



Minutes

**Second Council of Governors Meeting
October 21, 2023
McPherson Community Center, McPherson, Ks**

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PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Dr. William "Bill" Wunder (1995-1996)
Claude Claude DeVorss (1964-1965)
Charles Hatton (1932-1933)

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Hans Neidhardt (2023-2025)

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

Deb Weaverling (2021-2023)
Bill Phillipi (2015-2017)
Ann Smarsh (2009-2011)
Ernie Young Jr. (2004-2006)
Ed McCormick (2000-2002)
Gene Vogel (1997-1999)
Dr. William "Bill" Wunder (1989-1991)
Robert "Bob" Tonjes (1987-1989)
Blaine Rush (1978-1980)
Chester Francis (1973-1975)
Claude Claude DeVorss (1957-1959)
Charles Hatton (1928-1930)



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"WE SERVE"

Minutes of the Second Council of Governors Meeting for October 21, 2023 McPherson, KS

Council Chair Lori Horton called the Council Meeting to order at 3:00 pm. All members of the Council of Governors were present. 17K – DG Don Keihl, 17A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom and 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu

CC Lori Horton welcomed everyone to the meeting

DG Don Keihl ~~lead~~ed the Pledge of Allegiance.

DG Pam Bilyeu gave the invocation.

CC Lori Horton introduced the current council: 17K – DG Don Keihl, 17A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom, and 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu.

CC Lori Horton asked the present International Family present for comments: PID Deb Weaverling, PID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick.

CC Lori Horton introduced the following Vice DG, 17K – 1st Vice DG Diana Baumann, Acting DG 17A – Margy Sundstrom, and 17 – N 1st Vice District Governor Shari Neidhardt

17K – 2nd Vice DG Louis Morgan, 17A – 2nd Vice DG Irene Haws, and 17N – 2nd Vice Robert Colbert

CC Lori Horton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Action: 17K – DG Don Keihl moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 17A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Parliamentarian PDG Governor Michael Sundstrom read the following report. The State Council meeting or State Convention Business meeting shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International and MD-17 of the State of Kansas. Robert Rules of Order, as amended, shall be observed throughout this meeting.

If any Lion in attendance wants to address the State Council they must be recognized by the Council Chairperson first. Upon recognition of the Council Chairperson, you proceed to the podium and use the microphone in presenting your comments.

Comments are limited to three minutes or less. You will be alerted when 2-1/2 minutes has elapsed.

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2023-2024 Reports

District Governor Reports

~~District Governor K~~ - District Governor Donald Keihl ~~District, 17-K~~

Date: October 21, 2023
Number of Clubs: 66 Number of Lions: 1242 Net Gain/Loss: -2
Status Quo Clubs: 0 Cancelled Clubs: 2 Problem Clubs: 0
Dates to Remember: District Convention: March 15-16, 2024
Mid-Winter Rally: January 19-21, 2024
Official visits to Date: 5
Goals: ~~Two~~ Two new clubs; 2 branch clubs; 200 New Members by June 30, 2024

Health of the District: Good
Accomplishments: District Governor team has had July, August, September, and October communications with all 66 clubs primary officers. The topics were district communications, membership growth, community service, club officer training, LCI reports, and, upon request, providing district assistance for their club. The Colby High Plains Lions Club began the Global Membership Approach with a goal of 1 new member per month beginning in October 2023. We expect other clubs with 10 or less members to use the Global Membership approach, too.

“It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.” FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

District A – Acting DG Margy Sundstrom

Number of Clubs: 72 Number of Lions: 1,473 Net Gain/Loss: -10
Status Quo Clubs: Cancel Clubs: none Problem Clubs: Abilene
But will try to turn it into an evening club and see how that might work to get new members.
Date to Remember: District Convention April 13 & 14 at the Olathe Community Center in Olathe. ID Keller from Ohio will be our guest
Official Visits to Date: Working on visits. I have been “piggybacking” with Zone Chair Roger Yost for some.
Goals: my main goal is to keep our district going strong and working together
Health of the District: staying the same. Our GMT and GET are working to get new members and new clubs.

District N – Pam Bilyeu District Governor 17-N Report

Club Count: 68 Lion Member Count: 1454 Net Gain/Loss: +9
DG Visits: 15 VDG Visits: 14
District 17-N Calendar:
2nd District Cabinet Meeting November 18 Towanda
3rd District Cabinet Meeting February 17 ZOOM
DISTRICT 17-N CONVENTION March 1-2 Ottawa
4th District Cabinet Meeting June 22 Newton
District 17-N Goals:
Membership – By June 30, 2024 District 17-N will have a net gross total of 50 new Lions.
Charter two new Lions clubs with 20 new Lions each. Conversations have been occurring with Augusta for a second club, and Andover
District Membership challenge to encourage clubs to actively seek new members - In progress
Have had 39 new Lions join; dropped -30; deceased - 5
Leadership Development: - 100% Zone Chairs complete training- 70% have completed
80% Club Officers attend some training- tracking the number who have completed the training
Online is a challenge

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District held Club Orientation training at District Cabinet Meeting on August 19

– 50% of the clubs will offer new member orientation in clubs

DG monthly roundtable with Zone Chairs – Last meeting October 19, 2023

Service – by June 30, 2024 - 90% of the District 17-N clubs will report service on My Lion

Provide training on new website

Monitor and contact non-compliant clubs to offer assistance –addressed on club visits

LCIF Goal for 2023 -2024 is \$40,000.00

Offer opportunities for clubs to donate during Governor visit's and take up collection

Current LCIF donations are \$4632.00

Leo Clubs – Develop two new Leo Clubs, one is in the beginning stages in Lyndon

Also spotlighting Leos more on the District ~~level~~ level, they are our future Lions

District Environmental Challenge – Challenge clubs to do a new environment project and they will receive a District Environment Award plus have their project displayed at the District Convention with the Convention Attendees voting for their favorite to receive the District Environmental Challenge People Choice Award.

Concerns – Need to find replacements for:

GMT, Zone 9, Environmental Chair and East Vision High Points:

Attending USA/Canada Forum in Reno with Lion Jerry and members of MD-17

1st District Cabinet meeting hosted by the Burlington Lions.

- PDG Chris Bauer provided training on the new Lions International website
- Provided training on Club Orientation/Inductions
- ID Hans Neidhardt Installed District Cabinet
- District 17-N Newsletter
- Clubs posting service and activities on District 17-N Facebook and Governors post visits as well.

Treasurer's Report - PCC Hans Neidhardt, State Treasurer: Presented the State Treasurer report. According to ID Hans everything is looking good so far. Report on file at the state office.

Audit - PCC DeAnne Heersche – Committee Members Present: PCC DeAnne Heersche, DIPDG Tom Baumann, PCC Harry Stockwell, 2ndVDG Irene Haws, Wichita Downtown President Clark Lindstrom - guest

Two audits have already been completed for 22-23.

Audit materials for both 2021-22 and 2022-23 may be sent or taken to the Kansas State Office, sent to PCC DeAnne Heersche, or brought to Mid-Winter Rally.

Faithfully submitted
PCC DeAnne Heersche

Budget and Finance – PDG David Hentges reported that no requests were made

Constitution, Bylaws, and SOP's – Mike Sundstrom: The committee received an SOP to review from the State Publications Committee. We will review and have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Environmental – Committee – But members reminded Lions of the photo contest that is going to be judged at MWR

International Convention 2023 – Randy St. Aubyn, Chair: No meeting - International Convention is June 21-25, 2024 in Melbourne, Australia. Early registration is being ~~encouraged~~, encouraged; flights average around \$2,500.

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GLT, GMT, GST, GET Programs

GLT – PID Bill Phillippi and Deb Weaverling, Chairpersons – Meeting with 2nd Vice and 1st Vice Governors and Governors were held. A great deal of discussion was centered around goals and objectives. All state GAC were invited to attend.

GMT – Richard Caldwell, Chair: The District Health Assessment for MD-17 through September 2023 had the total of 4,171 members in Kansas Lions Clubs. Eighty-six new members were inducted but with an 87 member drop resulting in a -1 net growth. District 17N was at 1,454 members with 37 new members. However, there was a loss 28 members and a net growth at +9. District 17A had the most members in the State at 1,483 with 31 new members added and 37 members dropped. This resulted in a 0 net growth. District 17K had a membership of 1,234 with 18 new members added but 28 dropped or -10 net loss.

Earlier I had started a contest among the Clubs in MD17 recognizing those clubs with the highest percentage of growth. I discover more facts and figures that point out more of this report. District K had six clubs with new members with 11 clubs experiencing a drop. Fifty Clubs did not gain or lose membership in the 1st quarter. District A had 46 clubs showing no gains or losses with 12 clubs losing members but 11 clubs gaining membership. District N had 39 clubs showing no loss or gains with 17 clubs showing gains but 12 clubs showing losses.

The main takeaways need not be the clubs gaining or losing members, but the large number of clubs with either no losses or gains. These clubs must be doing activities that retain members or have the potential to gain new members. Congratulations need to be considered for all clubs who work to serve their community and Lionism and realize new membership needs to be ongoing to ensure that Lions still can fulfill the mission of “We Serve.”

GST: Carlene Rajala, Chair MD 17 Lions joined together at the Kansas State Fair for 1,104 hours of volunteer service and serving 2,106 fair attendees.

District K completed 2,710 hours of volunteer service on 189 projects serving 21,587 people.

District A completed 2,972 hours of volunteer service on 174 projects serving 31,377 people.

District N completed 3, 634 hours of volunteer service on 189 projects serving 42,749 people.

There will be service activities for each of the State Council Meetings.

- 1) August Council Meeting: Local service activities were scheduled.
- 2) Mid-Winter Rally: Work on the Veteran’s Flags.
- 3) State Convention: Complete a Hands-on Project plus focus on the ALERT Trailer needs.

The “Awareness of Human Trafficking and Exploitation” Program has distributed all 1,000 stickers to Lions throughout the state.

District GST’s this year are 17-K PCC Randy St. Aubyn

17-A PCC Diane Hentges

17-N Lion Debra Funke

Please contact one of the team members if you have suggestions or comments.

GET: PCC Harry Stockwell – No report

Historical Committee – PDG Chris Bauer – MD-17 Historical Committee members PDGs Rick Dodson and Chris Bauer spent three days after the last council meeting scanning files in the state office. It is going to be a long project and a plan needs to be developed to facilitate the process.

The committee is also working on plans for a 25-year history collection of Lionism in Kansas. Similar to what is in the Kansas Lions History Books but most likely only in digital form. The last book covered the 1990s, so we are looking at 2000 through 2025. To assist in that effort the committee will be developing a request form to send out to clubs.

In relation to that, we plan on developing a seminar presentation on “The Importance of Keeping Records and How”

K-I - PID Ed McCormick, Chair: brought the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

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Present were PID Ed McCormick, District Chair Lion Vickie Phillipi, ID Hans Neidhardt, PID Bill Phillipi, 1st VDG Shari Neidhardt. No binding action was taken.

Lions LCIF Programs – PDG Rick Dodson, Chair: - Continue to pursue historical efforts to raise LCIF funds oriented on past successes and increased funds by achieving:

- a. MD goal of \$112,455 (assigned by LCIF). **(Currently \$28,107)**
 - b. Club participation goal of 66%. **(Currently 18%)**
 - c. Individual participation of 7%. **(Currently 1.2%)**
 - d. Focus on clubs that do not historically give. **(Analysis almost complete and templated letters prepared.)**
 - e. Focus on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members. **(Analysis almost complete and templated letters prepared.)**
 - f. Encourage donation recognition with Presidential LCIF supporters **(Some pins received and available for \$50, \$100, and \$200 donors.).**
- District donation breakout:

- a. District 17-K - \$4,160-~~8~~; 8% club participation.
 - b. District 17-A - \$18,126-~~24~~; 24% club participation.
 - c. District 17-N - \$4,425-~~22~~; 22% club participation.
- Two clubs still donating to fulfill their Campaign 100 Model Club commitment (Leavenworth and Topeka).
Plaques have been received to present to the eleven clubs that have completed their commitment.

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Our Coordinator Team can update you on their respective district action plans. MD 17 LCIF Coordinator Team for 2023-2024: PDG Rick Dodson (MD), PCC Randy St. Auburn and PDG Kathie Bell (17-K), PID Deb Weaverling and Lion Caroline Arter (17-A), and PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N).

We hope to have an LCIF presence at all conventions this year, and ask for your enthusiastic support. If there is any information you need, please contact your District Coordinator(s) or myself.

Lions Health Programs Lion Vern Failor - Are you ready to “Change the World” as IP Patti Hill has said “Change comes one step at a time”. We change the world one life, one relationship, one community at a time.
Is your Lions Club ready for the challenge? To help you with this challenge the Lions Health Program LHP will be supplying articles to all of the DG’s newsletters on health issues as indicated by the LCI’s monthly event calendar. We ask that each Lions Club use these topics to plan programs for the year. We hope these will be helpful in planning your Lions Club programs.

Here is the LCI Event Calendar for Lions year 2023/24

November	Diabetes Awareness Month Nov 14 Diabetes awareness Day.	February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
December	No Cause Listed	March	Diabetes Alert Day
January	Hunger Awareness Month	April	Environmental Awareness Month.

LCI has lots of information on all of the subjects listed above, just go to lionsclubs.org and look for it. If you need help Lion Vern will be glad to help you. Just contact him.

The Lions Health Program team has VSP certificates available. They are for any Lions Club in the multi-district. If you want a certificate please contact **(email)** Lion Vern with the following information.

1. Name and date of birth of the recipient
2. Postal code of the recipient,
3. Name of the Lion making the request and address of that Lion.

These are worth \$250.00 to a club, but are **FREE** for the asking with **a limit of 2 per club per month.**

These are from **your** Lions Club and **you** will need to explain the process for using the certificate to your client and you will receive a list of Vision Service Companies where the certificate can be redeemed. When you make contact with your client, please inform your client **NOT** to make any contact with a provider until they have the certificate in their hand. The certificates cannot be emailed as each has a different serial number and cannot be copied. **These certificates must be used by September, 2024 so please ask for them.**

The Kansas Yellow Dot is still alive and well just ask Lion Vern for information.

Dist. K-Lion <u>K Lion</u> Kathy Bell	Diabetes	<u>owetelee@hotmail.com</u>	620 430 0594
Dist. K PDG Marvin Funk	LHP	<u>marve153@cox.net</u>	620 877 7322
Dist. A Lion Vern Failor	LHP	<u>vlfailor@gmail.com</u>	785 272 6102
Dist. N Lion Ferne Evans	Diabetes	<u>fuzzywuzzyonelci@gmail.com</u>	785 845 4755

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Long Range Planning – Chairperson Rick Dodson – The State Secretary has been collecting the brochures for Governors to give out at their visitations. State Secretary Dan reported the following have been collected at the State Office.

LCIF

KLF – Is working on one, but it is not done

KLSF – Has been printed, but has not been given to state office.

KLBF - Nothing

Kansas Lions Band - Nothing

KSDS

Leaders Dogs

Audio Reader

State Lions Health Programs - Received nothing yet.

The suggestion was made to give all these to the Governors in their training in the Spring. Everyone agreed.

Mid-Winter Rally – PID Bill Phillipi, Chair: Mid-Winter Rally will be held January 19-21, 2024 in Junction City at Courtyard by Marriott. The Speaker will be PID Debra Wasserman. Several great presentations are scheduled that will be good for all Lions to hear about.

Public Relations - Eric Tweedy, Chair – No Meeting meeting – Waiting on Constitution and Bylaws to approve suggested SOP's

State Convention 2024 - PID Deb Weaverling: Chair: The next State Convention will be in Lawrence, May 31 – June 1, 2024 **International President Patty Hill is planning to be our Special Guest.** The band will be at Baker University. We will stay in Lawrence.

State and International Band – PCC Hans Neidhardt, Chair: 2024 Kansas Lions State Band



Logistical tasks are well under way for the 2024 Kansas Lions Band camp to be held at Baker University, May 28 to June 1. The multi-page informational flyer was sent out last month to the various band directors, Lions Club, and eligible band students from this year's band attendees. The plan is to send out a reminder post card to the same recipients after the first of the year. Deadline for applications and payment has been set for May 6, 2024.

Working directly with Baker staff, a signed contract has been completed. We now know what the various fees will be for lodging, meals, and facilities. The cost of the camp remains at \$250 per student. Dr. Perez has added a special session (Kicks Band) for our students this year in addition to the normal Friday night and Saturday performances.

Thursday, May 28 Kicks Band (Camp Staff/Faculty), 8:00 – 8:30 in Rice Auditorium

Friday, May 31 Jazz Band/Ensembles, 7:30 – 9:00 in Rice Auditorium

Saturday, June 1 Symphonic Band Concert, 10:00 – 11:15 in Collins Gym

Being Lion Shari's and my 20th and final camp as the primary points of contact, returning to Baker University with Dr. Perez as the director will be a fitting finale as we will turn over the reins to Galen Whisman and Nathan Stichter. We have both enjoyed working with over 4,000 students and will miss the daily interaction that occurs each day at the camp. Lion Shari and I just want to express our deepest gratitude to all of you for providing us the most precious opportunity to work with the band students. In closing I leave you with this final thought and quote. IP Hill's theme is *"Changing the World"* and a quote from Ludwig van Beethoven tells us, *"Music can change the world."*

Kansas Lions Foundation – President PCC Diane Hentges -

The meeting of the Kansas Lions Foundation was called to order by President PCC Diane Hentges at 11:04am. Attending were President PCC Diane Hentges (17-A); Vice President Lion Cheryl Kerns (via Zoom); Secretary PDG Kathie Bell; Treasurer PCC Helen LeBlanc, Assistant Treasurer PDG Dan Funke; Directors PCC Diana Baughman (17-K), PCC David Hentges (17-A) and PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N). There was a quorum. There were a number of guests and committee chairs attending.

Helen LeBlanc moved the agenda be approved and Richard Caldwell seconded. The motion carried.

The minutes from the July 25, 2023 meeting had been distributed. Richard Caldwell moved the minutes be approved and David Hentges seconded. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Helen LeBlanc. The assets and liabilities both were \$85,687.12. The Marysville Investment Fund is still not making money. Diane Hentges moved the report be approved and Richard Caldwell seconded. The motion carried.

The Mid-Winter Rally luncheon is on Jan. 20, 2024. MWR Chair PID Bill Phillipi announced that there will be no time for activities other than awarding the Peace Poster prizes.

The Committee Chairs have been tasked with coming up with SMART goals. There will be a Zoom meeting before MWR to report on these goals.

Next on the agenda were committee reports.

There were no reports from the Leos or QUEST.

PDG Richard Caldwell expects the District Governors to have the winning Peace Posters to him by Thanksgiving. It is extremely important to follow LCI's rules to be eligible for consideration from LCI.

PCC Harry Stockwell reported via text message for the Youth Exchange.

Dan Funke is waiting on LCIF to bill the Foundation for the approximately \$3,500 in unused grant money.

Changes that need to be made to the brochure are removing the part of receiving a signed certificate for donating the Bill and Dorothy Wunder fund and adding that the ALERT trailers are available for meetings throughout the State.

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Ron Weaverling was absent, so there was no Public Relations report.
Helen LeBlanc has sent letters to individuals and Clubs that have received Pink Lions regarding upgrading to Bill and Dorothy Wunder pins.
Though the disaster funding is doing well, the Foundation needs to come up with fundraising ideas.
PDG Vern Failor reported students at Bethel College in Newton would like to have a visit from the ALERT trailer.
The next Kansas Lions Foundation board meeting will be at Mid-Winter Rally Jan. 20, 2024.
At 11:35 the meeting adjourned.

Kansas Lions Band Foundation: PDG Willie Tolle, President - The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their second directors meeting, Saturday, October 21, 2023.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as e-mailed to the directors with minor amendments. A roll call was taken by the secretary.

The Treasurer’s report was given and approved.

State office report:

Lori reported that everything is in order and the fence is being discussed by us and the neighbor.

State & International Band report:

The information paperwork has been mailed to all directors, clubs and students eligible to return. The KMEA booth in 2024 was discussed. Band camp will be at Baker this year with the cost remaining at \$250.

Old business:

- 1. Bobby is still working on the design of the new pin.
- 2. Mid-Winter Rally preparations: auctioneer has been notified and confirmed. Each District Governor will be asked to provide a basket for the auction.
- 3. We have a couple of places to contact about donating the processing for the pig.
- 4. There will also be a beef bundle available during the ticket sales.
- 5. The QR code still needs more work.

New business:

- 1. Update of the brochure was discussed. Options were suggested and several will be checked on. It was also suggested that one be placed in every program.

Suggestions: Time is short please gather items for the upcoming auction.
Promote the band.

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation - PID Gene Vogel, President: Following budget was approved.

KLSF Budget 2023-24		Formatted: Font color: Text 1
Endowment Funds	\$1,214,213.96	Formatted: Font color: Text 1
Est ROI Est ROI	\$46,000.00	Formatted: Font color: Text 1
Est Donations	\$4,000.00	Formatted: Font color: Text 1
Commerce Bank		Formatted: Font color: Text 1
Eclipse Eclipse Project	\$22,791.41	Formatted: Font color: Text 1
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Unrestricted	\$13,502.35	KU Eye Center	\$7,800.00	Cataract Project
Eclipse Eclipse Project 2023-24	\$10,000.00	Eye Glass Project	\$4,000.00	Project Expense
▲		Audio Reader	\$20,000.00	Annual Donation
▲		KanLovKids	\$10,000.00	Annual Donation
▲		Braille Guide	\$2,000.00	Annual Donation
▲		Kansas State Fair	\$10,000.00	Project Expense

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Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjournment - CC Lori Horton: Is there a motion to adjourn?

Council Action: 17N Pam Bilyeu – I move that we adjourn. 17N - Governor Don ~~Keihl~~ – Keihl - I second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.