

## MINUTES OF THE MD19 WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

February 18, 2023

Zoom Meeting

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Lyndon Harriman at 9:00 am, followed by the Introductions of the Council were made.

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

### I. Council of Governors

Lyndon Harriman, Council Chairperson  
Steve Noble, Vice Council Chairperson  
John Moralek, Past Council Chairperson  
Peter Anderson, Executive Director  
PID Allan Hunt  
May Ho, District Governor, 19-A  
Lee Woodard, District Governor, 19-B  
John Budzak, Jr., District Governor, 19-C  
Debbie Allan, District Governor, 19-D  
Harry Lippincott, District Governor, 19-E  
Melissa Smith, District Governor, 19-F  
Debbie Mansell, District Governor, 19-G  
Steven Wong, District Governor, 19-H  
Lia Marie Versaavel, District Governor, 19-I  
Syrus Lee, PDG 19-A  
Tom Smarsh, PDG 19-B  
Joyce Stevens, PDG 19-D  
Ray Fujiura, PDG 19-F  
Marilyn Patterson, PDG 19-G  
Ken Ball, PDG 19-H  
Lorne Bunyan, PDG 19-I

### II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Budget & Finance  
PZC George Sim, 2023 International Convention  
PCC Polly Voon, USA / Canada Leadership Forum  
PDG Grace Hwo - Elections  
Nancy Messmer - Environment  
PDG Sharon Sikes, Global Leadership  
Eric Miura, Global Membership  
PDG Peggy Harriman, Global Service  
PDG Chuck Waid, Governance  
PID Allan Hunt, International Participation / Relations  
Colette Arvidson & Bill Scholl: Knights of the Blind  
DG Debbie Mansell- Leader Dogs  
PDG Simon Yau, LCIF - BC  
PDG Jan Weatherly, LCIF - US  
PCC J.D. Nellor, Parliamentarian / Webmaster  
PCC John Kirry, Strategic Planning

### Foundations & Societies

PDG Patty Allen-White, MD19 Lions Foundation  
PCC AI Hedstrom, NDLLI Superintendent

### III. Lions, LEOs and Guests

Michele Barrie	Sharon Hansen	Roy Morris
1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Leslie Chasse	DGE Joel Haggen	PID Roger Richert
2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Jennifer Edgar	DGE Lisa Ikeda	PDG Rosemary Richert
Gloria Hardan	1 <sup>st</sup> VDG Beth James	PZC Rock White
ZC Jan Heaton	DGE Mike Livingstone	

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Marilyn Patterson, 19-G and seconded by PDG Lorne Bunyan, 19-I to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting, held via Penticton, B.C on October 14, 2022. Motion passed.

### CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

#### CONTESTS AND AWARDS REPORT by Robin Wooley, Chairperson:

"I have reached out to a number of Lions in the Multiple District for their input in response to this plea:

I thought that I would start with the Excellence Awards for President, Treasurer and Membership Chair. You can find them on the MD19 website.

Personally, I would like to see them

- reflect the communication tools we now have available
- have a standardized format, like the Club Excellence Award
  - Membership
  - Service
  - Leadership and Organizational Excellence
  - Marketing and Communications
- reflect 'best practices' for a successful club, zone, district and MD
- take, into account, the strategic direction of LCI
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Please send me your thoughts on how we can improve these awards. I will compile the results and send them back to you.

Next steps will be to create similar awards for the other GAT Chairpersons:

- Service Chairperson
- Marketing & Communications Chairperson
- Leadership & Organizational Excellence Chairperson

Unfortunately, the response has not been adequate to put forward a recommendation to the Cabinet for changes.

I am considering offering some proposals to see if I can generate some interest and feedback. If I don't receive any, I will assume that there is no appetite for change and everyone is happy with the status quo."

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

"Dear Council Chairperson Lyndon and fellow Lions Leaders,

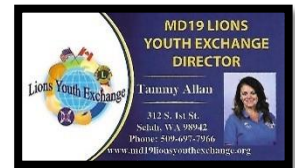
District L (A & I)	50% voting rate (88/177)	District I
(D & E)	47% voting rate (66/140)	District O
(B & H)	55% voting rate (97/177)	District N
(C & G)	54% voting rate (116/214)	District S
(F & E)	24% voting rate (41/141)	

Overall procedure was smooth. Most of the aftermath challenges could be solved and did not affect the voting result. Evidence showed that access codes and passwords emailed to secretaries to pass on to clubs' delegates was not effective, especially for those clubs that had more than three votes. It also could not control proxy voting because MD19 Executive Director Peter and Election Chairperson did not know who the delegates were.

Electronic voting is the trend nowadays and can save time and increase efficiency, accuracy, and more voters' engagement. If MD19 is planning to have electronic voting as future designated system, I am sure Election Policy needs to be reviewed and revised."

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT** by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tammy Allan, Chairperson:

"October held a great opportunity for me to experience the Lions Europe Forum in Zegrib, Croatia. I met with the leadership for Youth Exchange and developed some lasting relationships. It's so important to create that trust and bond with this group of leaders who are sending their students.



This Winter is already getting off to a busy start, with accepting and sending out applications for exchange students! As I write this I have three outgoing applications for Finland, Italy, and Belgium in the works for students from MD19. And another ten applications for students attending one of our two camps that will be offered through MD19 YEP! I am so proud of the hard work and accomplishments our team has produced. We Serve and we certainly have!

Camp Totem has my focus and attention currently, as we have students from Australia coming in April. This camp will begin in Canada and finish in Washington State on Camano Island.

Our group is teaming up with Lions and Leos, while in Canada for a clean-up project. Then, while at the Camano Island location, we are planning an additional give back project, to express our 'Thanks' to the Seattle University Ballard Lions Club. Because without this location, costs for camp would be far too high.

Camp Camano will be held once again in June and we'll be hosting students from Europe and Asia. More details in the next report on that camp. Last but certainly not least, we are offering a Camp in Australia July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> for students ages 14 through 20 from MD19! If you know of a student that would be interested let me know as we have scholarships available and can help with the airfare expense. I look forward to what's in store for our YEP team!"

**LEADER DOG REPORT** by DG Debbie Mansell & PDG Carol Whitman, Chairpersons:

“The data for this report was taken from the Leader Dog for the Blind Website (leaderdog.org) and includes the MD19 donation totals from the first two quarters of the 2022-2023 Lions year.

District	Donations
A	0.00
B	1,600.00
C	225.00
D	1,000.00
E	1,735.00
F	6,013.45
G	4,509.53
H	700.00
I	0.00
Total	<hr/> \$15,782.98

**Tips to increase Leader Dog donations in your district:**

- Write a personal letter to each club in your district to remind them to make their annual Leader Dog donation.
- Do a Leader Dog *Dinner in the Dark* fundraiser in your district or zone.
- For a \$500.00 donation you can help sponsor a Leader Dog.
- Pass around a Leader Dog donation jar at your club or district meetings.
- Sponsor a 5K Fun Run for Leader Dog in your community
- Put Leader Dog donation envelopes on the banquet tables at your convention.

**Leader Dog News:**

In August, 2022, the Gary Sinise Foundation gave a **\$350,000 grant** to Leader Dogs for the Blind, to support their service of veterans, defenders, and first responders, who are blind or visually impaired with highly skilled dogs. This generous grant will support the care and training of seven Leader Dogs! Future Leader Dogs, **Forest and Jenny** are the first puppies sponsored by this grant.”

**LCIF – BC REPORT** by PDG Simon Yau, Chairperson:

“CAII Area Leaders, MD & District coordinators attended the LCIF Fall retreat in Winnipeg, Canada on November 17-19, 2023.

District 19A, D, H and I total donations to LCIF at the end of January 2023 is \$101,205.00. Campaign100 Model Clubs have not reached their goal are asked to complete their goal as soon as they can.

District 19A is hosting a Melvin Jones Fellows Appreciation Gala on April 7, 2023. LCIF Chairperson PIP Douglas Alexander will attend the event as the keynote speaker and MJF Awards presenter.”

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

“Lions Quest is very active in MD19.

**19A: PZC Vivian Lo**

1. I organized the Project 100 that encouraged each club to donation \$100 to Lions Quests Canada. Currently, there are seven clubs that have donated \$800 to Lions Quest Canada. I will mail all cheques to LQC shortly.
2. Lions Quest Canada (District 19A) and Vancouver Point Grey Lions Club co-organized the Charity Lunch for Seniors on Feb 5, 2023 at Chinatown, Vancouver. Approximately 140 guests had attended this event.

3. I have connected with a coordinator of Richmond School District in Richmond, Vancouver. She invited me to conduct workshops on Child Development for their parents. Details are under discussion.
4. During the previous meeting of Lions Quest, a member proposed helping me to connect with representatives of University of Victoria and SFU so that we may consider starting cooperative projects.
5. I have helped promoting the workshops held by Lions Quest across clubs of my district.

**19D – PDG Norma Bent**

**Things happening in our District**

- Sponsored the Lions Quest Community Workshop held at the MD19 Convention in Penticton;
- The teachers in SD#53, who took the workshop in 2019 are being contacted to see if they need to upgrade to a different grade level and if more teachers in the district require the training.
- In addition to this all School Districts in District D are being contacted and presented with an outline of what Lions Quest can do for their students.
- We will be having information on Lions Quest programs and Child ID kits at a booth at the Kamloops Home Show April 15 and 16, 2023
- JoAnne McQuiggan, Executive Director of Lions Quest Canada, will be at our Family Reunion in Vernon April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for a presentation on Social & Emotional Learning.
- We have ordered 500 Child ID kits to be distributed throughout our District to schools, Daycares, etc.

**19E –No Lions Quest Chair at this time**

Elkford Lions have ordered 400 of the Child ID Kits to disturb in their community.

**19H – No Lions Quest Chair at this time.**

ZC Bruce Bennewith, H6 will have a presentation on Lions Quest programs at his Zone Meeting Saturday February 11, 2023.

**19-I – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Michael Stanford**

- Two Lions Quest, Do Your Part, Community Forum Workshops were held 1. November 9, 2022 in Nanaimo BC at Beban Park Social Centre. 2. November 10, 2022 at University of Victoria, Victoria BC.
- Two Court Workers attended the social emotional Learning Workshop as a result of a Lion attending the November Community Forum workshops.
- Two virtual Lions Quest Community Workshops will be held Wednesday, March 1, 2023 7-8:30 pm and Sunday, March 5, 2023 1-2:30 pm.

***Lions Quest programs provide support for the Mental Well-being of our Children and Youth.***

**STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT** by PCC John Kirry, Chairperson:

“In early October, we received the good news that the MD19 Redistricting Plan had been approved by the full Lions International Board of Directors. The Strategic Planning Committee began working on the redistrict plan in July 2020. After three years of careful planning and coordination by the SPC, MD19 will officially change from our nine current districts to five newly consolidated districts.

Because our Redistricting Plan will take effect at the close of the July 2023 International Convention, our first and most important step for MD19 was to conduct an online election of officers for the newly formed five

Districts, named L-I-O-N-S. That online election was conducted by ElectionBuddy at a Special MD19 Convention called to take place over a three-day period December 1-3.

Congratulations to each of the candidates who were elected in our five new Districts:

For District 19–L — DGE Elaine Luk, and 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Michael Stanford.  
For District 19–I — DGE Michael Livingstone, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Jennifer Edgar and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Charles Robinson.  
For District 19–O — DGE Joel Haggan, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Beth James and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Jack Peebles.  
For District 19–N — DGE Lisa Ikeda, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Leslie Chasse and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Robert Johnson.  
For District 19–S — DGE Kenneth Cook, and 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Tammy Alan.

These District Governors Elect have been scheduled to attend the Lions International DGE school in Saint Charles, Illinois held February 6 -10, 2023.

The further work of merging our districts will now be borne by the District merger teams from each pair of adjacent districts. Merger committees from those districts are now engaged in the collaborative work of consolidating such functions as district budgets, finances and assets, Constitution and Bylaws, District GMT - GLT -GST, district Cabinet make-up, consolidation of websites, newsletters, and social media accounts, district/multiple District representation issues and combining district conventions.

The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to assist these merging districts. We stand ready to host redistricting workshops via Zoom for the new district merger committees at their request and convenience. Each session will be dedicated to a specific merging district. The format will be an open, round-table discussion of the redistricting issues unique to that individual district. We will explore the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead as we transition to a five district MD19 in July, 2023. Contact the MD19 office or the SPC Chair, PCC John Kirry, to schedule your District's merger committee meetings.

One final note. As the Districts take on the larger role in making redistricting a success, I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Strategic Planning Committee for their unselfish and dedicated service these past three years. Without their vision, leadership, energy and enthusiasm, this most significant and forward-looking change in the recent history of our Multiple District would not have been possible."

## **MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS**

### **BC LIONS SOCIETY REPORT** by Lisa Beck, President and CEO:

"I am happy to share some updates regarding all the great programs and services that the BC Lions Society offers our communities.



### **Easter Seals Camps**

- Easter Seals has been offering summer camp experiences to individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities since 1968.
- From day camps, to week-long overnight camps, there are options available for all interests, and for all children and adults with disabilities aged 6-49 years old.
- Trained counsellors bring out the fun and silly in every activity and event, creating experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.
- Our goal is to provide our Camper community with the self-esteem, self-confidence and sense of independence that is needed to help them live their best life.
- Overnight camps have a camper to staff ratio of 3:1 and a 24-hour medical team on-site. All camps, in- person and virtual, have counselors trained specifically to work with persons with disabilities.

### **Updates**

- Camp registration opens Monday, February 13th, an exciting day for our Campers.
- We have started hiring for all Camp positions now.
- There will be an Easter Family Camp Weekend at Winfield this year, April 8 – 10.
- Camp Winfield Overnight Summer Camp Dates (and age groups):

New Camper	6-18	June 23 – 25
Week 1	6-18	July 1 – 5
Week 2	19-49	July 9 – 14
Week 3	6-18	July 18 – 22
Week 4	19-49	July 26 – 31
Week 5	6-18	August 4 – 8
Family Camp	all ages	August 11 – 13

- Camp Shawnigan Overnight Summer Camp Dates (and age groups):

New Camper	6-18	June 23 – 25
Week 1	6-18	July 1 – 5
Week 2	19-49	July 9 – 14
Week 3	6-18	July 18 – 22
Week 4	19-49	July 26 – 31
Week 5	6-18	August 4 – 8
Family Camp	all ages	August 11 – 13

- Camp Squamish Overnight Summer Camp Dates (and age groups):

New Camper	6-18	June 30 – July 2
Week 1	6-18	July 8 - 12
Week 2	19-49	July 16 - 21
Week 3	6-18	July 25 – 29
Week 4	19-49	August 2 - 7
Week 5	6-18	August 11 - 15
Family Camp	all ages	August 18 - 20

### **Easter Seals House**

- Easter Seals House is a home away from home, a place to stay when traveling to Vancouver for medical treatment and appointments.
- Suites are also available for respite to parents and families needing a place to stay to relax and recharge.

### **Updates**

- The House is averaging a 94% occupancy rate. We have seen our days of occupancy expand and now our busy times are Sunday to Friday, and sometimes our Saturdays are full as well.
- Guests are still enjoying the renovated Garden so much. When it snowed in December, we had some families out enjoying the winter fun. It is a wonderful respite area in all kinds of weather.
- Easter Seals House has recently started another room renovation thanks to a Vancouver Piano Concert put on by 5 Grade 10 boys. There are just a few rooms left to renovate. The main lobby has just had a refresh done including new paint and flooring and it looks great.

### **Drop Zone**

- Registration is now open! Looking forward to another great year of Drop Zone events.
- Victoria Drop Zone is back again this year.
- Here are our five locations and dates:
  - Vancouver September 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Surrey September 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Burnaby September 14<sup>th</sup>

- Victoria                    September 19<sup>th</sup>
- Kelowna                    September 26<sup>th</sup>

Become a Superhero and register today! <https://p2p.onecause.com/dropzone2023>

Thank you for 75 years of Service!"

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA REPORT** by PZC Richard Simonson, Provincial Director:  
**"Key Messages from the Board meeting, February 2023:**



As we settle into 2023, this is an exciting time for Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides (LFCDG). The Board of Directors recently met in person at the school in Oakville. The following is a summary of key discussions held at the Board meeting in February:

***Lions Clubs***

- Plans are underway to welcome the District Governors Elect for a visit and tour of the Dog Guides school and facilities in June. We are excited to welcome you for a full weekend of activities and a chance to learn more about the impact our dogs have on the lives of their handlers, as well as show you the plans for our new school
- Convention season is a busy time and we are preparing to attend as many as possible. If you need anything from LFCDG for your convention, please reach out to Danielle Rosenblum [drosenblum@dogguides.com](mailto:drosenblum@dogguides.com)
- As part of the normal rotation of Board Directors, we are in the process of recruiting and selecting 2 new directors- 1 from Nova Scotia, and 1 from Quebec - to serve a 3-year term starting October 2023. Any Lion in good standing from those provinces is invited to submit their application. The board is looking to find someone who has a legal background or is familiar with the issues in the disability sector but anyone is welcome to apply. If you have any questions about their experiences as Directors on the Board.

***Capital Campaign***

- We have launched the capital campaign to raise \$25 Million for our new school campus and training facilities. Our hope is to raise \$5Million from Lions Clubs across Canada. To date, 140 presentations have been made to Lions clubs across Canada and more are planned for the next few months. A total of \$1.6 Million has been pledged by Lions from across the country so far and we are excited by this initial outpouring of generosity.
- We are hoping to break ground in the summer of 2023. The process of finalizing building designs and applying for approvals and permits has been a long one but the end is in sight and we are so excited to see our plans come to fruition.

***Fundraising***

- While the capital campaign is a major undertaking, we still need to raise money to support the day to day ongoing operations. Lions play a big part in supporting the school and we are grateful for your ongoing support as both clubs and as individual donors.

***Programs***

- We are still recovering from the impact Covid19 had on reducing the number of dogs we were able to breed and therefore match with clients. However, we are returning to a more normal schedule and hope to match 100 clients with dogs in 2023 - that is an impressive growth of 32% over last year.

***40th anniversary***

We are excited to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> year of operations. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides first opened as a result of the vision and leadership of Lions back in 1983 under the name Canine Vision Canada. Over the past 40 years, we have grown and expanded to include 7 distinct programs and provide support on an annual basis to over 1000 clients across Canada. As Lions, you should all be very proud of the role you have played in making LFCDG a reality to help transform the way so many individuals live their lives with confidence and independence

**BC/Yukon**

I have not had much opportunity to visit any District events as I have not been made aware of them so I am asking the District Governors' to contact me with regard to attending their Spring Conference. I would be happy to coordinate with your District Chairperson. As well, PCC Polly Voon is the Provincial Capital Campaign Coordinator and she would greatly appreciate and opportunity to speak at your conference. Congratulations to District A for their sizable donation raised for the Capital Campaign. Recently, I have received donations from Quesnel Lions and the Kwantlen Park Leos."

**NORTHWEST LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING CENTER REPORT** by PZC Suzanne Gayda, Chairperson:

"Can you believe NWLERC has been in place for 20 years? We reflected on this fact as our lensometers are wearing out.

Our next focus will be to raise enough money (\$20,000) to purchase two new lensometers. We are replacing the carpet in the office due to water damage with a paint product. Additionally, we are looking for leaders to fill roles on the Board. We need a new secretary, facilities head, warehouse manager and another site manager for Thursdays.

The good news is that we are again sending glasses on mission trips. Our amazing volunteers continue to collect, sort, wash, read and bag glasses. A shout out to District B who brought 28 people on a Saturday and made such a difference. Districts C and G have also generated many work parties and we are grateful for their efforts. Our regular volunteers are precious us. Working together we will help the world see one pair of glasses at a time."

**LIONS OF B.C. HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT** by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson, Lyndon and Council Member's, greetings.

This is a short report to let everyone know that both programs, collection of used hearing aids and providing new hear aids are working well. I will provide a full report after our AGM in May.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society have a great awards program for deserving Lions; the Meade Sutherland Fellowship Award for \$500 and the Society Fellowship Award for \$50. Lions clubs can order these for deserving Lions.

My friends we remain deeply grateful for all your help and donations. For more information please contact me at [governor.gahir@gmail.com](mailto:governor.gahir@gmail.com) or Bob Jones at [lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com](mailto:lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com)"

**YOUTH EXCHANGE FOUNDATION REPORT** by Lauren Nowack, President:

"The improvements we have already made for the MD19 Lions Youth Exchange program can be seen by our many outreach/networking opportunities with other clubs in our district, by the new 15-passenger van, and planned leadership training for our exchange students to develop lifelong leaders from our exchange program.

There have also been many great opportunities for professional development, expanding our program by connecting with other International Lions Youth Exchange programs. Our foundation treasurer Tammy Allan traveled to Croatia in 2022, and Lonnie Morgan our committee member will be traveling to Atlanta Georgia later on this year."

**USA / CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT** by PCC Polly Voon, Chairperson:

**"2023 Reno Forum September 21-23, 2023**

We shall be in the Biggest Little City in the World, Reno, for the 47th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum from September 21-23, 2023.



The theme for the Reno Forum is **'Up and Away with Leadership'**, in keeping with the world famous annual Great Balloon Race in Reno.

The Forum will be in THE ROW which is the resort that connects the Silver Legacy, Circus Circus and the Eldorado hotels. There are 4,100 rooms and suites within THE ROW. Considered a city within a city, THE ROW



hosts 25 restaurants, 23 lounges and bars, 11-night spots, a luxury spa and a TopGolf Swing Suite. After a day of learning, honing skills, sharing ideas and building relationships, THE ROW has just what Lions need to rest, relax and rejuvenate.

**Be a Friend of the Forum! You can help the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum fulfill its' mission to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. There are two different levels available to become a Friend of the Forum. Individual Lions, for the sum of \$150.00, and Lions Couples, Lions Clubs, Lions Districts or Lions Multiple Districts can support this fantastic event for \$250.00. Whether you are planning on attending or cannot attend but believe in the event enough to still be a part of it.**

We have four excellent speakers for Reno. Floyd Smith, San Diego's living legend, will share his music and Lion's story during the Thursday Opening Dinner, for Friday lunch we have storyteller Donna Hartley who delivers an inspirational message with a twist of humor and a bit of drama, 2023-24 LCI President Dr. Patti Hill will speak during the Saturday's lunch, and we close out the Forum on Saturday night with Striker Corbin, a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist and success coach. The Education Committee under the leadership of our own MD19 PDG Mark Mansell is putting together a lineup of quality facilitators, moderators and seminars in an environment of shared learning, positive power and energy where we can embrace new ideas to uplift our Lions service individually and collectively.

If you have not yet registered to attend the Reno Forum, please consider putting it on your "To Do" list to be completed in the new future. The Early Bird Registration Fees is available at US\$285. The Forum website, [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org), continues to be updated with information on the 2023 Forum. Check it out!"

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Past District Governor Ken Ball, 19-H and seconded by PDG Joyce Stevens, 19-D to accept the Consent Agenda Reports. Motion carried.

*The following District Governors spoke to how their year is going thus far: May Ho, 19-A; Lee Woodard, 19-B and John Budzak, Jr, 19-C.*

## **REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE GIVEN ORALLY**

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT** by Dr. Nancy Messmer and others of the Four Corners Team:



**District Environment Chairpersons: A-Kitty Chiu & Alvina Seid; B-PCC Enoch Rowland; C-VDG Bob Johnson; D-PZC Angus Benedict; E-PDG Kim DiRienz; F-PZC Judy Riggers; G-VDG Leslie Chasse; H-Lion Leo Wang and I-Lion David Haynes**

**Reflecting on Winter Activities and Anticipating Spring.** Lions work throughout the Fall and Winter with service projects including all kinds of recycling, highway cleanups, trail and park cleanups, food redistribution, and many re-use projects like rummage sales. At this time of year, planning begins for Earth Day projects and more. Lions Clubs International focuses us on the Environment Global Service Goal in April.

[WWW.EARTHDAY.ORG](http://WWW.EARTHDAY.ORG) and <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en> websites are great sources of project ideas. Each provides toolkits for volunteers. Environment Chairpersons are ready to assist clubs with ideas.

**Team Building.** Representing all nine districts, one or two District Environment Chairpersons work closely with five Lions serving as MD19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chairperson Lyndon Harriman, PCC John Moralek or PCC AI Hedstrom. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at noon and invite interested Lions to join us. Our team increases in size and scope as we are joined by Lions from throughout our MD and from across the continent.

**Environment Team Facebook Page and Evening Presentations.** District G Environment Chairperson, VDG Leslie Chasse, hosts a Facebook page to connect Lions as an active environment team. Active, helpful Facebook pages require lots of participation. **Join us at** <https://www.facebook.com/Lions-MD19-Environmental-Committee-103269998770756>.

The MD19 Environment Team and the District C Environment Team are hosting evening talks on Zoom. Our goal is to reach Lions and other community members with a variety of presentations that feature Lions at Work for the environment, or information about specific environment issues. The District C Environment Team is offering Climate Summits every other month, including the recent January 19 Summit on the Airport Issue in Pierce and Thurston Counties. They are planning Summits in March and May 2023. The MD19 Team is filling in the calendar with evening environment talks, including a workshop on Repurposing with PZC Angus Benedict on April 25. Watch the MD19 website for monthly information about dates and times.  
<https://lionsmd19.org>

**As the Environment Chairpersons circulate through our districts, speaking to Lions, scanning MyLion, Facebook pages and websites, these are some of the projects we see:**



Left: Camas Lions Partner with Eat Well Camas Community garden.  
 Right: DG Steven Wong (19-H) is challenging Lions to plant one million trees in 10 years and to nurture them until fully grown.

Lions caring for environment – Community services transcending generations



The Lions Legacy Tree Planting Program – District 19H



Vancouver Cathay New Century Lions-Year 18 Tree Chipping-Yard Sale. The last one Was held 20 years ago, when this group were Leos. (Above far right) Snohomish Lions Bags to Benches.



Goals: <https://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/>

Foundation for Environmental Goals (Steve Lee teaching:) on YouTube (there are seven of these if you're interested. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFmLLzginXM> Take a look. District I Environment Chairperson David Haynes is a trainer. Consult him at [dhaynes922@gmail.com](mailto:dhaynes922@gmail.com) .

**MD19 Environment Chairpersons Call or email. We can assist you with ideas & resources.**

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**NW LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT** by PCC Al Hedstrom, Superintendent: (Oral Report)

We are making progress on the next Institute from 7 through 9 May. The venue is finalized. We have increased our advertising and we have the courseware in place. We're ready. We just need more students. Governors, please, make your districts aware of the advantages of this Institute and encourage attendance.

The team that makes this happen is incredible.

Instructors:

PID Anne Smarsh  
PDG Mark Mansell  
DG Debbie Mansell  
CC Lyn Harriman

Coaches:

Nancy Messmer  
PDG Tom Smarsh

MD GLT: PDG Sharon Sikes

PR:

Nancy Messmer  
PDGs Dave & Crystal Walk

Treasurer: PZC Art Weatherly

Registrar: PDG Dave Risley

Asst Supt: PDG Wanda Eddy

Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND REPORT** by Colette Arvidson, Secretary:

"The purpose of our report is three-fold:

1. Encourage District participation on KOTB of at-large members of the Committee (eligibility is open to active Lions & Leos of MD19).
2. Respectfully request appointment of two KOTB Reps by District Governor (when possible), and consideration of one Cabinet position or method of regular reports to the Cabinet, as two districts have done. If no KOTB District Rep is appointed by the District Governor by July 15 of their term, the KOTB Chairperson will be responsible to identify 2 Reps for the District.
3. To provide a brief update of activities to date and the key project in progress, *Grandpa's White Cane* book. **See how you can make a difference!**

As we prepare for the coming year, we have elected PZC Bill Scholl as Chairperson of the Committee, with other officers continuing - Danette Dixon as Vice-Chairperson, and Colette Arvidson as Secretary. Our most important challenge for the committee is participation/membership. At this time, we have KOTB members who reside in seven of the current nine Districts, none in D and I. Under the redistricting we have members in four of the five Districts, but none in the new District I. While the majority of Committee members are to be blind or visually impaired, the only positions required to be visually impaired are the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Currently over 90% of our 23 members are visually impaired.

Members of our Committee, along with other local Lions have joined us in presentations at a number of clubs, zone, District meetings and conventions, and community/membership outreach at the annual Washington Council of the Blind Convention and WCB local chapters, and the October 15<sup>th</sup> White Cane Awareness Day Walk in Seattle. Clubs have joined us in activities accessible for the blind including a fishing Derby, Santa Holiday party, and Spring Egg Hunts. A copy of our KOTB brochure including resources for visually impaired in both Canada and the USA is available, and a website and Facebook page are in the works. Meanwhile, refer to the links in this report for people interested in joining in this renewed vision: **Continuing Helen Keller's Challenge – Lions Empowering Blind Abilities through Access, Inclusiveness and Technology!**

In February we kicked off a project in conjunction with the authors of a children's book published with the support of Lions in Spearfish South Dakota, *Grandpa's White Cane*. The purpose of this project is to increase knowledge and awareness of the use and meaning of the white cane as a tool and symbol of Independence

Mobility and Safety, through Lions contacts with schools and other youth groups. We look forward to working with Lions Clubs throughout MD19.

For more details on KOTB or becoming part of this exciting project, see the links at the end of the report or join us at the monthly KOTB Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, or at the Grandpa's White Cane Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. **The ZOOM connection is the same for both: Meeting ID: 862 5021 3577; Passcode: 223596**

Bill School and Colette Arvidson will also be guest instructors on KOTB & GWC at PCC Al Hedstrom's District N Training Session on March 14, 7 PM on ZOOM. RSVP to Al for this event at [LionAl@Hedstrom.ws](mailto:LionAl@Hedstrom.ws).

### KOTB Links

KOTB Brochure: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a7lx1canv6c8szs/AAAcRaKOIJOvRYkeuJu9Lc0Ra?dl=0>

GWC Materials: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/w2fstlxrlodujf7/AAA2h8wDK0wajlPsFb\\_5k7U6a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/w2fstlxrlodujf7/AAA2h8wDK0wajlPsFb_5k7U6a?dl=0)

- Invitation for Lions Club to participate in Grandpa's White Cane(GWC) and other Outreach projects, including KOTB Trivia
- Video Introduction to first GWC Classroom Presentation
- One Student's Experience after GWC Classroom Presentation
- Sample letter to schools and youth
- GWC Materials order form

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### LCIF – US REPORT by PDG Jan Weatherly, Chairperson:

"GIVING IS SERVING and we surely did that last week with a \$200,000 disaster grant to Turkey and Syria. In less than a moment's notice WE all rose to the need through the strength of our Foundation. This would not be possible without grateful contributions from our clubs and you personally, Thank you so much!

We sit over seven months into the Lions year so let's take a look at our MD19 progress on giving so that we always can respond to those huge devastating events and the grant requests received.

- **Club donations** are heavily engrained as a part of our club obligation---at whatever level the club chooses to afford. Yet, not all clubs give to LCIF each year.

So far 71 clubs have donated to LCIF. These are just the US clubs of which there are 214 in Washington and Idaho. Leaders, it is time to make a personal call to your clubs to send that donation. Enlist the help of your district LCIF Coordinator, put a nudge in your newsletter and recognize clubs for giving at your upcoming convention.

- **Personal donations** ...now we are getting personal. We all get asked on a weekly basis to give money to something. And I bet you respond to some of them. But have you responded to your own Foundation?

Now here is a clear message for all of us: Less than 100 Lions in all of MD19 have donated to LCIF. That is out of 9430 MD19 Lions!



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION** GIVING = SERVICE

Lions give their Time – Talent – Treasure

Think about how you give to others through Lions

No question:

Lions personally give their time in service to others

Lions personally give their talent in service to others

Lions personally give their treasure in service to others?

But do they really? Did you know less than 100 Lions in MD19 personally give of their own treasure to LCIF?

Giving is Service!

Think about how you can give to

Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Can you check off all 3 ways?

✓ Your club donates annually to LCIF to serve others - locally and worldwide

✓ You donate to LCIF on a regular basis - preferably monthly

Scan the QRCode and Just hit that donate button on the LCI website

✓ You leave a gift to LCIF in your estate planning

- No question that the need for help at the local and international level continues to grow. And don't we want LCI to continue as the largest humanitarian service organization in the world? We can keep our Foundation robust by checking off all three levels above!

**SPRING INTO ACTION!** (Before you forget)



It is so easy to make that donation on a regular basis by tapping the DONATE button found all over the LCI and LCIF websites. You need your member number; club number and credit card number THEN decide how much you want to give. I encourage you to donate on a monthly basis, at whatever level is comfortable for you. And hopefully it is more than what you pay Netflix or Spotify, on a monthly basis!!!! Here, use this QR code below to get to our LCI website now. You only need to donate once and mark it monthly...it is truly the gift that keeps on giving!

**MD19 LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT** by PDG Patty Allen-White, President:

"It's great to represent the MD19 Lions Foundation. Our new year has just begun because we operate on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year. We have recently elected our new officers and it is a pleasure to announce that our new Vice President is PCC J.D. Nellor.

Our Foundation supports service and leadership programs within both Lion and non-Lion organizations. Last year, the Foundation assisted Boys and Girls clubs in 8 of our current 9 districts as well as assisting those attending the NW Lions Leadership Institute in White Rock, B.C. In this new calendar year, we have voted to assist our MD19 Lions Youth Exchange Program (YEP) Foundation in their efforts to create a very attractive mobile marketing tool by 'wrapping' the van they have purchased to transport the visiting young people who will be attending two YEP Camps in our Multiple District. This 'Wrap' will attract attention to the amazing YEP program sponsored by Lions Clubs International and MD19 Lions. At the camps the students will practice their leadership skills and create international relationships with students who live sometimes on opposite side of the globe. These are your foundation's dollars hard at work. This is important stuff!

Our most pressing need right now is finding representatives from each of our districts on the Foundation board. We currently have four and we need six more. Starting July 1, 2023, we have the five districts and the foundation's goal is to have two representatives from each of these five districts. We are in the process of filling those positions right now.

**District representatives are chosen by the individual district cabinets.** The qualifications for serving on the Foundation are being a Lion in good standing in a Lions Club in good standing. We ask that the Representatives be available to participate in three meetings (two on Zoom and one face-to-face) and bring information to the foundation and back to the district. I have been calling the current Governors and incoming Governors encouraging them to select these representatives at their next Cabinet Meetings. The terms are two years on a revolving basis. In this transition period the revolving part of the terms will be sorted out once the representatives are selected and on board.

Thank you for taking the time to read our report and for your support in providing district representatives. Lions and its foundations are going to make it through this transition period, and we are going to survive and thrive."

*The following District Governors spoke to how their year is going thus far: Debbie Allan, 19-D; Harry Lippincott, 19-E and Melissa Smith, 19-F.*

**MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT** by PDG Brian Ross, Chairperson:

"Members of the Council of Governors', and distinguished Lions all,

The Evaluation Committee still has not been able to meet in person or zoom due to many circumstances. A survey was sent to the seated DG's with only four returning questionnaires. They have not been sent to the rest of the committee at this time.

Talking with the Executive Director we feel that a complete evaluation can be addressed at the Spring meeting of the COG."

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

**1. 'Amend the Policy Manual to read for all Standing Committees: All Standing Committees, in addition to one member from each of the five (5) districts, shall have a chairperson appointed by the**

**Council Chairperson-Elect. Additional non-voting members may be added to the committees by the Council Chairperson-Elect.**

**2. Amend the Policy Manual any place that they refer to the 'Fall MD conference or convention' to 'MD 19 Annual Convention'.**

**3. Amend the Policy Manual, Chapter 4: Committees and Other Appointments, Standing Committees, Annual Convention Committee 3) to read: Chairperson: The MD19 Annual Convention Chairperson shall be nominated by the Convention Director the officers of the Host Lions Club, and the Executive Director. AND 9) to read: Oversee and instruct Host Lions from the Host Club, and other Lions clubs or lions if involved,....**

**Reason: The Annual Convention might not be hosted by a Lions Club, but by a group of Lions.**

**4. Amend the Policy Manual, Chapter 6, Conventions, MD19 Annual Convention: K., Room rates and facility.....Change the September 1<sup>st</sup> date to 60 days prior to the Convention. AND V., Certification and Election Committee, change 16) Hours, Saturday, 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 2 PM – 4 PM if additional voting is required AND, District Conventions, Section I, delete as it no longer is applicable.**

**5. Amend the Policy Manual, Chapter 8, Multiple District Administrations, Vice Council Chairperson, 7): Change "Spring Council Meeting" to Annual Convention of MD19.**

**6. Amend the Policy Manual, Chapter 4, Committees and other Appointments, Budget and Finance Committee, B. Composition: The Budget and Finance Committee shall consist of the Council Chairperson (ex-officio member), Vice Council Chairperson, Executive Director and ~~nine (9)~~ five (5) appointed members, one (1) serving from each of MD19 ~~nine (9)~~ five (5) Districts and a Chairperson appointed by the Council Chairperson Elect. Additional non-voting members may be added to the committee by the Council Chairperson Elect."**

**MOTION** A motion was made by PDG Joyce Stevens, 19-D and seconded by DG Melissa Smith, 19-F to approve the Policy Manual changes as shown above. Motion approved.

**INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION & RELATIONS REPORT** by PID Allan Hunt, Chairperson:

"Lions International is transitioning the webhost to a new platform called 'Salesforce'

The transition is scheduled for the first week of July 2023. In preparation we need to ensure that all information filed on MyLCI is correct. Each Lion needs to have their own personal email address, preferably not a business address. Phone numbers and birthdates are apparently critical issues as well. Be alert for this change coming and be open to things changing. Salesforce has a great reputation with those who use in for other purposes.

MD19 Delegation Hotel is the Boston Marriott Copley Place. Registration is currently \$250 USD until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Planning is under way for a great convention welcoming Patti Hill in as our next International President. There will be special banners to carry during the Parade. For the Lions of MD19's information, as President, Patti will be in MD19 three times, two special events and in March 2024 the spring International Board Meeting in Vancouver, BC.

Remember that our International Dues increase by \$3 annually on July1st. We need to pay attention to having club account balances looked after on a timely basis. We do not need to have clubs put into Financial Suspension and possibly Cancellation simply because of an overdue account."

**MD19 2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION – PENTICTON B.C. REPORT** by Bob Elliott, Chairperson:

"The convention, the first in-person one in three years, was very successful; unfortunately, not as many Lions attended as was hoped (only 250 registered) and no Leos registered. We had actually thought there might be as many as 400 attending.

Regardless, things went very smoothly thanks to the location, the Lakeside Hotel and Conference Center, and the A/V supplier - SW Event Technologies. The hotel also made directional signs and daily session signs for

each of the meeting rooms. The catering staff was very responsive to all our needs, including suggesting and supplying Kleenex for the Memorial Service. The food was excellent, and the catering staff pivoted when needed to help with a couple of special meal requests.

There were 15 vendor/association/pin trader tables set up and they were located close to registration and in the hallway leading to the room where the meals were served.

The Penticton Lions Service Project, 'Backpacks for the Homeless' resulted in 50 completed backpacks. Many thanks to those Lions who participated in the project and the clubs that supplied some of the contents, and even some of the backpacks that were filled.

The raffle/silent auction room was located close to Registration and the breakout rooms. Our thanks for the many wonderful items donated by the clubs. Thanks also to Connie Robson and the Kamloops Paddlewheelers, for volunteering to staff this room. The income was \$4,400.00 CDN.

Port Coquitlam Lions ran their famous Lottery Tie Raffle at lunch on Friday and raised \$1,007.00 CDN.

At the Friday Dinner and Fun Night (Mardi Gras theme) there were many amazing costumes, and the DJ was tuned in to the music people liked, and helped us all 'Celebrate Good Times' ... being back together.

After the Saturday Dinner there was a games night and attendees enjoyed 'Rocks & Rings' (curling), Texas Hold 'Em Poker, 'horse racing' and 'jeopardy' ... all in good fun.

Optional events were not well attended but those who took in the Wine Tour and Pub Crawl said they had a great time and it was a great experience.

Unfortunately, the lower than expected attendance resulted in a net loss of about \$6,130.00. Had we had another 50 attendees, we would have broken even and maybe even made a little profit.

We had a debriefing Zoom call on October 21, 2022 and there was lots of excitement and praise for a job well done. We also learned some things moving forward including better and more timely communication and use of the DG's to get the message out. These have been documented by PDG Sharon Sikes.

On behalf of the Penticton Lions and the clubs in D9 and in District D, we were honored to host the convention.

Margaret and myself leave you with this final thought, 'Don't Cry Because It Is Over ... Smile Because It Happened'."

**BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT** by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson:

"No financial report is available to the CoGs for the six months ending December 31, 2022 as all the raw data has not been entered into the accounting software. It is anticipated this will be completed in the near future. At that time, upon review, financial statements can be issued.

At the MD19 Annual Convention held in Penticton B.C., members of the Budget and Finance Committee met for a short meeting. Two budget and finance issues were discussed. It was decided that these issues needed to be addressed further by the Council of Governors.

**ISSUE 1:** Lack of timely received financial statements (numbers) by MD19 to the Budget and Finance Committee in order properly complete the annual budget presented at the Spring conference and the revised budget presented at the Winter conference (As required per the Policy Manual, Budget and Finance, Chapter 2. Section 2.) Furthermore, per the Policy Manual, Budget and Finance, Chapter 2, Section 9, The MD19 Executive Director shall send out a Standard of Accountant's Compilation of the MD19 accounting records for the preceding year (year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>) no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and mailed out to all members of the Council and all members of the Budget and Finance Committee. Because the data input of financial transactions is not being done on a timely base, The Budget and Finance Committee is struggling to get the necessary financial data to perform their duties as required by

the policy manual. It does the Council no good to have us guess as what the numbers should be. To operate that way is not in our genes.

To provide the necessary financial records to the Budget and Finance Committee to do the budgets MD19 needs the resource to input the financial data and provide the outside accountant the required records on a timely basis. This has not been the case since I took over the Chair of this committee, July 1, 2021. The issue is that MD19 office does not have the time, based on the number of employees, to perform these duties. In the past Forrest, a part time employee, assisted in these duties. He was let go in downsizing and nobody since has been hired to replace him. ED Peter and his administrative assistant, Michele are already performing other necessary MD19 duties. Furthermore, I believe they were not hired to be bookkeepers.

The Committee feels that hiring an outside bookkeeper to come in and perform the necessary data entry is a possible solution. How many hours that would take on a weekly basis would have to be discussed with the Executive Director. As this issue is in the preliminary stage, I have not discussed it with Peter in depth. And of course, another issue is how to pay for this. With declining membership dues, that will be a challenge.

**ISSUE 2:** Why are Canadian Zone Chairpersons being reimbursed in US Dollars? Under Chapter 11, Rules of Audit, Section B and C. Hotel allowance is US \$60 to be increased to US \$75 effective July 1, 2023. Mileage is US \$.35 to be increased to US \$.50 effective July 1, 2023. Allowance for both will be paid in US Funds. Mileage for Canadians can be calculated by multiplying kilometers by .621.

Currently the MD19 office is paying out these reimbursements as required by the Rules of Audit. All in US Funds. Since we already have a bank account in Canada, if we had a reimbursement rate in Canadian dollars for these items it would save a step in having to always transfer money from the Canadian bank to the US Bank and write the checks for reimbursements. Dues are paid in Canadian dollars, why not reimbursements? Furthermore, it may save us on the conversion rate as the US Dollar continues to strength against the Canadian Dollar. The actual rate would need to be determine and reviewed on a periodic basis as is the current US rate.

Executive Director Peter Anderson expressed to me that the past annual convention held in Penticton incurred a loss of around \$6,000. This was due mainly to lower than average attendance by the members and the cost of the complimentary rooms and meals given to various individuals attending. It is suggested that for the upcoming convention to be held this fall in Surrey B.C. the convention committee highly promotes the venue to attract more participants and to review if all complimentary perks are justifiable."

**MOTION:** A motion was made by District Governor Debbie Allan, 19-D and seconded by PDG Joyce Stevens, 19-D for Canadian Zone Chairpersons to be reimbursed in Canadian funds for items that are currently being paid for in US Funds. Motion approved.

**2023 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT** by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

"MD19 is going to Boston' July 7-11 and we hope many MD19 Lions will attend.

Registration is now open, though, unfortunately you have missed the Early Bird deal. The cost is now \$250 US\$. Go to the Lions International website and click on LCICon and it will take you to registration.

For Canadians travelling, make sure your passport is up to date. If you need to renew, do it ASAP as it could take three to four months.

Our MD19 host hotel is the Boston Marriott Copley Place in the 'Back Bay' area. The rate for this hotel is \$252 US\$/night. Let me know if you want a roommate and we will try and put people together so you can save on the rooming costs.

Also, **please advise me or the MD19 office** when you have registered so that we know who is going to Boston. (Only two Lions have done so at this point). LCI will not provide that information to us due to their 'privacy policy'. Please include your email address and your cell phone number so that we can add you to the *WhatsApp* list for communicating and to ensure that we can get the necessary information to you.



We have created a Facebook page '*MD19 is going to Boston*' so please search it out and 'like' it so you can keep up to date with things to do, places to eat and general information about Boston.

Register Now!

Please contact me with any questions or requests....

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Uniform for the parade (we will be nearer to the front) is the lime green MD19 shirts (available both in Canada and in the U.S.), beige pants, shorts or skirts. If needed, Lime green hats (for that sunny weather) can be found on Amazon. Get in touch with Peter if you need a shirt or contact PZC George Sim, if you are in Canada. A Boston patch, for your shirt sleeve will be available at the Convention. They can be purchased for \$5.00.

**Meeting recessed at 10.22 AM**  
**Meeting resumed at 10:30 AM**

### **DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS**

**LEADERSHIP REPORT** by PDG Sharon Sikes, GLT:

#### **"MD19 Goals of forward progress & DG Support = LEADERSHIP"**

1. Weekly Information Meetings with DGEs -Discussion Required – When to start??? To start Monday, March 6
  - a. Discussion occurred and agreement was reached on the weekly session for DGE & Vice District Governor sessions with CC Steve Noble and PID Allan Hunt
  - b. Start date will be March 6
  - c. Time will be from 4:00-5:00
  - d. Attendance is HIGHLY recommended for each session
  - e. Initially, the sessions will be recorded.
2. Annual Leadership Training (see attached scheduled dates)
  - a. See separate handout titled 'Key Dates for DGE & VDG'
  - b. ACTION (Sharon) Add the 2023 MD19 Convention dates to the list
3. New Platform Informational Training (May/June/July 2023 – Exact dates to be published later)
4. 2023 NWLLI Institute (Al Hedstrom, Superintendent) – May 4-7. Last day to register is April 1, 2023
5. 2024 NWLLI Institute (Wanda Eddy, Superintendent) – Dates Not Available Yet
6. FDI Offering within MD19 (2024 at the earliest) – We are acquiring information from the team who put on an FDI session in California, December 2022. At this time, no decision has been made as to 'IF' or 'WHEN' we will try to offer a three-day FDI training session in MD19.
7. Leadership Growth: Succession Planning, Guiding Lions (End of CY 4Q 2023/ CY 1Q 2024)
  - a. Succession Planning (Nov 2023 for Zone Chairperson's & DG/VDGs. Candidacy paperwork due to MD19 office December 31).
  - b. Succession Planning for Club Officers to be offered in Jan or Feb to prepare future club officers for Spring elections

#### **MD19 Goals of forward progress & DG Support = MEMBERSHIP**

1. Eric's USA/Canadian Video Presentation (Growing Your Club Membership)
  - a. Monthly Member Meetings = 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of Every Month beginning March 4, 8:00-9:00
  - b. Attendees: Club Membership Chairs and Club Presidents, initially. Any club member is welcome to attend.
  - c. Purpose: 'Roadmap for Membership Series'. How do we make this work for club growth & membership?
2. Global Membership Approach Train the Trainer on Global Membership Approach to work with clubs
3. (Coaching & Mentoring)
  - a. 3–5-year Global Membership Approach strategic plan
  - b. MD19 Strategic Planning Team (John Kirry, Committee Chair)
  - c. Work with Districts/Zones/Clubs to identify leaders to become Global Membership Approach leader

- d. trainers to go into Clubs to help them use/implement the Global Membership Approach process

### **MD19 Goals of forward progress & DG Support = SERVICE**

1. Training to Improve Secretary/Service Report of Service Activities
  - a. Peggy brought up statistic that club secretaries/service chair do not know how and/or actually capture member service contributions
  - b. Request that MD19 club officer training put a greater emphasis on this need.
  - c. Bigger challenge is to get these club officers to actually attend one of the upcoming club officer trainings in June, July, and August
  - d. ACTION: Sharon to evaluate/change current training info being shared with members
2. Reporting Service on New Platform – We need to improve monthly reporting. Why Report?
  - a. We need to increase our service reporting to qualify for external benevolent contributions
3. CCE Steve Noble goal for 2023-2024 Lion's year. Have the clubs partnering with at least one other community organization; sharing involvement in service projects.

### **2023-2024 UPCOMING LEADERSHIP KEY DATES**

(as of 02.20.23)

**January:** 28: MD19 Goal Setting Meeting, ZOOM, 10:00-12:30

#### **February**

- 6-10: DGE Training, St. Charles, IL
- 17-18: Winter Council of Governors Meeting, ZOOM

#### **March**

- 4: Membership Zoom Call (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month; Starting March 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-9:00am). Meeting to be facilitated by MD19 GMT Eric Miura
- 6: Weekly (Mondays) DGE/CDG Zoom Calls (starting March 6, 4:00pm-5:00pm), to continue until group determines to stop. Meeting to be facilitated by CCE Steve Noble & PID Allan Hunt)
- 24-25: District H Conference

#### **April**

- 14-15: District I Convention
- 14-15: District C Convention
- 21-22: District E Convention
- 28-29: District A Convention
- 28-29: District D Convention

#### **May**

- 4-7: NW Lions Leadership Institute, Ross Point Convention Center, Post Falls, ID
- 6: District F Convention
- 12-13: District G Convention
- 20: District B Convention

#### **June**

- 2-3 (Fri/Sat): Zone Chair, DGE/VDGE/GAT Training, **ZOOM** (Registration Required)
  - Friday (6/2) – 5:00-9:00
  - Saturday (6/3) – 8:30-12:30
- 4 (Sun): LCIF Tell-a-Thon, ZOOM, 8:00-4:00 PST (Registration Required)
- 10 (Sat): 1<sup>st</sup> Club Office Training, **ZOOM**, 9:00-1:00 (FREE Registration Required)
- 16-17 (Fri/Sat): Spring Council of Governors Meeting, IN PERSON – Pasco Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

#### **July**

- 6-9: International Lions Club Convention, Boston, MA (Registration Required)
- 27 (THURSDAY): 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Office Training, **ZOOM**, 5:30-9:30 (Registration Required)

#### **August**

- 26 (Sat): 3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Club Officer Training, **ZOOM**, 9:00-1:00 (Registration Required)

#### **September**

- 21-23: USA/Canada Leadership Forum, IN PERSON, Reno, NV

#### **October**

- 12-14: MD19 Annual Convention, IN PERSON, Surrey, BC

#### **November**

- TBD (90 min): ZOOM - Succession Planning for ZC/DGE/VDGE/GAT (90 Minutes) (Prior to December 31 completed application filing)

#### **January**

- TBD (4 hours): ZOOM - Guiding Lions Training (4 hours)

#### **February**

- TBE (90 min): Succession Planning for Clubs & Potential Club officers (prior to Mar/Apr elections)"

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** by Eric Miura, Chairperson (GMT): (Oral Report)

Oral report can be heard on Zoom recording of Council of Governors' Meeting of February 18, 2023 on the MD19 Lions website: lionsmd19.org.

#### **SERVICE REPORT** by PDG Peggy Harriman, (GST):

"We are over halfway through the year, and I want to remind you that the GMA Committee came out with two goals relating to service this year. One of the goals is to support districts in their individual goals regarding clubs reporting service. At this time, District G is the only district that has met its goal of 78% of its clubs reporting service.

I want to congratulate District G on meeting its goal and encourage all district governors to continue to meet your service goal or adjust your goal in the area of service.

Getting clubs to report may mean emailing and/or calling the club president and secretary. As a PDG, I can tell you that there were some secretaries who simply forgot to report, or they did not finish the process by pressing enter. Those who forgot to turn in their report or to finish the process seemed grateful for the reminder.

The second goal, which should be completed by April 1, 2023, stated that 50% of MD19 clubs will have partnered with at least one service or other community organization to develop and perform a service project.

Because the goals were not adopted by the council of governors in October, I sent out the goals via email to all of the district governors. I recall getting little to no response, and that's okay. I also did not press the issue or impose the action plan deadlines; however, I am hopeful that you continue to strive to meet the goals, and that the 2023-24 council of governors will strive to meet these goals next year should they remain unchanged.

In case you were unaware and since I did not add this to last month's report, you should know that February is Childhood Cancer Awareness month."

*The following District Governors spoke to how their year is going thus far: Debbie Mansell, 19-G; Steven Wong, 19-H and Lia Marie Versaevel, 19-I.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **MD19 PROPERTY LINE REPORT** by PCC JD Nellor (Oral Report)

Oral report can be heard on Zoom recording of Council of Governors' Meeting of February 18, 2023 on the MD19 Lions website: lionsmd19.org.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Memorial Garden Clean Up	May 7, June 11, July 9, August 13	MD19 Office
Club Officer Training (Zoom)	June 10, 9:00-1:00 / July 27, 5:30-9:30 / August 26, 9:00-1:00	
NW Lions Leadership Inst.	May 4-7, 2023	Post Falls, ID
MD19 DGE and ZCE Training (Zoom)	June 2-3, 2023	
Memorial Garden Dedication	August 19: Recognizing 2022-2023	MD19 Office
MD19 Annual Convention	October 12-14, 2023	Surrey, B.C.

Meeting Adjourned at 12.04 PM