



Minutes

**1st Council of Governors Meeting
August 10, 2024
Wingate by Wyndham
Wichita, KS**

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PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

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

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

ID Hans Neidhardt (2024-2026)

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)
Cluade DeVorss (1957-1959)
C. W. McKee (1952-1954)
Arnott Ray Lamb (1949-1951)
Ronald B. Lang (1945-1947)
V. Royal Vergades (1941-1943)
J. Earl Tanner (1935-1937)
Charles Hatton (1928-1930)
John H. Boys (1922-1925)



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August 10 2024 – Wingate by Windom

Wichita, KS 67209

Council Chair Pam Bilyeu called the Council Meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
17K – Diana Baumann – Absent, 17 DG Margy Sundstrom and 17N – Shari Neidhardt.

CC Pam Bilyeu welcomed everyone to the meeting

2nd - District A Margy Sundstrom lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DG Sheri Neidhardt 17N gave the invocation.

CC Pam Bilyeu introduced the current State Council - 17K – Diana Baumann, 17A – DG Margy Sundstrom, and 17N – DG Shari Neidhardt

CC Pam Bilyeu introduced the International Family present and invited them to make comments: PID Deb Weaverling, PID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick.

CC Pam Bilyeu introduced all the Vice District Governors.

CC Pam Bilyeu asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Action: 17K – DG Diana Baumann moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 17A –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's 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 by the Council Chairperson, you need to 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.

Minutes of the last Council Meeting – August 10, 2024

Council Action: 17N – Shari Neidhardt made the motion to approve the minutes as presented.
17K – DGE 17K Diana Baumann seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Treasurer Report – Since a budget has not been approved there is no Treasurer Report

District Governor Reports -

CC Pam Bilyue asked each District Governor to present their District Governor Report and where they are at with their goals.

District K – DG Diana Baumann– Will turn in of Thursday of this week.

District A – DG Margy Sundstrom Number of Clubs: 71 Net Gain/Loss: -15

As of Thursday evening 08/08/24—explained 10 of it is branch members dropping and returning to sponsor club, reports only show -5.

Status Quo Clubs: 0 Cancel Clubs: 0 Problem Clubs: Abilene and Wetmore
The branch clubs that were started a few years ago have now all been deleted and members dropped. Most with no notification to the district officers.

Dates to remember: Cabinet Meeting 08/17/2024 at 1st Christian Church, 1880 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka

Official Visits to Date: Working with several clubs in Zone 7 to improve their membership

Goals: Establish, at least, 3 new clubs and build membership in current clubs.

Working on Holton, Perry, and Specialty Club in Douglas County

Health of the District: Slowly starting to show improvement. Governors and zone chairs are contacting clubs to set up visits. Have emailed Zone Chairs paperwork to tak to clubs and what I would like for them to discuss. Have met with my Governors and we are ready to go forward. GLT continues to have Zoom training for all positions.

District N – DG Shari Neidhardt - District Governor 17-N Report 1st State Council Meeting Wichita, Ks August 10,2024 Club Count: 68 Lions Member: 1381 Net gain/Loss :+5 DG Visit: 2 VDG:

- 1 District 17-N Calendar: 1st District Cabinet Meeting August 24, 2024 Girard Kansas
- 2nd District Cabinet Meeting October 26, 2024 Lyndon Kansas
- 3rd District Cabinet Meeting January 25, 2025 Zoom District
- 17-N Convention February 28-March 1, 2025 Bel Aire Kansas
- 4th District Cabinet Meeting ` June 28, 2025 Potwin?

District 17-N Goals for 2024-2025:

- Membership: By June 30, 2025 District 17-N will have a net gain of 50 new lions.
- Charter two new clubs with 20 members each. Still working on Andover, Augusta and working to make the Kansas Lions Band Branch Club a full up regular club.
- District Membership challenge to encourage clubs to actively seek new members. The club with the largest gain of members during the month will be recognized with a \$10.00 LCIF donation in the club's name.
- Leadership: 100% Zone Chairs Complete training and 80% Club Officer to complete their training.
- Service: A minimum of 60% of the clubs reporting their services via the Portal.
- LCIF Goal: \$30,000.00 (Donations to date: \$2100.00). Will continue "Bags of Bucks" during club visits.
- Leo Clubs: One new club. Lyndon Lions are working on one.

- District Challenge: For every club to make a donation to Diabetes Camp and to childhood cancer. High Points: Attended the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia Attended FDI Faculty Development Institute Attended the Mission 1.5 Summit Will be attending USA/Canada Forum in September

Audit – PCC DeAnne Hersche – Reported that several of the reports have been reviewed and approved.

Budget and Finance – PDG David Hentges presented the budget for approval. No discussion by the Governors. DG Shari Neidharardt moved to approve the budget as presented. DG Diana Baumann seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0.

Constitution and Bylaws – Chairman Mike Sundstrom stated that in lieu of written report that the committee was working on SOP's and Constitution and By-Laws for the next meeting.

Environmental Committee – Committee Chair Ron Weaverling reported that the committee was working very hard on the rules for several contest.

1. Photo Contest.

- There will be an MD17 Environmental photo contest this year.
- It is our intent to increase participation in the photo contest; in terms of total submissions, voting participation, and awards distribution.
- Only DIGITAL PHOTO submissions (taken within Kansas) will be accepted.
- Photo categories will remain the same.
- Lions can now be pictured in the environmental service category photos.
- I will update the photo category sheet with submission deadlines and push it out this week. That will enable districts to include it in district newsletters ASAP.

2. District Photo Contest

District Environmental Chairs will select the district winners in each category and digitally submit them to rweaverling@gmail.com on a date to be determined.

3. MD17 Photo Contest.

- Voting for the MD17 contest entrants will be conducted online.
- Any MD17 Lion can cast one vote only in each category.
- A Lion can only win in one photo category.
- More to follow on the specifics of this process and the associated dates.
- Winners will be announced at the 2025 Mid Winter Rally (MWR) in Junction City.
- Winners will be recognized and awarded at the 2025 MD17 Convention in Wichita.

4. MD17 Club Level Environmental Project Contest

- It is our intent to encourage more clubs to actively participate in the LCI Environmental global cause within their communities.
- Last year districts N and A, each conducted their own inaugural contests.
- In addition, this year MD17 will host a state wide Club Level Environmental Project Contest.
- Winners will be recognized at the 2025 MD17 Convention in Wichita.

GAT – Pam Bilyeu – All committees (GST, GMT, GLT, and GET) reviewed their District Goals and Multi District Goals. GET and GMT related their meeting that they attended in Texas and how they could apply the to our State and District Goals. GST PDG Tom Baumann discussed what the State-wide Service projects will be for the next Council Meeting and Mid-Winter Rally. **PAM -SHOULD I INCLUDE GOALS**

Health Programs – Vern Failor

LCI President Fabricio Oliveira slogan “Make your Mark” rings a bell with me and as you read his bio that slogan makes a lot of sense. Think about your Lions Club, has it made its mark in your community? If not why not? What have you done to help your Lions Club in your community “Make its Mark”? Listed below are the causes that LCI believes will help your club “Make its Mark” in your community. Work on scheduling a program or project for each of them this year and see how your mark in the community improves.

For more information on all of these causes go to the Lions Portal and lookup each cause then use the suggestions and provide a program or project on each of them. The program or project does not need to be extensive. Just use the suggestions from LCI to start your planning then look in your local community for the program, you will be surprised as to the material that your community has to offer.

Here is the LCI Event Calendar for Lions year 2024/25.

August	No cause listed	January	Hunger Awareness Month
September	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month	February	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month 15 th International Childhood Cancer
Day			
October	Vision Awareness Month	March 23	Diabetes Alert Day
November	Diabetes Awareness Month Nov. 13 th Diabetes Awareness Day	April	Environmental Awareness Month
		May	Strengthen Membership Month
December	No Cause Listed		

Historical – Chris Bauer

The MD-17 Historical Committee has begun the research phase of a 25 year Kansas Lions History Book (2000 through 2025). At the committee meeting we went through a list of possible topics for the book and identified resources of where some of the information could be located.

We are still looking for older information on Lions Clubs in addition to current pictures of club charters and banners.

In addition, I'm still working on identifying all pins and buttons related to Kansas Lions. I recently completed a catalog of all known Kansas District Governor personal pins. I constantly on the lookout for any that may have missed.

Information and Technology – Chris Bauer – No Report at this time.

International Convention – Pam Thomas-Langley – No report at this time.

K-I Committee Minutes - Chairman PID Ed McCormick called the meeting to Order at 8:30 am.

Lion Vickie Phillipi was also in attendance. PDG Marvin Greenberg was absent.

We elected PDG Marvin Greenberg to be the chairman of our committee. Lion Vickie was re-elected to the position of Secretary.

ID Hans Neidhardt gave an overview of his duties and experiences as current ID from Kansas. The International Convention will be held in Mexico City in 2025. ID Hans Neidhardt informed our committee that Constitution Area 1 will be losing one director at the convention in Mexico City. The 2026 International Convention will be held in Hong Kong.

Our committee recommended to the Council of Governors that they endorse PID Tony Benbow who is running for 3rd Vice President.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am with PID Ed McCormick making the motion and Lion Vickie the second.

KSDS / Leader Dog – No report, No Meeting Ron Colbert 17N representative resigned from the committee.

LCIF – PDG Rick Dodson

1. The following are the end of year status of the MD LCIF Team goals set for 2023-2024:
 - a. MD Club Participation goal of 66%. (Ended at 58%)
 - b. MD Individual Participation of 7%. (Ended at 2.8%)
 - c. Focused on clubs that do not historically give. (Analysis and templated letters were provided to LCIF District coordinators to assist in this effort.
 - d. Focused on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members. (Analysis and templated letters were provided to LCIF District coordinators.)
 - e. Encouraged donation recognition with Presidential LCIF supporters (Some pins were received and available for \$50 (Bronze), \$100 (Silver), and \$200 (Gold) donors)
2. District donation breakout as of end of 2023-2024:
 - a. District 17-K - \$16,130. 39% club participation.
 - b. District 17-A - \$70,175. 52% club participation.
 - c. District 17-N - \$29,493. 82% club participation.
3. The following are the MD LCIF Team goals set for 2024-2025:
 - a. MD Club Participation goal of 75%.
 - b. MD Individual Participation of 4%.
 - c. Again, focus on clubs that do not historically give.
 - d. Again, focus on MJF/PMJF in clubs to influence other members to donate.
 - e. Encourage donation recognition with LCIF Presidential Supporters (\$50 (Bronze), \$100 (Silver), and \$200 (Gold).
4. Our Coordinator Team can update you on their respective district action plans.

MD 17 LCIF Coordinator Team for 2024-2025: PDG Rick Dodson (MD), PCC Randy St. Auburn and PDG Kathie Bell (17-K), PID Deb Weaverling and PCC Bobby Duvall (17-A), and PDG Richard Caldwell and CC Pam Bilyeu (17-N).

See Excel document on LCIF at the end of these minutes.

Long Range Planning – No Report

Mid-Winter Rally – PID Bill Phillipi – Mid-Winter is scheduled for January 17-18 in Junction City. Menus are being looked at right now. The motel has changed ownership. It is now called Sonesta. The phone number is the same and the prices are going to be the same

Public Relations – Becky Funke Statement about the Kansas Lions News and that it will be done 4 times a year.

State Convention- Lions Linda McCormick stated that the State Convention Committee has secured the Airport Hilton for the State Convention on May 29-31. Price for rooms is \$109.00 plus Tax.

State and International Band – We are so very fortunate to have a dedicated Kansas Lions Clubs to prepare and promote this phenomenal camp, but your interest and support is greatly appreciated as we continue growing and moving forward!

Currently multiple financial conversations revolve around a myriad of factors that include:

- Camp Room and Board
 - We are looking at the possibility of having all students at Green Hall this year!
- Music Staff
 - Directors, Asst. Directors, Instrumental Instructors, etc
- Performance Venue
 - Likely the Gymnasium on campus
- Bus Transportation
 - If all students are at Green Hall this won't be necessary, however
- Uniform Cleaning for the 2025 Year
- Sponsorships for student tuition and student shirts
 - Currently holding conversations that would put a logo on the back of the students' shirts so as to offset the cost of the shirts

Our diligence continues as we find the most cost-effective path for this camp and the foundation that Hans and Shari Neidhardt have built through years and years of service!

Should you have any ideas you feel would be beneficial, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time via the following: Cell: (785) 737-3183 Email: gwhismanklb@gmail.com Thanks so much, Galen

State Office Report – CC Pam Bilyeu

The Kansas Lions State Office has had a number of issues addressed. The broken window has been replaced. PDG Dan, State Secretary had the carpets cleaned prior to the annual Governor's Training/Meeting at the State Office. The West air conditioner unit had the condenser fan motor replaced and the East unit had the control board replaced in the furnace, with other small parts and freon the cost was \$188.80 for the west unit and \$172.05 for the east unit, labor was \$525.00 for a total cost of \$961.40. The cost is being covered by the new maintenance and building fund established by the Council of Governor's. This fund will cover pertinent expenses for building operation.

The new fence also will need a sealant applied to protect the wood with an estimated cost of \$1500.00.

Kansas Lions Foundation Board of Directors meeting August 10, 2024, Windgate by Wyndham, Wichita, Kansas

At 10:06 am President PCC Diane Hentges called the meeting to order. Attending were Lions, Diane Hentges (President); PDG Kathie Bell (Secretary and Director 17-K); PCC Helen LeBlanc (Treasurer and Director 17-N); PCC Randy St. Aubyn (17-K); PDG David Hentges (17-A); Ron Weaverling (17-A); and PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N). Lions Cheryl Kerns (Vice President and Director 17-A); and Linda Falley (17-K) were absent. A quorum was present.

Helen LeBlanc moved the agenda be accepted and Richard Caldwell seconded. The agenda was accepted.

The minutes from the May 31, 2024 meeting had been distributed. David Hentges moved they be approved, and Helen LeBlanc seconded the motion which carried.

Helen LeBlanc gave the Treasurers report. Everything is going well. The books are currently at the auditors. Helen LeBlanc said that she and PDG State Secretary Dan Funke have full access to the checking account. She as Treasurer and Dan Funke as ALERT chair. Cheryl Kerns has limited access for LEOS. Helen LeBlanc moved that her and Dan Funke keep their full access, and Cheryl Kerns and the new ALERT driver gets debit cards. Dan Funke seconded the motion which carried. Kathie Bell moved the Treasurers report be approved and Richard Caldwell seconded the motion. The report was approved.

The ALERT trailer needs to be moved to the Tom and Diane Baumann residence in Hays to be available for new drivers who need approval by the Board. Kathie Bell moved PDG Tom Baumann, PCC Randy St. Aubyn and 1st VDG Lou Morgan be approved as drivers for the ALERT truck with trailer pending vetting their driving records. David Hentges seconded. The motion was approved. Helen LeBlanc and Ron Weaverling moved the ALERT truck and trailer be taken to Hays. The motion carried.

New KLF brochures were handed out at the State Convention. Lion Melanie Schneider made a few minor changes for the next printing which will also have a QR code added.

Helen LeBlanc has custody of the Pink Lion and Bill and Dorothy Wunder pins. They are available from her to the DGs and others who will sell them to Lions in their Districts. Helen Leblanc moved each District Governor be distributed four Pink Lion pins, which they well need to give the KLF proceeds from sales or return the pin(s). Kathie Bell seconded the motion which carried.

PCC DeAnne Heersche gave the QUEST report. The program has been completely revamped. Lions Clubs International has scheduled a Zoom meeting for August 22, 2024 to address these changes. There is in person training at South Haven School from 9am to 1pm on August 26, 2024.

PDG Carleen Rajala gave the Peace Poster report. District chairs are responsible for meeting the poster deadlines. Some of the chairs have Peace Poster kits available for sale.

Diane Hentges has information on First Aid kits the KLF can sell as a fundraiser. There are 40-piece kits that cost about \$30 and automobile kits that would cost KLF \$5 and would retail for \$10. It was the consensus the Foundation sell the smaller kits. Ron Weaverling suggested the KLF do a fundraiser using a grid similar to what some LCIF coordinators use, He plans to do such a fundraiser himself.

Peace Poster Contest 2024 The theme for this year's Peace Poster contest is "Peace Without Limits". Students who are 11,12,or 13 by Nov. 15 are eligible to participate. The district Peace Poster Chairs are to follow the LCI guidelines which include size and submission restrictions. Send the winning poster from each club postmarked no later than Nov. 15 to the District Governor. The DG will select one winning poster from his/her district to send to the Multiple District Council Chairperson. It should be postmarked no later than Dec. 1st. Please include a 6 x 8 picture of the artist. The poster chosen as the Multiple District 17 winner will be submitted to International Headquarters by Dec. 15th. All 3 of the individual district winners will be invited to attend the Kansas Lion Foundation's Youth Luncheon at Mid-Winter Rally. Their posters will be on display, the artists will be introduced and prizes awarded. Any questions, contact me at lioncarleen@gmail.com or 913-481-7328 PDG Carleen Rajala MD 17 Peace Poster Chair

Kansas Lions Band Foundation Directors Meeting - First State Council Meeting - August 10, 2024 -Wichita
The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their first directors meeting, Saturday August 10, 2024.

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

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

The renewal of a CD was approved.

State office report:

Pam reported that air conditioning repairs have been completed. The fence still needs a sealer application.

State & International band report:

It was reported that the band will be at Friends University with the cost being held to \$250 again.

Old business:

1. Pig raffle income was reported at \$1715.
2. The quilt project is in process with ID Hans and DG Shari working on it.
3. Donations by QR code were discussed and none were noted to have been received at the band concert.

New business:

1. Bobby is looking into a new pin.
2. Mid-Rally auction preparations are in process.
3. We are open to fund-raising ideas.
4. The pig raffle will be continued again this year.

Old Business

DG Diana Baumann moved that the committee that was selected last year to study State Council meetings, Mid-Winter Rally and State Committee be continued with Pam Thomas-Langley being the Chair. Seconded by DG Margy Sundstrom. Passed 3-0

New Business – None

Adjournment

17N DG Shari Neidhardt moved to adjourn the meeting. 17K DG Diana Baumann Second. Motion passed 3-0