

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

October 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom at 9:00 am, followed by the Invocation given by District Governor Orson Christensen, 19-H.

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

I. Council of Governors

Al Hedstrom, Council Chairperson
J.D. Nellor, Past Council Chairperson
John Moralek, Vice Council Chairperson
Allan Hunt, International Director
Peter Anderson, Executive Director
Hans Wong, District Governor, 19-A
Wilma Fernandez, District Governor, 19-B
Donna Murr, District Governor, 19-C
Joe Nilles, District Governor 19-D
Peggy Harriman, District Governor 19-E
Ray Fujiura, District Governor 19-F
Doug Harvey, District Governor, 19-G
Orson Christensen, District Governor 19-H
Jane Beddows, District Governor 19-I
Kenneth Liu, PDG 19-A
Pat Burch, PDG 19-C
Debbie Bostock, PDG 19-D
Frank Bega, PDG 19-E
Ken Allan, PDG 19-F
Steve Staudinger, PDG 19-G
Patty Allen-White, PDG 19-H
Cec Specht, PDG 19-I

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Brien Patton, Budget & Finance
PCC Polly Voon, Canadian Centennial
Patti Easterling, Canada CARE
PDG Steve Patterson, USA CARE
PZC Brian Morin, Contests & Awards
PDG Steve Noble, Elections
PCC Enoch Rowland & Nancy Messmer - Environment
PDG Tom Smarsh - Diabetes
PCC J.D. Nellor, I&T, Parliamentary & Webmaster
PZC George Sim, 2021 International Convention
PID Don Shove, International Relations / Participation
PDG Wanda Eddy, Leadership (GLTC)
PDG Sharon Sikes -Leadership Committee Member
PDG Mark Mansell, NAMI & LCIF – U.S. West
1st VDG Ken Ball, Service (GST)
PDG Cec Specht, LCIF – B.C.
PDG Bob Yeoman, LCIF – U.S. East
PZC Debbie Mansell, Leader Dogs - West
PDG Lyndon Harriman, LEO
PDG Chuck Waid, Governance
PZC Ed Poquette, Strategic Planning
PID Anne Smarsh, USA/Canada Leadership Forum

Foundations & Societies

PCC Surinder Gahir, BC Hearing Society
PZC Pat Bucknell, Lions Project New Hope
PDG Jan Weatherly, NW Lions Leader. Ist.
Bill Lundin, NW Lions Foundation

III. Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests

Colette Arvidson	PDG Gord Graves	PDG Art Ruben
Michele Barrie	Gloria Hardan	PZC Barry Shiles
PCC Al Beddows	James Kinnison	1 st VDG Melissa Smith
1 st VDG Lorne Bunyan	Sally Mayo	1 st VDG Joyce Stevens
Jerdil Castillo	1 st VDG Louis Montes-Gonzales	PDG Crystal Walk
PDG Ken Cook	1 st VDG Marilyn Patterson	PDG David Walk
ZC Mark Costello	ZC Jack Peebles	Robin Woolmer
PDG Marilyn Danby	PID Roger Richert	2 nd VDG Steven Wong
ZC Linda DeRoche	PDG Rosemary Richert	

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Jane Beddows, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Ray Fujiura, 19-F to accept the minutes of the Spring Council of Governors' Meeting, held June 27, 2020 via Zoom as posted. Motion carried.

A moment of silence was held for Zone Chairperson Russ Biggam, 19-F who passed away, Friday, October 9, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

MD19 ROSTER by PDG Cec Specht and VCC John Moralek:

"Council Members, I was asked to provide a report on the current MD19 roster and the possibility of putting the information on the MD19 Website.

I did speak to a few individuals regarding this and this is what I found:

Some members find that the cost outweighs the value. Cost of this year's roster including shipping for 1050 copies was \$5250 with advertising and sponsorships of \$775.

Putting the information on the website would probably require an individual's permission and would be quite an issue with privacy laws that may not be the same in Canada and the US.

I would propose that the roster be redesigned so that the district pages are followed by the clubs in that district. This way each Zone Chairperson, President and Secretary could be sent an email copy of the entire roster that they could store on their computer. They could then print only the information for their districts that they require for their own reference.

Currently we sell around 100 rosters so there are quite a few that are willing to pay to have it. We could do a small printing for the council and for sale for those that want a full printed roster.

This would reduce costs and still make all the information available to those that need it.

I would entertain a motion to that effect so that we can open a discussion."

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Cec Specht, 19-I and seconded by VCC John Moralek to remove from being tabled the motion made at the 2020 Winter Council Meeting, held February 8, 2020 in Bellingham, WA, regarding the MD19 Roster for further discussion. Motion passed.

MOTION: A motion was made by VCC John Moralek and seconded by District Governor Jane Beddows, 19-I to have no more than 500 copies of the 2021-2022 MD19 Rosters printed. Motion passed.

RE-ENDORSEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Orson Christensen, 19-H and seconded by PDG Cec Specht, 19-I to re-endorse the candidates for the following Lions Clubs International Offices for the 2021-2022 Lions Year: PID Fabrício Oliveira for 3rd Vice President; 3rd VP Patti Hill for 2nd Vice President; 2nd VP Brian Sheehan for 1st Vice President and 1st Vice President Doug Alexander for International President. Motion approved.

International Director Allan Hunt spoke to the Canadian Identity Project, where key Lions share with corporations, businesses, other service entities and the Canadian Government what Lions are all about and their mission of service to the community and the world, especially in times of great need. In that, when a disaster comes along, the first organization people will think of is the Lions and not necessarily the Red Cross.

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Debbie Bostock, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Jane Beddows, 19-I for the Council to endorse the Canadian Identity Project. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

ENDORSEMENT OF MD19 TRADING PIN

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Doug Harvey, 19-G and seconded by District Governor Ray Fujiura, 19-F to endorse the pin created by the MD19 Pin Traders as the official 2021 MD19 Trading Pin for the Montreal Lions International Convention. Motion passed.

MD19 MARCHING BAND

Jerdil Castillo, from the Spanaway Lions Club, C-5 and a former Lion Marching Band member from Pennsylvania spoke to the Council on the merits of the Multiple District having its own Marching Band.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Peggy Harriman, 19-E and seconded by District Governor Doug Harvey, 19-G to endorse, support and give approval to use "Multiple District 19" in the name for the Lions Band (Multiple District 19 Lions Marching Band). Motion carried.

KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND by PDG Art Ruben and Committee Members:

“How many clubs in your district have blind or visually impaired members?”

How many clubs in your district have activities for the blind or visually impaired?

How many clubs partner with groups or associations for the blind or visually impaired?

Many of the clubs collect used eyeglasses, help pay for eyeglasses, collect for White Cane Days or provide vision screenings. These are great ways to preserve sight, BUT what about people who have lost their sight? What do clubs in your district do for them?

I am pleased to say that we now have a committee in MD19 whose main mission is to act upon Helen Keller's challenge to be the Knights of the Blind. In fact, we call ourselves the Knights of the Blind Committee. We are made up of blind, visually impaired and sighted members from Washington, northern Idaho and British Columbia. One of our primary goals is to encourage clubs to work with the blind. There are a small number of clubs in MD19 who provide or help sponsor activities or provide technical equipment for the blind or those who have low vision. Some clubs encourage people who are blind or visually impaired to be members, BUT the number of clubs are small. For these reasons the committee was formed.

Our Mission Statement:

To accept, and act upon the Helen Keller challenge made to Lions to become the ‘Knights of The Blind’, which includes the improvement of the quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.

Goals:

1. To actively interact with blind and visually impaired individuals in our local communities and listen to their needs.
2. To partner with organizations of and for the blind and visually impaired.
3. To increase membership and support blind and visually impaired in Lions.
4. To assist where possible to obtain tools, devices, information and services to improve access for the blind and visually impaired.
5. To educate and raise awareness of blindness and visual impairment in our local communities.”

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Doug Harvey, 19-G and seconded by District Governor Peggy Harriman, 19-E for the Council to endorse the Knights of the Blind Committee as an MD19 Committee. Motion approved with three nays.

Meeting Recessed at 10:00 AM

Meeting Resumed at 10:15 AM

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

MD19 BUILDING REPORT by Dan Cantrell, Chairperson:

“The following items have been identified as most critical in the needs of maintaining the MD19 building.

a/	Painting soffits, window frames & trim	Budgeted
	(repairs of rotted window sills not included in estimate)	\$2,200.00 (Completed)
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b/	Repairs to rot damaged sills	\$1,200.00 (Completed)
c/	Repairs to window wells that have failed. (Expect completed by mid-November)	\$1,800.00
d/	Tuck pointing brick mortar on chimney & under Michele's window	\$2,000.00



e/ The building has been painted as part of the above projects.”



CANADIAN LIONS CENTENNIAL REPORT by PCC Polly Voon, Coordinator:

“Lions Clubs first came to Canada in 1920. The 100th Anniversary Celebrations began on July 1, 2019 and will end on the extended date of June 30, 2021. The Lions of Canada are encouraged to celebrate our 100th Anniversary of Canadian Lionism in a variety of ways.

The current status of the Canadian Centennial Campaign is as follows:

- The Centennial Campaign has been extended to June 30, 2021.
- One of the goals of this celebration is to plant 100,000 trees across Canada. To date, approximately 80,000 trees have been planted.
- Matching grants of CAN\$6,500 towards a 100th Anniversary Project are still available to Canadian Districts/Clubs. To date, 12 Districts have applied and received the grant.
- A Lions 2020 Commemorative pin has been created for the occasion.
- An electronic book entitled ‘A History of Lionism in Canada March 12, 1920 to March 12, 2020’ has been released and is available for download by googling ‘History of Lionism in Canada’.

Please report trees planted, Lions Community Centennial Project or any other Centennial Activities on the Club Centennial Activities Report Form and email the report to PID Carl Young (pidcarlyoung@gmail.com) or PID Art Woods (lawoffice@woodsclemens.ca).

Email a note to PCC Polly Voon (polly_voon@telus.net) if you need an electronic copy of the **Lions 2020** brochure emailed to you.”

CARE REPORT by Patti Easterling (Canada) & PDG Steve Patterson (USA), Chairpersons:

“As you are aware this has not been a normal year. Our project in Honduras, Gardens for Healthy Nutrition, had to be re-evaluated due to the Corona Virus. I have just seen the reports from Honduras and I believe they have done a great job in their distribution efforts.

Now we are in our first year in our two years in Haiti. This first year will be fundraising through June 2021 and then we will be putting the funds to work on this project.

With most clubs not meeting and some not even being able to fund raise I know it’s hard to keep asking for money. Though that’s what we’re here to do in order to make this project successful. We need to start talking more about the Gordon F. Smith Fellowship. This is a very prestigious award in the name of a man that was very important to MD19 Lions and began the relationship between CARE and MD19. I call this our ‘pet project’. We need to start showing more pride in supporting our Multiple District Project.

Because so many clubs are not meeting or even fundraising, our efforts in the next few months will be to contact each club in all nine districts to explain the new project and ask for donations. We have sent emails to all Care district chairpersons with details about Project Haiti and its purpose in helping girls between ages ten to 19. We will also be developing a video presentation to assist all of us with our contacts. In addition, we will be asking each to consider Care as a budget item.”

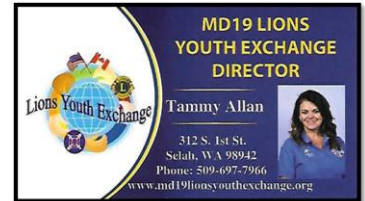
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE by ZC Tammy Allen, Chairperson:

“I find myself currently in limbo with our Youth Exchange for Summer 2021. I know I'm not alone in this feeling, as that's what I hear from the other Directors all over the world.

Our committee was able to get together via Zoom, and we've agreed it's best to put off the decision to participate, until Mid-January for the Summer 2021 season. This extra time will give our committee a better look at what is happening with other Camps and Exchange Programs around the world. The committee this year is looking very good, with three returning chairpersons from Districts A, F and H. We welcome the addition of Carolyn Dufrense, Dist. D; PZC Leonard Parenteau from Dist. E; PZC Debbie Mansell, Dist. G and Sharon Robert, Dist. I. This still leaves a gap in Districts B & C, but hopefully those Governor's will be able to fill these positions soon.

We are still selling those awesome Lion Prints, and accepting donations for our MD19 Foundation to provide scholarship funds for those young travelers within our Multiple District. I have said it before, but I'll say it again, this program is a true gem, and goes overlooked far too often. Please call me at 509-697-7966, if you would like more information or have any questions. Thanks for all you do in spreading the word about this incredible program for the youth in our communities!

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LEADER DOGS REPORT by PDG Carol Whitman (East) & PZC Debbie Mansell (West), Chairpersons:

"The following data reflects the MD 19 Leader Dog donations for the 2019-2020 Lions year.

<u>District</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	\$ 0.00	D	\$4,504.21	G	\$4,396.66
B	\$4,744.18	E	\$6,954.02	H	\$3,500.00
C	\$2,900.00	F	\$3,648.73	I	\$ 56.05
					TOTAL \$31,203.85

Listed below are the MD19 Leader Dog donations for the past five years. Please note, last year's total donation was down by \$5,000.00.

<u>Lions Year</u>	<u>Total MD 19 Donation</u>
2015-2016	\$26,225.30
2016-2017	\$27,521.13
2017-2018	\$40,916.82
2018-2019	\$36,497.16
2019-2020	\$31,203.85

Just like clubs in our multiple district, *Leader Dogs for the Blind* has been seriously impacted by Covid-19. Leader Dogs was ready to accept a new group of clients at the facility when the shutdowns began in March. The clients were called and their training was postponed. The dogs on site that hadn't yet begun training were sent back to the puppy raisers and volunteers. The breeding program was stopped. The non-essential staff worked from home and volunteers were not allowed on site. No guided tours were given at the campus. The gift shop was closed. The good news was that guide dog trainers were able to continue working with the dogs who had already started training.

In July, Leader Dogs was granted permission from Michigan authorities to open again and the first post Covid class graduated in August. There are limits now for the number of clients that can be in training on campus. There are 30 client rooms available and only half of them can be occupied. All training is done at the campus and trips to work in downtown Rochester have been suspended. Just like our clubs, many of the fundraising events that Leader Dogs had planned were cancelled. Leader Dogs depends on supports from Lions Clubs. Please continue to support this organization that was started by Lions over 80 years ago."

LEO CLUBS REPORT by PDG Lyndon Harriman, Chairperson:

"After my appointment as Leo chairperson for MD19, I contacted Past Leo Chairperson PZC Barry Shiles. He was very helpful in facilitating my contacting the Leo clubs in our multiple district. I introduced myself to the local Leo advisors and their clubs via email. It was a heart-warming experience to find out what each local club was working on currently and what successes they have had in the past.

After discussion with Barry, and an examination of the qualifications, I selected Leo Andreas Kamp as my Leo co-chairperson. He has been very excited about this appointment and we have exchanged numerous emails sharing our vision of Leos. Unfortunately, following the difficult conclusion of last school year and a summer Council of

spent in isolation, Andreas has learned his Leo club, the Creston Leos has lost all of their members save for himself. He is in his senior year. With no club to support him and a heavy school load, studying to prepare for university, he is backing away from the position.

Across the boards, every club was struggling with COVID-19 restrictions for meetings and activities. Now that a new school term has begun, many of the clubs have started meeting in person, following social distancing and mask requirements. A few clubs hope to resume several activities as restrictions ease.

Constitutional Area 1 Leos held a virtual meeting/presentation/discussion. I attended and it was very informative. Leos discussed successful fundraising activities and service projects conducted during the last year.

The Leo Chairperson, Ojas Chitnis, has agreed to do a presentation on 'How Leos and Lions can work together' during the MD19 Convention. He also wishes to help chair a panel discussion on Leos, with participating Leos from our district. Both of us are excited about the inclusion of Leos in our MD19 Virtual Convention.

Through contact with 3rd International Vice President Patti Hill, I was able to reach the Leo panel participants from Constitutional Area 2. I invited several to attend our convention with the option to present. Unfortunately, I received little feedback from my inquiries.

I am hopeful we will have many Leos attend our virtual convention. Since the cost is a minimal \$5.00 and can be paid by the sponsoring Lion club, we should have good participation."

LIONESS REPORT by Linda Schaffrick, Chairperson:

"There are now ten Lioness clubs in MD19, with 116 + members. Again, there are a couple of clubs that I have not heard from and I assume they are still operating.

This report is for five months (May – September, 2020)

Once again, things have been much slower for the clubs with many clubs not holding regular meetings. Some clubs have held Zoom meetings while other clubs have managed to have meetings outdoors or at a picnic (all with social distancing). They have also been keeping in touch with each other via email and/or phone. The Lioness are missing being able to get out and do all the projects they normally do.

A brief overview of the some of the service activities for this report: helping at Gospel mission; Freedoms Door; Meals on Wheels and Hospice house. Space burger 'drive through' sale - selling 3800 space burgers in one day. Assisted the Fire Department at a Drive thru breakfast (380 served). Helping to prepare food for shut ins and picking up groceries for seniors unable to go out. Hosting the Cops for Kids. Hours - 395 for this report.

Donations were made to: Boys & Girls club; Cancer; Food Banks; SOS Christmas program; Adult Education program; Fire departments; Soup Kitchen; school lunches; Camp Winfield; Camp Kakhamela; Children's Festival; Ronald McDonald House; Hospice; Community Living; Figure Skating Club; Cops for Kids and the Parks & Rec Sun Fun Day camp.

One club made their donations early so charities can plan for the upcoming year. Donations - \$31,200.00 for this report.

We Serve Too (for a little while longer)"

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

"Lions Quest is being promoted in BC in the following ways:

19I – PZC Lion Michael Stanford, Lions Quest Chairperson:

Working on a Banner Patch Program for levels of donations from Clubs for an LCIF grant in 19-I.

19D – PDG Norma Bent, Lions Quest Chairperson:

Having two 'Do Your Part' Community Workshops this Month. One Saturday, October 24th at 10:00 AM and the other Tuesday, October 27th at 1 pm. Then, in November they will be offered again. A letter has gone out to the teachers that took the workshop last year from the Oliver District to see if there are anymore who would be

interested in the virtual school-based workshop being aired at the times and dates listed below. District 19D has monies available for teachers in our district.

19A – PZC Vivian Lo – Lions Quest Chairperson: Working on putting school-based programs into the University and fundraising within District A. Doing workshops on: 1) Maintenance on Mental Health Awareness for Youth and 2) Techniques for online teaching. Both these workshops are in Chinese. Once these are completed, Vivian will have them available in English.

19H – Lion Nathan Martyn, Lions Quest Chairperson: No Report

19E – no Lions Quest Chairperson at this time. However, the BC Clubs and ZC's have been invited to join the 19D 'Do Your Part' Community Workshops in October and then again in November.

Generally:

A Panel with Executive Director Joanne McQuiggan on 'What the Heck is Lions Quest?' – will be offered at the virtual MD19 Convention November 7, 2020. I invite all that are reading this report to take this panel.

The school-based workshops are being offered on line as well for teachers on the following dates and times across Canada.

Lions Quest Social Emotional Learning K-8 Workshop

October 21, 1 pm EDT or
October 23, 12 pm EDT or
November 3, 2 pm EST or
November 5, 2 pm EST

Please reminder, it is important that the Lions Quest programs, both community and school based, be promoted in our Lions Districts in B.C. to bring positive youth development and '*Make a Difference for Kids*' in all our communities."

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

"I have just recently taken on the position of LCIF MD Coordinator for the Canadian Clubs in Districts A, D, E, H & I and am still getting my feet wet and getting myself in gear. I have tentatively set up a round table discussion with the District Coordinators to discuss Campaign 100 and our goals in relation to the Campaign.

In general, the donations to LCIF are lower this year than this time last year but I am confident we will slowly grow our contribution. I am especially encouraging individual Lions to make LCIF one of their charities of choice now that Canadians can receive a tax receipt for their donation. Hopefully my next report will have more details."

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

"The first three months of fiscal year 2020-2021 has started slow for districts D-E-F. However, we have three months to recover. Plan to encourage our District Coordinators to work with clubs and individuals in promoting Model Clubs, individual donations and donations from outside of Lions.

When LCIF extended one year (Model Club), this allowed more clubs to become Model Club candidates. A Model Club now has until 6/30/2023 to have per member average of \$500.00 per member. This includes donations from club, members and outside the club.

Many members made generous gifts last year and need to be encouraged to repeat this year. In a number of instances a few members made generous donations, however other members did not donate and in to many instances the club did not donate. One new member who joined 10/2019 started monthly donations just three months after becoming a Lion. Encouraging all Lion Clubs and members to donate to our premier foundation. Remember all donations dollars received are used in supporting grants. No overhead expenses. In the last ten years MD19 has received \$1.1 million dollars in grants.

There is great opportunity outside of Lions to receive donations. Talk to your doctor, dentist, insurance salesman, barber, beautician, dog groomer, friends, family, business's that support the community and more."

MD19 EVALUATION REPORT by PDG Rita Fok, Chairperson:

"The Evaluation Committee upon receiving the Job description of the Executive Director and the MD office staff will commence the following:

- 1) To confirm - the recommendation of 2019 -2020 was carried. Membership Growth should be the responsibilities of the GAT, GLT, GMT, District Governors, Zone Chairpersons, Clubs and others and Membership Growth should be removed from the Executive Director and the MD office staff.
- 2) Review requests will be sent to District Governors regarding the working relationship and comments of Executive Director and MD office staff.
- 3) With PDG Monte Ward –first year member and PDG Brian Ross: three-year member, together with Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom and Executive Director will meet online after reviews receive from District Governors."

MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

CLERC REPORT by PZC Paul Hand, Chairperson:

"This is my 1st year on MD19 Cabinet and I am looking forward serving on the Board.

Things are slowly picking up now that some of the Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted. My thanks go to PZC Barry Shiles for his help with the distribution of the glasses. Between us, we have shipped close to 55 boxes of glasses and lenses since July, 2020. There are another nine more boxes that I have collected and are waiting to be shipped out.

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

North Surrey Lions are also looking at increasing their pick points.

Both of these clubs are in District H.

Would be grateful to know if the Canadian clubs in other Districts are increasing their numbers as well."

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA/ GUIDE DOGS REPORT by PZC Joanne Phillips, Provincial Director:

"I apologize for not attending the meeting but LFC is having their Board meeting from Oct 16-18 which go throughout the days.

First, LFC has asked us to stay on for one more year. Our choice of course due to due to COVID-19.

The clubs are doing their own thing; some are doing zoom meetings, some are having only one meeting a month instead of two. They are finding that their usual ways of fundraising will not work during COVID-19, so now they need to come up with some more creative and safer ways to fundraise.

Some clubs did participate in the first Virtual Dog Walk. I hope that we can get more participation for the next one."

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

"Council Chairperson Al, fellow Council 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 and making life a little better for those who cannot afford hearing aids.

This year, so far, we have provided twenty-one hearing aids to deserving clients.

We collect used hearing aids, sort them and ship to the Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre for testing and verification.

We have a great awards program for worthy 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 or contact your district's hearing chairperson.

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

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

“Four scholarships were awarded for Summer 2020, but none were used since all youth exchange activity was cancelled due to the coronavirus. Every youth exchange activity worldwide is on a wait and see basis. It is not known when activity will resume but planning is ongoing. Europe is continuing to plan for camps and exchanges but they may not include youth from the United States due to government restrictions related to travel from the U.S.

As indicated in past reports, fundraising is meager. Very few Lions Clubs in MD19 donate to the Foundation even though scholarship applications are welcome from every Club. The Foundation expects to determine soon as to 2021 scholarships. The MD19 Youth Exchange Chairperson is planning a Zoom meeting to discuss the 2021 program. The Foundation will base activity on the decisions made during that Zoom meeting.”

NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT by Bill Lundin, Chairperson of the Board:

“In 2019, SightLife and The Northwest Lions Foundation celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

We began this year serving Lions Clubs and corneal surgeons across the country and several foreign countries. In March of this year, that all changed.

The COVID-19 virus forced all hospitals to stop elective surgeries, which included corneal transplant surgeries. The following is what SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation implemented to weather this storm.

SightLife lost most of its business from March thru May. We are now returning to normal volumes. Three-quarters of SightLife employees were furloughed. All of those are back at work. Almost all of our employees are working from home. The Seattle office is still closed, with rare exceptions. Because of tremendous efforts, SightLife was able to get funding from Government PPE grants.

The Board of the Northwest Lions Foundation recognized, without support from SightLife and limited support from White Cane Days, our program services would have to be substantially curtailed. We agreed to continue operating our Hearing program but curtailed project support grants. All health screenings were canceled because of COVID and we are opening up operation slowly.

On a positive note, we hired Skip Laney as our new Health Screening Unit Driver/Manager. The HSU is now being stored in Wenatchee, Washington. This year, the NLF was awarded a grant to build our next mini screening to be used in District G.

As always, The Governing Boards of SightLife, the Northwest Lions Foundation and the Northwest Lions Endowment want thank all the Lions of MD-19 for their continued support.”

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Ray Fujiura, 19-F and seconded by District Governor Doug Harvey, 19-G to accept the Consent Agenda Reports. Motion approved.

REPORTS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT REPORT by the Four Corners of the Earth Team: PCC Enoch Rowland; PDG Kim DiRienz; PZC Lynda Davidson and Nancy Messmer:



“District Environment Chairpersons: Upper row from left - A: Alvina Seid & Karen Poon; B: PCC Enoch Rowland; C: Jim Reddick & PZC Bob Johnson. Bottom row from left: D: ZC Angus Benedict; E: PDG Kim DiRienz; F: PZC Judy Riggers; G: Doug Wilson; H: PZC Jones Atterberry and I: PZC Lia Marie Versaevel.

‘Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities’. One of five service goals of Lions Clubs International.

2020 has been a challenging time for all of us. Serving our communities as Lions is a challenge that we Environmental Chairpersons have been working on. This Lions Year, 2020-2021, we have six Lions who serve as the Multiple District 19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. They work closely with the Environment Chairpersons for each District. This makes an Environment Team of 14, that meet monthly on GoToMeeting, hosted by Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom and Lion Nancy Messmer.

Multiple District 19 Co-Chairpersons: Eric Muira-A; PZC Lynda Davidson-H, PCC Enoch Rowland-B, Nancy Messmer-I, PZC Bob Johnson-C and PDG Kim Di Rienz-E.



COVID-19. What Now? Some of us have had COVID-19, or we have suffered along with friends or loved ones. For others, the experience of the illness itself is more distant, but we have adjusted to social distancing, wearing masks and staying tuned as more is learned each week about the illness. In our lives as Lions, many Clubs meet now online and others are still figuring out what is possible. The same is true for our tried and true service projects. What can we do for fall, winter and next spring? How can we assist our communities and do it in a safe way?

We are learning from each other about ongoing projects around the Multiple District (British Columbia, Washington, N. Idaho) and we are helping each other with ideas. We will be sharing ideas in our districts and promoting Environment Service Projects.

Service Ideas. So far, we have discussed socially distanced clean-ups, as with the Fort Vancouver Park Cleanup and others around our Multiple District. Also, Clubs are conducting collections of eyeglasses, and other items for recycling. District E is conducting plastic bag collections with the end goal of turning the usually un-recycled bags into benches, working with the Trex company. Lynn Valley Lions are working on small and larger scale activities involving close work with the municipal and health authorities to provide drive-up families with treats, all surrounded by participatory activities and fun. Some Clubs are gearing up for Drive up Recycling drives. Since many Clubs are meeting online, some are hosting public meetings on items of interest to Club members and/or the public.

Convo 2020. We are looking forward to Convo 2020, our upcoming MD19 virtual convention. Our group is offering several workshops. One features COVID safe activities. Another offers details about Trex benches. Another highlights 'to-do' of Beach/Shoreline Cleanups. There will be a live Environment Symposium- 'World is on Fire-How do Lions Make a Difference?' Lions will be able to participate with questions and ideas. Please visit the Environment Table for information about Service Projects in our area.

District Newsletters. We are hoping that District Governors will include an Environment Service Update in each newsletter. Environment Chairpersons will be submitting a monthly article with information specific to the district and including information from around MD19.

Fort Vancouver Cleanup, 2020.

Angus Benedict Repurposing Office Chair



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2019 USA / CANADA FORUM REPORT by PID Anne Smarsh, Chairperson:

“As you all know by now, this year’s onsite Forum in Louisville, Kentucky was cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Making something positive out of the situation, the Forum Planning and Host Committees organized the first-ever Virtual Leadership Experience which just occurred, September 25-27.

Over 2,400 Lions and LEOs participated in about 20 seminars. Paid participants may access the virtual forum site until December 24, 2020 and watch the sessions they didn’t get to attend during the event.

2021 Forum in Des Moines, IOWA, September 9-11, 2021

Planning has already begun for the Des Moines Forum!

Register now for the early bird price of \$285.00. AND, until October 11 if you were a virtual forum participant you may register for \$265!!!

Register online at www.lionsforum.org . No printed form available yet.”

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

“Postponed Date for the 2020 Institute

Due to the Corona Virus the Institute has been postponed a second time to June 3-5, 2021. All the arrangements with the Harrison Beach Hotel at Harrison Hot Springs remain in place. Our deposit made in March 2020 carries forward to this new date. If we end up having to cancel in total, we will get our money back. The caterer has been secured, but the Memorial Hall remains closed and will be rebooked when open again. The Website and registration materials have been updated to reflect this change.

Arrangements with the Oregon Institute

Since 2006 we have alternated years with MD36 to host the Institute. We took the even years and they took the odd years. Now that we had to push our date out to 2021, I contacted them to discuss their plans. They had no plans to offer an Institute in 2021 because of the pandemic, and are happy to take the 2022 year. With the approval of the Council of Governors and the Foundation we then will take the 2023 year to maintain our arrangement to offer the Institute every other year. MD19 would then offer the Institute in odd numbered years.

Registration

For the original June date in 2020, the registration was 55 students plus staff and spouses which filled the hotel to capacity. With the new date we now have 39 confirmed students. Those dropping out either lost interest to attend, had a date conflict or no longer wanted the training because the timing to support their leadership position had passed. Registration refunds have been made to all those not confirming their attendance for June 2021. Those attending carried their registration forward to 2021 and we kept their deposits.

A new marketing push begins now with the Council of Governors and those Lions in attendance at this meeting. A connection to each District Governor and Zone Chair will be made to identify key people in their area to attend the Institute in 2021. The registration deadline is April 1, 2021.

Please contact me at jan.weatherly@aol.com if you would like me to send you new flyers. You can direct any interested students to: www.nwlli.org

Regional Lions Leadership Institute Application

A new application to host a Regional Lions Leadership Institute has been submitted to and confirmed by LCI. Their support remains at \$4500.

New Staffing

Assistant Superintendent, PDG Steve Somerset, resigned his position in August 2020 because of new responsibilities he has accepted to train incoming DGE's for 2021 and accepting the opportunity to work on the USA/Canada Forum committee. Prior to his departure he had recommended hosting the next Institute in District E because it had never been held there. With that in mind the staff and faculty began the search for a new Assistant Superintendent from District E, PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth was nominated and elected unanimously to this position by the staff and faculty. She will be attending the June, 2021 Institute in Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. We are thrilled to have her join our staff.

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

MOTION: A motion was made by PDG Debbie Bostock, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Peggy Harriman, 19-E for the NW Lions Leadership Institute to be offered on odd years, beginning with the year 2021. Motion approved.

The following District Governors reported on the one thing they never knew about their district: Doug Harvey, 19-G; Donna Murr, 19-C and Ray Fujiura, 19-F.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

“Attached is the current budget for 2020-2021. As you can see there hasn't been much activity so far this year. There are no proposals of changes as we do that at the Winter Council Meeting.

We haven't received the accountants report for the 2019-2020 year. We have nothing else to report at this time.

2020-21 Budget with April 30, 2020 Membership									
					6% (Year)	6% (10 Months)			
Income					2020-2020	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	
MD19 dues, \$18.60	1/31/2020	4/30/2020	4/30/20	4/30/20	Budget	9/15/20		Budget	Mem Jul 2020
MD19 Dues	Members	Members	less 2%	% Dues Pd.					
District A	1162	1157	1134	78%	\$1674	\$635	\$(1039)	\$1674	
District B	711	705	691	90%	\$1020	\$456	\$(564)	\$1020	
District C	1325	1329	1302	86%	\$1922	\$767	\$(1155)	\$1992	
District D	1105	1109	1087	96%	\$1604	\$816	\$(788)	\$1604	
District E	1269	1285	1259	89%	\$1859	\$899	\$(960)	\$1859	
District F	1223	1210	1186	89%	\$1750	\$436	\$(1314)	\$1750	
District G	1253	1261	1236	97%	\$1824	\$709	\$(1115)	\$1824	
District H	1527	1516	1486	88%	\$2193	\$1046	\$(1147)	\$2193	
District I	1207	1223	1199	89%	\$1769	\$961	\$(808)	\$1769	
Totals	10,782	10,795	10,579	89.11%					10,421
MD19 Operations Account – 89%					\$231,619	\$99,709	\$(131,910)	\$231,619	\$228,157
District Budgeted 6% from above					\$15,615	\$6,725	\$(8890)	\$15,615	\$13,689
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%					\$7807	\$3361	\$(4446)	\$7807	\$6845
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%					\$2602	\$1121	\$(1481)	\$2602	\$2282
MD19 Building Reserve Account – 1%					\$2602	\$1121	\$(1481)	\$2602	\$2282
Total Dues Income (gross)					\$260,246	\$112,037	\$(148,209)	\$260,246	\$253,255
					2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
MD19 Other Income					Budget	9/15/20		2nd 1/2	
MD19 Annual Convention					\$5000	\$50	\$(4950)		
District Budget Support					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (Foundation)					\$2000	\$ -	\$(2000)		
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)					\$2000	\$ -	\$(2000)		
District & Zone Officer School Grant (LCI)					\$1525	\$ -	\$(1525)		
District & Zone Officer School Grant (MD19 Foundation)					\$8000	\$ -	\$(8000)		
Grant Leader Development Programs					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
MD19 District Support Team Grant (Foundation)					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Credit Card 3% Fee					\$20	\$1	\$(19)		
Building & Grounds Improvements					\$250	\$100	\$(150)		
Building-Memorial Garden					\$1500	\$680	\$(820)		
International Convention					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
New Club Paraphernalia					\$825	\$416	\$(409)		
Council of Governor's					\$100	\$ -	\$(100)		
Postage Recovered					\$100	\$114	\$14		
Printing Recovered					\$100	\$113	\$13		
Sales –Award Banner Patches					\$75	\$ -	\$(75)		
Sales - Other					\$600	\$148	\$(452)		
Pins – Sales Income					\$100	\$ -	\$(100)		
Uniforms – Sales Income					\$1800	\$1083	\$(717)		
Roster / C&A Sales					\$200	\$51	\$(149)		
Roster / C&A Advertising					\$525	\$775	\$250		
Bulletin Subscriptions					\$150	\$84	\$(66)		
Lioness - Awards					\$115	\$19	\$(96)		
Lioness-Roster					\$125	\$13	\$(112)		
Miscellaneous Income					\$50	\$5	\$(45)		
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund					\$50	\$ -	\$(50)		
Exchange Income (Information Only)					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Interest Income					\$50	\$2	\$(48)		
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs					\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total MD19 Other Income					\$25,260	\$3654	\$(21,606)		
Total MD19 Income					\$285,506	\$115,691	\$(169,815)	\$260,246	

EXPENSE		2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
District Ops Accounts	1/31/2020	Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
District A	1162	\$1674	\$635	\$1039	\$1674	
District B	711	\$1020	\$456	\$564	\$1020	
District C	1325	\$1922	\$767	\$1155	\$1922	
District D	1105	\$1604	\$816	\$788	\$1604	
District E	1269	\$1859	\$899	\$960	\$1859	
District F	1223	\$1750	\$436	\$1314	\$1750	
District G	1253	\$1824	\$709	\$1115	\$1824	
District H	1527	\$2193	\$1046	\$1147	\$2193	
District I	1207	\$1769	\$961	\$808	\$1769	
Total District Operations Account		\$15,615	\$6725	\$8890	\$15,615	
International Convention Forum / Director		2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
		Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Council Chairperson – Montreal		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Council Chairperson Elect (Seated VCC) July, 2020		\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$400	Montreal, 7/2021
Convention Chairperson – July, 2020		\$400	\$ -	\$400	\$400	Montreal, 7/2021
Int'l Convention Exp. (Hosp. Rm) July, 2020		\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	Montreal, 7/2021
VCC to USA / Canada Forum		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
1 st VDG to USA / Canada Forum – Sept. 2020		\$2700	\$ -	\$2700	\$2700	\$2700 Max
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director		\$4000	\$ -	\$4000	\$4000	
Capital Outlay		2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
		Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Office Equipment		\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$200	
Copier Lease -Canon		\$4525	\$840	\$3685	\$4525	
Vehicle Purchase Contract (\$300 p/m - \$3600)		\$3230	\$600	\$2630	\$3230	
Total Capital Outlay		\$7955	\$1440	\$6515	\$7955	
MD19 Convention Expenses		2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
		Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)		\$3500	\$ -	\$3500	\$3500	
MD19 Annual Convention		\$4000	\$4257	\$ -	\$4000	
Total MD19 Convention Expenses		\$7500	\$4257	\$3243	\$7500	
MD19 General Operations		2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
		Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)		\$250	\$ -	\$250	\$250	
Credit Card Fees		\$300	\$46	\$254	\$300	
Accounting Compilation / Services		\$4500	\$ -	\$4500	\$4500	
Bank Charges		\$125	\$24	\$101	\$125	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)		\$1500	\$917	\$583	\$1500	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)		\$5000	\$2511	\$2489	\$5000	\$2289 soffit venting
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation		\$75	\$ -	\$75	\$75	June
Maintenance – Auto		\$500	\$185	\$315	\$500	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)		\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel		\$250	\$521	\$(271)	\$250	
Post Office Box Lease-Canada		\$80	\$ -	\$80	\$80	
Postage		\$4800	\$2425	\$2375	\$4800	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)		\$600	\$122	\$478	\$600	
Office Supplies		\$800	\$192	\$608	\$800	
Printing and Stationary Supplies		\$1100	\$ -	\$1100	\$1100	
Printing Roster		\$3700	\$3151	\$549	\$3700	
Purchases – Other Sales		\$1000	\$512	\$488	\$1000	
Purchases – trading pins		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Expenses		2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
		Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Purchases – Uniforms for Sale		\$2000	\$254	\$1746	\$2000	
Computer Programs		\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
Exchange Expense		\$13,600	\$ -	\$13,600	\$13,600	
Utilities		\$5800	\$942	\$4858	\$5800	
Total MD19 Operations – General		\$46,980	\$11,802	\$35,178	\$46,980	
Insurance – Auto/Building		2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
		Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Auto Insurance		\$1800	\$1764	\$36	\$1800	
Commercial Package Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)		\$2400	\$2454	\$(54)	\$2400	
Total Insurance-Auto/Building		\$4200	\$4218	\$(18)	\$4200	

				2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
Personnel-Calendar Year				Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Bulletin Editor				\$2000	\$327	\$1673	\$2000	
Payroll – Admin Assistant				\$34,320	\$6658	\$27,662	\$34,320	
Payroll – Executive Director				\$42,843	\$8816	\$37,027	\$45,843	
Payroll – Receptionist / Bookkeeper				\$17,550	\$2311	\$15,239	\$17,150	Min. wage incr
Medical Insurance – April 2021				\$16,946	\$2676	\$14,270	\$16,946	
SUI (Employ. Security 1.77% x \$44,000 max per employee)				\$1296	\$19	\$1277	\$1296	
L&I –SDI (Worker’s Comp –L&I .1666 x regular hours)				\$1230	\$427	\$803	\$1230	
FICA –Social Security 6.2% gross				\$6182	\$1128	\$5054	\$6182	
Medicare –Medicare 1.45% gross				\$1446	\$264	\$1182	\$1446	
FUTA - Federal Unemployment 0.006% x \$7k max				\$168	\$11	\$157	\$168	
Pension-Exec Dir. 6%				\$2751	\$ -	\$2751	\$2751	
Pension-Admin Asst. 6%				\$2059	\$ -	\$2059	\$2059	
Total Personnel				\$131,792	\$22,637	\$109,155	\$131,792	
Taxes (non-personnel)				2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
				Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Personal Property Tax				\$150	\$ -	\$150	\$150	
Building Property Tax				\$5100	\$2605	\$2495	\$5100	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)				\$5250	\$2605	\$2645	\$5250	
Support: Club, Zone and District				2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	
				Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
International Director Candidate				\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings (\$800+\$800)				\$800	\$ -	\$800	\$800	
Awards & Trophies – Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroidery, Certificates				\$800	\$ -	\$800	\$800	
MD19 Bulletin (<i>Border Crossing</i>): Total Expense of printing/AWeber				\$450	\$58	\$392	\$450	
Council Chairperson Expense				\$4000	\$ -	\$4000	\$4000	
1 st & 2 nd Vice Dist. Governors at MD19 Council Meetings				\$3500	\$ -	\$3500	\$3500	
Council Meeting – Fall – Zoom, Nov. 2020				\$3000	\$170	\$2830	\$3000	
Council Meeting – Winter				\$1200	\$170	\$1030	\$1200	
Council Meeting – Spring				\$2600	\$170	\$ -	\$2600	
Dist. & Zone Officer Training- Hotel, Mileage, Fares				\$8000	\$ -	\$8000	\$8000	
Dist. & Zone Officer Training-Admin 2021				\$8000	\$ -	\$8000	\$8000	
Executive Director Expense				\$6000	\$672	\$5328	\$6000	
MD19 District Team Expenses				500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
Membership / Rebuilding Programs				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
LEO Committee				\$300	\$ -	\$ -	\$300	
Extension Chairperson 50%				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Club, Zone and District Support				\$39,650	\$1240	\$38,410	\$39,650	
Telephone				2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
				Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)				\$2650	\$400	\$2250	\$2650	
Website				\$175	\$ -	\$175	\$175	
Total Telephone & Website				\$2825	\$400	\$2425	\$2826	
Zone Chairperson				2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	
				Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Zone Chairperson – Expenses				\$9000	\$542	\$8476	\$9000	
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention				\$4000	\$ -	\$4000	\$4000	
Total Zone Chairperson				\$13,000	\$524	\$12,476	\$13,000	
Reserve				2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
				Budget	9/15/20		2 nd 1/2	
Payable to MD19 Reserve				\$3500	\$1121	\$2379	\$3500	
Payable to Building Reserve				\$3500	\$1121	\$2379	\$3500	
Total Reserve				\$7000	\$2242	\$4758	\$7000	
Contingency				\$102	\$ -	\$102	\$102	
Total MD19 Expense				\$285,869	\$58,090	\$227,778	\$285,868	
Total MD19 Expense Budget				\$285,869	\$58,090	\$ -	\$285,868	
Total MD19 Income Budget				\$258,506	\$115,691	\$ -	\$260,246	
Net Income / (Loss)				\$(362)	\$57,601	\$ -	\$(25,622)	

GOVERNANCE REPORT by PDG Chuck Waid, Chairperson:

"We are pleased to inform the council that, as of this time, we have no recommendations for either the By-Laws or the Policy Manual, to be presented to the membership of the multiple district or the council.

We will have two housekeeping items for the membership to vote on in 2021 and one By-Law recommendation that will allow the governance committee to make housekeeping corrections and/or additions to the By-Law or Policy Manual just as long as those corrections and/or additions do not change the intent of said item."

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION REPORT by PID Done "Bubba" Shove, Chairperson:

"In this time of chaos and much misunderstanding I felt it was time that we be reminded our Lions Code of Ethics.

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action toward others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not destroy."

MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

"We will be holding our first virtual MD19 Annual Convention Saturday, November 7th. It will be Live via Zoom. We have 120 registered attendees so far. We have 47 sessions seminars and socials scheduled so far. All sessions will be recorded and added to on demand content and available for 30 days following the Convention. You can go to the MD19 website and register through Eventbrite. I hope to see everyone at the Convention."

2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

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

Our host hotel is the Holiday Inn Montreal Centre Ville Downtown and is walking distance to the Convention Center as well as being close to public transit.

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

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

And don't forget to register.....”

The following District Governors reported on the one thing they never knew about their district: Jane Beddows, 19-I; Hans Wong, 19-A and Joe Nilles, 19-D.

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM (Global Action Team) REPORTS

LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Wanda Carisse, Coordinator: (Oral Report – available on Zoom Recording)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Eric Miura, Coordinator:

“Our clubs are understandably facing some challenges such as we've never seen before. Being mindful of how we can serve our communities while keeping both the community and our members safe is a big concern. I've been involved in conversations regarding what types of events and service projects we are able to do and the additional safety measures and costs involved.

A survey has been sent to presidents and secretaries on the challenges their clubs are facing and changes they've made due to Covid-19 to retain members and changes to how clubs operate due to Covid-19. It's truly inspiring to hear how resilient our members are.

I have been working with the team on not only retention but also membership issues at large. The team is working on a great plan to share service projects and events during Covid-19 and leave members with a template of sorts to assist in quick planning for their club to run a similar event. An easy to navigate website is in the works to share these ideas (some are listed below) and to connect our clubs from Idaho to Invermere and beyond. As the Covid-19 Campaign is in the planning stages, here is a few of the wonderful projects that our fellow Lions have been involved in during the last few months:

- Many clubs are inviting guest speakers via Zoom, in some cases this is the first time they've had speakers
- Drive through pancake breakfast (Lynn Valley Lions Club)
- Produce for Seniors, grow and deliver produce for seniors (Pemberton Lions)
- Drive through shredding and regular shredding events (Bremerton Central & Deep Cove Lions)
- Virtual Auctions (Bremerton Central)
- Food drives and assisting Food Banks (Renton and Tenino Lions)
- Food Insecurity Committee formed (Renton Lions)
- Telephone trees to stay connected to Lions (Deep Cove Lions)
- Make and give away for free: masks & sanitizer (Moscow Central)
- Clean up of Easter Seals Camp (Squamish Lions)
- Club online group chats and emails to stay connected and plan (Vancouver Templeton New Century)

Thank you to all clubs that have shared their recent projects, I look forward to hearing more from all the clubs! A special thank you to Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom and PDG Wanda Carisse for their collaboration on this project and their energy!

If you have a project or event you've run recently and would like to be one of the first in our communication series, please send your information in!

LCI Stats, June to September 30, 2020

- Two new clubs
- One dropped club
- 21 members reinstated
- 18 members transferred
- 201 members dropped”

SERVICE REPORT by 1st VDG Ken Ball, Coordinator: (Oral Report-available on Zoom Recording)

The following District Governors reported on the one thing they never knew about their district: Vilma Fernandez, 19-B; Orson Christensen, 19-H and Peggy Harriman, 19-E.

For the Good of the Order:

Bill Lundin – NW Lions Foundation reports that the FDN has neared \$100,000 of the goal of \$200,000 for White Cane Days.

PDG Chuck Waid: the MD19 Lions Foundation is updating their C&BL. They are now having representatives from each district.

PDG Chuck was also honored by DG Donna Murr (19-C) for 55 years of perfect attendance.

PID Don Shove reminded the District Governor's that they needed to have their LCI Leadership and Presidential nominee forms in to the MD19 Office by October 31st.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Upcoming Events

Winter Council Meeting	Online	February 5-9, 2021
Spring C of G Meeting & School	TBD	May 19-20, 2021
NW Lions Leadership Inst.	Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.	June 4-6, 2021
LCICON	Montreal, Canada	June 26-30, 2021
USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Des Moines, Iowa	September 9-11, 2021
100 th MD19 Annual Convention	Surrey, B.C.	November 3-6, 2021