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Multiple District Four

CALIFORNIA LIONS



Council of Governors
Mid-Winter Meeting Minutes
June 10-12, 2022
San Jose, California

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Council of Governors Joint Meeting – San Jose, California

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CALL TO ORDER: Council Chair Linda Pugliese called the meeting to order.

District Governor Dr August Jun Valera 4-C4 gave the invocation.

District Governor Trudy Nodohara 4-L1 led the Pledge

INTRODUCTIONS: CC Linda established protocol.

CC Linda Pugliese called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Organizational Council of Governors meeting in Irvine. As presented with the corrections that were submitted via email.

LCI UPDATE:

ID Ken Ibarra

ID Ken Ibarra greeted the assembly and expressed his sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic and how the last two years have been challenging.

Some key issues of interest included:

- Board of Directors meeting in Kona, Hawaii was attended by 36 of the 39 expected.
- LCI is well on the way into the transition of the Salesforce platform and will be technically and user tested to be ready for the 2023 2024 Lions year.
- He encouraged everyone to attend the 104th LCICon in Montreal. The current requirement to enter Canada is through the web or mobile app arrivecan which will require pre-entry test results for those unvaccinated. Those who are fully vaccinated only need proof of vaccination. Arivecan is free and secure and the official platform of the Canadian government.
- The International Convention election will be electronic however only for those in person attendance. On a vote on the ballot will be 17 International directors five from the US, your international and President and Vice Presidents and the dues increase.

Per billing cycle: effective July 1, 2023, from \$21.50 to \$23.00 = \$3 total,
effective July 1, 2024, from \$23.00 to 24.00 = \$2 total,
effective July 1, 2025, \$24.00 to \$25.00 = \$2 total.

- The Board approved the Lions International strategic plan that combined the goals and initiatives of LCI and LCIF with the revised mission statement to empower Lions Clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing strengthen communities and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that can impact lives globally and encourage peace international understanding.
- Although we will still be referred to as Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation, the world will know us as Lions International.
- Encourage new and ongoing donations to LCI to support the final days of campaign 100. \$5 million has been donated two LCIF for the refugee and displaced persons.
- MD 4 leads the way with membership growth in constitutional area one. We started the year with 17,626 members. We are currently at 18,526 members.

MD-4 FINANCIAL & OFFICE Cass Cara, Executive Administrator

- The club dues aging reports are in the bluebooks.

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- The California Lionism Awards Program needs a Master of Ceremonies and nominations need to be submitted before November.
- Submissions for the MD4 Excellence Awards are decided by the district cabinets.
- Student Speakers Packets must be ordered online by October 1, to avoid the \$25 fee.
- Scrapbooks entries need to be brought to the Organizational meeting in Irvine for judging.
- The window bars on the office windows need sanding and paint.
- There are a number of programs that can be used in administration that can be discussed.
- Before making changes a plan with an end goal must be developed and discussed.
- EA asked everyone to stop talking about her.

MOTION: District Governor Allen King 4-C6, moved to approve the minutes of the 2022 Mid-winter Council of Governors meeting as presented.

Seconded: Fred Caldera 4-L5.

PASSED

MOTION: District Governor Allen King 4-C6, moved to approve the 2022-2023 Calendar.

Seconded: DG Mike McBain 4-A3.

PASSED

MOTION: District Governor Jennifer Mendoza 4-L6, moved to approve the Joint Council of Governors meeting venue to be held June 9-11, 2023 at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley Hotel.

Seconded: DG Donna Prince 4-C5.

PASSED

• **LCIF MD4 Coordinator**

PCC Roger's updates:

- PCC Roger recognized the district coordinators.
- MD four leads constitutional area one which is the United States. We have 83 model clubs more than anybody else. The nearest to us is 30. Something we have donated since the beginning of campaign 100 or \$4.4 million.
- This year, the last report that I've seen, that comes out of LCI since July 1 of last year, in cash checks and credit cards for multiple district for over \$1 billion.
- The campaign raised \$300 million.
- PCC Roger presented a 6-diamond Award to PCC Claudia Miller.

CLF

PCC Bob Stewart

PCC Bob reiterated that the California Lions Foundation's purpose is to fill in the gaps and provide needed services to Lions Clubs, financial services to Lons.

- The incoming 2nd VDGs will be members of the corporation and there are 45 total members.
- The 15 District Governors will choice one to be the director.
- He indicated that there are 15 members of the board and the governors are the owners of the corporation.
- A fundraising event last year in the wine tasting and auction raised over \$7,000.
- Since I last reported to you in San Diego, in February, we've given out almost 30, we will achieve or exceed 30 grants either matching or individual environmental theme grants just since February, that's 30 clubs who have more money to give directly to those in need in their local communities.

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- They are making more money than we are giving out; February financials were 476,000.
- given out since last July over 30 KK Fukushima fellowships plaques
- They \$1000 drawing went to 4-C4 Venicia
- 20% of our income this year was the corporation It's and other foundations

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- SSF:** PDG Chris Ohrmund, President
- Today's winner of the Student Speakers contest will receive an additional \$10,000.
 - \$103,500 each year in scholarships
 - \$427,000 783 reserved for the 77 students that are on our books
 - Students have seven years to use the funds won
 - Some of the students use their funds for their master's programs
 - At the end of May we had received donations of \$62,000 for towards the scholarships
 - The foundation does not have overhead
 - When you're on picking someone to be a student speaker foundation trustee, please fit someone that cares about the program
 - The difference between the contest and the foundation is included in the packet

- LIONS FLOAT INC** PDG Manny Sanchez, President, announced the float won the "Leishman Public Spirit Award" award for the 2022 float.
- The floats are actually in two major sizes, which are the 35 foot and the 55 foot floats
 - The cost of the float went up from \$109,000 to \$121,000
 - The budget is 150,000 which covers buses, hotel rooms, walker, riders.
 - Raffle tickets will be sold.
 - Volunteering to decorate the float counts towards service hours
 - The website host new merchandise
- ID Ken Ibarra added that LCI approved \$75,000
He also announced that PDG Manny was awarded the highest award the Ambassador of Goodwill.

- USA/Canada Leos** PDG Kevin Patel and PDG Jamie Hart
- PDG Jamie pulled tickets for cash which is to help send youth to the forum.
 - She explained the process for raising money for the LEO
 - She needs know how many Leos from MD4 are attending.
 - PDG Keven announced that they raised \$34,000
 - The Sheehans will be in attendance
 - PDG Kevin asked to let him know if a district is chartering a Leo Club
 - Flyers and agenda are on the website
- The Leo Liason Adia delivered an articulate speech.

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- GLT** **PCC Liz Crooke for PDG Norm McDaniel, MD4 Coordinator**
- The Global Leadership District coordinator meetings will continue as last year. A schedule will be going out in July 1 From July through December. There'll be two meetings a month January 2023 through June 30. They'll go to one per month in transition
 - Norm is inviting last year's JLT district coordinators to be present if they choose to.
 - Tentative dates for these are Anaheim, Southern California, January 27, to the 29th 2023 and in Santa Rosa, march 25 to the 27th 2023.
 - And at this time, the cost for attendance will remain the same at \$400 per person
 - PDG Chuck Cassy and PDG Fanny Chu were among the faculty
 - Liz recognized 2VDGs who graduated: Clayton Jolly, Vicky Brady, Cheri Provanca, Daniel Cortez, Jennifer Cho, Dr. Alan Winkelstein, and Leo Williams.
 - First Vice district governor training as required by Lions Clubs International will be held as usual the Thursday before the cog in Irvine. So the cog in August, it'll be on August 18
 - The 2VDGs are also invited to attend as we did last year, but know that no reimbursement is available for them, but is for the 1VDGs.
 - 2VDG training is required by Lions Clubs International will be held the day before the November COG if held in person. If it is virtual the date of training will be announced later.
 - The Global Leadership Team is planning on bringing if possible, one or both of the following California of the following California lions in 2020 to 2023: the Faculty Development Institute; The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute
 - Working on supplementing additional leadership training videos for online access to all Lions.
 - Recordings of the Leadership Summits are posted on norms YouTube channel.

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- GMT** **PCC David Radtke, MD4 GMT Coordinator**
- Membership in California has been exceptional
 - Awards were passed out

Recess
SESSION II

Sunday June 12 Reconvened

- GST** **Lion Susan Gall MD4 GST Coordinator**
Lion Susan indicated that PDG Margaret Dunlevy increased reporting by 44%; Nancy Zambrano increased reporting by 50% and they both received awards.

MOTION: **DG John Schroeder 4-L4** Due to the shifting of priorities of funders, the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of Southern California has lost their source of support. They are therefore taking no new applications but are committed to meeting the needs of those who are already approved for services. I therefore move that the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of Southern California be removed as an MD-4 endorsed project as their intentions are to close during the calendar year 2022.
Second by DG Allen King 4-C6.
Passed.

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MOTION: **DG James Varghese, 4-C3** moved to adopt a Lion Liaison to all MD4 endorsed projects and to be updated annually at the time of reporting.
Second by DG Cindy Lemas-Gillespie, 4-C2
Passed

BUDGET & FINANCE: **PDG Steven Picchi, Chair**
PDG Steve indicated the financial review will be completed after the end of the fiscal year July 31, 2022.
The other three committee members were not in attendance.

MOTION **DG John Schroeder 4-C5** Indicated that the prior Council approved a 3% living wage increase for the MD4 staff, but didn't follow up with a motion. He moved to validate the governors decision noting the effective date of 2021-2022 year.
Seconded by DG Mike McBain, 4-A3
PASSED

LONG RANGE PLANNING PDG Linda Wagner Griffin, Chair

- A seminar was held and Scott Newton from Seal Beach Lions made the presentation.
- The committee has begun looking at and plotting the boundaries of the multiple, however we're doing it geographically
- They are looking at the goal of developing and training lions and future leaders
- Lions Clubs International, the global membership approach includes a strategic plan, resources for what needs to be done and how to obtain them.
- The committee is encouraging you to provide an hour at each council meeting to discuss or train on the subject that would benefit Joe and Joanne Lion.
- The final recommendation of the Long Range Planning and Research Committee is for the council to adopt the Lions Clubs International strategic plan: "We are united in our global mission of service. This includes Lions Clubs, international and Lions Clubs International Foundation. We are one and together we can achieve our vision to be the global leader in humanitarian service."
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MD4 CONVENTION MANAGEMENT **Lion Leland Lee for PDG John Ruiz**
The Host report is forthcoming. Lion Leland announced the committee members.

- The convention in 2023 will be held in San Jose at the DoubleTree Hilton

INTL CON HOSPITALITY **PDG Esther Lee for PDG Alberto Montes De Oca Chair**

- The LCI convention is being held in Montreal.
- The venue for the MD4 event will be at the convention center, 7th floor, Marquis and Terrace.
- The event will offer a breakfast to enable a more affordable choice.
- The doors will open at 6:45
- The cost is \$15 through TicketSpice, no sales at the door.
- The delegation will assemble and step off number is 97. A 5 min walk from the hotel

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- DG Bhong modeled the uniform shirt, black pants and shoes.
- Pins are for sale for \$1.50

DG John indicated that the Constitution and Bylaws wanted him to reread and have another vote to approve the motion of 3% raise to Executive Administrator effective July 1, 2021. Seconded again by DG Mike McBain. PASSED.

- USA Canada Forum** PDG Linda Griffin announced the forum will be in Reno. She asked the governors to supply her with one person to meet on Zoom with the Host committee.
- She is asking for the \$1,500 sponsorship from each district.
 - They are looking into having a booth at LCICon Boston and needs volunteers.
 - 80 Lions have already signed up to attend the Calgary forum.
 - Pre registration will begin in Calgary

MOTION

DG Gabby McKechnie 4-A1 The purpose is to establish funding to support the reimbursement of the councils of 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 to attend the Lions International Convention. This is due to the fact that Lions International's convention was cancelled or restricted due to COVID. I move to establish and make funding available in the amount of \$1,025 times 48 governors up to \$48,000, the amount to reimburse the Council of governors to each council member of the Council of 2019-2020, Council 2020-2021, Council 2021-2122 to attend the LCI convention due to the COVID pandemic. This funding needs to be used during the LCI convention 2022 and/or 2023. This will expire, as the rules of reimbursement need to be submitted 30 days after the event. The funds will come from designated reserve

Seconded by DG James Varghese, 4-C3

Discussion

DG Jennifer Mendoza 4-L6 asked if it were either/or. DG Gabby said it is for either, but the CC and IPCC are entitled to two. The previous motion expired. If they don't go to Montreal, they can go to Boston because we believe that the pandemic is still restricting travel for many to Canada this year. We don't think you can use that excuse next year. Some of them are not being let into Canada.

DG Gabby indicated the DGs have responsibilities at the convention.

PASSED

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Lion Perry Lynn for Garrett Becker

- Their goals will also require the support from the district governors and vice district governors.
- Chairs must have some experience with the contest
- That person is in charge of a contest that will award to one student \$4,500 in scholarship, that's a very important contest, because it opens the door for them, where another 16,000 plus dollars in potential scholarship
- The first training will be in the meeting in August at Irvine
- Input for topics are requested
- A second training session will take place at the MD4convention
- Club level must be honored before Friday, December 24.
- The final contest will be in San Diego.

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Committee Appointments

MOTION

DG Karen Crook Area 1 moved to appoint the following to area one,
The Lion Youth Outreach four year term is still vacant. If you have anyone that might be interested, please let us know.
Student's speaker four your term PCC David Johnson 4-C5
Marketing is a two year term vacancy left by the passing of Doug Wight and that placement is Tyler Spencer from 4-C1

Second by DG Gabby, 4-A1

Donna Prince added a clarification that PDG Doug Wight resigned before he passed away.

PASSED

MOTION

DG James 4-C3 Area 2 moved to appoint the following to area two,
Budget and Finance: PDG Bill Ridle 4-C3
Long Range Planning and Research: PDG Larry Hidalgo, 4-C6
Marketing: Gopa Kumar 4-C3

Second by DG Allen, 4-C6

PASSED

MOTION

DG Trudy Nodohara 4-L1 Area 3 moved to appoint the following:
Constitution and Bylaws: PDG Ken Echeberry 4-L1

Second by DG Mike McBain, 4-A3

PASSED

MOTION

DG Jennifer Mendoza 4-L6 Area 4 moved to appoint the following:
Long Range Planning and Research: PDG Eduardo Oviedo 4-L1
Convention Management: Lion Virginia Williams 4-L6
International Convention Hospitality: PDG Kurt Vanderwest 4-L4
Lions Youth Outreach: Lion John Doogan 4-L4
Youth Exchange Program: Lion John Mendoza 4-L6

Second by DG Fred Caldera, 4-L5

PASSED

MOTION

DG Allen King 4-C6 Area 3 moved to appoint the following Special Chairs:

Vision: PDG Norm MacKenzie

Hunger: Lion Eleanor Britter

Peace Poster and Essay: Lion Becky Stewart

Leo Advisor: Lion Melanie Hunter

MD4 Leader Liz Steves

Diabetes Web: Brian Ballard

Campus Clubs: PCC Derek Ledda

Second by DG James, 4-C3

PASSED

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MOTION **DG Allen King 4-C6** Area 3 moved to appoint the following GAT Coordinators for the year 2022 to 2023.
The Global Leadership coordinator is Past District Governor Norm McDaniel
Global Membership Coordinator is PCC David Radtke
Global Service Coordinator, Susan Gall.
Second by DG James, 4-C3
PASSED

MOTION **DG Fred Caldera, 4-L5** moved to appoint outgoing District Governor Trudy Nodohara 4-L1 to the Student Speakers Foundation Board 2022-2023
Second by DG Cindy Lemas-Gillespie, 4-C2
PASSED

HUNGER **Lion Eleanor Britter, Specialist**

- The need for food to those who are suffering this insecurity in California, it continues to grow
- Come on to our podcast, which we do it you will discover exactly what that true insecurity is like.
- Food collections at the council meetings went well and they did make donations to LCI
- Will we have people on the podcast that actually donate to the pantries, they're farmers, their food, just distributors.
- I always had a list of pantries so they can distribute in your area. So just let us know if you want to participate in that.
- The amount of food that we collected in November at the COG was 3000 pounds
- Food donations from Cheetah and Plumpy'Nut Foods for the starving children in Africa.
- Lion Eleanor recognized those who will receive a certificate for their donations.

She held an informal meeting the following evening after dinner at 9:30 for anyone interested.

COP WALK **Lion Vickie Smith**

- The Annual Walk is back to the original first Saturday in April 2022.
- This last walk we have April 2 in for receipt raised \$5,000.
- Raised and been able to donate \$135,000 to the Parkinson's Association of Northern California
- The walk is named COP because PID Bob Smith was a police officer and his motto was "Integrity, A Way Of Life."

Org COG **DG John announced that the meeting will be in Irvine again.**
Same place

GIHW **Lion Eleanor Britter**

- Officers were announced
- Supplies are now being sent in the name of the California Lions MD4
- Plan as to how we will take care of that country for medical and educational needs

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MOTION

DG Donna Prince 4-C5 moved to allocate \$1000 from the DG fund to the CLF in the name of CC Linda. The remaining \$9,000 from the district governor's discretionary funds to go to the USA and Canada form in Reno 2023.

- **Second by Dr. Jun Valera, 4-C4**
 - **PASSED**
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Comment

PCC Derek Ledda from 4-C5 has receive a \$200,000 grant with the President in attendance and asked that the date of the Fall council meeting not conflict with their event.

He hopes to find a resolution.

DGE Beverlee Block of 4-C2 indicated that they are looking at the second weekend in November.

PDG Kevin Patel aske everyone to check their email for a form the Leo USA/Canada Forum and let him know how many Leos they will be sending to the Forum.

CC Linda graciously thanked the council for the gift to CLF. She spoke warmly about the year with the DGs and the EA and presented EA Cass with a gift of wine and DG Allen announced a cash gift from their boot money. Lion Louisa gave Cass a homemade basket and bottle holder of paper weaving.

CC Linda then announced the new Council Chair for 2022-2023 is Karen Crook 4-C1. DG Karen said she is humbled and honored. And boy, it looks different up here. I look forward to working with you. And finding ways to make this coming year the best year that MD-4 has ever had. There's work to do. But I think we're up to the task. And I'm going to do my best to make you proud and to honor all Lions throughout the state. Thank you

CC Linda presented Karen with a CC pin and patch.

ID Ken welcomed Karen as his 19th CC and also recognized CC Linda as his 18th CC and how he remembers Linda and PDG Joe Pugliese and presented Linda with his pin.

CC Linda said let's end this Lions year with the hope of a bright future as the pandemic and the challenges we faced become a distant memory, I hope.

They enjoyed sparkling wine and a toast.

They passed the mic and presented shadowboxes.

CC Linda adjourned the meeting.

Submitted By: Executive Administrator Cass Cara

Approved By: Council Secretary Allen King