Meeting I was tasked by Council Chairperson Al to create unified training modules for officers that would be used throughout the districts. The end result was that I took the training modules used by district I, C and B and merged them together and created one training module for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Membership Director. These modules can be used in three different venues: Face-to-Face; interactive Webinars and online training.

To give an example of how this will work, we have a face-to-face module for secretary that includes both LCI and MD19 training. In this manner the secretary will receive training on LCI and also from the MD19 manual. Although it is done as a face-to-face training, it is probably even more effective if trainees bring their laptops and follow along with the instructor.

The interactive webinar model includes instructions for the trainer to teach the secretary in real time how to use MyLCI during the training session. It works with a split screen where one is the instructors' and the other the MyLCI screen and they can toggle between the two of them. The advantage of this particular venue is that everyone will have a computer to actually use and see first-hand how MyLCI works while training is going on.

The online module uses the MD19 version and is self-paced with a PDF quiz that completed after they've done the training. The quiz is attached as a separate file. Once they completed the training and do the quiz at the end they email the PDF file to the GLT as proof that they did the online training.

So, we have those options available for officers to use. But what we need now, at this time is for the District Governors to select an individual(s) from each district to go over these modules so that we can get input from all the districts on what should be added or removed and then do the final edits on the modules in order for them to be available for training in the spring. Let me know who these individuals will be and I will email them some editing instructions in order for me to track the comments and be able to incorporate them into the final versions of the modules. My goal is to have this portion completed by

the end of March. I will then send the updated modules to the District Support team for their final approval. After that is completed these modules should be ready for Officer Training.

I do plan on holding an MD19 basic facilitator course in April in 19-C. Remember, the basic idea for the facilitator training is to have a pool of facilitators that can go into the clubs and assist them with a variety of events where a facilitator is needed, such as a club planning session, etc.

TRAINING REPORT by PDG Tom Smarsh, Chairperson:

"Only activity to report is contacting all Zone Chairpersons with a reminder to check on their Clubs MMR reports and making sure dues are paid."

LEADERSHIP 101 & MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR 201 REPORT by PDG Steve Brooks, Chairperson:

"Since my appointment to be the Leadership 101 / Membership 201 coordinator position last fall it has been busy. The interest in our training programs continues to grow and this is inspiring. There has been a challenge in assembling a list of presenters for both programs. This seems to be one of our best kept secrets and it is my goal to work with the MD19 Club Support team to obtain a list of facilitators.

District G held a Leadership 101 course just after the fall annual convention and provided a very valuable report after it was over. This report gave an insight as to the state of our Leadership 101 and the realization that there are many opportunities for improvements.

Shortly after my appointment, EST Patty Allen and I traveled to Kamloops in District D to put on a Leadership 101 course. This was a great group that was the exact demographic the Leadership 101 program was addressed to cover. In preparing for this training event, I have come to learn that every person that has taught Leadership 101 in the past has a copy of the slides which has been modified. The end result is the notebooks no longer match the slides and there is no consistency in which slides are actually used. I am working towards improving this but it has turned into a bigger challenge than first anticipated.

Districts C and E are both planning Leadership 101 events during their spring conferences. District C is making Leadership 101 free to anyone that participates and is covering all expenses using district funds. Both districts are planning on using in-district facilitators rather than utilizing out-of-district facilitators. My personal past experience is the training programs may not be as good using people familiar with the participants. This is not taking anything away from the trainers as all of them are highly qualified but more importantly about the experience for the actual participants.

To my knowledge District B is the only district looking at doing a Membership 201 course as part of their spring conference. The district Global Membership Team coordinator, Jacqueline Nelson, has been working with MD19 GMT PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth and myself in putting this together. District B has lost several inactive clubs and members in recent months. One club that turned in their charter because members can no longer afford to pay dues in an economically depressed town. The spirit of Lions will continue in this town but they can no longer afford to be Lions at this time."

MEMBERSHIP / RETENTION REPORT by PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, Chairperson:

A: Teresina Lau: Promoted CQI. Holding Club Support Team meetings every two months or as needed involving Global Leadership Team, Global Membership Team members, which are held in person. Do not fill out dropped member forms, but do discuss. Has not promoted Membership/Retention 201 or Leadership 101. Membership-Retention-Extension information is shared in district via emails and Facebook. New club charter night to be held in March.

Successes: Membership numbers better as end of Dec. 2015 with 1,151 and Dec. 2014 was 1,143.

Challenges: Several clubs with less than 10 members which require retention and more recruitments.

Ways MD can support district efforts: Funding programs such as New Member and Mentoring Workshops and Leadership Training.

B: Jacqueline Nelson: Has not promoted CQI or Leadership 101. Has promoted Membership/Retention 201. Will possibly be having a Membership/Retention 201 at Spring Conference.

Holds monthly CST meetings in person with GMT/GLT/Extension/PR/ZC and some other Cabinet meetings. Do not use or discuss drop forms. Shares Membership/Retention/Extension info in District newsletters. No new clubs this year—focus is really on retaining and building up clubs. Potential new members from LCI: 21. Potential members now members: 0, but this is due to multiple reasons, some wanting services, not membership. Others not responded once contacted. Chairperson is changing strategies for contacting in hopes of bringing some in.

Successes: Was going to lose a club, but was able to start the merge process in with another club. Another club will hopefully soon receive an influx of new members who are already serving their community as a group but would like to become Lions (and bring their service projects along with them!).

Challenges: 1 club cancelling charter. 1 club on suspension: has been inactive for some time, with no meetings or service projects and not paying dues.

Ways MD can support district efforts: Continue providing helpful hints via email.

C: Erika Risley and John: Three Clubs participated in Club Quality Initiative/Club Excellence Process. Promote Membership/Retention 201 with six clubs participating. Monthly CST meetings with cabinet and any interested Lions participating via GoToMeeting and in person. Exit surveys sent out to all members that are dropped. Hold membership open forums monthly. Potential new members: 12 with six now members. John contacts clubs via phone calls, emails, meetings.

Extension: Have been canvassing in North Tacoma area for the past several months to charter a traditional Lions club but have had some drawbacks so in the interim we are forming a club branch and have identified the parent club and guiding Lion. A campus club at St Martins University in Olympia is in the works, however the students will not return to campus until February 4th. Information meetings have been scheduled on campus all day on February 4th.

Successes: New clubs have attended membership forums that have not attended before.

Challenges: Retention in general. No particular reason has been identified. Noticeable is the diversity of the communities each group has their own service organization. A majority of the business people who work in Tacoma live in another city and seem not to have an interest in the community of their clients. Our goal is to go forward positively in every respect.

Ways MD can support district efforts: More effective tools to assist clubs with retention.

D: Steve Muenz 2nd VDG: Promoted CQI with 1 club participating. Promoting Membership/Retention 201. Promoting Leadership 101. CST meetings held monthly.

Challenge: Appointment of a GMT.

E: Brian Ross: Taking steps to re-instate Spokane Suburban North, a club which turned in their charter earlier this year. Canvassing and an information night held, with a 2nd meeting scheduled. Several interested potential members. Presently district membership is at -26. Currently BC with 25 new members, ID with 19 and WA with 12. MMR reports: Nov. 86% and Dec. 92%. Women membership is 33.22%, with the goal of 32%. Family Units are at 199 units, with 408 members. Goal is 210 units. CQI: 9 facilitators in district. Three clubs will be completing soon. Retention: currently have lost 92 members, compared with 132 at this time last year. Gained 66 members, compared with 91 last year at this time.

F: Judy Riggers: District goals for membership-retention-extension reviewed with DG team—they are working on the goals. District has quarterly CST meetings and review the goals from the Healthy Club and MMRs. Share membership ideas via newsletters.

Successes: 56 new members since July, 2015

Challenges: Getting younger members. Encouraging clubs to file MMRs.

G: Mark Koelsch/Cindy Sessions: No report received

H: Judy Portas--extension: New Lions Club Charter ---- Surrey Central Lions H-5, January 15, 2016
New Leo Club Charter----Terry Fox Leo Club. January 19, 2016. International Leo of the Year awarded to, Leo Kyle Boutillier--Kwautlen Park Leo's.

Wendy Canessa—Retention: Review goals with CST at meetings every 6-8 weeks. Promoting CQI. Two PR people in district promote besides the chairpersons. Regular CST meetings held. Share info at CST meetings and via email to members.

New Clubs: 1 in January

Successes: Retention Chairperson produced two new brochures to share with clubs, which have had positive feedback.

Challenges: Ability to attend different zone meetings.

I: Lyn Moreau: Goals reviewed about every 5-6 weeks with CST at meetings. Goals are still in the works. Health Assessment reports and MMRs are reviewed at the CST meetings. CQI/CEP and Membership/Retention 201 are promoted through District newsletters and the entire CST. No new clubs chartered.

Successes: New club still holding on and trying to get better.

Challenges: Losing members and trying to build.

MD19 GMT:

1. 1st VDGs have been submitting their Membership/Retention/Extension goals for 2016/2017. Received so far: District C: Jan Weatherly, District E: Glen Barry, District F: David Walk. I appreciate receiving them so the MD DST knows how to support the districts as they move forward in reaching their goals.

I would appreciate getting the rest of the goals please.

2. I am focusing on membership through service. Since July, 2015, according to the recorded SARs, we have served over 300,000 hours and served over 3 million people. I am in awe of the service I see our individual clubs perform. Think about inviting a potential member to a service project. Let them see firsthand the service that your club performs. Then invite them to be a part of the service.

3. I would also like to encourage clubs to participate in a CQI/CEP. This is such a great way to evaluate your club, the needs of the club and community. I recently facilitated a CQI/CEP for a club in BC. This club is one that was very active and valuable in the community. They had a real focus on children and their families. The only elementary school in the community closed, which had many families moving out of the community. The club was feeling the loss of members and focused activity. They were having a hard time getting members involved. Their story is similar to many clubs. When we met, there was one member who said he was on the verge of quitting because he felt there was nothing really to keep him there. Through CQI, this club was able to identify several areas of interest. They had to do some stretching and evaluating about the needs of their members and community. Because of the community needs survey, it was realized that even though they lost most of the younger community, there was a huge need in the senior population, which they had missed. So, after many discussions and setting goals and action plans, the club decided to focus on the seniors first with a bus tour light show event. Then a few days later, they sponsored Winterfest for the entire community. Then this summer, they are going to have a free community event at a ball park they manage.

These 2 paragraphs are part of the reports I received from them.

'We targeted 35 people and were surprised at the response. Residents have suggested other places to go and think the evening was a great success even if we had to car pool into town (the bus was stuck in the snow prior to coming to Wasa). We are going to bounce some ideas for future trips off the club. We have had calls to see if there is another one planned. The seniors are glad to have someone else drive at night especially. The bus company has routine trips down the valley and to the US for shopping and the casinos. Considering trips to Calgary for shopping and possibly the theatre. This was an extremely successful event for the community to socialize during the 'at home' winter months. We started with a grant for the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives to cover the \$600 bus charge. Ended up only paying half due to the carpooling. Made a profit that will go towards the next trip. The club voted to keep the \$300 unused CBT Bus money in the account towards the next trip also. Hopes this gives you a bit more information. I would suggest other clubs that have a high senior's population try this as the seniors really enjoyed it.'

This club a few days later the club sponsored a Winterfest:

'WinterFest on December 31st on Lions Grounds. The Clydesdales from Fort Steele were a great hit with wagon rides around the grounds and the Ladies from Fort Steele brought bread and baking from their heritage bakery at Fort Steele and sold out! There was hot chocolate, hot dogs and Bannock to keep energy up! Families played hockey on the ice rink while tots skated on the smaller rink or played with the curling ice stones. The two fires and straw bale seats kept people warm. We estimate there were approximately 200 people that attended.'

Great job from a club that was struggling with what to do and now look at them. This is possible for all clubs and I anticipate there will be new members from their community who also want to serve.

4. I know districts are continually looking at their numbers and we need to be moving more in a more positive direction. I cannot stress enough that there are tools, suggestions, programs and support available to each district from LCI and the Multiple District. Please take time to look at these resources and use them.

5. They do work. I have sent different resources to the district chairpersons, VDGs and DGs. I am more than happy to work with individual districts, zones or clubs to make your membership move in the positive way, but you have to ask.

PDG Brian Ross, GMT from District E compiles a report each month on clubs, with all vital info to assist the district in analyzing exactly where they are at all times. I have sent his template for all to use if they wish. The more each member of your CST knows where you stand, the better you can be working on priorities and goals."

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:02 PM

Meeting resumed at 1 PM

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT by PDG Kathy Crawford, Chairperson:

"We have two Centennial Grant Coordinators; one for U.S. and one for Canada. I will be working with them on any grant applications they submit to Lions Clubs International. PDG Steve Somerset's report indicates that a grant application is in the works.

I will be proposing to the MD19 District Support Team that we develop a Three-Year PR/Marketing Plan with the help of our District PR Chairpersons.

Ask One, Challenge Two: I have not properly promoted this, but I will be soliciting help in order to restart this effort, beginning next week.

NWLLI: We had challenges in promoting the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute this year, due mainly to the sale of the hotel property and difficulty in establishing contact with their new personnel and confirming the date and location. We chose a theme, 'Leadership – It's An Adventure' and worked hard to promote this theme, get out needed information to our clubs, update the website, and incorporate the theme into the event. This was a good learning experience and I look forward to working with our next NWLLI Superintendent, PZC Mike Peterson for the 2018 class."

NW LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT by PCC Hal Palmer, Superintendent:

"We had an adventure in Yakima from February 4-7, 2016 with Lions from Spokane to Bellingham and Longview to Kelowna, BC. Instructors PDG Bob Ayotte, 1st VDG Jan Weatherly, PZC September Stokes, and PZC Lynda Davidson were joined by Lions who arrived Thursday afternoon wondering what was going to happen and left Sunday morning with NWLLI excitement in their hearts. ZC Mark Mansell showed the group they needed a block of wood to lock down their Personal Mission Statement.

Coach PDG Ida Malone facilitated team Blue while Coach PZC Ron Wilkinson led team Yellow. The Sunday morning presentations were exciting and colorful. Team Yellow focused on encouraging young Lions in the Centennial year and Team Blue showed us how a Centennial Trash Mob could serve the environment, get teenagers involved and get younger members.

Registrar PZC Art Weatherly, Faculty Chairperson PDG Kim DiRienz', Curriculum Chairperson ZC Mark Mansell, Evaluations Coordinator PDG Kathy Crawford, Assistant Superintendent PZC Mike Peterson joined Superintendent PCC Hal Palmer to make this a successful Adventure in Yakima!

PDG Paul Kauzlaurich keynoted the Celebration with a presentation about the 'Practical Aspects of Leadership.'

The Northwest Lions Leadership Institute was described as well prepared, fun, educational, and a wonderful experience. Many are now on their way to leadership roles in their club, zone and district. Watch out! Here they come!"

2015-16 District Governors Viva Metz, 19-F; J.D. Nellor, 19-G and Don Wight, 19-H shared stories from their year as Governor.

MD19 CENTENNIAL COORDINATOR-CANADA REPORT by PDG Steve Somerset, Chairperson:

"Finally, after nearly 18 months of the above program the MD Coordinators have received their formal training, (Feb 1st & 2nd). While much of the material covered was already known there was some new information.

Now we need to bring the District Coordinators up to date. Submitting of the Grant application at MD/District level has been clarified and may require that we revisit what we are proposing. As we can only apply for one grant, we need to make sure we apply for the maximum that is available. All Grants are now subject to LCI Board approval and the window for the next Board meeting is by the end of February. Therefore our application will not go before the board before July 2016.

The basic programs are centered on the four core Centennial Service Challenges namely, Vision, Youth, Hunger and the Environment. The goal is to serve 25 million in each discipline by June 2018. As of today the figure is 68 million served. Over 24 million Youth have been served; to date the most popular area.

Focus is now turning to the Centennial Legacy Projects that LCI would like each club to participate in their community. These project can be small or large as a club deems appropriate for them. The main goal is to do something. Along with the Legacy program comes the opportunity to increase membership, as we promote our Centennial to all.

The membership awards are very attractive as every new Lion inducted after April 1st 2015 will receive a Lions Centennial lapel pin which will clearly identify those lions who joined our association during our Centennial Celebrations. Each sponsor will also receive a special pin in recognition of bringing in a new Lion.

We need to ensure that all club officer training includes the special reporting of Centennial activities through the Service Activity reports. Clubs can track which of the Service Challenges they have completed. Unfortunately District and MD officers are unable to track/see what a club has done. There is a new report that is available at the MD level through MyLCI Dashboard. As of yet I have been unable to get access to MyLCI.

Recommend that each District has an information session on the Centennial at each of the District Conferences. We need to have clubs leave a legacy in their respective communities. Remember the slogan – 'Where there's a need there's a LION'."

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Janet Rinehart, 19-B and seconded by District Governor Bob Yeoman, 19-E recommending that each District Cabinet approve giving \$300 from their escrow accounts to satisfy the 20 percent requirement for a Centennial Grant Application of \$12,500 by April 30, 2016. Motion passed.

Grant money will be applied towards the A-Frame centennial inserts and the remaining funds will be dispersed equally to the districts. Districts need to let the Centennial Coordinator know what they plan on doing with the funds for Centennial projects as all projects and the amount required to do them will go on the application.

OLD BUSINESS

Endorsement of International 2nd VP Candidate Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir (Iceland)
Endorsement of International 3rd VP Candidate Jung-Yeol Choi (Korea)

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG John Kirry, 19-C and seconded by PDG John Clinton, 19-B that MD19 go on record as endorsing the above candidates for their prospective positions. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

LIONESS REQUEST: Currently the Lioness send in quarterly reports. They would like to change that to monthly reports.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor J.D. Nellor, 19-G and seconded by PDG Lonnie Morgan, 19-F to have the Lioness submit monthly reports. Motion passed.

Zone Chairperson Bob Johnson, from the Fife Lions Club presented to MD19 a cash donation of \$147, raised at one of his zone meetings for the MD19 Memorial Garden. He was commended for his work weed-eating on the Memorial Gardens.

Districts that currently do not have a Youth Exchange Program representative for their districts have been advised that they need to get one.

EST Patty Allen encouraged the District Governors use their state of the district addresses (bragging about clubs, etc.) for articles for the *Border Crossing* or for the MD19 website Brag Page. She also encouraged the District Governors to look around their districts for that one club that stands out and could be nominated for the MD19 Club Inspirational Award. For the Environmental Photos, she asked that they not be returned to the photographers but that they be framed and shown at their District Conferences and then at the Annual Convention in Spokane in the fall. This same applies to their district winning Peace Posters.

A-FRAMES: There are 12 remaining A-Frames at the MD19 Office. It was suggested that the frames be given to the Lioness Clubs.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Georgia Medwedrich, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Eric Keller, 19-A for the remaining A-Frames to be given to the Lioness Clubs. Motion passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MD19 Memorial Garden Clean-up:	April 16, May 21, June 19	MD19 Office
2016 Spring Council Meeting	May 26, 2016	Yakima, WA
2016 Dist. / Zone Officer Training	May 26-28, 2016	Yakima, WA
MD19 Annual Convention	October 19-22, 2016	Spokane, WA

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 pm.