

MINUTES OF THE MD19 WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

February 24, 2018

Ballroom, Red Lion, Yakima, WA

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Jon Whitman at 8:30 am. Invocation was given by District Governor Corinne White, 19-H.

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

I. Council of Governors

John Kirry, Vice Council Chairperson
Enoch Rowland, Past Council Chairperson
Peter Anderson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Ron Smircich, District Governor, 19-C
Wanda Carisse, District Governor, 19-D
Harry Lippincott, District Governor, 19-E
Crystal Walk, District Governor, 19-F
Bill Karcher, District Governor, 19-G
Corinne White, District Governor, 19-H
Joyce Boyle, District Governor, 19-I
Simon Yau, PDG 19-A
Mar Murillo, PDG 19-B
Shelley Costello, PDG 19-D
Glen Barry, PDG 19-E
Dave Walk, PDG 19-F
Monte Ward, PDG 19-G
John Moralek, PDG 19-H
Alan Guy, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Erma Kemp, CARE
PDG Janet Rinehart, Contests & Awards
PDG J.D. Nellor – US Centennial Coordinator
Mark Costello, 2018 International Convention
PDG Tom Smarsh, Diabetes
PDG Bob Ayotte, Leadership
PCC Al Beddows, Training
PDG Al Hedstrom, Facilitator Development Training
PDG Brian Phillips, Leadership Development Coor.
PDG David Walk, Membership
PDG Kathy Crawford, Public Relations
PID Don Shove, International Participation
Barry Shiles, LEO Clubs
PDG Rosemary Richert, Parliamentarian
PCC Jim Kemp, Policy Manual
PZC Jane Beddows, Strategic Planning

Foundations & Societies

Barry Shiles, CLERC
PCC Al Beddows, MD19 Lions Service & Leadership FDN
Bill Lundin, Northwest Lions Foundation

III. Lions, Lioness, LEOs and Guests

2 nd VDG Patty Allen	1 st VDG Gord Graves	ZC Brian Morin
1 st VDG Wayne Atkinson	Gloria Hardan	Elizabeth Nordland
Sonia Ayotte	PZC David Heath	1 st VDG Bob Nordland
Michele Barrie	1 st VDG Lyndon Harriman	1 st VDG Donna Oiland
2 nd VDG Frank Bega	PCC Allan Hunt	1 st VDG Sharon Sikes
PDG Norma Bent	Sonja Hunt	2 nd VDG Cec Specht
PZC Marilyn Danby	Janette Lippincott	PDG Bill Shepherd
1 st VDG Michael Dukes	1 st VDG Mark Mansell	2 nd VDG Stephen Staudinger
Bobbin Fuller-Vanderberg	PDG Georgia Medwedrich	Kathy Webb

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG John Moralek, 19-H and seconded by PDG Simon Yau, 19-A to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Surrey, B.C., October 12, 2017. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

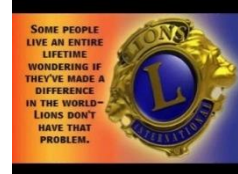
DIABETES REPORT by PDG Tom Smarsh, Chairperson:

"Monthly: Diabetes Newsletters are emailed to each Lions District Diabetes Chairperson. Copies are also sent to be included in the *Border Crossing* and the Busy – B newsletters.
June 2017: Attended several presentations at the Lions Convention in Chicago, IL
Sept. 2017: Participated in the Lions Diabetes Strides Walk at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Portland, OR. Also, attended several Diabetes seminars.
Oct. 2017: Had a Diabetes display table at the Lions MD19 Convention in Surrey, BC. Helped to organize a Diabetes Fitness Strides Class at the Convention.
Nov. 2017: Traveled to Coupeville, WA to conduct a Diabetes seminar for the Coupeville Lions Club.
Jan. 2018: Answered several questions about Diabetes from MD19 Lions and how to get more information on LCI's Global Initiative on Diabetes.
Feb. 2018: Received an email from Shelia Kern, Regional Director for Diabetes Canada, wanting to know more about LCI's involvement in Diabetes. We are finalizing our schedules to have a Go To

Meeting to discuss working together on 'across the border' programs. I have been asked to be the Chairperson for the Diabetes Strides Walk at the Lions USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane, WA, September, 2019.

Mar. 2018: Conducting a Diabetes Seminar at the Lions 19H Conference March 17th in Richmond, BC Canada.

Please contact me regarding any questions, concerns, or programs that impact Lions now that Diabetes has been added to LCI's Global Initiative.
 In Service: PDG Tom Smarsh Email: t.smarsh@att.net Cell: 316-393-3808"



LCIF-BC REPORT by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:

"We are deeply saddened with the recent passing of PDG Joan Hunter, who served so very passionately in spite of her health challenges as our MD19 LCIF Coordinator US. She has left a rich legacy and an example of exemplary Lions service on behalf of LCIF.

LCIF celebrates its 50th Anniversary and the completion of its commitment to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Through the generosity of Lions, LCIF has donated US\$30 million to fight the spread of measles around the world. Matching funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK Department of International Development doubled the impact of that investment. Millions of children around the world will benefit, and that's truly something to celebrate!

Over one third of clubs have already appointed a **Club LCIF Coordinator** for 2017-2018 and those appointed will retain their positions. For clubs that have not yet appointed someone to this position, the LCI Board of Directors recently approved a policy change that, beginning in the current fiscal year and moving forward, a club's Immediate Past President shall serve as Club LCIF Coordinator. If that person is unable to accept the role, it can be delegated to another club member. Current Club Presidents and Immediate Past Club Presidents will be notified of this policy change and reminded of the opportunity to designate a Club LCIF Coordinator. These Coordinators will receive regular email communication from LCIF, including clear instructions on specific tasks as well as links to the resources needed to complete these tasks. With the launch of the New Service Framework, LCIF leadership is adopting new programs to match the changes and growth in Lions' service. Among these, the most important initiative is a capital campaign to raise funds in support of projects in each area of the New Service Framework. Many details of the LCIF capital campaign and volunteer structure are being finalized and will be communicated as soon as they are available.



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
 District Coordinator Dec - 2017 Goal Report

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CA	MD	District	LCIF District Coordinator	Total Funds Raised FY : 2016-17	Dec - 2016 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Dec - 2017 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Increase/ Decrease	Monthly Increase			Goal	Goal %
								Oct - 2017 Total Funds Raised	Nov - 2017 Total Funds Raised	Dec - 2017 Total Funds Raised		
II	19	19 A	MARILYN MARTIN	\$24,971.80	\$11,439.61	\$21,499.04	\$10,059.43	\$5,451.29	\$7,182.56	\$7,530.00	\$26,295.10	81.76 %
II	19	19 D	FRANK KARAS	\$10,122.27	\$2,907.42	\$8,205.94	\$5,298.52	\$6,800.00	\$271.32	\$500.00		
II	19	19 E	BOB YEOMAN	\$21,155.80	\$6,363.54	\$18,514.05	\$12,150.51	\$6,159.53	\$1,231.05	\$1,950.00		
II	19	19 H	John Moralek	\$37,397.43	\$14,452.99	\$27,975.80	\$13,522.81	\$4,519.90	\$11,223.79	\$6,331.25		
II	19	19 I	DENISE CHAREST	\$6,172.95	\$1,277.68	\$15,484.29	\$14,206.61	\$3,369.42	\$1,187.48	\$640.63		
MD 19--- Sub Total:				\$99,820.25	\$36,441.24	\$91,679.12	\$55,237.88	\$26,300.14	\$21,096.20	\$16,951.88		



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
Club Participation from 7/1/2017 To 6/30/2018
 Constitutional Area :Canada

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DISTRICT	AREA	NUMBER OF CLUBS	CLUBS DONATING	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT			
Canada								
Constitutional Area II Total:		\$523,924.77	\$144,652.48	\$291,456.29	\$146,803.81	\$84,509.70	\$71,674.93	\$50,797.18
19 A	BRITISH COLUMBIA	55	16	29.09%	\$21,499.04			
19 D	BRITISH COLUMBIA	49	11	22.45%	\$8,205.94			
19 E	BRITISH COLUMBIA	49	24	48.98%	\$18,389.05			
19 H	BRITISH COLUMBIA	50	27	54.00%	\$27,898.28			
19 I	BRITISH COLUMBIA	51	18	35.29%	\$15,484.29			
Totals		254	96	37.80%	\$91,476.60			

Funds raised July-Dec 2017: The total funds raised in CA2 in the first six months of the 2017-2018 Lions year is \$291,456.29 of which \$91,679.12 was raised in B.C., an increase of \$55,237.88 over the same period last year. Based on the overall **target goal for 2017-2018 for CA II Canada** of \$832,116 and the membership of each district, the challenge is for each district to work towards a goal of either US\$23.27 per member or a 20% increase over the 2016-2017 Funds Raised. I believe that we can achieve this if we encourage all our clubs, as well as Lions members to make donations to OUR Foundation. 37.80% or 96 clubs out of 254 have made donations to LCIF so I urge you to work with your District LCIF Coordinators to have 100% of the B.C. clubs support LCIF with donations between now and June 30, 2018.

LCIF Grants – Since 1978, CA2 Canada has received a total of 376 Grants totaling \$15,209,261.00, of which some of these came to British Columbia and benefitted communities in all Districts within B.C.

LCIF Chairperson, Immediate Past International President Chancellor Bob Corlew was the keynote speaker at a **Tribute to 50 Years of Lions Clubs International Foundation Dinner** in Vancouver, B.C. on January 13th, 2018.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS – We **CAN** meet our goals by the end of this 2017-2018 Lions Year! MD19 has been fortunate in receiving many substantial grants and to ensure that LCIF will continue its unwavering support of Lions' compassionate works around the world whenever the need arises, we **MUST** encourage our members and clubs to support LCIF generously. Your District LCIF Coordinators stand ready and willing to do their job within your Districts on your behalf so please call on them and give them opportunities to promote LCIF.

LCIF is OUR Foundation!"

LCIF – US REPORT by PCC Hal Palmer, Chairperson:

“Our biggest news was the loss of my Co-coordinator, PDG Joan Hunter. She was a strong supporter of LCIF, a hard worker, and a good Lion friend.

Through January, 2018 these are the US districts results:

DISTRICT/Coordinator	Total Funds Raised FY: 2016-2017	Jan-2017 Total YTD	Jan-2018 Total YTD	Increase hooray!!
19 B PDG Rosemary Richert	\$11,490.00	\$6,470.00	\$20,945.00	\$14,475.00
19 C PZC Patrick Taylor	\$24,212.00	\$11,966.00	\$15,422.00	\$3,456.00
19 D PDG Frank Karas	\$10,122.27	\$4,739.77	\$10,649.59	\$5,909.82
19 E PDG Bob Yeoman	\$21,155.80	\$7,484.90	\$19,781.24	\$12,296.30
19 F PDG Melba Fujiura	\$11,912.70	\$3,525.00	\$11,912.78	\$4,158.20
19 G Janet Bausch	\$21,670.00	\$10,180.00	\$18,985.04	\$8,805.04
19 H PDG John Moralek	\$37,397.43	\$16,577.99	\$30,357.75	\$13,779.76
19 I Denise Charest	\$6,172.95	\$1,768.86	\$15,534.29	\$13,765.43
Sub Total	\$144,133.23	\$62,712.56	\$139,358.17	\$76,545.61

**We are within \$5,000 of last years' dollars raised!!!
With this being the LCIF 50th Anniversary our objective is to raise the number of individual contributing members.**

What do over 50,000 Lions have in common each year? They become Contributing Members by donating at least US\$20 to LCIF.

The Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes individual donors for three levels of support: US\$20, US\$50 and US\$100. Contributing Membership donations are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible and are used to support LCIF humanitarian grant programs.

Contributions can be made by completing the Contributing Member form and mailing it to LCIF. Donations can also be made online with a credit card. Remember, donor name and member number is required for proper recording of MJF credits.

This is YOUR worldwide foundation!!! Invite your coordinator for a presentation.
Go on line to www.lcif.org and donate!!!

MD19 LEO REPORT by Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

"Leo of the Year' nominations are due March 1st. District Governors have you sent in your nominations? I haven't heard from any LEO Advisors, so I have no idea if any have been sent to District Governor's or on to Council Chairperson Jon. Last year we had five nominations, and my goal is to have one nomination from each district. Our MD19 Nominee and accompanying paperwork needs to be in to LCI before April 1, 2018.

Lions Clubs International Leo Club Excellence Award nominations are also due shortly. Has anyone sent a nomination for the 'Top 100 LEO Awards' to our International President Aggarwal? We must have some outstanding LEOs eligible for this award.

The Leo Essay contest, sponsored by the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Foundation, is in full swing. I'm not aware of how many essays have been received, but LEO Advisors please look at presenting the Essay contest to your LEOs.

A LEO's Convention/Forum is being held in New York, NY, August 1-5, 2018. The cost is US\$645 per LEO. The cost includes hotel, meals, seminars, and tour of the United Nations and New York City Hall. Last year, even with much encouragement and promotion, no LEO from Canada attended and only 69 LEO's from our combined Lions Area 1 & 2. It would be nice if this LEO Forum could build into something special.

LEO Clubs will need to hold their elections before the end of April, 2018. Please let LCI know who the new LEO Officers will be and any new members. Remember, if we don't get new members, Leo Clubs may fold.

Last October, in my MD19 Committee Report, I ventured a recommendation to include the 175,000 LEOs World Wide as full members in our Lions Association. Perhaps now is the time to make a motion that the 175,000 LEOs worldwide be granted full membership in our Lions Clubs International Association and send it to the International Board of Directors of LCI, from the Council of Governors of MD19. This would bring our Associations membership to 1,625,000 million members.

Our District LEO Chairpersons are working to build our LEO Club numbers. Currently, in MD19 we have 55 LEO Clubs with 1022 LEO members. We have 11 LEO Clubs reporting zero members, (which can mean that they aren't sending in reports or the clubs no longer exists and haven't been reported as cancelled), and 13 clubs reporting five or less members. These 13 LEO clubs give us a little more hope, but I'm not sure they are being reported properly with LCI. This magnifies the problem of communication and paperwork not being done and illustrates the time commitment required from a Leo Advisor to properly supervise a LEO Club.

It is my intention to set up a new protocol concerning the reporting of LEO clubs service activities and membership. I expect to be severely beaten by my loving fellow Leo Advisors, but we need to improve every aspect of Lions/Leo activities one step at a time.”

LIONESS REPORT by PZC Linda Shaffrick, Chairperson:

“The Lioness clubs for MD19 are all keeping busy.

There are 14 Lioness clubs in MD19 with approximately 250 members. We have lost some members due to moving and deaths, but the clubs are working on getting new members. The Westbank Lioness Club has folded.

The clubs are now in full swing and have been busy since the last report

A brief overview of the some of their activities for this report: bingos at Seniors homes; helping baby and blood donor clinics; knitting for homeless women; assisting the Salvation Army; Boys & Girls Club; Foster Family gift wrapping; making blankets for New Hope; preparing turkey dinner for seniors; craft fair; serving lunch to the homeless; making and filling ‘Santa’ sacks; helping at breakfasts with Santa; shopping spree raffle; writing Christmas cards for the troops overseas; Christmas gift wrapping; collecting used eyeglasses; assisting at the Red Cross loan cupboard; knitting shawls for care homes; tray favors for hospital and care homes for holidays; arena concessions; doing the registrations for the Mammography van; Christmas caroling with the fire department; catering for funerals; muffin program and delivering hot lunches to elementary schools. This is naming only a few of the many projects that the Lioness do. (some clubs have not sent in reports) Hours: 3850

Donations were made to: Diabetes and Easter Seal camperships; Salvation Army; Blind; Women's shelter; school band; food banks; Christmas hampers; cancer; fire departments; crisis centre; Camp Shawnigan; medical assistance; drug awareness books for grade 5; Gleaners ‘sock’ program for third world counties; and many more worthy causes. Donations - \$60,400.00

The clubs are now geared up for the second half of this Lions year.

We Serve Too”

LIONS PROJECT NEW HOPE REPORT by PZC Pat Bucknell, President:



Lions Project New Hope Northwest
 P.O. Box 5532 • Lacey, WA 98509 • www.LionsProjectNewHopeNW.org
 Facilitating the successful re-integration of combat veterans into family and community



“Lions Project New Hope would like to convey our heartfelt thank you to the Lions Clubs of District 19 for the donations awarded to our organization. These funds provide our military Veterans the needed training and support to overcome Post Traumatic Stress and other mental health issues.

To thank these brave men and women for their service and sacrifice, we offer programs uniquely developed to strengthen their relationships, define their purpose, and build hope for the future. The grants we receive enable the Lions to continue with the retreats, workshops, and family camp--which are at NO COST to the Veterans and their families.

Number of adults, children, and volunteers attending retreats since 2010:

YEARS	ADULTS	CHILDREN	VOLUNTEERS	RETREATS
2010-2017	274	286	270	24

Our Mission: To provide families with professional guidance and education to assist with the stresses related to combat trauma.

The Lions, through their established partnerships with Veterans’ support organizations, such as the Pacific Northwest-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Foundation of America, and trained professional PTS/Mental

Health mentors offer assistance that addresses collateral damage and the mental health issues facing the veterans, spouses and children of veterans.

We greatly appreciate the support the Lions Clubs of District 19 have given us over the years. Your continued support through donations is crucial to the success our mission. Our first Caregiver retreat this year is March 2-4, 2018. If you would like more information on Lions Project New Hope, please contact us via email at projectnewhopenw@gmail.com or you may call/text Isabella Colvin, Vice-President of Operations at (337) 516-8738."

YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT by PDG George Robison, Chairperson:

"There is a lot of confusion within MD19 as to the difference between the Youth Camp and Exchange Committee, commonly known as the Youth Exchange Program, and the Youth Exchange Foundation of Multiple District 19. First, both of them are separate from any District Youth Exchange Foundation such as exists in 19B. The fact that Lions in 19B help in all three programs does not mean that the programs operate together, although they do cooperate one with another. Of necessity there is some common leadership between all.

In MD19, the Youth Exchange Program has two components: the MD19 Youth Exchange Committee made up of the MD19 chairperson and the district chairpersons, and The Lions Youth Exchange Foundation of MD19.

The MD19 Committee conducts the actual exchanges following rules established by Lions International, as set forth in the LCI Youth Camp and Exchange Policy found at http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/yce_policy.pdf . The Committee finds hosts for visiting youth and arranges visits by local youths to other countries. This committee spreads the word about Youth Exchange and encourages participation. When fully functional, the committee has Lions who coordinate such things as travel, exchange applications and the work that matches travel preferences to either home stays, camp stays or a combination thereof. The ideal is to have a travel coordinator for each major area of the world, such as each continental area. Due to the death or resignations of Lions who performed those functions for many years, currently travel arrangements are made either by clubs or families. In some cases the district chairperson makes all arrangements.

The Lions Youth Exchange Foundation of MD19 is a Washington State Charitable Corporation that is approved by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under IRS Regulation 501(c)(3) as a public charity. Donations to the Foundation are tax free for the donor and the Foundation. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to aid participation in the MD19 Youth Exchange Program by paying for some of the costs of the program. It provides scholarships, stipends to host families, recognition awards, banners and pins and other costs associated with the MD19 YE Program. Each Lions Club is encouraged to budget a donation every year since the only source of funds is from donations. Although it would be nice to receive something from every Lion in the Multiple District, it isn't happening. There are over 11,400 Lions in MD19 and 25 cents USD a year would bring in \$2,850 a year and provide adequate funding into the foreseeable future.

This year, for the first time, the foundation awarded two scholarships - a total of \$1,500 - for two young ladies, travelling to Italy and Australia. As knowledge of the scholarship program spreads it is likely that more applications will be received. The goal is to increase interest in Youth Exchange and to provide Lions Clubs with a tool to perhaps attract younger members.

Although there were other foundation expenditures this year, none were for the cost of travel or other expenses of the committee and foundation members who make the program work. There was a cost of \$725 involved in getting the foundation status reinstated by the IRS and corrected from a Private Foundation to a public charity. Due to the treasurer in Canada not being familiar with IRS requirements, no annual report was filed for well over three years. Tax filing is now current and the foundation is in good standing.

Last December nine youths from Australia arrived in MD19. They stayed with host families in several districts, experienced snow at Christmas, rather than going to the beach and had a wonderful time. We are now seeking hosts for youths from Germany, Italy and Finland for the coming summer.”

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

CANADIAN CLERC REPORT by Barry Shiles, Chairperson:

“Lions collect glasses to help the blind and sight challenged. We all know this, but I want to tell you of an instance that occurred recently when I went to have my eyes checked.

I am a diabetic, requiring my eyes to be checked every year. During the exam, I asked my doctor if he had been on any Sight Missions lately. He replied that, yes in fact, he had just returned from Nepal, Kathmandu, and had done about 1000 eye exams and eye surgeries. I then told him I was the Lions CLERC chairperson for B.C., to which he replied that they got their glasses from CLERC in Calgary.

Now, why am I telling you this? When we collect glasses, we’ve no real idea what occurs when the glasses leave our hands. Yes, we package them for delivery, but what happens after that? They are shipped to Calgary where they are graded, cleaned and packaged for a mission trip to another part of the world where the glasses are sorely needed.

HOW DO WE DELIVER SERVICE: Last year CLERC had a \$25,000 deficit and needed a Gaming Grant/Casino night to cover expenses. Please consider making a donation to CLERC to help them recoup those expenses. We also need to keep our shipping partners private so that only Lions know who our shippers are although there are well-meaning people who send glasses to them and we cannot afford to lose them as carriers. They do not sort, clean or package glasses – that’s our job! They are carriers only, and we are very fortunate that they do so at no cost to us.

Keep up the good work Lions.”

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT by PCC Surinder Gahir, President: Council Chairperson Jon, Fellow Cabinet Members, Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests, greetings.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society is working very hard to provide a one-of-a-kind service to our communities; making it easier to communicate with one another while making life a little better for those who cannot afford hearing aids.

We offer new hearing aids with a three-year warranty and batteries to clients. We offer ‘Refurbished’ hearing aids as well.

The three hearing aid providers we have a contract with are:

NexGen Hearing
Connect Hearing
HearingLife Canada

This year we provided eighty-nine (89) Hearing Aids to deserving clients. We have made some changes to the delivery model this year and some more changes will come after discussions at our AGM in May.

Most Clubs are still collecting used hearing aids for recycling. We sort and sending them to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center for them to use or recycle.

My friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help. Our web site is being updated and will be off line for a short time. For any information please send me an email at governor.gahir@gmail.com

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

NORTHWEST LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING REPORT by Kerby Kee, President:

"I sincerely hope the Council of Governors had a joyous holiday.

We have been busy at NWLERC, with eyeglasses coming in and glasses going out on missions. We have been working with Harborview Medical Center where indigent patients with impaired vision are cared for. Ophthalmologists write prescriptions after testing. Patients are advised to go to 'Eye on James' optometric center where opticians fit them with used eyeglasses that are provided by NWLERC. We have sent 477 pairs of glasses on two missions to 'Eye on James'. I believe this is the only time that used prescription glasses have been provided since the state passed a law allowing it. Hats off to Lion Fred Minifie for setting this program up.

We received a grant for \$10,000.00 from the Nisqually Indian Tribe towards our building fund.

As of December 1st we have received 79,333 pairs of glasses from Lions clubs. We have sent 3,478 eyeglasses on 12 missions since July 1, 2017 and a total of 296 missions since our inception. Lions clubs have collected for LERC 2,285,122 pairs of glasses since 2004.

We are a financially secure foundation with our property free and clear.

Changing Lives One Pair of Eyeglasses at a Time.

360. 932.2075 www.lionsnwlerc.org

MWLERC is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization incorporated in Washington State"

CONVENTION AND FORUM REPORTS

2017 MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION – SURREY, B.C. REPORT by PZC Lynda Davidson and Wendy Canessa, Co-Chairpersons:

**"96th Annual Convention, October 12-14, 2017, held at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel, Surrey, B.C.
Theme: 'Service Leads to Growth'**

ATTENDANCE:		MEALS:	
Full Registration	284	Kickoff Lunch	114
Late Registration	107	Friday Breakfast	33
Vendor Tables	2	Friday Key Lunch	149
Pin Trader Table	1	Fun Night Buffet	198
Foundation Tables	11	Fun Night	64
Tours	24	Saturday Buffet	25
Lunch Raffle	\$975	PDG Breakfast	74
Raffle	\$2,246	Saturday Lunch	255
Silent Auction	\$1,239	DG Banquet	249
First Convention	53		

International Guest was International Director Jennifer Ware

Special Events at Convention

- Saturday lunch entertainment was the MayDay Club Youth Choir; a choir of youth who have developmental conditions, such as Autism Spectrum disorder and Downs Syndrome.
- Tour of the Fort Langley National Historic Site.
- Tour of the Trading Post Brewery and Tasting.
- Zumba class for Diabetes

Special Thanks:

- Host Club – Fort Langley Lions Club
- Registrar and Treasurer – Wendy Canessa
- Registration help – Fort Langley, Abbotsford and North Surrey Lions

- Fun Night Decorations – Kwantlen LEO Club
- Raffle and Silent Auction – Linda DeRoche and the Surrey Central Lions and Abbotsford Lions
- Lunch Time Raffle – Port Coquitlam Lions Club
- Gift Bags for Dignitaries – Fort Langley Lions
- Entrance of Flags – Terry Fox LEOs
- Piper – Sandy Marshall (Port Coquitlam Lions)
- Photographer – VCC John Kirry (Gig Harbor Lions)
- Memorial Service – Lynden Lions Club
- Apples – Oliver Lions and Lioness
- Zumba Class for Diabetes – DG Wanda Carisse
- Many more clubs that donated gifts and money towards the raffle and silent auction!

A cheque for \$7775.00 was sent to the MD19 Office from this Convention.”

2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT by Mark & Debbie Costello, Chairpersons:
“MD19 Hospitality Room

- Secured hospitality suite at Luxor Hotel (MD19 designated hotel); connected by Peter/Rebecca Anderson and Mark/Debbie Costello; room reserved June 27-July 4
- We will post hours and day's room will be open.
- 'Meet the Officers' evening: this is a time when we know all the officers may or will show up and we may attract a big crowd.
- Room staffed during parade hours; in case we do the parade and a Lion needs a den to hang out in. So we may need a list of available members wanting to help.
- Provided: beer, wine, water, soda pop, appetizers (hard alcohol not provided); donations of snacks are welcome!
- Daily schedule of events provided by Executive Secretary and will be available at the Hospitality room. Mark/Debbie Costello will be driving down and picking up supplies. They will have car available if more provisions are required.
Any new ideas will be appreciated.”

2018 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT by PID Anne Smarsh, Chairperson:

“Date: September 20-22, 2018

Location: Columbus, Ohio

Guest speakers: 2018-2019 LCI President - Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland
John Pinero - a Vince Lombardi impersonator and motivator
Michelle Ray - motivational speaker
John Petz - motivational speaker

Once again, we'll have a Strides Walk for Diabetes at Thursday lunch time.

Almost 90 sessions on leadership, service, membership, LCIF, and more!

Examples: Boring Meetings Suck!
Juggling Our Time
You're Chairperson of the Project. Now What?
11 Lions University sessions

You may register NOW at the early bird price of \$260 and get the hotel of your choice.

www.lionsforum.org”

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Harry Lippincott, 19-E and seconded by PDG Alan Guy, 19-I, to accept the Consent Agenda reports as presented, with the exception of the removal of the 2019 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum report to be given orally. Motion passed.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE GIVEN ORALLY

2018 MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION – WHISTLER, B.C. REPORT by PDG Simon Yao for PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

- “Planning is well underway for the Annual Convention in Whistler in October, 2018. We have a chairperson, co-chairperson, treasurer, registrar, sponsorship and advertising chairperson, PR and promotion chairperson, raffle and prize chairperson.
- The treasurer has the ‘MD19 Annual Convention’ bank account set up and will be active soon. Credit cards will be accepted for the registration process and receipts will be issued from the host club, Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club.
- The sponsorship committee has been able to secure a number of sponsorships already and there are more to come.
- Advertising in the program is available to anyone interested in promoting their business.
- We have secured our International guest and that announcement will be made later.
- The memorial service is being planned by the Squamish Lions Club with the help of a professional.
- The Pemberton and Squamish Lions Clubs will be planning to conduct a service project.
- Zip lining and spas will be popular ‘tours’ so sign up for them early.
- The host hotel is half way through their renovation and on track to be completed by the time we arrive.
- We are waiting on a quote for an MD19 Whistler Convention pin.
- All contracts are signed and planning meetings are ongoing with the Hilton Hotel and the Whistler Convention Center. Both are looking forward to our arrival in Whistler.
- Fun night is a work in progress but you can expect a fun time with Ambleside taking this on.
- Thank you to my two PA’s (Peter Anderson and Patty Allen) for their guidance and support.”

CARE REPORT by PDG Erma Kemp, Chairperson:

“I want to thank those of you who have made a CARE donation. Hopefully, you have read my report in the *Border Crossing*.

Our CARE donations are really down this year. Governors, this is a program you have selected. This is our second year in supporting an educational project for girls in Peru. Education is one way for these girls to be able to better themselves and their families.

I am really disappointed that you Governors aren’t promoting this important project. Our giving so far is less than half than the year before. You *chose* this project. It is our MD project. So I will encouraged all of you to do a better job of selling it.

We still have time and I know some Clubs haven’t sent in their money.

Read your Roster and notice that on page 10 it tells of several options. Also, read my articles of encouragement in the *Border Crossing*.

Please, let’s make a better showing.

We CAN We CARE”

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT by Dr. Nancy Messmer & PCC Enoch Rowland, Chairpersons:

“As the Environment Chairpersons for Multiple District 19, we work to encourage Lions to include environmental projects in their array of service projects, and to highlight the good work that Lions are doing. We are working to create Environment Teams in our District, to best meet our goals. We ask District Governors to include seminars or work projects at conferences and meetings that inform Lions of great service ideas and projects. We hope to engage Lions throughout our Multiple District of Washington, British Columbia, and N. Idaho in activities throughout the year.

Protecting Our Environment is a service goal that represents countless hours of work currently for Lions, Lioness, and Leos. It is also a bridge to more members in the future as Lions work together and in partnership to ensure that future generations inherit a livable world. The LCI website is being constantly updated to be more responsive to member needs. It presents a cornucopia of project ideas, media, and support materials to assist Lions in planning and reporting Environment projects:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/community-environment/index.php>.



Here's a quick picture of progress to date on Centennial Goals. See the back page of this report for a handout from LCI. Please share these Project Ideas with Lions.

Contact Us. We will assist with project planning, displays, workshops, connections, newsletter articles, Facebook entries, ideas, and links.

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ACT // BEGINNER

- Plant trees. Consult your local environment authorities to determine the type and number of trees needed, as well as the location for planting.
- Meet on a monthly basis and clean up a beach, community space, or roadside area as a club.
- Hold an environment themed photo contest at a local school. Reward the winner with a tree planted in their honor or another green form of recognition.
- Challenge all Lions in your club or district to add at least one green habit to their daily lives. Inspire others by sharing your actions on social media. Habits might include:
 - Using a reusable water bottle or coffee mug rather than disposable products.
 - Changing to energy-saving lightbulbs.
 - Setting a time limit for your shower to reduce water consumption.
- Develop a Green Living Tip Sheet and share it electronically with members of your community or network.
- Recognize a local organization or community leader for their efforts in environmental conservation.
- Calculate your carbon footprint with an online calculator. If your footprint is bigger than you would like, purchase carbon credits that are Gold Standard Certified and brainstorm ways you can lower your carbon input.
- Volunteer with your local park service to maintain trails. You will help more people access and enjoy nature!
- Commit to 'Meatless Mondays', or not eating meat one day each week.
- Collect used cellphones and donate them to individuals in need.

ACT // INTERMEDIATE

- Lead an after school nature walk for young students. Encourage them to make observations and ask questions, then have them draw a picture of their experience afterwards.
- Host a community viewing of an environmental film or documentary.

- Save water by surveying your homes and community for leaks in sinks, communal spigots or water fountains. Contact relevant officials if repairs are needed.
- Work with city officials to paint "no dumping" signs near road drainage areas.
- Identify where to recycle toxic items and share/advertise its schedule of collection campaigns.
- Organize an environmental mural competition. Paint the winner's artwork in an appropriate area to beautify your community and promote environmental awareness.
- Implement a community recycling drive where people donate gently used items to charity organizations.
- Share a meal with students at your school. Afterwards, teach them how to sort their recyclables and trash.

ACT // ADVANCED

- Develop a demonstration garden or landscaping plot using native plant species to encourage restoration of the local natural habitat and water conservation.
- Sponsor a training program for small farmers on how to make and use organic fertilizers and pesticides.
- Produce a monthly nature program on the local public radio station. Feature environmental topics of local interest, interview environmental activists in your community and promote Lions environmental projects.
- Host a public debate on controversial environmental issues in your community. Share the results with government officials.
- Partner with a local carpenter (or use a DIY tutorial) to build a rain barrel. Then, hold a training with community members to promote using barrels for watering and irrigation.
- Organize an alternative transportation incentive program in your community to encourage walking, biking, public transportation and carpooling.
- Work with local schools to establish organic school gardens and a composting program to improve the quality of school meals and reduce waste.

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MD19 LIONS SERVICE & LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION REPORT by PCC Al Beddows, President:

"Who are we?"

We are a foundation that was set up by the Council of Governors' in 2003 to manage a \$600,000 bequeath under the name of Multiple District 19 (MD19) Lions **Service** and **Leadership Development** Foundation. Our Board is made up of Lions representing all Districts of MD19 and one non Lion. The original \$600,000 has now grown to over \$1,000,000.

Our mission as created by our Foundation Board:

To provide education and leadership training programs for the development of tomorrow's leaders in school, community, business and service organizations.

We are supplying assistance for the Leadership Development Course (old Leadership -101), subsidies for Lions to attend the Lions Leadership Institute, district and zone officers training funding. We pay for the Go-to-Meeting contract that allows online training of our Vice District Governors.

As I stated at the last Council of Governors' meeting, the Foundation Board is now looking for ideas on how the foundation can also contribute to the area of service. Our intention is not to finance the many service projects of a club, but more to the education of service the Lions do in their community and districts.

One of the projects we considered was to supply some funding to each district to conduct open houses. We kicked that concept around and felt it did not fit with our mission statement.

What we are now considering is to partner with the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute to offer some of our new graduating leaders some funding to carry out a service project. This will give them some leadership experience and an opportunity to go back to their clubs with a service project and funding. We will try a trial program at this year's institute. (May 10th)

Another project is the Youth Essay contest. Information regarding this contest is at the end of my report.

The Leadership Development Course: Just a reminder that to qualify for the \$500.00 grant, your proposal has to be submitted 60 days prior to start of course.

We will be modifying our constitution and by-laws to make room for the new (G.S.T – Global Service Team) position on our board.

As you know, we sell scarves, ties and other paraphernalia. This year we are purchasing tables at your conferences in hope of selling more of our stock. If you have someone from your conference assist us, we are offering each District Conference 25% of sales as an incentive.

Just a reminder, we sold \$1,500.00 worth at the MD Convention.

PZC Clara Chow is working on a Partnership Program that will offer Clubs and Lions the ability to purchase a foundation pin. This can be used similar to the Judge Brian Stephenson Medal to honor a Lion for leadership and service. More details to follow.

Thank you all for your service and your leadership. We are here to assist you. 

Celebrating 60 years of LEO Clubs with a writing contests for LEOs

Choose an individual leader who has made a significant contribution in the last sixty years. The contribution may be of national or global significance. It may be an invention or idea that has changed society. In your essay explain why the contribution made by this person is so important. The essay should express your own ideas, in your own words, and must not be copied from any other source, such as the Internet.

See terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions

1. The competition is open to all LEO members (since March 31, 2018, or earlier) in Lions Clubs International MD19 attending a high school in the MD19 area or service in both Canada and the United States of America, (British Columbia, Washington State and Northern Idaho).
2. Entrants must select either **Senior** or **Junior** entry, depending on their age on 1st July, 2017. **Senior** entrants must be born between 1st July, 2000, and 30th June, 2003, (16-18) and **Junior** entrants must be born between 1st July, 2003 and 30th June, 2006 (13-15).
3. The **maximum** word counts are **1,500 words for Senior** entries and **750 words for Junior** entries. Essays exceeding word count by 5% may not be considered.
4. The font size for the document is recommended to be a minimum 12 pt with a maximum of 16 pt. The font used should be clear and easily legible.
5. Entries must be written in English.
6. Only **one entry per participant** will be accepted. Once an essay is submitted, students, teachers or guardians will **not** have opportunity to revise it. Please carefully check and improve your writing before submitting the final copy. Also, insure that supplementary information is properly filled in correctly. Include a cover page with a digital photo of entrant (.png, tiff or jpeg), with name, age, physical address, email address, phone number and topic of essay.
7. Plagiarism is not accepted in the contest. By submitting an essay to the Lions Foundation contest, the participant agrees the work submitted is original and written by the participant. Submissions found to be copied in whole or in part from another source without proper quotation or citation may be disqualified from entry into the contest. Students may be disqualified because they are suspected of plagiarism.
8. The final copy submitted for the competition **must** be the entrant's own work, and cannot be excessively corrected or improved by another person. This does not rule out input or assistance from others but does exclude group entries.

9. Judges for the contest will be selected by the administrators of the Lions Foundation. All participants will submit their essays to the administrators of the contest. All entries submitted will be read by the panel of judges and the top essays, as decided by this panel, for each will be declared winners. Judging criteria is as follows:
 - Ideas & Originality – 30%
 - Imagination & Inspiration – 20%
 - Practicality – 15%
 - Language & Writing Skills – 15%
 - Composition, Presentation, Organization – 20%
10. Essays can only be uploaded as a **Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx) or in PDF format (.pdf)**. The online platform does not accept Google Docs (.gdoc), Pages documents (.pages) or other word processor formats. Note: if we are unable to find or open your essay file (either through an incorrect format or upload error), your entry may not be counted in the competition.
11. All online entries must be submitted before **1st June, 2018**; any offline entries must arrive at Lions Foundation by **31st May, 2018**.
12. A total of six (6) prizes are available to be won. All prize amounts are in US dollars.
Prizes:
Junior winners – 3 prizes overall: 1st \$1000; 2nd \$750; 3rd \$500
Senior winners – 3 prizes overall: 1st \$1000; 2nd \$750; 3rd \$500
13. Dates:

January 30, 2018	Contest topic announced
February 1, 2018	Essays can be begin to be submitted at 12:01 AM
May 31, 2018	Deadline to submit ALL essays at 11:59 PM
June 1, 2018	Judging begins
October, 2018	MD19 Annual Convention in Whistler, B.C. – announcement of all winners
14. By submitting an essay, participants agree to:
Allow the Lions Foundation to record you, either by photo and/or video ('media'), at events at which Lions Foundation participates, and publish this media at the discretion of the Lions Foundation administrators. This includes, but is not limited to, publishing on the Lions Foundation website and future documentation and/or marketing materials.
15. The Lions Foundation suggests entrants retain a copy of their original work as regrettably we are unable to return or provide copies of submissions.
16. The Lions Foundation and its partners will only be able to publish on their website and in their literature content that is appropriate for a wide and diverse audience, in line with our own policies. Entrants are encouraged to consider this in relation to their use of language when entering the competition.
17. The judges reserve the right to reject any or all submissions.
18. Winner will be announced at the MD19 Annual Convention.

Request Terms and Conditions at: MD19LeadershipFoundation@gmail.com To enter, email essay to same email address.”

NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by Bill Lundin, Trustee Chairperson:

“It is with great pleasure that I present some great news on the growth of SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation for 2017.

SightLife continues to not only serve the Pacific Northwest with outstanding service, but has reached incredible annual domestic growth, with over 20,000 corneal transplants and 3,600 in the Pacific Northwest.

In addition, we will provide an additional 18,000 corneal transplants to needy people in our global program.

Many of these International programs are collaborated with Lions in India. Of particular interest is the growing physician and community health worker training program. These programs greatly improve follow-up care in rural areas.

SightLife completed an operating agreement with the Lions Eye Bank of Texas at Baylor College of Medicine (LEBT). We will be working with the Lions in the Houston metro area.

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

The Northwest Lions Foundation major accomplishments for 2017:

- Washington State Board of Health approves NLF recommendations for child health screenings.
- Over 40,000 children and 1,200 adults in Washington and Northern Idaho screened for sight and hearing loss.
- New mini-mobile screening units launched in Districts B & E.
- We have hired Martin Rowland as a part-time driver to help Mike and Pat Parker on the larger LHSU.
- The Foundation's Patient Care Program helped 11 people with vision therapy and cataract surgeries.
- Kaiser Permanente awarded an additional \$40,000 grant to NLF for community health screenings.
- \$120,000 in grants were awarded to non-profit sight and hearing related organizations in Washington State.
- Hundreds of low income patients given state-of-the-art digital hearing aids, in collaboration with The Starkey Foundation.
- **The NLF, for the first time, awarded a \$10,000 grant to District I for a diabetes awareness program.

In closing, The Board of Trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would like to thank all the Lions and Lions Clubs in MD19 for their continued support of White Cane Days. Our totals for the year exceeded \$115,000. Thank you for your support as we continue to review and improve our services to your clubs and communities.”

2019 USA / CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT by PID Anne Smarsh for PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth & PZC Ed Brandstoettner, Co-Chairpersons:

“We have met with the General Chairperson of the Forum, Paul Bledsoe, his wife Nancy, and Visit Spokane liaison, Amy Cabe. We toured the convention center and the layout of where meeting rooms and banquet rooms will be. This is a great facility. There are so many extra activities close to the convention center. Contracts have been signed with all entities involved and hotels.

We have sent emails to the district leadership. We would like to have district representatives to help promote the Forum in your districts. We are also planning on attending most of the Spring Conferences this year and the MD Convention in the fall. We will be having a table with info on the Forum. Please stop by and visit.

Biggest needs right now:

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio, is Sept 20-22, 2018. We are need of people who will go and staff our registration booth. We need about 70 people who will be at the booth to help with early registration for our Forum. The more we can register early, the better off we are.

Ideas for a fundraiser. We do have some sponsors, but we are needing to raise money for the committee. If you have ideas for a fundraiser, let us know.

Forums have the purposes of:

- Promoting the principles and objectives of Lions Clubs International
- Training, educating and motivating district and club officers
- Providing for exchange of information and discussion of service activities, including opportunities for cooperative service projects
- Advancing the interests of the Lions Clubs International Foundation

All Lions in the constitutional area in which the forum is held are invited to participate.

The USA/Canada Forum will be held in Spokane, September 19-21, 2019—Mark your calendar! MD19 is the host multiple district. We need Lions from around our multiple district to help in an array of positions. This event will take many volunteers to make it successful, so we are counting on each of you to help us. This is a huge honor for our multiple district. **Please contact Laura or Ed if you are interested in attending the Forum in Columbus to help show our pride and help staff the registration table for Spokane.** Also contact us if you have an interest in being involved during the Forum in Spokane.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to assist. Please feel free to contact Ed, or me, if you are interested in assisting in this wonderful event.

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OLD BUSINESS

NORTHWEST LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT by PDG Kathy Crawford (Oral Report):

How many of the district currently have members registered to attend the Lions Leadership Institute coming in May? It will be held May 10-13, 2018, at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. We have a great team working very hard to put everything in place. We have some flyers, which we've distributed to you to take back to your Lions.

Currently we have 30 students registered, and we have a limit of 60 individuals. So, if you know of someone in your district that would benefit from attending the Institute, please feel free to pass along the information so they can get signed up to attend. You can also let Mike Peterson, Jan Weatherly, Art Weatherly and myself know as we'd also be happy to reach out and contact them.

If there are members attending who do not have a passport or an enhanced driver's license, they'll need to take care of that soon in order to be able to cross the border into Canada to attend this amazing training course!

Most the students registered thus far, not surprisingly, have been from district A. We are, for the first time, holding this event in Canada, hoping we would see more Canadian students.

So, I just wanted to promote this now and ask that you go back to your districts and heavily promote this institute there as well.

You'll be seeing more from us via Facebook, newsletter articles, etc., coming at you as we'd like to have students sign up as soon as possible.

The MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Foundation is once again offering fee reductions. All of the registration process is online this year at www.nwlli.org

District Governors Bill Karcher, 19-G, Ron Smircich, 19-C and Crystal Walk, 19-F shared a special and fun event that happened in their districts.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

"The Budget and Finance committee met via a Go-to-Meeting on Friday, February 9th. We reviewed the budget and are proposing the following changes to the budget. The proposed numbers are column I.

A few of the bigger proposed changes are as follows. Line 24 Grant for EST training was for up to \$17,000 we only used \$13,029 so that is what we received. Line 107 Memorial Garden Expense budgeted \$1,000 used \$7,069. Pond and irrigation project money was received last year but work was done in this year's budget. This line in the budget is why we are presenting a deficit budget. If the money raised for the project

would have come in this year, or the work done last year we would be presenting a balanced budget for the year.

Line 148 Receptionist/Bookkeeper we had to give a pay raise to \$11.50 as the minimum wage in the state of Washington went up to that amount. Next year minimum wage will go to \$12.00. Line 146 Admin Assistant. We, the Committee are proposing a pay raise to \$14.00 per hour for Michele. With the change in minimum wage each year and the fact she hasn't had a raise in a couple of years and she deserves the raise. Part of the increase will be covered by paying less for medical as the difference in age of the EST. Sorry Patty.

That covers the bigger proposed changes. I would like to thank my committee and EST Peter for their work on the Budget. PDG Bob Ayotte for setting up the Go-to-Meeting and retired EST Patty Allen for training us so well.

2017-18 Budget with April 30, 2017 Membership									
Income					6% (Year)	6% (10 months)			
MD19 dues, \$18.60	1/31/2017	4/30/2017	4/30/17	1/31/2018	2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2017-2018	Notes
MD19 Dues	Members		less 2%	% Dues Pd.	Budget	1/31/2018		Budget	
District A	1076	1119	1097	30%	\$1224	\$1212	\$(12)	\$1224	
District B	780	794	778	59%	\$868	\$611	\$(258)	\$868	
District C	1390	1438	1409	55%	\$1573	\$1176	\$(397)	\$1573	
District D	1307	1309	1283	41%	\$1432	\$981	\$(451)	\$1432	
District E	1405	1445	1416	63%	\$1580	\$1400	\$(180)	\$1580	
District F	1285	1321	1295	59%	\$1445	\$1028	\$(417)	\$1445	
District G	1269	1289	1263	51%	\$1410	\$1097	\$(312)	\$1410	
District H	1631	1646	1613	50%	\$1800	\$1298	\$(502)	\$1800	
District I	1210	1217	1193	63%	\$1331	\$719	\$(612)	\$1331	
Totals	11,353	11,578	11,346	52.33%					
MD19 Operations Account – 89%					\$187,829	\$143,097	\$(44,732)	\$187,829	
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%					\$6331	\$4823	\$(1508)	\$6331	
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%					\$2110	\$1608	\$(503)	\$2110	
MD19 Bldg Reserve Account – 1%					\$2110	\$1608	\$(503)	\$2166	
Total Dues Income (gross)					\$211,044	\$160,657	\$(50,387)	\$211,044	
					2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2nd Half	
					Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
MD19 Other Income									
MD19 Annual Convention					\$5000	\$5993	\$993	\$5993	
Grant Executive Secretary Training (Foundation)					\$17,000	\$10,000	\$(7000)	\$13,029	
District Budget Support					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (Foundation)					\$800	\$ -	\$(800)	\$ -	
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)					\$1800	\$ -	\$(1800)	\$1800	
Grant for District & Zone Officer School (LCI)					\$1525	\$3300	\$1775	\$3300	
Grant for District & Zone Officer School (Foundation)					\$9125	\$ -	\$(9125)	\$9125	
Grant Leader Development Programs (Foundation)					\$16,000	\$ -	\$(16,000)	\$16,000	
MD19 District Support Team Grant (Foundation)					\$3860	\$ -	\$(3860)	\$3860	
Credit Card 3% Fee					\$20	\$18	\$(2)	\$18	
Building & Grounds Improvements					\$ -	\$1249	\$1249	\$1249	Inc roof fund
Building-Memorial Garden					\$3000	\$1006	\$(1994)	\$1800	
International Convention					\$ -	\$156	\$156	\$156	Hosp Rm 2016-17
New Club Paraphernalia					\$650	\$ -	\$(650)	\$650	
Postage Recovered					\$200	\$154	\$(46)	\$175	Incl po box refund
Printing Recovered					\$175	\$79	\$(96)	\$100	
Sales –Award Banner Patches					\$100	\$188	\$88	\$188	
Sales - Other					\$1000	\$752	\$(248)	\$800	
Pins – Sales Income					\$500	\$60	\$(440)	\$100	Old Pins
Uniforms – Sales Income					\$1500	\$824	\$(676)	\$1200	
Roster / C&A Sales					\$300	\$457	\$157	\$457	
Roster / C&A Advertising 2018-19					\$1225	\$175	\$(1050)	\$850	
Bulletin Subscriptions					\$180	\$112	\$(68)	\$112	
Bulletin / AWeber Advertising					\$250	\$85	\$(165)	\$250	
Lioness - Awards					\$225	\$12	\$(213)	\$12	
Lioness-Roster					\$195	\$247	\$(52)	\$247	
Miscellaneous Income					\$ -	\$11	\$11	\$11	

		2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
		Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund		\$10	\$ -	\$(10)	\$ -	
Exchange Income (information only)		\$ -	\$6746	\$ -	\$6746	
Interest Income		\$500	\$270	\$(230)	\$400	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total MD19 Other Income		\$65,140	\$25,146	\$(39,994)	\$61,882	
Total MD19 Income		\$276,184	\$185,803	\$(90,381)	\$272,926	
EXPENSE		2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
District Ops Accounts 01/31/17		Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
District A	1076	\$1224	\$1212	\$12	\$1224	
District B	780	\$868	\$611	\$258	\$868	
District C	1390	\$1573	\$1176	\$397	\$1573	
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District G	1269	\$1410	\$1097	\$312	\$1410	
District H	1631	\$1800	\$1298	\$502	\$1800	
District I	1210	\$1331	\$719	\$612	\$1331	
Total District Operations Account		\$12,663	\$9521	\$3141	\$12,663	
		2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
International Convention Forum / Director		Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Council Chairperson – Chicago		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Elect (Seated VCC) Chicago		\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$ -	
Convention Chairperson - Chicago		\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$ -	
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) Chicago		\$500	\$135	\$365	\$135	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
VDG to USA / Canada Forum – Portland. OR		\$1200	\$1500	\$(300)	\$1500	c, d, e, g, h
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director		\$2500	\$1635	\$865	\$1635	
		2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
Capital Outlay		Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Major Capital Expense (i.e. roof replacement)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Office Equipment		\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$200	
Copier Lease (Minolta)		\$3000	\$2628	\$372	\$4513	
Vehicle Purchase Contract		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Capital Outlay		\$3200	\$2628	\$572	\$4513	
		2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
MD19 Convention Expenses		Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)		\$2500	\$4823	\$(2323)	\$4823	
MD19 Annual Convention		\$4000	\$3482	\$ -	\$3482	
Total MD19 Convention Expenses		\$6500	\$8305	\$(1805)	\$8305	
EXPENSE		2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
MD19 General Operations		Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)		\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$250	
Credit Card Fees		\$200	\$102	\$98	\$200	
Accounting Compilation / Services		\$3389	\$3403	\$(14)	\$3403	
Bank Charges		\$500	\$(166)	\$666	\$400	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)		\$1000	\$7069	\$(6069)	\$7069	Pond & irrig
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)		\$1200	\$711	\$489	\$1200	
Bond – Employee (This appears to be covered in Commercial Policy)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Business License / Non Profit Corporation		\$10	\$ -	\$10	\$10	
Maintenance – Auto		\$1400	\$725	\$675	\$1400	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)		\$400	\$340	\$60	\$400	
Security System		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel		\$200	\$644	\$(444)	\$800	
Post Office Box Lease U.S. & Canada		\$80	\$63	\$17	\$63	CA Key Refund
Postage		\$5000	\$3576	\$1424	\$5000	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)		\$600	\$333	\$267	\$600	
Office Supplies		\$600	\$337	\$263	\$500	
Printing and Stationary Supplies		\$2700	\$987	\$1713	\$2200	
Printing Outside		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Printing Roster / Contests & Awards Books		\$3800	\$3960	\$(160)	\$3960	
Purchases – Other Sales		\$1000	\$336	\$664	\$750	

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			2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Purchases – Trading Pins			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Purchase Vest Rental Refund			\$100	\$40	\$60	\$40	
Purchases – Uniforms for Sale			\$2000	\$593	\$1407	\$1000	
Computer Programs			\$800	\$678	\$122	\$700	
Exchange Expense			\$10,000	\$11,445	\$(1445)	\$11,445	
Utilities			\$6200	\$3112	\$3088	\$6200	
Total MD19 Operations – General			\$41,679	\$38,288	\$3391	\$47,590	
			2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Insurance – Auto/Building							
Auto Insurance			\$1750	\$1959	\$(209)	\$1959	
Commercial Pkge Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)			\$2500	\$2350	\$150	\$2350	
Total Insurance – Auto/Building			\$4250	\$4309	\$(59)	\$4309	
			2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Personnel-Calendar Year							
Part Time Employees: Bookkeeper & Lawn Work			\$ -	\$111	\$(111)	\$111	
Bulletin Editor			\$1800	\$1005	\$795	\$1800	
Medical Insurance – April 2017			\$13,295	\$7789	\$5506	\$13,295	
Payroll – EST now - \$20.00			\$ -	\$21,280	\$(21,280)	\$39,580	
Payroll – Admin Assistant - \$12.57	\$14.00		\$26,246	\$15,323	\$10,923	\$27,643	March pay inc
Payroll – Executive Secretary prev. - \$21.49			\$43,315	\$13,754	\$29,561	\$13,754	
Payroll – Receptionist / Bookkeeper \$11.00	\$11.50		\$13,390	\$8509	\$4881	\$14,834	Jan. min. wage
SUI (Employ. Security 1.77% x \$47,300 max per employee			\$1468	\$1080	\$389	\$1728	
FICA – Social Sec 6.2% gross 1/2017			\$5143	\$3719	\$1424	\$6052	
FUTA – Fed. Unemployment 0.006% x \$7k max			\$126	\$53	\$73	\$172	
Medicare – 1.45% gross 1/2017			\$1203	\$870	\$333	\$1416	
L&I –SDI (Worker's Comp –L&I .1666 x reg hrs) 1/2017			\$912	\$559	\$353	\$942	
Pension-Exec Sec. 6% or .06 of gross payroll (6/30/2017)			\$675	\$2682	\$(2007)	\$2682	9/30/2017
Pension-Admin Asst. 6% or .06 of gross Payroll (6/30/2017)			\$1563	\$1582	\$(19)	\$1582	
Pension-Reception. 6% or .06 of gross payroll			\$803	\$ -	\$803	\$ -	
Total Personnel			\$109,940	\$78,315	\$31,624	\$125,591	
			2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Taxes (non-personnel)							
Personal Property Tax			\$100	\$ -	\$100	\$100	
Building Property Tax			\$5000	\$2547	\$2453	\$5243	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)			\$5100	\$2547	\$2553	\$5343	
			2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Support: Club, Zone and District							
International Director Candidate			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Executive Secretary-Treasurer Training Expense			\$17,000	\$1670	\$15,330	\$1670	Reflected in payroll
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings (\$800 + \$800)			\$800	\$239	\$561	\$800	
Awards & Trophies – Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroidery, Certificates			\$1300	\$616	\$684	\$1000	
MD19 Bulletin (Border Crossing): Expense of printing & AWeber			\$800	\$291	\$509	\$600	
Council Chairperson Expense			\$4000	\$268	\$3733	\$4000	
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at MD19 Council Meetings			\$3500	\$1812	\$1688	\$3500	
Council Meeting - Fall	Surrey, B.C.2017		\$2000	\$2017	\$(17)	\$2017	
Council Meeting - Winter	Yakima, WA, 2018		\$2600	\$(320)	\$227	\$2600	Prepaid meals
Council Meeting - Spring	University of B.C. 2018		\$2600	\$375	\$1229	\$2600	Room Dep. 2018
Dist & Zone Officer Training – travel, hotel - University of B.C. 2018			\$12,500	\$(1207)	\$13,707	\$12,500	17 rfrnd+18 dep
Dist & Zone Officer Training – Admin 2017			\$10,000	\$626	\$9374	\$10,000	
Executive Secretary Expense			\$4500	\$2285	\$2215	\$4500	
MD19 District Team Expenses			\$2000	\$ -	\$2000	\$1000	
Membership / Rebuilding Programs			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Extension Chairperson	50%		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Club, Zone and District Support			\$63,600	\$8671	\$54,929	\$46,787	
			2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half	
			Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018	
Telephone							
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)			\$3400	\$1977	\$1423	\$3400	\$30/mo on exp
Website			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Telephone & Website			\$3400	\$1977	\$1423	\$3400	

				2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half
Zone Chairperson				Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018
Zone Chairperson – Expenses				\$10,000	\$4399	\$5601	\$10,000
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention				\$6200	\$2831	\$3369	\$2831
Total Zone Chairperson				\$16,200	\$7230	\$8970	\$12,831
Reserve				2017-2018	Actual	Variance	2 nd Half
				Budget	1/31/2018		2017-2018
Payable to MD 19 Reserve				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Payable to Building Reserve				\$2300	\$1608	\$692	\$2300
Total Reserve				\$2300	\$1608	\$692	\$2300
Contingency				\$4852	\$ -	\$4852	\$ -
Total MD19 Expense				\$276,183	\$165,034	\$111,150	\$275,267
Total MD19 Expense Budget				\$276,183	\$165,034	\$111,150	\$275,267
Total MD19 Income Budget				\$276,184	\$185,803	\$(90,381)	\$272,926
Net Income / (Loss)					\$20,769	\$ -	\$2,341”

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Harry Lippincott, 19-E and seconded by PDG Simon Yau, 19-A to accept the Budget Report. Motion passed.

POLICY MANUAL REPORT by PCC Jim Kemp, Chairperson:

“Red crossed out denotes removal and green is addition.

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CHAPTER IV

COMMITTEES AND OTHER APPOINTEES OF MD19

NOTE: The several committees appointed, approved and functioning within MD19 shall be so structured as to complement, support and enhance each other's efforts through networking and communications designed to share ideas which would further the opportunity for success of all committees.

A. The MD19 Vice Council Chairperson, with approval of the Council, shall appoint (with exceptions as listed within this chapter) the following Committee Chairpersons and committee members as are mandated by the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs and Multiple District 19, and the MD19 Council of Governors' Policy Manual.

B. COMMITTEES OF MD19

Chairpersons with committees comprised of members from both the east and west side of the Cascade Mountains are encouraged to alternate meeting locations between the east and west side.

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3. Three Year Committees

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CONTESTS AND AWARDS

E. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES** All Committee Members should become knowledgeable of the rules, requirements, and judging of the Contests listed in the current Contests and Awards book. They are expected to assume an active role in all phases of the committee's responsibilities. Committee members should assist the District Contests and Awards Chairpersons, in the promotion their District Contests and Awards Programs.

1. Prior to the Annual Convention:

- Judge the District Bulletin winners from copies of the bulletins filed in the MD19 Office. The Chairperson is responsible for getting the judges if the Contests & Awards Committee is not going to do the judging.
- Select the recipient of the Lion, Lioness and Leo Distinguished Service Awards from the District Governors' nominations.
- Obtain a list of winners for the contests that are based on the statistics kept in the MD19 Office: Club Membership Growth & Club Visitations,
- Obtain the Judging Sheets from the MD19 Office for all Competitions held at the Convention.
- ~~Obtain the Book of Transparencies to be used when announcing the winners and runner-ups at the Closing General Session at the Annual Convention. REMOVE Housekeeping~~

- Review the lists of District Contest Winners and Runner-ups to determine their eligibility to compete in MD19 Contests & Awards competitions.

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EXTENSION

(See Multiple District 19 ~~Support~~ Global Action Team in this chapter)

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MULTIPLE DISTRICT ~~SUPPORT~~ GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

(LEADERSHIP, EXTENSION, MEMBERSHIP, PUBLIC RELATIONS, RETENTION, SERVICE)

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 ~~SUPPORT~~ GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (~~MDST~~) (MDGAT) is comprised of the LEADERSHIP (Global Leadership Team Coordinator – GLTC), EXTENSION, MEMBERSHIP (Global Membership Team Coordinator – GMTCC), PUBLIC RELATIONS, ~~and~~ RETENTION **AND SERVICE** CHAIRPERSONS, AND THE VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AS THE FACILITATOR

SECTION 1: REQUIREMENTS

- A. **MEMBERS:** **The MD19 Council Chairperson will be the head of the MD19 Global Action Team and members will be the MD19 Vice Council Chairperson as facilitator, MD19 Leadership (GLTC), MD19 Extension, MD19 Membership (GMTCC), MD19 Public Relations, and MD19 Retention and MD19 Service Chairpersons and Leadership Sub-Committee Chairpersons as listed in the Leadership Chairperson's Coordinator section of the Policy Manual, as well as the MD19 Council Chairperson and the MD19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer, as Ex-Officio Members.**
- B. **MEETINGS:** Regularly scheduled meetings of the ~~MDST~~ MDGAT will be held at least once every two months. The Vice Council Chairperson will be the facilitator. Based on the input given by the Team Members, he/she will create the meeting agenda and set the date and place for the meetings. An ~~MDST~~ MDGAT member or a person selected by the Team will take the minutes at the meeting. All ~~MDST~~ MDGAT are required to attend all meetings, unless excused by the MD19 Vice Council Chairperson.
- C. **TERM OF OFFICE**
The term of Office for all ~~MDST~~ MDGAT Chairpersons (Leadership (GLTC), Extension, Membership (GMTCC), Public Relations, ~~and~~ Retention **and Service (GSTC)**) is three years with staggered terms of office.

The staggered selection process began in the year 2008-2009. The following selection schedule is based on those staggered years for the terms of office.

The **Leadership (GLTC), Public Relations and Faculty Facilitator Development Chairpersons** are a three-year term, effective 2012-2013, 2015-2016, etc.

The ~~Special Events Coordinator, Leadership 101 Coordinator and Leader Development Coordinator and Membership (GMTCC) Chairperson Coordinator~~ are a three-year term, effective 2014-2015, 2017-2018, etc.

The **Training, Extension and Retention Chairpersons** are a three-year term, effective 2013-2014, 2016-2017, etc.

The Service (GSTC) Coordinator is a three-year term, effective 2017-18

During the final year in their term of office, the formal selection process will begin for the appropriate

Chairpersons / **Coordinators**.

The Lions assuming these positions shall hold no other office that would compete with the energy and time requirements of his/her three-year term.

- D. **SELECTION PROCEDURE:** These are three (3) year appointments. A screening committee comprised of the Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, current MD19 Leadership Chairperson (GLTC), the Executive Secretary/Treasurer will review the qualifications of the candidates applying for this position. If the Screening Committee feels that it is necessary, an oral review with the candidate(s) will be conducted. This Committee will recommend to the Council of Governors the name of the best qualified candidate for Chairperson. The final decision will be made by the Council of Governors at the Winter Council Meeting. The **MDST MDGAT** Chairpersons / **Coordinator** positions will be advertised in the April and June editions of *The Border Crossing* in the year preceding the beginning of their term of office. The selection process for each **MDST MDGAT** Chairperson will take place in the months of August, September and/or October of the year preceding the beginning of their term of office. The newly selected **MDST MDGAT** Chairperson / **Coordinators** will assist the current **MDST MDGAT** Chairperson / **Coordinators** at the Annual Convention and the Regional Kick-Off Meetings for the Districts. In order to provide for a smooth transition, the outgoing **MDST MDGAT** Chairperson / **Coordinators** will serve as an advisor and resource person to the new appointee during the first year of the newly appointed **MDST MDGAT** Chairperson's / **Coordinators** term of office.
- E. **DISTRICT MEETINGS:** The MD19 Leadership **Chairperson Coordinator** (GLTC), MD19 Extension Chairperson, MD19 Membership **Chairperson Coordinator** (GMTC), **MD19 Service Coordinator (GSTC)**, MD19 Public Relations Chairperson and the MD19 Retention Chairperson shall:
1. Hold Regional Kick-Off Meetings in May or June with the District Support Teams to share ideas and set goals for the year.
 2. Half-time Regional Meetings will be held each January with the District Support Teams to celebrate the progress that has been made on the goals that were set in the spring, to reassess what still needs to be done and to rewrite the goals as necessary.
 3. The Chairperson should encourage the Chairpersons of the various Districts to meet at the Annual Convention in an informal manner for the exchange of ideas, planning and identifying materials available for their use.
- F. **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** These **MDST MDGAT** Chairpersons / **Coordinators** and committees handle no funds.
- G. **REPORTS:** All committee reports shall comply with Section G, page 2 of Chapter IV.
- H. **REVIEWS:** Should there be a failure to meet the standards of the **MDST MDGAT** Chairperson(s) / **Coordinators** a current Council Member may request a discussion in an Executive Session to discuss the job performance of the individual in question. Should the Council wish to replace that individual, a 2/3rd majority of the Council would be required. The original selection procedure would then be implemented immediately.

SECTION 2: LEADERSHIP (Global Leadership Team Coordinator – GLTC)

- A. **PURPOSE:** The MD19 Leadership **Chairperson's Coordinator's** (GLTC) position has a three-fold purpose:
1. To have a vision for the Multiple District and to bring new ideas and programs to the Leadership Teams of MD19 to improve the growth and direction of our organization.
 2. To oversee the development of leadership skills in the officers and members of Lions clubs within MD19. Under the leadership portfolio, a Training Chairperson will provide classes to teach the necessary skills for District, Zone and Club Officers. Together the Leadership **Chairperson Coordinator** (GLTC), ~~the Special Events Coordinator~~, the Training Chairperson, the **Faculty Facilitator** Development Chairperson, and the ~~Leadership 101~~ **Leader Development Program**.

3. Coordinator will also provide leadership enhancement programs such as Team Building, Conflict Management, and Motivation, etc.
4. Recognize excellent club, zone, district and multiple district leadership at special Lions events throughout the year. ~~Oversee the activities and the efforts of the Special Events Coordinator, whose position is also under the Leadership portfolio, to provide outstanding and contemporary seminars and speakers at MD19 Forums and Conventions.~~

B. **SELECTION PROCEDURE:** See MD19 ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team Section 1.D above.

C. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Develop good working relationships and open communications with leaders, such as the Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer and District Leaders.
2. Participate as a member of the MD19 District ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team (~~MDST~~) (**MDGAT**) to develop and promote programs for the leadership growth of the Multiple District. This will involve regular meetings with this team.
3. Work with the District Club Support Teams at their Region Kick-Off and Half-time Meetings to develop and monitor District Leadership goals. The agenda, dates and sites for these meetings will be set in conjunction with the ~~MDST~~ **MDGAT**.
4. Act as a Resource Person for the District Leadership ~~Chairpersons~~ **Coordinators** (GLTC).
5. Assist the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors to prepare for their year in office by holding group discussion meetings whenever possible, and by regular contact through phone, email or regular mail. In order to create a "Team" attitude and to insure support for any training received by the 1st Vice District Governors, the Vice Council Chairperson will be included in all meetings and receive copies of written communications.
6. Utilize materials provided by Lions Clubs International, or develop materials specifically for the needs of MD19. The needs of the Multiple District should become apparent through the regular contacts being made with the District Governors, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, District Leadership ~~Chairpersons~~ **Coordinators** (GLTC) and by attending or being represented at the District Spring Conferences and other Lions events.
7. Develop with the Training Chairperson, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and the ~~MDST~~ **MDGAT**, the MD19 training for the District Governors Elect, the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors Elect, and the Zone Chairpersons Elect, which will be held prior to the International Convention each year.
8. Serve as a member of the MD19 Lions Service and Leadership Development Foundation.
9. ~~Arrange for workshops and seminars as well as presenters and moderators for each at the MD19 Annual Convention.~~
10. ~~Arrange for round table discussion sessions for Lions Club Presidents and Vice Presidents, and Lions Club Secretaries and Treasurers in conjunction with other leadership and training seminars at the Annual Convention.~~

D. **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
2. The ability to set clear goals and work to their completion.
3. Worked closely with District and Multiple District Convention Chairperson regarding seminars, presenters and speakers.
4. Demonstrated the ability to work with other Chairpersons as a team member.
5. Demonstrated the ability to effectively present in large and small group settings.
6. Created Leadership seminars of high interest and quality.

7. The ability and desire to communicate regularly with District Leadership ~~Chairpersons~~ **Coordinators** (GLTC).
 8. The willingness to attend District Cabinet Meetings and Conferences to encourage leadership.
 9. The ability to commit personal time and resources to reaching goals for leadership.
 10. Demonstrated enthusiasm and motivation to do a good job.
- E. SUB-COMMITTEES are the MD19 Training Chairperson, ~~MD19 Special Events Coordinator~~, MD19 ~~Faculty-Facilitator~~ **Development Chairperson** and the ~~Leadership-101 Leader Development~~ **Coordinator**.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: These are three (3) year appointments. The positions will be advertised in the April and June editions of *The Border Crossing* in the year preceding the beginning of the term of office. The Leadership ~~Chairperson~~ **Coordinator** (GLTC) will review the qualifications of the candidates applying and recommend to the Council of Governors the name of the strongest candidate. The final decision will be made by the Council of Governors at the Winter Council Meeting. To provide for a smooth transition, the outgoing Chairperson or Coordinator will serve as an advisor and resource person to the new appointee during his/her first year in office.

1. MD19 TRAINING CHAIRPERSON

- (a). PURPOSE: The MD19 Training Chairperson shall work with and assist the MD19 Leadership ~~Chairperson~~ **Coordinator** (GLTC) with the emphasis on those areas identified under General Responsibilities, Section 1, Paragraph (C).
- (b). QUALIFICATIONS: This position requires a Lion in good standing who has:
 1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
 2. A proven track record in developing curriculum and training for Lion leaders.
 3. Effective interpersonal skills.
 4. Respect and credibility within the Multiple District.
 5. The ability to give an effective presentation before a group.
 6. The willingness and temperament to take directions and guidance from the MD19 Leadership ~~Chairperson~~ **Coordinator** (GLTC) and the MD19 Council of Governors.
 7. A team player.
- (c). GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:
 1. Assist in the development of curriculum and training of the District Governors Elect, 1st Vice District Governors Elect, Zone Chairpersons Elect, Club Officers and Lions in the understanding of the duties of their office and the development of their leadership potential.
 2. Work in cooperation with Lions Clubs International to provide the necessary training for strengthening and developing leadership skills on the Multiple District and District levels.

~~2. MD19 SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR~~

- ~~(a). PURPOSE: The MD19 Special Events Coordinator will work with and assist the MD19 Leadership Chairperson (GLTC) with an emphasis on those areas identified under General Responsibilities, Paragraph C.~~
- ~~(b). QUALIFICATIONS: This position requires a Lion in good standing who has:
 1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
 2. A proven track record in arranging, promoting and overseeing quality workshops, seminars, round table discussions and other forms of leadership building events.~~

- ~~3. A knowledge of proper protocol with regards to International Guests, election procedures, etc.~~
- ~~4. Effective interpersonal skills.~~
- ~~5. Respect and credibility within the Multiple District.~~
- ~~6. The ability to give an effective presentation before a group.~~
- ~~7. The willingness and temperament to take directions and guidance from the MD19 Leadership Chairperson (GLTC) and the MD 19 Council of Governors.~~
- ~~8. Must be a team player.~~

~~C. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:~~

- ~~1. Arrange for workshops and seminars as well as presenters and moderators for each at the MD19 Annual Convention.~~
- ~~2. Arrange for round table discussion sessions for Lions Club Presidents and Vice Presidents, and Lions Club Secretaries and Treasurers in conjunction with other leadership and training seminars at the Annual Convention.~~
- ~~3. Promote by example and training, good protocol with regards to International Guests, election procedures, etc.~~
- ~~4. Assist the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Leadership Chairperson (GLTC), Council Chairperson and Convention Chairperson in selecting Convention speakers.~~
- ~~5. In the selection of the International Guest/Keynote Speakers for the MD19 Annual Convention, the seated International Director, or Immediate Past International Director will make recommendations and be involved with the selection process.~~

3. MD19 FACULTY FACILITATOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR CHAIRPERSON:

- (a). PURPOSE: The MD19 Faculty Facilitator Development Coordinator Chairperson will be to train qualified Lions to make presentations at the Club, Zone, and District Levels.
- (b). QUALIFICATIONS: This position requires a Lion in good standing who has:
 1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
 2. A proven track record in arranging, promoting and overseeing quality workshops, seminars, round table discussions and other forms of leadership building events.
 3. Effective interpersonal skills.
 4. Respect and credibility within the Multiple District.
 5. The ability to give an effective presentation before a group.
 6. The willingness and temperament to take directions and guidance from the MD19 Leadership Chairperson Coordinator (GLTC) and the MD19 Council of Governors.
 7. Demonstrated that he/she is a team player.
- (c). GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:
 - ~~1. The director of the MD19 Faculty Development Institutes / training sessions that are held in the districts and multiple district.~~
 - 1. Develop and maintain a reporting system to track the effectiveness of the Facilitator Development program**
 2. Develop and/or coordinate the development of presentations to be given to Lions Clubs and Zone Meetings.
 3. Strive to ensure that each District has at least ten Faculty Facilitator Development Team Members.

4. Work with District Support Teams to coordinate presentations at the club and zone levels.
5. Maintain and be responsible for the library of presentations for the Multiple District.
6. Ensure that both the list of **Faculty Facilitator** Development Members and the presentation library is kept current on the MD19 website.
7. Act as a facilitator at District Half-Time and Kick-Off Meetings.
8. Assist the Training Chairperson with the development of officer training courses as needed.
11. Develop and maintain a reporting system to track the effectiveness of the Faculty Development program.

4. MD19 ~~LEADERSHIP 104~~ LEADER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR:

- (a). **PURPOSE:** The MD19 ~~Leadership 104~~ **Leader Development** Coordinator will work with and assist the MD19 Leadership ~~Chairperson~~ **Coordinator** (GLTC).
- (b). **QUALIFICATIONS:** This position requires a Lion in good standing who has:
 1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
 2. A proven track record in arranging, promoting and overseeing quality workshops, seminars, round table discussions and other forms of leadership building events.
 - ~~3. A knowledge of proper protocol with regards to International Guests, election procedures, etc.~~
 3. Effective interpersonal skills.
 4. Respect and credibility within the Multiple District.
 5. The ability to give an effective presentation before a group.
 6. The willingness and temperament to take directions and guidance from the MD19 Leadership ~~Chairperson~~ **Coordinator** (GLTC) and the MD19 Council of Governors.
 7. Must be a team player.
- (c). **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**
 1. Encourage Districts to hold ~~Leadership 104~~ **Leader Development Program** Courses annually.
 2. Assist Districts in writing grants to obtain funding for ~~Leadership 104~~ **Leader Development Program** Courses.
 3. Arrange for the instructors (leaders) for ~~Leadership 104~~ **Leader Development Program** Courses
 4. Work with instructors to update and maintain the course and power point material.
 5. Report to the MD19 Council of Governors on the activities concerning ~~Leadership 104~~ **Leader Development Program** at Council Meetings.

SECTION 3: EXTENSION

A. **PURPOSE:** The MD19 Extension Chairperson furthers the expansion of Lions Service in Multiple District 19 through the formation of new Lions Clubs.

B. **SELECTION PROCEDURE:** See MD19 ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team Section 1.D above.

C. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. All club categories to include Campus Clubs, Club Branches, New Century, Monarch, etc., should be under the direction of the Extension Chairperson. The Extension Chairperson may appoint an assistant as needed.

2. Participate as a member of the MD19 District ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team (~~MDST~~) (**MDGAT**) comprised of the Leadership (GLTC), Extension, Membership (GMTC), Public Relations, ~~and~~ Retention **and Service** Chairpersons / **Coordinators** develop and promote programs for the growth of the Multiple District. This will involve regular meetings with this team.
3. Work with the MD19 Council of Governors, District Extension Chairpersons, the District Club Support Teams and Lions Clubs International to set attainable goals. Offer assistance in achieving those goals.
4. Identify with the District Extension Chairpersons, those areas that can be targeted for the expansion of new Lions Clubs. Assist the District Extension Chairperson in nurturing Sponsoring Lions Clubs for those targeted areas.
5. Be accessible to the Council of Governors, the MD19 Office, the ~~MDST~~ **MDGAT**, District Extension Chairpersons, New Club Organizing Lions, and MD19 Lions.
6. Provide guidelines for the District Extension Chairpersons in the proper procedures to follow for extending new clubs and reporting new clubs to LCI and the Multiple District 19 Office once they are organized.
7. Communicate with the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors throughout the year to encourage and assist in reaching their District's goals.

D. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A Lion in good standing who has:

1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
2. The ability to be a panel presenter at District and Multiple District levels.
3. The ability to develop audiovisuals on pertinent topics, such as: Guiding Lions, Forming New Lions Clubs, the make-up of Lions Clubs, Educating Charter Members.
4. The willingness to meet with District Extension Chairpersons at the Kick-off and Half-time Meetings to help formulate goals, check progress on reaching those goals, and share information on the above topics.
5. The willingness to communicate regularly with District Extension Chairpersons.
6. The willingness to attend District Cabinet Meetings and Conferences to encourage the formation of new clubs.
7. The willingness to commit personal time and resources to reaching goals for extension.

SECTION 4: MEMBERSHIP (Global Membership Team Coordinator – GMTC)

A. **PURPOSE:** The MD19 Membership ~~Chairperson~~ **Coordinator** (GMTC) helps Lions Clubs better serve their communities by providing ideas, suggestions and enthusiasm related to attracting new members.

B. **SELECTION PROCEDURE:** See MD19 ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team Section 1.D above

C. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Participate as a member of the MD19 District ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team (~~MDST~~) (**MDGAT**) comprised of the Leadership (GLTC), Extension, Membership (GMTC), Public Relations, Retention **and Service** Chairpersons / **Coordinators** to develop and promote programs for the growth of the district and multiple district. This will involve regular meetings with this team.
2. Work in harmony with the Council, District Membership Chairpersons (GMTC) and Lions Clubs International to achieve membership and extension development goal.
3. Educate and assist Club, District and Zone Membership Chairpersons, and District Governors on those methods available to them to increase and retain membership using materials provided by Lions Clubs International, or developed personally.

4. Coordinate and provide leadership and leadership training skills for strengthening and development of membership.
5. Develop realistic and achievable MD19 membership goals based on the goals set by the District Membership Chairpersons (GMTC).
6. Develop a networking program of communications with guidelines to assist and enhance the efforts of the Districts Membership Chairpersons (GMTC).
7. Communicate with the District Governors, the Vice District Governors and the District membership Chairpersons (GMTC) throughout the year to assist them in reaching their District goals.

D. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A Lion in good standing who has:

1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
2. Sponsored 3-5 members.
3. An understanding of the qualifications for the different types of membership and the MD19 and LCI dues structures.
4. Demonstrated leadership skills in speaking, setting goals and participating as a team player.
5. Has demonstrated being open-minded to new ideas.
6. The ability to commit personal time and resources to reaching goals for membership growth.
7. The ability and desire to communicate with District Membership Chairpersons (GMLT).
8. The willingness to attend District Cabinet Meetings and Conferences to encourage membership growth.

SECTION 5: PUBLIC RELATIONS

- A. **PURPOSE:** The MD19 Public Relations Chairperson encourages the dissemination of accurate information regarding the Lions International Purposes, the Lions Code of Ethics, Lions Motto, Lions Service activities, and the various projects both locally and worldwide.
- B. **SELECTION PROCEDURE:** See MD19 ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team Section 1.D above
- C. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**
 1. Participate as a member of the MD19 District ~~Support~~ **Global Action** Team (~~MDST~~) (**MDGAT**) comprised of the Leadership (GLTC), Extension, Membership (GMTC), Retention, ~~and~~ Public Relations **and Service** Chairpersons / **Coordinators**, to develop and promote programs for the leadership growth of the Multiple District. This will involve regular meetings with this team.
 2. Provide information regarding the importance of the history and organizational structure of Lionism and the significance, of our motto, 'We Serve'. Promote the proper recognition, use and respect for our Lions Clubs International emblem.
 3. Assist in the training of Lions Club officers, Zone Chairpersons, and District Governors for the development of programs to promote their activities within their particular communities and districts. Utilize materials provided by Lions Clubs International, and also develop MD19 materials which are applicable to our own situation.
 4. Provide articles and pictures to 'The Lion' magazine and the MD19 *Border Crossing* to promote District, Multiple District and community activities. Encourage, and promote, media coverage of Lions Clubs, Zone and District activities.
 5. Encourage convention attendance, club visitations, club brochures and bulletins, and the interchange of club bulletins.
 6. Assist the Multiple District staff in the promotion and production of the '*Border Crossing*'.
 7. As part of the ~~MDST~~ **MDGAT**, communicate on a regular basis with the District Governors and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors to offer assistance as needed.

- D. A publishing Editor will be selected to develop articles and act as the layout person for *The Border Crossing*. This person will work with the MD19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer to create the bi-monthly MD19 newspaper called *The Border Crossing*. Publication timelines and the organization of a Publication Committee will be addressed by the Publishing Editor and the MD19 Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 6: RETENTION

- A. **PURPOSE:** The MD19 Retention Chairperson will work and coordinate information with the Membership Chairperson (GMTC) to identify true reasons of Lions resignations and to seek means to prevent drops in cases which may be prevented by finding solutions of common simple problems.
- B. **SELECTION PROCEDURE:** See MD19 **Support Global Action** Team Section 1.D above
- C. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1. Participate as a member of the MD19 District **Support Global Action** Team (~~MDST~~) (**MDGAT**) comprised of the Leadership (GLTC), Extension, Membership (GMTC), Public Relations, ~~and~~ Retention **and Service Chairpersons / Coordinators**, to develop and promote programs for the leadership growth of the Multiple District. This will involve regular meetings with this team.
 2. Work in harmony with the Council of Governors, District Retention Chairpersons and Lions Clubs International to support and maintain membership and extension growth goals.
 3. Educate and assist Club, District and Zone Retention Chairpersons, and District Governors on those methods which are available to them to be used towards retaining membership.
 4. Utilize materials provided by Lions Clubs International, or develop own materials of a similar nature promoting retention.
 5. Coordinate and provide leadership and leadership training skills for strengthening and development of retention.
 6. Develop realistic and achievable MD19 retention goals.
 7. Develop a networking program of communications with the District Governors and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors which would assist and enhance the efforts of various District Retention Chairpersons.
- D. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A Lion in good standing who has:
1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
 2. Sponsored more than two (2) members.
 3. An understanding of the qualifications for the different types of membership and the MD19 and Lions Clubs International dues structure.
 4. Demonstrated leadership skills in speaking, organization, setting goals and participating as a team player.
 5. Demonstrated being open-minded to new ideas.
 6. The ability to commit personal time and resources to reaching goals for membership retention.
 7. The ability and desire to communicate with District Retention Chairpersons.
 8. The willingness to attend District Cabinet Meetings and Conferences to encourage membership retention.

SECTION 7: SERVICE Global Service Team (GST) MD Coordinator

- A. **PURPOSE:** The GST multiple district coordinator is the service program expert who ensures districts achieve the distinct goals of their area. Educating, coaching and mentoring district coordinators while removing barriers that impede progress. Having drive and determination to inspire and empower districts to be successful in maximizing beneficiaries served.
- B. **SELECTION PROCEDURE:** See MD19 Global Action Team Section 1.D above
- C. **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**
1. Develops and executes an annual multiple district action plan that will monitor progress towards service goals.
 2. Follows up with districts that are behind on their goals and offers motivation and support.
 3. Collaborates with GLT and GMT multiple district coordinators and the multiple district Global Action Team chairperson (council chair) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
 5. Supports local community service projects that create a sense of belonging and pride to the Lions and Leos in the multiple district.
 6. Communicates regularly with GST district coordinators. Ensures they are aware of available LCI and LCIF service programs, partnerships, and grants.
 7. Serves as a resource and content expert for regional best practices in service project implementation; prioritizing those aligned with Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) campaigns (FY 2017/18) and LCI Forward Service Framework initiatives. Promotes the continued execution of Centennial Community Legacy Projects (FY 2017/18).
 8. Encourages GST district coordinators to promote service projects that attract multi-generational participants, including the integration of Leos.
 9. Increases LCIF Coordinator collaboration at multiple district and district level in order to maximize LCIF resource utilization and fundraising engagement. Monitors LCIF Grants given to multiple district.
- D. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A Lion in good standing who has:
1. Demonstrated leadership abilities above the club level.
 2. Sponsored more than two (2) members.
 3. An understanding of the qualifications for the different types of membership and the MD19 and Lions Clubs International dues structure.
 4. Demonstrated leadership skills in speaking, organization, setting goals and participating as a team player.
 5. Demonstrated being open-minded to new ideas.
 6. The ability to commit personal time and resources to reaching goals for membership service.
 7. The ability and desire to communicate with District Service Chairpersons.
 8. The willingness to attend District Cabinet Meetings and Conferences to encourage membership service.
 9. Demonstrated previous experience at managing service projects to completion.

(See Multiple District 19 **Support Global Action Team** in this chapter)

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

(See Multiple District 19 **Support Global Action Team** in this chapter)

RETENTION

(See Multiple District 19 **Support Global Action Team** in this chapter)

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Chapter VI – Conferences and Conventions

A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

~~32 Nomination Procedures: Candidates for Vice Council Chairperson and International Director will each have 12 minutes total time for their nomination, second, candidate's comments and demonstration. MD19 Leadership Chairperson will monitor.~~

33. Renumber to 32. and renumber 34. and 35. to 33. And 34.

32. Certification and Election Procedures (the following procedure is a combination of a. d. and f. in the current MD19 Policy Manual)

- a. Election/Certification Committee: Sixty days (60) or more prior to the Annual Convention, the Chairperson of the MD19 Council of Governors shall appoint the Chairperson of the Election/Certification Committee. Each District Governor shall appoint two Lions, both of whom ~~should~~ **could** be immediate Past Zone chairpersons. The names and phone numbers of the District Appointees must be sent to the Multiple District 19 Office and MD19 Election Committee Chairperson
- b. The Election/Certification Committee shall conduct the Election at the Annual Convention as follows:
 1. Request proof of convention registration, which is the "Registration" Ticket that is found in each convention attendee's Registration packet.
 2. Confirm that the Club is in good standing with the Multiple District as printed on the Club Page in the District Voting Registration Book prepared by the Multiple District. Any club not in good standing must pay the outstanding MD19 dues in the MD19 Convention Office on site before being certified to vote.
 3. Delegate presents the valid Voting Certificate that has been signed by the Club President, Club Secretary or the District Governor to the Election/Certification Official to receive the certification stamp. The Delegate and Alternate portions of the Voting Certificate are on opposite sides of each other.
 4. The Delegate will print and sign his/her name on his/her Club Page in the District Voting Registration Book.
 5. The Election/Certification member will initial the delegate signature line and check the Box marked Ballot #1.
 6. The Delegate or Alternate will be given a ballot and after voting, the ballot will be placed in the proper ballot box.
 7. The Election Certification Committee will supervise the balloting, monitor the doors of the Election Room and the ballot boxes and will count the ballots at the close of the elections.
 8. The Election Certification Committee Chairperson will report the results of the election immediately to the Convention.

c. Scrutineers

If there is an endorsement of an International Director Candidate on the ballot, that candidate will be allowed to appoint one Lion to represent him or her to scrutinize the voting and tallying of the ballots for the office for which he or she is being endorsed.

d. Hours for Certification of Credentials and Voting

~~Thursday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm~~

Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm; 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm; ~~and 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm~~

Saturday 7:30 am – 11:30 am

~~Two people are required for each shift.~~

e. Hours for certification and voting will be published in the Convention Program.

Note: There will be no need for the 6:30 AM meeting on Saturday with these new procedures.

Reletter "DISTRICT CONFERENCES" and "INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION" to B and C.

B. DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Add #12 as written below:

12. The Election of the MD19 Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson will take place at the individual District Spring Conferences. Information regarding the election and ballot boxes is found in the MD19 Constitution and By-Laws under ARTICLE IV "OFFICERS" SECTION 3 b. and ARTICLE 1 "BL" SECTION 1.

C. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

#3

CHAPTER VIII

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Add new #3 and renumber current 3 to 4, etc.

H. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:

1. The Council Chairperson shall be the presiding officer at all meetings of the Council and perform all duties listed in the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. The Council Chairperson shall be the presiding officer at the MD19 Annual Convention.
3. The Council Chairperson will serve as the multiple district chairperson of the Global Action Team. Will ensure that the multiple district's GLT, GMT, and GST coordinators are collaborating and implementing plans to develop skilled leaders, strengthen membership, and expand the district's humanitarian service. The driving force that ensures the multiple district is strong, stable and focused.
4. The Council Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all MD19 Committees.
5. The Council Chairperson shall be the liaison between the Council and the MD19 Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG John Moralek, 19-H and seconded by PDG Alan Guy, 19-I to accept the recommended changes to the MD19 Policy Manual as shown above. Motion passed.

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

"PDG Steve Noble, Elections Chairperson for the 2017 Annual Convention in Surrey, B.C. has made the following recommendations:

1. As the elections chairperson I recommend the COG continue the new format on a trial basis for the MD19 Convention in 2018 in Whistler, with two changes:
 - a. Provide a room for certification and voting.
 - b. Eliminate certification and voting Friday evening.
2. As the elections chairperson I recommend the MD19 Constitution and By-Law committee prepare a proposed change to the Constitution and By-Laws and to the operation manual to be voted on at the MD19 Convention in 2018. The changes would reflect the new format with two changes.
 - a. Provide a room for certification and voting.

b. Eliminate certification and voting Friday evening.

To address the issues raised by PDG Steve, it would appear we have to amend Article 1 BL. While proposing these amendments, it provides an opportunity to address some deficiencies in the current Constitution and By-laws.

Changes shown in **Red**; Comments to clarify why an amendment is proposed are in **green**.

ARTICLE I "BL"

Election of Multiple District Officers and Voting on Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws

~~SECTION 1. The Chairperson of the Convention shall call for nominations from the floor of the Annual Convention on the day preceding that scheduled for the election of officers. A list of the nominations for the offices of Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson of the Multiple District shall be furnished by the Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer to the Election Committee.~~

Replace with the following:

SECTION 1. Voting for the Offices of Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson shall occur at each District's Spring Conference as explained in ARTICLE IV "Officers" SECTION 3 b. The MD19 Office will prepare the ballots and the Voting Certificates for the MD19 Officer elections held at the District Spring Conferences and will provide a list of the number of delegates and alternates allowed for each club. A majority of the votes on any ballot, exclusive of blanks, shall be necessary for election to any office.

SECTION 2. When voting on proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws at the MD19 Annual Convention, the Credentials Committee shall verify the voting certificates of the delegates and alternates prior to voting. ~~A list of all registered delegates and alternates in each~~

~~SECTION 3. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare and furnish to the Election Committee ballots bearing spaces for the Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson of the Multiple District and identified only as First, Second, Third etc. ballot. The Multiple District Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall, also, prepare and furnish ballots with the proposed amendments printed thereon with blocks marked "For" or "Against" opposite each proposed amendment.~~

~~SECTION 4. The Polling places shall open at 7:30 A.M. on the day of election and shall remain open until 11:30 A.M.~~

Replace with the following:

SECTION 4. The Polling Places shall be open and the election procedure shall follow the times and procedures printed in the MD19 Policy Manual in Chapter VI "CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES #A. ANNUAL CONVENTION under #33.

It is recommended to the MD19 Policy Manual Committee that this title "Hours for Certification of Credentials" be changed to "Hours for Certification of Credentials and Voting"

~~SECTION 5. Delegates desiring to vote shall present their voting certificates at the Polling Place and be checked against the list of registered delegates and if qualified, shall be furnished a ballot. Each delegate shall mark their ballot in secret, and deposit it in the ballot box.~~

~~SECTION 6. At the time specified, the Election Committee shall close their ballot box and shall retire and count the ballots, reporting their findings promptly to the convention session.~~

SECTION 7 Renumbered to SECTION 5.

~~A majority of the votes on any ballot, exclusive of blanks, shall be necessary for election to any office.~~

(Moved to ARTICLE 1 "BL" SECTION 1. above)

SECTION 7 (Renumbered to SECTION 5)

See Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution for the requirements to pass proposed amendments to the Constitution.

See Article XI BL Section 1 for the requirements to pass proposed amendments to the By-Laws.

It is deemed that the following Sections of Article I BL would be more appropriately moved to Article IV 'Officers' to define the process for announcing the election results, to define a process should there three or more candidates for the position of Vice Council Chairperson, to define a process should the incumbent Vice Council Chairperson not receive a simple majority of votes cast for the candidacy for the position of Council Chairperson

Move SECTION 8 AND SECTION 9 of ARTICLE I 'BL' to ARTICLE IV 'Officers' as letters c. and d. See below:

ARTICLE IV 'Officers'

Add to Section 3.b. as the last sentence the following:

- b. Voting for these Officers shall occur at each District's Spring Conference ...the counting of the ballots will be within seven (7) days of these last District Conferences. "The results of the Election for the offices of Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson will be announced at the MD19 Spring Council Meeting following the district elections."
- c. In an election where there are three candidates or more for Vice Council Chairperson and no candidate receives a majority vote for an office, the same shall be reported to the Council at the MD19 Spring Council Meeting following the district elections. All candidates but the two candidates with the highest number of votes will automatically be dropped and a second and subsequent ballot shall be taken by email vote of the clubs in each district. The email vote will be conducted by the MD19 Office. The results of the second ballot will be announced by the MD19 EST by email to the Council of Governors within three days after the ballots have been counted.
- d. In the event the incumbent Vice Council Chairperson stands for election as Council Chairperson and at the election fails to secure a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by the delegates present and voting, he/she shall be declared not elected and a vacancy in that office shall be declared.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor PDG Monte Ward, 19-G and seconded by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D to recommend a Do Pass vote for the recommended changes to the MD19 Constitution & By-Laws as shown above. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by PDG John Moralek, 19-H that the election at the 2018 Annual Convention in Whistler, B.C. be carried out in the same manner as the election of the 2017 Annual Convention in Surrey, B.C. with the certification and voting being done simultaneously. Motion passed.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS REPORT by PDG Janet Rinehart, Chairperson:

"At the October 12, 2017, Council of Governors meeting a motion made by PDG Shelley Costello and seconded by PDG Alan Guy, was approved to remove Musical Comedy, Musical Performance and Humorous Story from Contests and Awards. In January, 2018 a letter was sent from the MD19 Office to our District Governors with the following paragraph: 'This will be the last year that the following will be required at your District Conference/Convention: Humorous Story; Musical Comedy and Musical Performance. The 2017-2018 Council of Governor's voted to remove them from the MD19 Contests and Awards, effective the 2018-2019 Lions year'.

This motion took these three categories from the purview of the Contest and Awards committee.

At the same Council of Governors' meeting, the rules for the Lions in Action Photo Contest were approved with the exception, per a suggestion by Council Chairperson Jon Whitman, that the rules be updated with a new date of April 1 for Club entries to be received by the District Governor and June 1 for

MD19 to receive those winners and also to add 'legal' when referring to Guardian's permission. Those changes / addition have been made and are now in the Lions in Action photo contest rules.

MD19 Lions in Action Photo Contest Rules

MD-19 Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo in the Lions in Action Photo Contest. The Lions in Action refers to Lions participating in **either** a Lions service project *or* in a Lions fundraising project.

Lions from MD-19 Clubs in good standing can enter one (1) original unframed photo to their District Governor in each of the following two (2) categories:

- A single club activity showing Lions in Action (one entry in either service or fundraising, but not both)
- A Zone activity showing Lions in Action (one entry in either service or fundraising, but not both)

All entries must be received by the District Governor on or before April 1. The District Governor will select, or will ask the District Contest & Awards Chairperson to select, an impartial group of judges to select the District winner(s).

The District winning photo(s) must be received by the MD19 office on or before June 1 of the Lions year. The MD19 Contest & Awards Committee will select an impartial group of judges to select the Multiple District winning photo(s).

1. Photos must be submitted in a printed 8x10 format. No digital or emailed photos will be accepted. One entry per club. **Photos on 8x10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) paper with a smaller image will not be eligible for contest.**
2. Photos must be original and unaltered in any way. A photo may not be submitted twice. The Contest and Awards Committee reserves the right to reject photos not meeting contest criteria.
3. Each entry shall have, on a separate page, the following information: The name of the club(s) in the photo, the district, a short description of the purpose of the activity, the date, and the location. This shall be signed by the appropriate district governor.
4. Winners will be selected on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of activity.
5. Entrants are responsible for all costs involved in taking and submitting photos.

Additionally:

- Children may not be photographed without their parent's or legal guardian's permission. In any case, do not give the names of any children.
- The Lions in Action activity must be identifiable as well as all Lions Clubs taking part.
- A Club's Lions in Action photo must show a minimum of three (3) Lions from their club.
- A Zone's photo of Lions in Action must include Lions from a minimum of three different clubs of the same Zone."

PDG Janet Rinehart announced the winner of the 2018 MD19 Peace Poster contest – District 19-I sixth grader Alexander Green, 11 years old from Rock Heights Middle School. He was sponsored by the Gordon Head Lions Club, I-3.

District Governors Joyce Boyle, 19-I, 1st VDG Bob Nordland for 19-A and Wanda Carisse, 19-D shared a special and fun event that happened in their districts.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION REPORT by PID Don Shove, Chairperson:

“Lions Day at the United Nations
International Assistance Grants
International Youth Camps and Exchanges
International Cultural Exchanges
Club Twinning

For decades, Lions have accepted the challenge TO CREATE AND FOSTER A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. Our 46,000 clubs and 1.35 plus members make us the world's largest service club organization. We are also one of the most effective. Our members do whatever is needed to help their communities.

Considered alone, a single project of a community may seem of minor significance; but when added to the projects of hundreds of communities and millions of people working together, the sum total reflects the magnitude of the program's significance as an instrument for International goodwill and peace.”

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG David Walk, 19-F and seconded by District Governor Harry Lippincott, 19-E for the Council of Governor's to endorse PID Brian Sheehan as 3rd International Vice President. Motion passed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT by PZC Jane Beddows, Chairperson:

“The Strategic Planning committee members are: AHI – PDG Judy Portas; BCG - PDG Jan Weatherly; DEF – ZC John Mentor and Member at Large from D – PDG Norma Bent.

At the Annual Convention in Surrey, B.C., the Strategic Planning Committee met several times, spending quite a bit of time to come up with an idea that would benefit all areas and Lions of the Multiple District. The final outcome was to hold a brainstorming session involving the DG's, VDG's and Zone Chairpersons and any other Lions who have a vested interest in supporting and growing the Lions membership in the Multiple District.

Plans were set in motion, a date and time booked, a facilitator selected and contacted.....then along came John.

Vice Council Chairperson John Kirry had an idea to hold a planning session on the very same day and at the very same time. Can you say great minds?

After meeting with VCC John and discussing the situation, it just made sense to work together and a Planning Session made even more sense as the VCC needs to be forward thinking and plan for his year.

The Strategic Planning Committee was invited to attend the Planning session on February 24, 2018 and, speaking on behalf of the committee, will do all they can to help the process.”

Meeting recessed for break at 9:40 AM

Meeting resumed at 9:55 AM

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Harry Lippincott, 19-E and seconded by PDG Glen Barry, 19-E to accept District Governor Wanda Carisse (19-D) for the position of Global Leadership Coordinator for the term 2018-2021. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Wanda Carisse, 19-D and seconded by PDG Simon Yau, 19-A to accept PZC September Stokes, (19-H) for the position of Global Service Team Chairperson for the term 2017-2020. Motion passed.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Bob Ayotte, Chairperson:

As indicated in the past year, one of my goals was to suggest some changes to the MD19 Policy Manual regarding my position as Leadership Coordinator and to realign the Policy Manual to the reality of what is being done. That goal has now been completed.

Upcoming this spring on May 31 through June 2, the District Support Team will be conducting a training program for District and Zone Officers at the University of British Columbia – Vancouver Campus. Some minor tweaking will be made to the training content from previous years, aligning with comments given to us from the attendees of last year's training sessions and as per the training team's comments at the end of that In-Service last year.

Goals and Action Plans have been submitted to Lions Clubs International regarding training expected to be done by the Training team for MD19. The seminars at the MD19 Annual Convention were completed successfully. Upcoming will be local training of Club Officers, taught in a variety of ways, such as District Conference Seminars, and other venues, even on-line presentations. These will normally be done by the Global Leadership Team - District for each District.

The main difficulty this past year has been the failure of any resolution on what to do about the Regional Progress and Planning Meetings. At the time of the writing of this report, a meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday afternoon, prior to the Council of Governors meeting on Saturday morning and afternoon. I hope to include some information and perhaps final determination of what will be done in the coming year, during my personal report to this Council. I hope that there could be a resolution on what to do with this.

Governors, I ask that each of you please have your GLT-D's prepare their reports for final submission to LCI. Also, they should be preparing their Goals and Action Plans for training till the end of the year, including a simple training plan for Zone Chairpersons. Collectively, as in the past several years, MD19 will be the recipient of those funds to assist with the budget for the District and Zone Officer In-Service Education. As you are quite aware, the GLT-D position has now been shortened to a year in length, same as all other Cabinet Chairpersons.

1st Vice District Governors, as part of your LCI District Governor training, you have been tasked to think about who will be on your team for next year. Please remember that, even though this position is now only for one year, it can be a continuation of the fine work that has been done by your present GLT-D or a recent GLT-D, whom you were quite satisfied with. But, please don't exhaust them by having them stay for more years than is comfortable, either for their health or for the health of the District."

FACILITATOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING REPORT – No Report

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT - No Report

TRAINING REPORT by PCC Al Beddows, Chairperson:

"Training of our future Leaders is an important task of our Multiple District. It is important that the training be consistent throughout our Multiple District.

This is why we set up training programs like the Leader Development (old 101) and membership 201. As well our Secretary's and president training programs is the same for officers in Troy, Idaho as it is in Prince Rupert B.C. No District stands alone.

Our latest training for our incoming DG, VDG and ZCs will be conducted at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver B.C. May 31-June 3rd. We will endeavor to have the best instructors with the most up to date information. These individuals are the future of our Multiple District."

MEMBERSHIP (GMT) REPORT by PDG David Walk, Chairperson



Strengthen Membership

“Actions undertaken by MD19 Global Membership Team Coordinator since his appointment to the position October 12, 2017

- Oct 12, 2017** MD19 Annual Convention Serving Generations & Spring Ahead Membership Drive Seminar. Presenters: PDG Kathy Crawford & PDG David Walk. Previewed the new MD19 Membership Website.
- Oct 15, 2017** Engaged 19F web guru, Derence Walk to polish up the MD19 Membership Website.
- Oct 23, 2017** Launched the new and improved 123MD19.org website.
- Oct 24, 2017** Shared 123MD19.org via email with MD19 district governors and district GMT's encouraging them to share it with their Districts.
- Oct 27, 2017** Devised an online [GMT Quarterly Report](#) for District GMT's and sent it to MD19 District GMT's for their input.
- Oct 29, 2017** In capacity as 19F GMT emailed 605 19F members the link to the 123MD19.org website.
- Nov 11, 2017** Wrote and shared with the MD19 District GMT's and district governors inspirational blog [Ask!](#) about Dick Woods and his recruitment of 102 Lions.
- Dec 3, 2017** Forwarded PDG Kathy Crawford's Spring Ahead News Article to the MD19 District Governors and the District GMT's along with several membership documents mentioned in the 123MD19.org
- Dec 19, 2017** Attached, via email, four colorful Spring Ahead membership poster/flyers to the MD19 District Governors and District GMT's.
- Jan 6, 2018** The promised and completed [Canadian Centennial Celebration](#) video was added to the 123MD19.org Membership website
- Jan 8, 2018** Sent revised 123MD19.org website with the new Canadian version of the Centennial Celebration video to each MD19 District Governor and District GMT. Attached to the email were the six membership documents available thru LCI.org and linked through the 123MD19.org website.
- Jan 20, 2018** Sent instructions on procedures on how a club can secured a localized Centennial Celebrations Video to use in conjunction with an Open House to District GMT's and District Governors.
- Jan 23, 2018** Guest presented along with 19F DG Crystal Walk at MD19 GLT Bob Ayotte's 90-minute Go-to-Meeting for VDG's on Membership, 123MD19.org and chartering a new club.
- Jan 30, 2018** Joined Council Chairperson Jon Whitman, Vice Council Chairperson John Kirry at the GLT/GMT/GST Go-to-Meeting.
- Feb 1-5, 2018** Emailed 612 MD19 Presidents and Membership Chairpersons notification of the beginning of the Spring Ahead Membership Drive, a Spring Ahead Flyer and the link to the 123Md19.org website.”

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT by PDG Kathy Crawford, Chairperson:

“We are in the midst of another Spring Ahead Membership Drive. We are using Facebook, AWeber, the *Border Crossing*, the Membership website, wristbands, and other tools to promote this effort.

In order to pay for prizes, we need some funds. The Spring Ahead Membership Drive was a success last year.

In order to help our District Governors reach their membership goals, I am asking the Council of Governors' to donate \$150 per District from their operations account to this effort. Would you please vote today to fund the 2018 Spring Ahead Membership Drive?

Any unused funds will be returned to your accounts.”

PDG Kathy Crawford requested the District Governors seek approval, via an email vote, from their District Cabinets to take \$100 from their escrow accounts, rather than the operation account and to send their decision, with accompanying minutes, to the MD19 Office by March 7th. The ratification of email votes, if not done before March 7th can be done after the deadline date and must also be sent to the MD19 Office. Any decisions made by districts will be kept confidential.

District Governors Corinne White, 19-H, 1st VDG Donna Oiland for 19-B and Harry Lippincott, 19-E shared a special and fun event that happened in their districts.

MD19 CENTENNIAL REPORTS – B.C AND US by PDG J.D. Nellor, Chairperson:

“B.C. Report (PDG Steve Somerset): As we should all be aware, the number of people served during the Centennial Celebrations has exceeded 200 million.

There are just over four months left in the Lions 100 Centennial celebrations. We have seen a growth in clubs participating every year, both in the Centennial Service Challenge and the Centennial Legacy projects.

There are still approximately one third of the clubs that have not participated in either category which is a little disappointing. It is also disappointing that some clubs felt that making a donation qualifies for a level three legacy project or reporting a project that clearly does not meet the criteria. It really gives a false impression of what is really happening. One club has reported its project six times as a level three legacy project.

That being said, there have been some amazing projects. As examples: a new 30-unit affordable housing project in Quesnel, B.C.; a new splash park in Chase and the rebuilding and expansion of the Westbank community hall. This building has been turned over the City of West Kelowna.

There is still time for clubs to participate. I am especially interested in the project in 19-E involving the Spokane clubs and the creation of a Helen Keller Garden that will surround a linden tree that Helen Keller planted in 1925. I realize that this is a U.S. project; however, District 19-E has Canadian clubs and has been included within the Canadian reporting. This project is being well reported to LCI as a US project. Lions of MD19 need to celebrate all of their accomplishments throughout the past four years.

Congratulations!!

PDG Steve Somerset.

US Report (PDG J.D. Nellor): If you need assistance, information or Centennial Celebration help contact me at: jdnellor@comcast.net or by mail - 901 Umatilla Way, Vancouver, WA 98661 U.S.A. My home phone is (360) 696-1657; Work phone, (360) 816-2241

In general, MD 19 clubs have been doing a great job contributing to the 3 components of the Centennial challenge. Some details:

Legacy Projects

Community Legacy Projects are one of the three components of LCI's Centennial Celebration. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to our communities that commemorate the Association's Centennial and creates a lasting legacy of Lions service contributions. Throughout MD19, clubs have reported 308 completed Legacy Projects: 147 Level 1; 106 Level 2 and 55 Level 3 Centennial Legacy Projects.

Centennial Service Challenge

A second component of the Centennial Celebration is LCI's Centennial Service Challenge— LCI originally challenged clubs worldwide to serve 100,000,000 people during the four year Centennial Celebration, 25,000,000 in each of four, traditional, Lions service areas, Sight, Hunger, Youth and Environment. That goal was increased to 200,000,000 last year after Lions easily passed the 100,000,000 goal.

Today, worldwide, Clubs have reported 215,542,725 people served in the Centennial Service Challenge.

MD19 has done its part: 3,454,358 people have been served by MD19 Lions under the Centennial Service Challenge and that is with only 58% of MD19 Clubs reporting service activities on their Service Activity Reports. Here are the numbers, by District:

District	# Served	Reporting	District	# Served	Reporting
19A	142,947	38%	19F	158,839	63%
19B	146,524	53%	19G	709,065	47%
19C	722,352	82%	19H	612,937	62%
19D	380,984	56%	19I	213,236	57%
19E	266,474	56%			

Membership Drive

The third component of the Centennial Service Challenge is the Centennial Membership Drive. There are two parts to the membership challenge: New members and new clubs.

In MD19, 3,836 new Centennial members have been inducted and 11 Centennial clubs have been chartered, since the Challenge began. The details, by District are:

District	Members	Clubs	District	Members	Clubs
19A	581	4	19E	478	1
19B	254	0	19F	318	1
19C	592	3	19G	371	1
19D	391	0	19H	483	1
19I	368	0			

I continue to encourage all Lions to go to the LCI website (www.lionsclubs.org) and click on the 'Lions 100' link at the top of the main page. Then click on the 'Toolbox' link. You will find brochures, press release, banners, logos, advertising, billboard art, that are useful in showing off and raising public awareness of your clubs, and LCI. And best of all, all of these resources are free and available for download. Centennial merchandise, (shirts, cups, and what-not), is also available through the 'Member Center' or the 'LCI Shop' links as well.

Yes, we are nearing the end of the Centennial Celebration— there are less than five months to go until we start a new campaign for a new century. But (it's that glass half-full thing), there are still five months to go! My thanks to all of the Clubs in MD19 for the great work they have done in their communities throughout the Centennial Celebration.

A special thanks to all the District Centennial Coordinators, Canada and U.S.A.: PDG Rita Fok, 19A; PID Anne Smarsh, 19B; PZC Bob Johnson, 19C; PDG Norma Bent, 19D; PDG Kim Di Rienz, 19E; PZC David Heath, 19F; PDG Doug Hall, 19G; PDG Al Stobbart, 19H and PDG Brian Phillips, 19I. I know how challenging it can be to get the word out to the Districts and the Club and then to get the reports back! Your efforts have been much appreciated!"

OLD BUSINESS

PROGRESS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE by VCC John Kirry (Oral Report):

Just a little history on the Progress and Planning Meeting. It started out as two meetings a year, with three district groups, BCG, DEF and AHI, who would meet with their Leadership Team, Zone Chairpersons and Membership Team for an all-day "meeting" in which they could discuss any common problems happening in their districts and ways to solve them and then going on from there. It eventually evolved into the Kick-off and Half-time Meetings and then to one – the Progress and Planning Meeting. This was due to having a shift in our convention schedule and the change in the shift in when the District Governor's needed to have goals and action plans in place.

We are continually receiving a great deal of feedback on this meeting and what came through loud and clear was that a form of networking was needed, that they wanted to be able to "get together" to discuss the issues they were facing but didn't want to have to travel to attend these extra meetings. Plus, on the Multiple District level we were told by some individuals that we came off as a little preachy when they were sent all the items that they were to discuss when they wanted to talk about other stuff.

At the Annual Convention in Surrey, B.C., ten individuals (the Progress and Planning Committee) got together and hammered out the kind of format we'd like to have in order to satisfy what is still a requirement according to our Policy Manual. We decided to have a meeting at our training session as that is when the principals are there, the incoming District Governors, Zone Chairpersons and 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors. We'll have a town-hall style of meeting where they'll let us know what they want to discuss instead of us telling them what they need to talk about.

This meeting will occur on Thursday, right after the Council of Governors' meeting, which will end at 2 pm, and before the start of the training. This way the assembled people are going have opportunity to talk and network amongst each other.

So, we are going to try this type of meeting and see where it leads. It may become the new format or it may become something else entirely. Right now its main thrust will be networking, with discussion on solving Lion's issues that come up in our districts.

The Multiple District budget pays for your Governor Team (Zone Chairpersons, DGE and 1st and 2nd VDG) so your district escrow budget will have to pay for mileage and hotel and meals for those people you are asking to come in addition to those already in attendance. Those would be your District's Global Leadership, Membership and Service Team members. So that could be three extra people that your district will be required to help pay for and that would require a vote from the district cabinet.

Further discussion was had on funding these additional attendees to the meeting by way of going through the MD19 Service and Leadership Foundation. Can the Foundation do this? A grant application can be written, complete with information on what the monetary request is for, who the recipients of funding will be and a budget on how the funds will be used. It would be preferred that the application came from the Multiple District since it is a first-time request and does fall under leadership and service. DG Wanda Carisse, with assistance from the District Global Action team, will put together the application request for funding. The request will be for one year.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion as to whether or not the MD19 contingent will be walking in the International Parade while in Las Vegas. The current consensus is not to, but MD19 has until June 1, 2018, to let International know if MD19 will be participating in the parade. Even if MD19 decides not to participate in the parade it would be highly recommended that attendees wear the parade uniform. A concern raised is can the application to walk in the parade be sent in and then later cancelled if MD19 finds another option? This will be explored.

PDG J.D. Nellor has been working on a new MD19 Website, which was presented at the meeting on Friday afternoon. J.D. would appreciate being contacted with any suggestions or ideas to make the site better.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Memorial Garden Clean Up	TBA	MD19 Office
NW Lions Leadership Institute	May 10-12, 2018	UBC, Vancouver, B.C.
2018 Spring Council Meeting	May 31, 2018	UBC, Vancouver, B.C.
2018 Dist. & Zone Officer School	May 31-June 2, 2018	UBC, Vancouver, B.C.
MD19 Annual Convention	October 24 – 27, 2018	Whistler, B.C.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 AM