

REGULAR GOVERNORS COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 23, 2002

HOLIDAY INN EAST, ST. PAUL, MN

Council Chairman Haas called the meeting to order with all 13 District Governors present. They began with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Canadian Pledge and the invocation.

Motion #53 by DG Trettin, second by DG Loken

To approve the agenda as modified. Carried.

Motion #54 by DG Grant, second by DG Roberge

To accept the October 2001 minutes as submitted. Carried.

Council Chairman Haas and Executive Secretary Holst reviewed action and administrative items as listed on the agenda. Governors were reminded that PU-101's must be in the multiple office by May 15.

Lion Swantz reported on behalf of the Hearing Foundation (See item #1).

Wayne Swanson submitted a report concerning redistricting (See item #2). The presentation was prepared and sent to all districts. The proposal passed in 12 of the 13 districts. The final redistricting proposal must be prepared. It will include legal descriptions of the boundaries in each district. The proposal will be sent to each club in MD5M. A presentation will be given at Thunder Bay, Ontario on May 4, 2002. If approved at that time, the proposal will be sent to Lions Clubs International for review and approval.

PDG Chairman Steies reported on behalf of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank (See item #3).

Motion #55 by DG Williamson, second by DG Loken

To partner with the Minnesota Twins on a fund raiser for the MN Lions Eye Bank. Carried.

The USA/Canada Forum is in Ft. Worth, Texas September 25-28, 2002.

Governors Wankling, Stewart and Moede gave a comprehensive Canadian report (See item #4).

DG Williamson reported as Chair of the Political Liaison Committee.

The group discussed the Peace Poster Contest and encouraged participation.

PCC Vern Harjes reported as Chairman of Leader Dog (See item #5).

PDG Jack Riordan reported on the Honduras project (See item #6).

Chair Elliott was not present to report for Youth Outreach and Leos (See item #7).

PDG Swanson reported as Chair of the Membership and Retention Committee (See item #8).

PDG Hartkopf reported as Chair of the Extension (New Club) Committee.

PDG Chairman Darrell Main reported on behalf of Hearing Dog.

The Youth Exchange report was given by Lion Mathwig (See item #9). They have received 20 student applications from 12 different countries. They are expecting two more. They will be holding a seminar in Thunder Bay. Seven students will be going to Germany, Sweden, Austria, South Africa, England and Norway. He reviewed the year's financial report and urged those districts that have not yet contributed, to do so.

PCC Jim Morcomb gave a comprehensive report as Chair of the MD5M Leadership Development Committee (See item #10).

The Public Relations report was given by PR Chair Burt Nelson. He will be putting together a news release for the Governors for their newsletter if they wish to use it. Each district should have a public relations chair. He will be working on a training session for them.

Lion Brian Sheehan reported as Computer Technical Operations Chair. There is a web site up and running and it has a message board.

PDG Dubats reported as Chairman of the MD5M Diabetes Awareness program (See item #11). They have developed a mission statement and guiding principles. They have increased participation by the districts in the diabetes committee meetings.

PCC Chairman Bergman gave the Long Range Planning report (see item #12).

PDG Robert Vokes reported as Chair of LCIF (See item #13). He reviewed the status of grants by district.

PDG Wharton gave the Constitution and By-laws report. It has been a quiet year for Constitution and By-laws with re-districting.

5M Chairman Dale Johansen reported on behalf of LEHP (See item #14).

PDG Convention Chair Essex was not present to report on behalf of the Multiple District 5M Convention Host Committee. The Convention will be May 3-5 in Thunder Bay.

There was discussion of the 2002 International Convention in Osaka, Japan. It will be discussed further in Thunder Bay with the delegates.

Motion #56 by DG Roberge, second by DG Grant

To accept all Committee reports. Carried.

Saturday Evening

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The meeting began with the Convention Committee report by DG Chair Audrey Moede. The Committee discussed the following items: 5M-6 wanted a breakfast at the Convention on Saturday morning but past minutes show that since International Director Fukushima is speaking at that time, it will not be allowed. PCC Morcomb needs two hours on Friday for Vice District Governor Elect Training. Executive Secretary Holst will contact Convention Chair Essex about this. The Districts Governors will read the names for the memorial service. Spouse will light one candle for each District after the names are read. A bouquet of flowers for each district will be available for Lions to take afterward. Additional seminars to consider: It's all about attitude (Leadership), Effective Meetings, Leadership Institutes, District Secretary Training, Treasurer Training, Charitable Foundation, Insurance and Legal Matters. District Governor Moede volunteered to arrange copying for presenters. Masters should be sent to her by April 22. The District Governors will call the seminars to order and make a brief introduction of presenters. The parade dress in Osaka will be blues for the

District Governors and Governors Elect. All others: new logo white shirts, tan/khaki slacks, white shoes, white socks and white hats for those who lack other head covering. Flags and banners for the parade: The Vice District Governors will bring the Snowman banner, the MD5M banner, and the American and Canadian flags. They are recommending that the dress for the Saturday night banquet at the Multiple Convention be whites for the seated Governors, and blues for the District Governor Elects.

Motion #57 by DG Moede, second by DG Loken

To approve the tentative seminar schedule and topics for the Multiple Convention. Carried.

Motion #58 by DG Moede, second by DG Hughes

To recommend the following dress for the Multiple Convention Saturday night banquet: whites for the District Governors and blues for the District Governors Elect. Carried.

Motion #59 by DG Moede, second by DG Stewart

Parade dress in Osaka to be blues for the District Governors and Governors Elect. Others are to wear the new logo white shirts with tan/khaki slacks, white shoes, white socks and white hats for those who lack other head covering. Carried.

Motion #60 by DG Moede, second by DG Williamson

To approve the Convention Committee report. Carried.

The Service Activities Committee report was presented by DG Chair Charley Williamson. The Committee recommends that if a new logo is adopted all existing inventory with the old logo be used up. They further recommend that the new parade shirt order include a change to downsize 5M and add MD to the logo. They also suggest that the incoming Governors appoint a committee to draft a snowman pin design for Detroit.

Motion #61 by DG Williamson, second by DG Stewart

To adopt a new MD5M logo to be used in either a two or four color. Carried.

Motion #62 by DG Williamson, second by DG Grant

To accept the Service Activities Committee report. Carried.

The District Organization Committee report was given by DG Chair Loken. The Committee discussed the following: If there is a 10% increase in membership we can ask Lions Clubs International to reconsider redistricting.

Motion #63 by DG Loken, second by DG Williamson

That the Council of Governors submit the notice and resolution concerning redistricting to each of the clubs at least 30 days prior to the annual convention and authorize the Executive Secretary to send it out to the clubs and re-affirm that we endorse the proposal. Motion carried with 5M12 opposed.

Motion #64 by DG Loken, second by DG Williamson

To accept the District Organization report. Carried.

The Headquarters and Finance Committee report was given by Chair Grant.

Motion #65 by DG Grant, second by DG Williamson

That MD5M reimburse CC Haas and Executive Secretary Holst for the purchase price of the current blue blazer. Carried.

Motion #66 by DG Grant, second by DG Loken

That CC Haas be reimbursed for expenses to the District Mid Winter Conventions outside of his own District Mid Winter provided that the total amount of all expenses for the year do not exceed the annual budget for the Council Chair. Carried.

Motion #67 by DG Grant, second by DG Trettin

That the miscellaneous income line item under District Office section of the budget be changed to Executive Secretary Job Description Task Team Expenses. Carried.

Motion #68 by DG Grant, second by DG Stewart

After reviewing the contents of the 1999 & 2000 audit report, that the Executive Secretary is to comply with the recommendations. Carried.

Headquarters and Finance recommend that the task force team work toward separation of the accounting function from the Executive Secretary position.

Motion #69 by DG Grant, second by DG Jones

That Executive Secretary Holst is to produce a copy of the current directory for a district in 8 ½ x 11 format to be presented for review at the Thunder Bay Council of Governors meeting on May 3 and 4. Carried.

There was no Legal Committee report.

Discussion of PDG Elliott's resignation as Youth Outreach and Leo Chair.

Motion #70 By DG Jones, second by DG Williamson

To appoint Linus Dingmann as Chair of Youth Outreach and Leo Committee, pending his acceptance, for the balance of PDG Elliott's year. Carried with 5M9 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin A. Holst

Executive Secretary

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The following items are available from the MD office upon request.

Item #1 Hearing Foundation report

2 Redistricting report

3 Eye Bank report

4 Canadian reports

5 Leader Dog report

6 Honduras report

7 Youth Outreach and Leo report

8 Membership and Retention report

9 Youth Exchange report

10 MD5M Leadership Development report

11 MD5M Diabetes Awareness report

12 MD5M Long Range Planning report

13 LCIF report

14 LEHP report