

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

February 6, 2021

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. Introductions of the Council were made.

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

### I. Council of Governors

Al Hedstrom, Council Chairperson  
John Moralek, Vice Council Chairperson  
J.D. Nellor, Past Council Chairperson  
Peter Anderson, Executive Director  
Hans Wong, District Governor, 19-A  
Vilma 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 Christenson, District Governor, 19-H  
Jane Beddows, District Governor, 19-I  
Kenneth Liu, PDG 19-A  
Mike Lally, PDG 19-B  
Pat Burch, PDG 19-C  
Debbie Bostock, PDG 19-D  
Frank Bega, PDG 19-E  
Ken Allan, PDG 19-F  
Stephen 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-CDN & PDG Steve Patterson-US, CARE  
PDG Tom Smarsh, Diabetes  
PDG Steve Noble, Elections  
Nancy Messmer & PCC Enoch Rowland- Environment  
PDG Rita Fok, Evaluations  
PDG Wanda Eddy, Global Leadership  
PDG Hal Palmer, Facilitator Chairperson  
Eric Miura, Global Membership  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Ken Ball, Global Service  
PDG Chuck Waid, Governance  
Andy Arvidson, Knights of the Blind  
PID Don Shove, International Participation / Relations  
PDG Cec Specht – LCIF - Canada  
PDG Bob Yeoman, LCIF – U.S. East  
PZC Debbie Mansell– Leader Dogs  
PDG Lyndon Harriman, LEO  
PCC J.D. Nellor, Parliamentarian / Webmaster  
PCC John Kirry, Strategic Planning  
PCC Gary Reidel, Strategic Planning  
PZC Ed Poquette, Strategic Planning  
PID Anne Smarsh, USA / Canada Leadership Forum  
ZC Tammy Allan, Youth Exchange

### Foundations & Societies

PDG Jan Weatherly, NWLLI

### III. Lions, Lioness, LEOs and Guests

Colette Arvidson	Gloria Hardan	PZC Barry Shiles
Michele Barrie	PDG Erma Kemp	PDG Sharon Sikes
Cale Byrom	PCC Jim Kemp	PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth
ZC Linda DeRoche	PID Roger Richert	ZC Lee Woodward
PDG Mike Dukes	PDG Rosemary Richert	

### EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The MD19 Evaluation Team met with the Council and gave their report on the Executive Director in a closed session, via Zoom, February 5, 2021.

**MOTION:** A motion was by PDG Patty Allen-White, 19-H and seconded by District Governor Orson Christensen, 19-H to recommend approval of the Evaluation Report of the Executive Director. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Debbie Bostock, 19-D and seconded by District Governor Jane Beddows, 19-1 to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting, held via Zoom, October 17, 2020. Motion passed.

### CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

**DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT** by PDG Tom Smarsh, Chairperson:

"MD19 Lions Diabetes Newsletter

January, 2021

Everyone needs to be careful to avoid the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. If you have type 1 or type 2 diabetes, you should be even more cautious.

Your risk of catching the virus isn't higher than anyone else's. But you could have worse complications if you do get sick. That's especially true if your diabetes isn't well-controlled.

To reduce your chance of getting infected:

- Keep your distance from other people.
- Use good hygiene.
- Keep your blood sugar under control.

Have a plan in place in case you get sick.

### **Diabetes and Coronavirus**

Early studies have shown that about 25% of people who went to the hospital with severe COVID-19 infections had diabetes. Those with diabetes were more likely to have serious complications and to die from the virus. One reason is that high blood sugar weakens the immune system and makes it less able to fight off infections. Your risk of severe coronavirus infection is even higher if you also have another condition, like heart or lung disease. If you do get COVID-19, the infection could put you at greater risk for diabetes complications like diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA). DKA happens when high levels of acids called ketones build up in your blood. It can be very serious.

Some people who catch the new coronavirus have a dangerous body-wide response to it, called sepsis. To treat sepsis, doctors need to manage your body's fluid and electrolyte levels. DKA causes you to lose electrolytes, which can make sepsis harder to control.

### **Tips to Avoid Infection**

The best way to avoid getting sick is to stay home as much as you can. Under the Americans With Disabilities Act, people with diabetes have the right to 'reasonable accommodations at work.' That includes the right to work from home or take sick leave when you need it.

While the vaccines are here, it is not known when they will be widely available. In the meantime, if you have to go out, keep at least six feet away from other people, and wear a face mask. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often while you're out and when you get home. Also wash your hands before you give yourself a finger stick or insulin shot. Clean each site first with soap and water or rubbing alcohol.

To protect you, everyone in your house should wash their hands often, especially before they cook for the family. Don't share any utensils or other personal items. And if anyone in your house is sick, they should stay in their own room, as far as possible from you. They should wear a cloth face mask when you have to be in the same room.

### **Your COVID-19 Diabetes Plan**

Social distancing and shelter-in-place rules may make it harder to get the supplies you need. Stock up on enough goods to last you for a couple of weeks, in case you get quarantined.

Make sure you have:

- Enough food, especially healthy carbs like whole-wheat crackers, vegetable or noodle soups, and unsweetened applesauce
- Simple carbs like honey, sugar-sweetened soda, fruit juice, or hard candies in case your blood sugar dips
- The maximum number of refills you can get of your insulin and other medications
- Extra glucagon and ketone strips
- Phone numbers for your doctors and health insurance company

Medicare and some private insurance companies now cover the cost of telehealth visits. So if you have questions for your doctor, you can ask by video chat or phone instead of going into the office.

When you talk to your doctor, ask:

- How often to check your blood sugar and ketones?
- How to adjust your diabetes medicines if you're sick
- What cold and flu remedies are safe for you to take

**What to Do if You Get Sick**

If you start feeling sick, stay home. Check your blood sugar more often than usual. COVID-19 can reduce your appetite and cause you to eat less, which could affect your levels. You also need more fluids than usual when you're sick. Keep water close by, and drink it often.

Some over-the-counter medicines that relieve virus symptoms like fever or cough can affect your blood sugar levels. High doses of aspirin or ibuprofen can lower blood sugar levels. Acetaminophen can cause falsely high readings on a continuous glucose monitor. Many liquid cough and cold medicines are high in sugar, which can raise your blood sugar levels. Before you take them, check with your doctor or diabetes team. Tell your doctor if you've taken them and your blood sugars are out of control.

Call your doctor if you get coronavirus-like symptoms such as a dry cough, fever, or shortness of breath. Have your most recent blood sugar and ketone readings available to share with your doctor.

Get medical help right away if you have:

- Moderate or large ketones
- DKA symptoms like tiredness, weakness, body aches, vomiting, or belly pain
- Severe shortness of breath

WebMD Medical Reference Reviewed by Brunilda Nazario, MD on December 13, 2020.”

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT** by ZC Tammy Allan, Chairperson:

Our committee was able to get together via Zoom January 8th, and we've collectively agreed it's best not to participate in the Summer 2021 season. Camps and Exchange Programs around the world have come to this same decision. There are a few camps in Australia that are allowing New Zealand students to come enjoy the camps along with their Australian students, but that is definitely an exception to the rule.



February 10, 2021 we'll be holding a zoom Youth Exchange training for the District Youth Chairperson's or any interested Lions to learn more about the program. If you are interested or know a Lion who's interested in attending please send an email by Feb. 8th, so we can add them to the zoom invitation. My email is: [allaninsurance@fairpoint.net](mailto:allaninsurance@fairpoint.net) [WWW.MD19LIONSYOUTHEXCHANGE.ORG](http://WWW.MD19LIONSYOUTHEXCHANGE.ORG)

**LEADER DOG REPORT** by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Debbie Mansell & PDG Carol Whitman, Chairpersons:

“Multiple District leaders please encourage your clubs to send in their budgeted contributions to Leader Dog. Our MD19 donations are trending down when comparing our five-year donation history. Last year MD19 donated \$ 31,203.85 to Leader Dog, which was a decrease of over five thousand dollars from the previous year. We are happy to report, the first half of this Lions year our multiple district donations totaled \$8,121.00. This is a substantial increase when compared to last year at this time when our donations totaled \$2,180.60. Keep up the good work and keep supporting this organization founded by Lions over 80 years ago. Leader Dog relies heavily on the generous donations of Lions, at least 20% of their operating budget comes from Lions. Check out the Leader Dog website to learn about their new fundraiser, ‘Virtual Dinner in the Dark.’

MD19 LD Donations (7/20-12/20)		5- year MD19 LD Donations	
District			
A	\$ 0.00	2015-2016	\$ 26,225.30
B	\$ 250.00	2016-2017	\$ 27,521.13
C	\$ 676.00	2017-2018	\$ 40,916.82
D	\$ 100.00	2018-2019	\$ 36,497.16
E	\$ 2,220.00	2019-2020	\$ 31,203.85
F	\$ 2,425.00		
G	\$ 1,550.00		
H	\$ 400.00		
I	\$ 0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,121.00</b>		

**LEO REPORT** by PDG Lyndon Harriman, Chairperson:

“Since the Fall COG meeting, not much has been transpiring with the Multiple District Leos.

VCC John Moralek secured funds for 30 scholarships through the MD19 Foundation and starting in 2021, VCC John Moralek, Past Leo Chairperson Barry Shiles and myself will be working on a scholarship application form to be circulated to Leos and Leo clubs. Once the application is developed and previewed by the three committee members, they will be distributed.

A \$300 US scholarship will be awarded to 30 Leos to attend the 2021 fourth annual US/Canada Leo Leadership forum, taking place in Calgary Canada July 21 – 25. We have hopes that every available Leo takes advantage of this opportunity. If this forum goes virtual, the scholarships will roll over to next year and will again be available through an updated form.

The June International Leos convention in Montreal Canada has been redirected as a virtual meeting rather than an in-person event. All Leos can attend virtually for only \$30 USD. I have sent memos to all District Governors in the hope that they will send the information to their respective Leo clubs so we have many Leos from MD19 attend. Leo advisors are able to attend as well at a slightly higher cost. Well worth the time and cost. Please encourage attendance.”

**LCIF – BC** by PDG Cec Specht, Chairperson:

“The District Coordinators and myself hold monthly roundtables and attend the monthly CA II (west) meetings.

A training and information session facilitated by the Area/ National leaders and myself was given in late November with 12 attending including District Coordinators, District Governors and Zone Chairpersons.

In general, the donations to LCIF continue to be lower this year than this time last year but I am confident we will slowly grow our contribution. We are continuing to encourage individual Lions to make LCIF one of their Charities of Choice now that Canadians can receive a tax receipt for their donation.”

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

“Strategic planning is challenging, especially in the midst of the Covid19 pandemic, which has limited in-person interactions and increased the use of virtual meetings. Yet, whether accomplished in-person or virtually, strategic planning helps our organization develop a vision and refocus our goals and objectives.

Never one to shy away from the tough topics, Council Chairperson Al Hedstrom initially asked the committee to explore the controversial subject of redistricting within our Multiple District. I say initially, because our committee spent the better part of three lengthy Zoom meetings discussing the impact of redistricting and getting input and feedback from our eleven members who represent a leadership cross-section of MD19.

And while redistricting is still a significant concern, our committee agrees that another topic has evolved in our conversation that has far more impact and consequence: LEADERSHIP.

We agree that leadership, as elusive yet all-encompassing as that single word is, it's where our focus should be. And we are also in agreement that whatever proposed initiatives, policies or procedures that result from our discussions and recommendations to the Council of Governors', be in the form of a forward-looking three-year plan.”

**MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS**

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

**“Easter Seals Virtual Camps**

In 2020 we were unable to run our regular Summer Camps due to the pandemic, however we were able to successfully create and deliver a virtual camp, Camp@Home. Through interactive, fun and social online activities and programs, campers of all ages and diverse abilities learn with trained counselors through role-playing game adventures, crafts, drawing, cooking and more. This program has been an outstanding success. The feedback from participants and parents was so great that we are continuing to offer online classes and social events throughout the fall, winter and spring.

We are now planning for our Spring Break Virtual Camp and registration is now open. We have committed to provide these online camps, classes, social events and themed events throughout the year, to continue to provide social connections and learning for campers while also providing respite for parents and caregivers.

Through the unfortunate situation the pandemic has brought us, we have realized a new and valuable programming stream that addresses socialization and isolation for the children, youth and adults with diverse abilities that we serve.

### **Easter Seals Summer Camps**

Our hope is to operate all three of our locations, Camp Winfield, Camp Squamish and Camp Shawnigan in person this summer, depending, of course, on what the Provincial Health Order will deem allowable. Our plans may have to once again pivot to an online format, but our planning is full steam ahead until we receive confirmation.

A summer camp tradition for over 50 years, BC Lions Society offers one of the best nature-based, outdoor summer camps for children, youth and adults (to age 49) with diverse abilities. It is a place where campers can explore and develop their abilities in a safe, warm, fun and supportive environment. A place they can just be themselves. A wide range of programs are offered during the five-night program including swimming, sports and games, arts and crafts, canoeing, big swing rides, trampolines, camp fires, life skills and so much more.

Our summer camps have a 3:1 camper to staff ratio to ensure our campers are well looked after during their stay with us. We have a well-equipped health facility at each Camp that is staffed by registered nurses.

Funding support is needed to help us deliver camps whether in person or online.

### **Capital Campaign – Camp Shawnigan**

Planning for our Capital Campaign for the redevelopment of Camp Shawnigan is underway. Plans are in the works to replace the existing Camp Shawnigan infrastructure and redevelop it into a carefully designed and fully accessible camp and community space.

The plans will include fully accessible cabins to be used for our camp programming and private vacation, conferences and rentals outside of our camp/programming seasons. Fully accessible community facilities include a dining hall, outdoor amphitheater and program and recreational spaces. These facilities will be able to be used for public rentals for corporate retreats, special events, family reunions, weddings and community gatherings. Fully accessible additional amenities will include swimming beaches, docks, a pool, sports and recreation amenities, to name a few.

Stay tuned for more news and how you can be involved with this project!

### **Easter Seals House**

Families of children and adults with diverse abilities often require a number of services to enhance the health, well-being and life quality of their child and family. Respite care is one such service. Most families with children need help from time to time to care for their children while they take care of household chores, go to appointments, or to just take a break for their own self-care. To help these families, we're happy to announce that Easter Seals House will be open for respite stays during this time of the COVID pandemic. We understand the enormous challenges the COVID pandemic has put on families that have someone with diverse abilities in their household, and so, during this time, we are opening up our suites to families who are looking for, and needing, a night of respite.

For \$68/night, they will have their own private studio apartment that includes a kitchenette, two twin beds (or combine to a King bed), full bathroom and WIFI. They will also have access to laundry facilities, and the option of underground, secured parking for \$10/night. All COVID health and safety protocols are in place at Easter Seals House, so everyone can feel safe and welcome during their stay.

Easter Seals House is a home-away-from-home for families and adults who travel from out of town to Vancouver for medical treatment. Located just minutes from hospitals, it is a lifeline for thousands of families throughout BC and Yukon to help relieve them of the stress and financial burden of finding somewhere to stay in an expensive, and unfamiliar city.

### **Compass Program**

In February, we are proudly launching the Compass Program. Delivered this spring online, the program aims to help young adults with diverse abilities live as independent, empowered adults, by giving them the tools and skills to be substantially more prepared for school/work, independent living and a successful transition to adulthood. Some of the many items that will be covered in this program are education options and funding, employment skills and traits, health and wellness maintenance, housing needs and personal life strategies.

This 16-week program begins February 8<sup>th</sup> and is targeted towards youth aged 17-25 with diverse abilities who are aging out of child supported programs. The program is designed to cultivate skills and foster courage, confidence and independence.

### **Parent Program**

We have created a virtual program for parents of individuals with diverse abilities to get together and talk, parent to parent. With many programs and services being cancelled in local communities during the pandemic, this is a new way for parents to connect. Topics will range from the challenges of dealing with COVID-19, isolation in homes, programs and strategies that are working, and other issues of importance that families bring to light. This online platform program is parent led and moderated by Easter Seals staff. Registration is now open.

Thank you so much for the support, we are truly grateful.”

### **LIONS OF B.C. HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT** by PCC Surinder Gahir, President: “CC AI and Council Members’, greetings and a happy new year.

All Lions clubs are having meetings and doing projects differently because of COVID19. We are still getting requests for hearing aids and are happy to provide them.

Our purpose is 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.

Our goal this year is to increase communication between our Lions Clubs and Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society. We would like to see all Lions Clubs have a hearing Aid program in their communities.

We 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)

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

### **NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION REPORT** by Bill Lundin, Chairperson:

“This will be one of the most somber reports I have ever presented to our Council and members. 2020 has been a difficult year for The Northwest Lions Foundation and SightLife, since we were founded in 1969.

Despite that, we do have some encouraging news. Both the Northwest Lions Foundation and SightLife (our eye bank) have survived the challenges of the COVID19 Pandemic. A quick update of both.

The Pandemic has muted much of activities for all our clubs during this last year. School and public events have cancelled almost all our Health Screening Units activities. On the bright side, we were able to move our Large Health Screening unit from Longview to Wenatchee. Our new driver Skip Laney is on board and ready to screen in 2021.

The one Northwest Lions Program that was active in 2020 was our Hearing Aid program for low income patients. We operate that program in partnership with local MD19 Lions Clubs. I am pleased to report that we have given the gift of hearing to 225 low-income patients. I need to thank our partner Lions Clubs, Starkey Hearing, our Aid provider, and dozens of hearing care professionals in our Multiple District for their support.

As Chairperson of the Board for both The Northwest Lions Foundation and SightLife it was more than a challenging time. Corneal Transplant surgery is considered an elective procedure in most hospitals. For the better part of 2020, that basically shut down much of our operations everywhere.

Because SightLife is one of the largest eye banks in the country, we did have many emergency placements. This was a fraction of what our normal volume would be. Due to some outstanding leadership actions in acquiring some Federal Stimulus Grants, plus some very austere cost cutting were able to continue with limited operations.

We are still evaluating the effect of COVID to the Eye Bank Industry. It does not look good. Because of our volume, we may be one the few strong Eye Banks that survives.

As always, we Lions have been through many hard times in our history as one of the largest service clubs on the planet. As we pull together for 2021 and beyond, I want to thank you for your continued support, especially in your outstanding efforts in White Cane Day fundraising for the Northwest Lions Foundation. We raised an amazing \$78,000 in a very tough year. Words cannot describe my gratitude.”

**NW LERC REPORT** by PZC Suzanne Gayda, President:

“Our NWLERC was greatly impacted by the pandemic. Mission trips dried up. We closed our doors to large volunteer groups. Our recycling partner in Los Angeles also had to close its doors. On a positive note we have occupancy of our new warehouse. Shelving is going up. The Operations people have been hard at work organizing the work space and creating protocols in order to open safely. We will be ready to help the world to see one pair of glasses at a time.”

Additional information provided by PCC John Kirry: The new LERC Building has passed inspections and has been granted a permit to occupy by Thurston County. Grants for the building came from both LCIF and from the Nisqually Tribe.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE FOUNDATION REPORT** by PDG George Robison, President:

“Due to the cancellation of Youth Exchange in MD19 resulting from Covid19 precautions, there have been no activities on the part of the Foundation other than receiving a few donations. Recent donations were received from several Lions Clubs and individuals, some in memory of Lion Bob Kelley who had been active in Youth Exchange for many years in 19C through the Lacey Sunrise Lions Club. Bob had been active in promoting YE in 19C through a contest in C-6 and as the Exchange Coordinator for Southern Hemisphere. He is greatly missed by all.”

**MOTION:** A motion was made by District Governor Donna Murr, 19-C and seconded by District Governor Peggy Harriman, 19-E to accept the Consent Agenda Reports. Motion carried.

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

**CARE REPORT** by PDG Steve Patterson & Patti Easterling, Chairpersons:

**Steve Patterson:** Being a new co-chairperson for MD19 CARE, I wanted to focus on the new Haiti project from an awareness standpoint and see if I could increase that awareness in my own district. District G has

been a low contributor in the past, and I wanted to change that.

I sent messages to all MD19 District CARE Chairpersons and suggested a 'Pass the Hat' effort that might increase CARE donations. As of December, 2020, \$11,825 has been donated with all districts making contributions. I went a little further with my own club (Longview Pioneer) by sending a personal plea for donations from \$1 to whatever one could afford. I included a stamped envelope to ease the effort to send money. As of December 31, 2020, \$3,165 has been raised with three Pioneer Lions giving \$500 each. This figure should be reflected in the MD19 January, 2021 report.

I am going to continue to reach out to all clubs and suggest a 'Pass the Hat' campaign to help boost contributions.

**Patti Easterling:** As we continue to deal with the pandemic, we as Lions have found new and creative ways to hold meetings, training, conventions, fundraisers and even more. We have had to re-create our budgets to go along with the lack of income and I realize that things are tough for every club all over the world.

With CARE though, we have been dealing with this far before the pandemic. There are always those clubs in those districts that are fully supportive but yet there are the same clubs in the same districts that show no support for our MD19 project CARE. These are the clubs that flock for the awards, the medals and to always have their pictures taken with the dignitaries.

I don't know what to tell you about the future with this project in Haiti but the numbers are so low right now that I'm very concerned that our project CARE may be heading in the wrong direction if there isn't more support shown from all of our clubs. Sad to say, I belong to one of those clubs that have chosen to take CARE out of its budget this year.

Please District Governors, vice district governor's and all members of the council, please go back to your zone chairpersons, your club presidents and let's see if we can't push these numbers up before the end of June. If these clubs do not have the \$500 for the Gordon F Smith CARE Fellowship there is always a \$5.00 per member award of a rocker patch for your banners."

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

**"Sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities."**

**One of five service goals-Lions Clubs International.**  
2020 has been a challenging time for all of us. We are roaring into 2021 with optimism and energy as the Environmental Chairpersons are working to meet the challenges of the pandemic and climate crises. This Lions Year, 2020-2021, six Lions serve as the Multiple District 19 Environment Co-Chairpersons and 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.



**Connections.** Connecting is a theme of our work and is the key to increased service and effectiveness. Making connections in our communities and across our whole Multiple District 19 (British Columbia, Washington, N. Idaho) requires new thinking and skills. The Environment Chairpersons are reaching out to Lions within our own clubs and districts, linking people and projects, problem-solving our way through the actions needed to serve our communities. We use telephone calls, email, websites, Facebook, YouTube, Lion channels, and all of the ways we can brainstorm to stay connected.

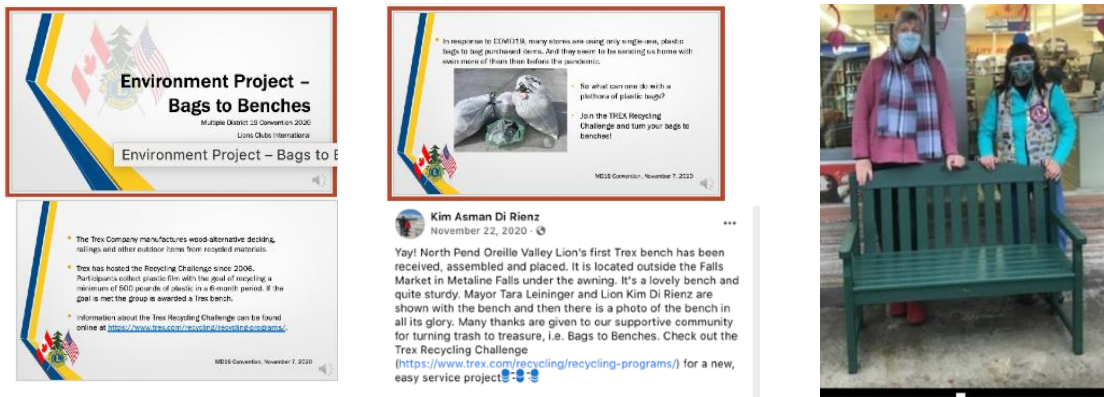
**Survey Coming Your Way.** Our purpose: assist Lions increase effective environmental service and link Lions to great ideas. Feature Lions doing interesting projects. We are asking for your help in completing a survey online, asking you to consider your Club activities and mark projects you do on a survey. Projects happening within our District are listed. We will gain information about activity throughout the Multiple District, and we hope you will learn about a variety of projects you might want to launch with your Club. All Lions in MD19 are invited to complete the survey. Watch for it. It will come within the Saturday newsletters.



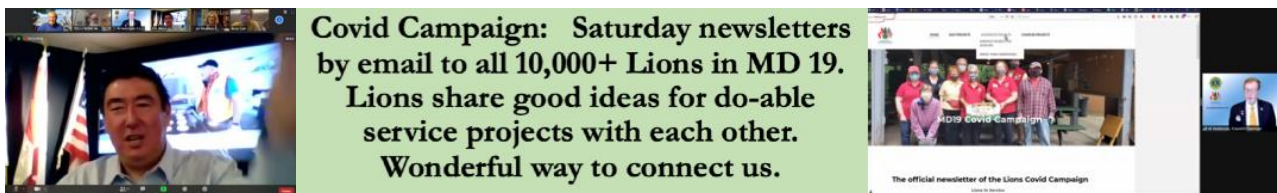


**Service Feature: Bags to Benches.** PDG Kim Di Rienz (19-E) worked with two members of her club, North Pend Oreille Valley Lions Club, to accomplish the Trex Challenge of collecting at least 500 pounds of soft film plastic (like grocery bags) and delivering it to a participating recycling partner within a six-month period. As a reward for meeting the challenge, they received a Trex bench for the community made of recycled plastic. Her team is continuing to work on two additional challenges for each of the participating towns. Several Clubs in MD19 are now taking up the Trex Challenge.

**Convo 2020.** We Lions are learning to conference in the virtual world. We are a group that is learning as we go, treating each other kindly as we learn new ways and solve technical difficulties together.



The Environment Team offered a live workshop, 'World is on Fire-How Do Lions Make a Difference?' by Dr. Nancy Messmer, Dr. Barak Gale, and PZC Bob Johnson. As well, PDG Kim Di Rienz and Nancy Messmer offered on-demand videos: 'Bags to Benches' (<https://youtu.b/9HMYacDLzH8>) and 'Lions Beach Cleanups: Effective & Safe' (<https://youtu.be/MKiP85D-IS4>). In a couple of sessions, Eric Muira and CC Al Hedstrom explained the Covid19 Campaign, our new communication tool to connect Lions and ideas. In the virtual space of the convention, the Environment Stewards team offered a number of articles of interest, and hope to move these to a website when possible.



**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. The team works from a Dropbox of shared information so that we can share ideas around the Multiple District. Alvina Seid and Karen Poon write Environmental Tips monthly. ZC Angus Benedict writes monthly about re-using, recycling and re-purposing items. Bob Johnson summarizes District environmental activity in his columns. We hope to connect efforts in one district with efforts in others.

Please complete the Environment Service Project Survey when you receive it. your Environment Team

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**2021 USA /CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM REPORT** by PID Anne Smarsh, Chairperson  
**"SEPTEMBER 9 – 11, 2021 DES MOINES, IOWA**

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**MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT** by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

"The Budget and Finance committee met via Zoom on January 7<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the budget and proposed the following changes to the second half of the Budget for 2020-2021.

The budget changes that we are proposing leaves the budget at a net income of \$38,299. That is not normal as you know, but because of Covid19 a great of what was normally done has not been done.

We have large decreases in Zone Chairperson expenses, Council Meetings, and District and Zone Officer training expenses. The rest of the expenses either stayed the same or went up or down a little.

We have proposed raises in this budget for the Executive Director and the Administrative Assistant: \$1.50 more an hour for Peter and \$2.00 more an hour for Michele. They will be having a few more responsibilities as there is no longer a receptionist position.

The collection of dues also will affect how the budget turns out. We feel this is a good budget. I want to thank the committee for their work on the budget.

2020-21 Budget with April 30, 2020 Membership								
Income		Assume-7%	% Dues Pd	6% (Year)	6% (6 Months)			
MD19 dues, \$24.60	4/30/2020	6/30/2021	12/31/20	2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
MD19 Dues	Members			Budget	12/30/2020		2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2	
District A	1157	1081	88%	\$1595	\$688	\$(907)	\$1595	
District B	705	661	93%	\$976	\$504	\$(472)	\$976	
District C	1329	1232	88%	\$1819	\$899	\$(920)	\$1819	
District D	1109	1028	93%	\$1517	\$832	\$(685)	\$1517	
District E	1285	1180	100%	\$1742	\$1095	\$(647)	\$1742	
District F	1210	1137	78%	\$1679	\$649	\$(1030)	\$1679	
District G	1261	1165	80%	\$1720	\$758	\$(962)	\$1720	
District H	1516	1420	92%	\$2096	\$1194	\$(902)	\$2096	
District I	1223	1123	90%	\$1957	\$959	\$(698)	\$1657	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,795</b>	<b>10,027</b>	<b>89.11%</b>					
MD19 Operations Account – 89%				\$219,537		\$ -	\$219,537	
District Budgeted 6% from above				\$14,800	\$7578	\$ -	\$14,800	
MD19 Convention Reserve-3%				\$7400	\$5289	\$ -	\$7400	
MD19 Reserve Account – 1%				\$2467	\$1864	\$ -	\$2467	
MD19 Building Reserve Account – 1%				\$2467	\$1864	\$ -	\$2467	
<b>Total Dues Income (gross)</b>				<b>\$246,671</b>	<b>\$16,595</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$246,671</b>	

				2020-2021	Actual	Variance	2020-2021	Notes
				Budget	12/30/2020		2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2	
<b>MD19 Other Income</b>								
MD19 Annual Convention				\$5000	\$6274	\$1274	\$6274	
District Budget Support				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (Foundation)				\$2000	\$ -	\$(2000)	\$2000	
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)				\$2000	\$ -	\$(2000)	\$2000	
Grant for District & Zone Officer School (LCI)				\$1525	\$ -	\$(1525)	\$1525	
Grant for District & Zone Officer School (MD19 Foundation)				\$8000	\$ -	\$(8000)	\$8000	
Grant Leader Development Programs				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Grant for MD19 District Support Team (Foundation)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Credit Card 3% Fee				\$20	\$1	\$(19)	\$10	
Building & Grounds Improvements				\$250	\$100	\$(150)	\$100	
Building-Memorial Garden				\$1500	\$1553	\$53	\$1553	
International Convention				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
New Club Paraphernalia				\$825	\$440	\$(385)	\$450	
Council of Governors				\$100	\$16	\$(84)	\$30	
Postage Recovered				\$100	\$259	\$159	\$300	
Printing Recovered				\$100	\$113	\$13	\$113	
Sales –Award Banner Patches				\$75	\$ -	\$(75)	\$50	
Sales - Other				\$600	\$173	\$(427)	\$200	
Pins – Sales Income				\$100	\$6	\$(94)	\$10	
Uniforms – Sales Income				\$1800	\$1459	\$(341)	\$1800	
Roster / C&A Sales				\$200	\$32	\$(168)	\$32	
Roster / C&A Advertising				\$525	\$873	\$348	\$873	
Bulletin Subscriptions				\$150	\$84	\$(66)	\$84	
Lioness - Awards				\$115	\$19	\$(96)	\$19	
Lioness-Roster				\$125	\$37	\$(88)	\$37	
Miscellaneous Income				\$50	\$29	\$(21)	\$29	
Fundraising – MD19 General Fund				\$50	\$ -	\$(50)	\$ -	
Exchange Income (information only)				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest Income				\$50	\$4	\$(46)	\$4	
Membership / Rebuilding Clubs				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>Total MD19 Other Income</b>				<b>\$25,260</b>	<b>\$11,472</b>	<b>\$(13,788)</b>	<b>\$25,493</b>	
<b>Total MD19 Income</b>				<b>\$271,931</b>	<b>\$28,067</b>	<b>\$(243,863)</b>	<b>\$272,164</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>				<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Notes</b>
				<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
<b>District Ops Accounts</b>								
District A				\$1595	\$688	\$907	\$1595	
District B				\$976	\$504	\$472	\$976	
District C				\$1819	\$899	\$920	\$1819	
District D				\$1517	\$832	\$685	\$1517	
District E				\$1742	\$1095	\$647	\$1742	
District F				\$1679	\$649	\$1030	\$1679	
District G				\$1720	\$758	\$962	\$1720	
District H				\$2096	\$1194	\$902	\$2096	
District I				\$1657	\$959	\$698	\$1657	
<b>Total District Operations Account</b>				<b>\$14,800</b>	<b>\$7578</b>	<b>\$7222</b>	<b>\$14,800</b>	
				<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
				<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
<b>International Convention Forum / Director</b>								
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				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
VDG to USA / Canada Forum – September, 2020				\$2700	\$ -	\$2700	\$ -	\$2700 max
<b>Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director</b>				<b>\$4000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$4000</b>	<b>\$1300</b>	
				<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
				<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
Office Equipment				\$200	\$ -	\$200	\$ -	
Copier Lease Konica & Phone System				\$4525	\$2243	\$2282	\$4525	
Vehicle Purchase Contract (\$300 per month - \$3600)				\$3230	\$1500	\$1730	\$3230	
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>				<b>\$7955</b>	<b>\$3743</b>	<b>\$4212</b>	<b>\$7755</b>	
				<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
				<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
<b>MD19 Convention Expenses</b>								
Convention Reserve-MD19 (3%)				\$3500	\$ -	\$3500	\$3500	

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MD19 Annual Convention			\$4000	\$4997	\$ -	\$4997	
<b>Total MD19 Convention Expenses</b>			<b>\$7500</b>	<b>\$4997</b>	<b>\$2503</b>	<b>\$8497</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>			<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
<b>MD19 General Operations</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)			\$250	\$ -	\$250	\$250	
Credit Card Fees			\$300	\$107	\$193	\$107	
Accounting Compilation / Services			\$4500	\$ -	\$4500	\$4500	
Bank Charges			\$125	\$24	\$101	\$50	
Memorial Garden Expense (Plants, Soil, etc.)			\$1500	\$930	\$570	\$930	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)			\$5000	\$6639	\$(1639)	\$7000	Window wells, painting, break-in
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation			\$75	\$ -	\$75	\$75	
Maintenance – Auto			\$500	\$185	\$315	\$300	
Maintenance – Other Equipment (computer)			\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense- personalized gong & gavel			\$250	\$718	\$(468)	\$718	
Post Office Box Lease - Canada			\$80	\$ -	\$80	\$80	
Postage			\$4800	\$3145	\$1655	\$5000	
Postage Supplies (Dymo Labels)			\$600	\$288	\$312	\$400	
Office Supplies			\$800	\$370	\$430	\$600	
Printing and Stationary Supplies			\$1100	\$ -	\$1100	\$100	
Printing Roster / Contests & Awards Books			\$3700	\$3151	\$549	\$3151	
Purchases –Other Sales			\$1000	\$524	\$476	\$524	
Purchase - Trading Pins			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Purchases – Uniforms for Sale			\$2000	\$807	\$1193	\$1100	
Computer Programs			\$500	\$366	\$134	\$500	
Exchange Expense			\$13,600	\$8845	\$4755	\$8845	
Utilities			\$5800	\$1910	\$3890	\$5800	
<b>Total MD19 Operations – General</b>			<b>\$46,980</b>	<b>\$28,009</b>	<b>\$18,971</b>	<b>\$40,530</b>	
			<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
<b>Insurance – Auto/Building</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
Auto Insurance			\$1800	\$1764	\$36	\$1764	
Commercial Package Insurance (Bldg., Liability, Crime, Employee Dishonesty)			\$2400	\$2461	\$(61)	\$2461	
<b>Total Insurance – Auto/Building</b>			<b>\$4200</b>	<b>\$4225</b>	<b>\$(25)</b>	<b>\$4225</b>	
			<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
<b>Personnel-Calendar Year</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
Bulletin Editor			\$2000	\$982	\$1018	\$2000	
Payroll – Admin Assistant			\$34,320	\$17,426	\$16,894	\$35,880	
Payroll – Executive Director			\$45,843	\$22,922	\$22,921	\$47,362	
Payroll-Receptionist /Bookkeeper			\$17,550	\$5042	\$12,508	\$5,042	
Medical Insurance, April, 2021			\$16,946	\$7688	\$9258	\$16,946	
Payroll Taxes			\$11,966	\$5565	\$6401	\$10,834	
Pension-Executive Director			\$2751	\$2566	\$185	2751	
Pension-Administrative Assistant			\$2059	\$1850	\$209	\$2059	
<b>Total Personnel</b>			<b>\$133,435</b>	<b>\$64,041</b>	<b>\$69,393</b>	<b>\$122,873</b>	
			<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
<b>Taxes (non-personnel)</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
Personal Property Tax			\$150	\$ -	\$150	\$150	
Building Property Tax			\$5100	\$2605	\$2495	\$5100	
<b>Total Taxes (non-personnel)</b>			<b>\$5250</b>	<b>\$2605</b>	<b>\$2645</b>	<b>\$5250</b>	
			<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	
<b>Support: Club, Zone and District</b>			<b>Budget</b>	<b>12/30/2020</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2</b>	
International Director Candidate			\$500	\$ -	\$500	\$500	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Dist. Governors at District Cabinet Meetings (\$800 + \$800)			\$800	\$ -	\$800	\$800	
Awards & Trophies – Plaques, Banner Patches & Embroidery, Certificates			\$800	\$485	\$315	\$485	
MD19 Bulletin (Border Crossing): Expense of printing & AWeber			\$450	\$145	\$305	\$375	
Council Chairperson Expenses			\$4000	\$ -	\$4000	\$4000	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG's at MD19 Council Meetings			\$3500	\$ -	\$3500	\$250	
Council Meeting – Fall: Zoom, November, 2020			\$3000	\$398	\$2602	\$398	
Council Meeting – Winter			\$1200	\$170	\$1030	\$250	
Council Meeting – Spring			\$2600	\$170	\$ -	\$250	
District & Zone Officer Training: hotel, mileage, fares			\$8000	\$ -	\$8000	\$500	
District & Zone Officer Training – Admin 2021			\$8000	\$ -	\$8000	\$500	
Executive Director Expense			\$6000	\$1450	\$4550	\$6000	
MD19 District Team Expense			\$500	\$11	\$489	\$500	

			2020-2021 Budget	Actual 12/30/2020	Variance	2020-2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2
Membership / Rebuilding Programs			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
LEO Liaison for MD19 Convo			\$300	\$ -	\$ -	\$1
Extension Chairperson 50%			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Club, Zone &amp; District Support</b>			<b>\$39,650</b>	<b>\$2892</b>	<b>\$36,821</b>	<b>\$14,809</b>
			2020-2021 Budget	Actual 12/30/2020	Variance	2020-2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2
<b>Telephone</b>						
Telephone (Local, LD, Fax, Cell & Internet)			\$2650	\$1006	\$1644	\$2650
Website			\$175	\$ -	\$175	\$175
<b>Total Telephone &amp; Website</b>			<b>\$2825</b>	<b>\$1006</b>	<b>\$1819</b>	<b>\$2825</b>
			2020-2021 Budget	Actual 12/30/2020	Variance	2020-2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2
<b>Zone Chairperson</b>						
Zone Chairperson – Expenses			\$9,000	\$917	\$8083	\$1500
Zone Chairperson – MD19 Annual Convention			\$4000	\$ -	\$4000	\$ -
<b>Total Zone Chairperson</b>			<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$917</b>	<b>\$12,083</b>	<b>\$1500</b>
			2020-2021 Budget	Actual 12/30/2020	Variance	2020-2021 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1/2
<b>Reserve</b>						
Payable to MD 19 Reserve			\$3500	\$1864	\$1636	\$3500
Payable to Building Reserve			\$3500	\$1864	\$1636	\$3500
<b>Total Reserve</b>			<b>\$7000</b>	<b>\$3728</b>	<b>\$3272</b>	<b>\$7000</b>
<b>Contingency</b>			<b>\$102</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$102</b>	<b>\$2500</b>
<b>Total MD19 Expense</b>			<b>\$286, 697</b>	<b>\$123,679</b>	<b>\$163,018</b>	<b>\$233,865</b>
<b>Total MD19 Expense Budget</b>			<b>\$286, 697</b>	<b>\$123,679</b>		<b>\$233,865</b>
<b>Total MD19 Income Budget</b>			<b>\$271,931</b>	<b>\$28,067</b>		<b>\$272,164</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss)</b>			<b>\$(14,766)</b>	<b>\$(95,611)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$38,299</b>

**MOTION:** A motion was made by District Governor Doug Harvey, 19-G and seconded by District Governor Peggy Harriman, 19-E to accept the MD19 Budget for the second half of the 2020-2021 Lions year. Motion passed.

**Multiple District 19, Lions International Financial Statements  
 June 30, 2020  
 Independent Accountants' Compilation Report**

To the Board of Trustees of Multiple District 19, Lions International, Bellingham, Washington.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Multiple District 19, Lions International (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2020, and the related statement of activities and functional expenses for the year in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Reviews Services Committee of the AICPA.

We did not audit or review the financial statement nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by the management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and statements of cash flows required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures and statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, it might influence the user's conclusion about the Organization's financial position, results of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

**Lions International Multiple District 19 Lions Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2020**

**ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$233,526
Accounts Receivable	2,841
Inventory, lower of cost or market	1,263
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,239</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$240,869</b>

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, less accumulated Depreciation of \$145, 428	<u>93,445</u>
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**\$334,314**

**LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION**

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 32,704
Accrued pension and payroll taxes	6,266
Long-term debt	<u>3,231</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>42,201</u>

NET POSITION

With donor restrictions	163,438
Without donor restricts	<u>128,675</u>

292,113

**\$334,314**

REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT  
PROGRAM SERVICES

CARE Income	\$ 32,176
Lions Information	7,775
Lions Training	<u>12,727</u>

52,678

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Membership Dues	210,075
Membership Escrow	<u>79,145</u>

289,220

FUNDRAISING

Grants	4,747
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OTHER INCOME

205

INTEREST INCOME

922

Total revenue and other support 347,772

EXPENSES

Program Services	82,641
Membership development	71,393
Management and general	<u>166,209</u>
Total expenses	<u>320,243</u>

CHANGE IN NET POSITION

27,529

NET POSITION, beginning of year 278,859

Prior period adjustment (14,275)

NET POSITION, end of year **\$292,113**

**Lions International Multiple District 19 Lions Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2020**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Membership Development</u>	<u>Management and General</u>
Salaries	\$101,805	\$ 1,636	\$ -	\$100,169
Reimbursed Expenses	71,393	\$ -	\$71,393	\$ -
CARE Expense	32,176	\$ 32,176	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	28,583	\$ 23,737	\$ -	\$ 4,846
Convention Fees	10,963	\$ 10,963	\$ -	\$ -
Building repairs and maintenance	10,183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,183
Depreciation	9,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,821
Payroll taxes	7,714	\$ 124	\$ -	\$ 7,590
Telephone and utilities	7,235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,235
Inventory costs	6,063	\$ 6,063	\$ -	\$ -
Office Supplies	5,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,988
Taxes and Licenses	5,549	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,549
Pension	5,241	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,241
Postage	5,200	\$ 3,568	\$ -	\$ 1,632
Professional fees	4,603	\$ 273	\$ -	\$ 4,330
Printing	4,135	\$ 2,869	\$ -	\$ 1,266
Insurance	3,823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,823
Awards and recognition	1,442	\$ 1,232	\$ -	\$ 210
Computer costs	1,376	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,376
Auto expense	818	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 818
Bank fees	689	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 689
Other	(4,557)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,557)
	<b><u>\$320,243</u></b>	<b><u>\$82,641</u></b>	<b><u>\$71,393</u></b>	<b><u>\$166,209</u></b>

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

“In this trying time of the Coronavirus we make the following recommendation regarding the elections at the district level, emphasizing that the election be held in secret.

1. The MD19 office will inform each District Governor, via e-mail, a list of the Lions Clubs, in good standing, in his/her district providing the maximum number of delegate(s) allowed to each of his/her clubs.
2. The District Governor will notify the Lions Clubs in his/her district their authorized number of delegate(s) via-email.
3. The District Governor will send the number of ballots that each club is authorized to the club secretary, including where to send the completed ballots. Only Lions Club in good standing will be sent ballots.
4. The delegate(s) in each club will vote his/her their ballot, in **secret**, and place the completed ballot in an envelope, which the club election chairperson or club secretary will supply, then mail envelope to the district election committee within seven days. The club MUST have the club name on the envelope sent to the elections committee.
5. The District Election Committee shall determine the correct number of ballots submitted by the club and shall tabulate the ballots and forward the results to the District Governor and the MD19 Office.
6. District By-Laws which allow Past International Directors and/or Past District Governors to vote shall be allowed to do so when following this procedure.
7. Any club not having e-mail shall follow this procedure via regular mail.

In the case of the election of the Vice-Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson, as there is no contest this year, we recommend the Council of Governors elect those Lions to the positions. They shall assume office at the end of the Summer Council of Governors meeting.”

**MOTION:** A motion was made by District Governor Joe Nilles, 19-D and seconded by PDG Patty Allen-White, 19-H to proceed with the Governance Committee’s recommendation for the Council of Governors’ to elect the Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson for year 2021-2022. Motion approved.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Debbie Bostock, 19-D and seconded by PDG Cec Specht, 19-I to accept the candidates for the positions of Council Chairperson, 2021-22, VCC John Moralek and Vice Council Chairperson, 2021-22 PDG Lyndon Harriman. Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR  
2021-2022 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON AND VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the cancellation of live district conferences, and

WHEREAS under current rules the election of the Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson would normally be conducted at the nine district conferences, and

WHEREAS the positions of Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson are uncontested, and

WHEREAS the Council of Governors represents the interests of the nine Districts in MD19,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED that the MD19 Council of Governors' conduct the election of the 2021-2022 Council Chairperson and Vice Council Chairperson, with the Council serving as electors, at the Winter Council Meeting, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Chairperson and the Vice Council Chairperson candidates shall be deemed elected upon receiving a majority of the votes cast, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that should a candidate fail to receive a majority of the votes cast there shall be a vacancy in the office which shall be filled in accordance with the MD19 Constitution, Bylaws and respective policies.

Adopted: February 6, 2021

Attest:



Council Chairperson



Executive Director, MD19

**2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT** by PZC George Sim, Chairperson:

We will not be off to Montreal next summer unfortunately, but we hope to have many MD19 Lions attend the virtual event.....

- **2021 LCI MONTREAL CONVENTION TO GO VIRTUAL** — Due to the continuing concerns about the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the Lions Clubs International board of directors has voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. Here is what we know at the moment:
- The convention is currently scheduled for June 25 - 29, 2021.
- The registration fee will be US\$50<sup>00</sup> until March 31, 2020, then US\$75<sup>00</sup> beginning April 1, 2021. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30<sup>00</sup> regardless of date.
- Lions who are currently registered for the convention will receive an email soon with more information about registration options.
- Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically. Check the LCI convention website, [LCICon](#), for convention updates and more details as they become available."

**MD19 ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT** by PDG Brien Patton, Chairperson:

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom annual convention was held on Saturday November 7, 2020. We had 383 people connected. We had people from The United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Europe. From Texas, Alaska, Connecticut, and Hawaii. We felt it went good for our first virtual convention.

I would like to thank our sponsors: MD19 Pin Traders club; BC Lions Society, and The NW Lions Foundation. I would also like to thank Hubb company for providing the platform at a great price so we could



do this and for providing Rebecca Anderson to see us through. Thank you to all the people who made this possible. It takes a lot of folks to put on a Convention.”

**DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM (Global Action Team)**

The reports for Leadership (GLT), Membership and Retention (GMT), Service (GST) and NAMI were oral reports and can be found on the Zoom Recording located on the MD19 Website.

**PEACE POSTER WINNER ANNOUNCED**

The MD19 winning Peace Poster for the 2021 Lions year is from district E, from the Spokane Central Lions Club. The student's name is Rachael Hockett, in grade eight and aged 13. She is from the Sacajawea Middle School. Her quote on peace: "Everyday people doing acts of service to provide the calm and peace that is needed."



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Memorial Garden Clean Up</b>	April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14	MD19 Office
Memorial Garden re-dedication	August 21 *Recognizing 2019-20 and 2020-21	
Club Officer Training (Zoom)	May 22, 8:30 – 12:30 / July 24, 8:30 – 12:30 / Sept. 25, 8:30 – 12:30	
NW Lions Leadership Inst.	June 3-5	Post Falls, ID
MD19 DGE and ZCE Training (Zoom)	June 18, 6-9 PM / June 19, 8-1 PM	
100 <sup>th</sup> MD19 Annual Convention	November 3-6, 2021	Type TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 11:43 AM