

Northwest Lions Leadership Institute Report for the Council of Governors

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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.

Motion: I move we begin offering the Institute in odd numbered years beginning in 2021.

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 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. 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. 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 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.