



Minutes

**Third Council of Governors Meeting
for January 22, 2023
Courtyard Junction City**

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PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

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

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Deb Weaverling (2021-2023)

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

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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Minutes of the Third Council of Governors Meeting for January 22, 2023 Courtyard Junction City

Council Chair Randy St. Aubyn called the Council Meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All members of the Council of Governors were present. 17K – DG Tom Baumann, 17A – DG Richard Webster, and 17N – DG Lori Horton.

CC Randy St. Aubyn welcomed everyone to the meeting

DG Richard Webster led the group in singing "America."

DG Lori Horton led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DG Tom Baumann gave the invocation.

CC Randy St. Aubyn introduced the current council: 17K – DG Tom Baumann, 17A – DG Richard Webster, and 17N – DG Lori Horton.

CC Randy St. Aubyn International Family present for comments: PID Deb Weaverling, PID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick.

CC Randy St. Aubyn introduced the following Vice District Governors: 17K 1st VDG Jennifer (Marsteller) Carter, 1st VDG 17A – Caroline Arter, and 17 – N 1st VDG Pam Bilyeu, 17K – 2nd VDG Dianna Baumann, 17A – 2nd VDG Margy Sundstrom, and 17N – 2 VDG Shari Neidhardt

CC Randy St. Aubyn asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Action: 17K – DG Tom Baumann moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 17A – DG Richard Webster 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Parliamentarian PDG Governor Don Keihl 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.

CC Randy St. Aubyn asked for a motion to approve the minutes on the 1st State Council Meeting of 2022-2023 in Wichita, KS pm October 30, 2022.

Council Action: 17N – DG Lori Horton made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. 17K – DG Tom Baumann 2nd the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

District Governor Reports

CC Randy St. Aubyn asked each District Governor to present their District Governor Report and where they are at with their goals.

District A – DG Richard Webster – “Thanks for the opportunity to serve the 17 A District as Governor it is my privilege to lead the efforts of our District throughout this Lions year.”

We have distributed our Directories and visited most of our clubs in the District. Special thanks to my Governor’s team throughout this process for their efforts to accomplish this. I have personally attended many events in addition to Club visits. These include: A memorial tree planting in Concordia, A pancake fundraiser in Wetmore, The Concessions and shirt sales for the Class 4A State football championship with the combined Topeka clubs, A Steak night fund raiser for the Sunflower club, Milford’s pancake feed, Biscuits and Gravy with the Washington Lions, The Christmas Melodrama written and produced by the Robinson Lions Club, The Alert trailer and District Governor’s entry in the Christmas Parade with our Manhattan Clubs and attended the Sunflower Manhattan Lions Club Christmas party where I presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship. I have enjoyed and have been greatly impressed with the work and variety of service provided by our Lions to the communities we serve!

I have also attended memorial and funeral services for Lions who have passed away in our District. We will miss and fondly remember each of the Lions which made our ranks much stronger in life and will continue to provide comfort to the families and loved ones in their absence. Rest in Peace.

My thanks to my District Cabinet team for their continued efforts to complete the goals and tasks I have asked. We have held on-line and in person training guided by GLT Irene Haws, Reported service anniversaries and new memberships and tallies for our current membership contest from GMT Kim Baker, Administered our reimbursement program for new membership fee’s by District Treasurer Rick Dodson, held two important Women in Lions conference events with International Guest and speakers lead by Women in Lions Chair IPDG Dr. Vania Castro. Special thanks go to 1st VDG Caroline Arter for her help in holding our Women’s symposium’s.

We have exhausted our current membership grant with six events held in Horton, Tonganoxie, Junction City and Leavenworth. We are hoping to obtain additional funding through this grant program for the remainder of our Lion’s year. We have received an additional \$500 award from the LCI GAT success story program and we have designated this Money for membership events. We currently have budgeted for two additional membership events to be hosted by Women in Lions in Leawood and in Washington Ks.

I am very pleased to report that District Convention Chair Ken Ebert has been working on our April 28th & 29th convention in Salina Ks. He has secured the “Garage” museum for our Friday evening activities and a meal to be provided by the Assaria Lions club. Ken has also arranged for a parade to feature classic cars and entertainment in the new “City Lights” stage and parking lot on Friday afternoon. We will have the Atomic Dog food truck and live entertainment for a public event including our Lions members and Clubs. We will have a membership booth and promote Lions in our District and make a live video of this event for the International Convention and our District promotion.

We have produced a T-shirt to help with convention cost by selling sponsorship spots on this shirt which include ads in our convention booklet. We have raised over \$2,000 in this effort and we hope to add to that as we begin selling shirts. On Saturday our convention will feature wonderful speakers and our International guest along with the normal convention business. Saturday activities will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Salina. Special thanks to the K-I committee and ID Deb Weaverling for helping us obtain our international guest and cover expenses as we are having two visits in our District this year and this second visit would not have been covered by LCI.

District 17A is approaching our goals for the year with close to 60% of clubs now reporting service activities, 37% in Women's membership working towards our goal of 40% by the end of our year, LCIF contributions are increasing and we still have a positive growth of two members as of this writing.

District N – DG Lori Horton - The LCI Membership Development Grant allocated an initial \$1500 for the district with an additional \$250 transferred from District K earlier in the year. Those funds have been exhausted with fantastic results. While I am sad to report that we have dropped a total of 66 members so far this year with 9 of those resulting from the deaths of some dearly missed Lions, we have successfully added 101 new members as of Thursday. **THAT MAKES US POSITIVE 35 MEMBERS!!** For the month of January alone, we have added 20 members and only dropped 1 to bring us to a current total of 1,411 members in 68 clubs.

Unfortunately, we did lose 1 club on December 29, 2022, that was El Dorado, not a surprise to anyone but very sad to see a 100 year old club fold. We are still hoping that a few of those members will transfer to neighboring clubs, however the eyeglass collection box that is at the Dillons grocery store in El Dorado is now being monitored by the Augusta club and it is a great spot, so we are thankful that is staying in the community. The Galena Route 66 club was in financial suspension but has been reinstated as of today. That seemed to just be a clerical issue, not a problem within the group.

Membership Reporting continues to be an area that needs work but 40 clubs reported for the month of December which is well over 50% and 15 have already reported for January.

Service Reporting will also be a subject that needs to be addressed. I know myself and my team have beat the bushes at every visit to help every club officer with getting this done. 39 clubs have reported at least one service project so far this year which is 58%. This is an improvement from November when only 29 clubs had reported, so we are slowly gaining ground in this area. My goal for the year is to hit 90% by June 30 and I believe we can get there, only 22 more clubs to get set up! Once a club has reported that first time, it seems to be the start of fairly regular log ins. So far, those 39 clubs have reported 498 activities, volunteering over 10,000 hours and serving nearly 90,000 people.

While on the subject of club visits, my team and I have exhausted our allocated expense budget \$26.03 short of covering the November expenses. A request form has been submitted to LCI to cover the estimated remaining expenses for the year and I am waiting for the decision on that matter. The additional request was for less \$1,000, so I am hopeful it will be approved.

LCIF donations are an area that remains difficult in these times, while we all understand the importance of LCIF, many clubs are still stretched very thin as are their members. We currently have had 17 clubs or 25% make donations either at a club or personal level. This is an improvement over the 8 clubs or 11.59% from November. The total amount currently is \$9,040. My goal is to have 75% of clubs donate, while that is a big gap, I am aware that many clubs allocate that donation near their end of year budget, so I am still hopeful we can reach that number by June 30.

Lastly, planning has begun on our District Convention April 20-21 in Independence. With the cooperation of my convention co-chairs PDG Ray Rothgeb and Zone Chair Andy Taylor, I know it's going to be a great weekend filled with a lot of fun and a little business. Our guest speaker will be ID Lee Vrieze from the great state of Wisconsin. While I may sound like a broken record here, I have to take the opportunity to say once again what an honor and privilege it is to serve the clubs and members of District N and to work along side my team of Vice Governors, 1st VDG Pam Bilyeu and 2nd VDG Shari Neidhardt as well as our Cabinet Secretary Melanie Snider and Cabinet Treasurer Barb Shattack. I want to thank them for doing a great job and making us all look good! This has been an amazing year so far and while it is over the halfway mark, there is still a lot of work to do, and I know we can accomplish every single goal. Thank you!

District K – DG Tom Baumann - Membership: Lions: BOY 1287 - Current 1277(As of 01/22/23) Loss of 10 net members YTD

Clubs Gaining Most Members: Liberal 13, Wakeeney 14, Tipton 6

Clubs Cancelled 3 Rolla, Bucklin, Agra Clubs in danger of Closing 2 Scott City, Stockton

LCIF: YTD Donations: \$5460 with 11 clubs donating. Prior YTD Donations \$9850 with 19 clubs donating

Service: YTD Activities completed 348 People Served 43,952

Leadership Zone Chair Training held Aug 27th in Hays

District Convention was successfully held in Hays October 28^h and 29ⁱⁿ Hays. ID Ernesto TJ Tijerna and wife Juanita from San Antonio were our guests of honor and speakers. Over 130 Lions were in attendance.

Election of 2023-24 District Officers: DGE – Jennifer Carter, 1VDG Diana Baumann, 2VDG Lou Morgan

Status of Goals

- 1. Service:** Our team will ensure that 80% of the clubs in our district report service in the 2022-2023 Lions year. Results: Goal not met yet. Currently 25 clubs or 36% have reported service activities
- 2. Membership:** By the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership numbers).
 - a) Our team will charter 1 new club with 20 charter members.
 - b) Our clubs will induct 100 new members into existing clubs.
 - c) Our district will not surpass 119 dropped members.Results: Not currently meeting goal. Although No clubs have been chartered, we have had organizational meetings in Ness City. We are currently not meeting our membership goal with a loss of 10 net members YTD.
- 3. Leadership:** By the end of the first quarter of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, our district will hold training for club officers and zone chairpersons. Results: Goal partially met The Zone Chair Training was held on August 27. We have not held a training for club leaders.
- 4. LCIF:** By the end of the 2022-2023 fiscal year, our district will support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in its endeavor to achieve its fundraising goal.
 - a) a. Our team will ensure that individual participation in our district increases by 10% and club participation increases by 10%.
 - b. Our district will ensure that 1 club in my district achieves 100% member participation.
 - c. I will work to achieve a Bronze level LCIF Chairperson's medal.
 - d. I will make a personal donation of \$120 to LCIF and I will ask 5 members of my district cabinet to make a personal donation to LCIF
 - b) Results: It is too early to evaluate this goal. We have been encouraging clubs and individual Lions to contribute to LCIF. Over \$2000 was contributed to LCIF at our District Convention October 29.

District K is excited to be hosting the State Convention in Hays next June. You will be hearing more about that in IPCC Diana's report. We have a hard act to follow from this year's convention in Pittsburg, we are working hard to make your experience in Hays a memorable one.

Treasurer Report - PCC Hans, Treasurer presented the October 1, 2023 Treasurer Report.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
KANSAS LIONS STATE COUNCIL
December 31, 2022

<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>		
<u>ASSETS</u>		
	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2022
Legacy Bank (Checking)	62,771.75	76,405.82
Marysville Comm Foundation (\$15K Invested)	13,761.41	13,296.75
Legacy Bank (CD 84214-Admin)	62,591.82	62,780.25
Legacy Bank (CD 83777-KI)	35,973.65	36,072.92
Legacy Bank (CD 83776-Band)	33,526.53	33,619.04
Total Assets	208,625.16	222,174.78
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>		
Accounts Payable (Payroll Withholdings)	-	-
State/International Band Committee Account	28,209.11	34,645.86
Administrative Fund	73,183.72	71,559.68
Administrative Equipment Fund	4,961.17	3,390.95
International Convention Fund	30,648.08	33,887.23
Kansas - International Fund	46,146.52	47,505.19
GLT & GMT & GST	8,748.73	8,385.56
Mid-Winter Rally Fund	8,420.49	10,183.09
State Convention Fund	5,934.10	10,243.98
Yellow Dot Program Fund	2,373.24	2,373.24
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	208,625.16	222,174.78

<u>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>					
FUND ACCOUNTS	BALANCE June 30, 2022	DUES RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	FUND EXPENSES	BALANCE December 31, 2022
Administrative	73,183.72	29,910.76	4,349.29	35,884.09	71,559.68
Administrative Equipment	4,961.17	524.74		2,094.96	3,390.95
International Convention	30,648.08	839.60	2,925.25	525.70	33,887.23
Kansas - International	46,146.52	1,259.40	99.27		47,505.19
GLT & GMT & GST	8,748.73	1,049.50	4,296.89	5,709.56	8,385.56
Mid-Winter Rally	8,420.49	839.60	923.00		10,183.09
State Convention	5,934.10	1,259.40	3,050.48		10,243.98
Yellow Dot Program	2,373.24				2,373.24
Totals	180,416.05	35,683.00	15,644.18	44,214.31	187,528.92

Council Action: 17A – DG Richard Webster moved to approve the treasurer’s report. 17N – DG Lori Horton 2nd the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

Audit Report – PCC DeAnne Heersche reported the following committee members were present: PCC DeAnne Heersche. The Audit Committee did not meet during the Third Council Meeting weekend, not having a reserved meeting time or room. However, one set of materials had been delivered, so it was audited. The Audit Committee is still waiting for a few committees to submit documents for audits for 2020-21. Three audits have already been completed for 21-22. Audit materials may be sent to PCC DeAnne Heersche.

Budget and Finance Report – PDG David Hentges reported that the K-I committee requests that \$1,000 be taken out of the K-I committee to support the training of Lions Leaders.

Council Action - It was moved by 17K DG Tom Baumann to accept the recommendation of the K-I Committee to allocate \$1,000 from the K-I budget to MALLI for instruction for Lions Leaders. 2nd by DG Richard Webster. Passed 3-0.

Constitution and By-Laws SOP’s – PDG Don Keihl reported that the SOP update list contains 15 SOPs that were reviewed for update action, if any. SOP 1.13 and SOP 2.06 are the only SOPs that were revised. They are attached for your review. SOP 5.05 is a new SOP for Document Management of Kansas Lions Historical records. All other SOPs just have an effective January 2023 change.

Council Action - It was moved by 17N DG Lori Horton, seconded by 17K DG Tom Baumann to accept the recommendation to approve all changes and updates of the 15 SOP’s that were presented. Passed 3-0.

Environmental – Lion Merle Laham reported Here is a list of the winners

Animal Life

Elwyn Maneth, District K
Great Bend Evening
Bobcat

Plant Life

Diane Hentges, District A
KC Downtown
Sunflower

Landscape

Randy Hill, District K
Smith Center
Devils Gap

Weather

David Hentges, District A
KC Downtown
Clouds

Service

Chris Bauer, District N
Humboldt
Highway Cle

GAT Report Eric Strimple Area 1J Leader - Good morning, thank you for the opportunity to give an area update this morning. Area 1J has been working hard on trying to turn the membership numbers around. As of Thursday, the area was -181 in members, but MD 17 is currently at positive 28, with DG Lori and District N making the biggest impact with +35 members!

Kansas is currently at 45% of all clubs reporting projects in the state. My goal is to see the state totals hit 70% in all four of my states by the end of the Lion year. Thank you to all the districts focusing on growing the percentage.

Club development has been slow for the area and the state of Kansas. Our state has not seen a club chartered in over 5 years. While some may disagree with this statement, we need to be mindful that branches do not count towards the new club totals. I would love to see districts that gained branches to continue pursuing the growth of those so we can charter them as a full club.

Finally, Constitutional Area 1 leaders have been asked by International President Brian to engage IDs, PIDs and PIPs in our Areas to work through the GMA process with them and have them be the "boots on the ground" in districts that are under 1250 members. While Kansas currently does not have a district in this situation, there are some of the ideas coming from the SWOT analysis that will be shared with the state. Once solidified, a PID or me will share the information with the district teams to implement and engage clubs in the district. Information should be out within the next month.

GLT-GMT-GST Report – By IPCC Diana Baumann, Richard Caldwell, and Carlene Rajala

GLT – IPCC Diana Baumann reported that 1st Vice and 2nd Vice District Governors meet during MWR to review course material and went through dates they need to consider during their term and talked about requiring cabinet members for the year.

- An interest in going through our state strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were discussed.

GMT – IPDG Richard Caldwell reported that he was very proud of the tremendous effort put forth by clubs in 17N. They have been working to increase service and are able to recruit members. There is concern in District K with the drop of three clubs in the district who have turned in their charters. Several other clubs are having issues. Three days after this report Richard reported that all three Districts were positive from the beginning of the year. This is the first time in 30 years that all districts in MD 17 had positive membership since the beginning of the year.

GST – PDG Carlene Rajala reported that In the last quarter, Lions' Clubs have added *556 Service Activities* for a total of 1,278, served an additional *74,703 people* for a total of 242,842 individuals and added *10,897 hours* for a volunteer hours served count of 26,372 hours working in our communities. According to MyLion 36% of Lions Clubs in District 17K, 50% of Lions Clubs in District 17A and 47% of Lions Clubs in District 17N have recorded service activities. That means ALL the numbers would be higher if more clubs added their service to MyLion.

Of the Global goals, Hunger and Vision have the most projects represented. Diabetes and Childhood Cancer continue to be the goals with the least projects. The category of "other" still has the most activities as Lions continue to address other needs in their communities in areas such as health and youth also.

At the second Council Meeting, the flag banners for veterans were assembled utilizing the hearts and stars signed by Lions in all three districts of MD-17. Each of the three banners contained messages from Lions through-out the state. One banner was delivered to each of the districts.

The State Convention's Service project for ALL districts will focus on the needs of the ALERT program.

Thank you, Lions, for serving nearly one quarter million people!!

International Convention 2023 – IPCC Diana Baumann, Chair reported that 2023 International Convention is in Boston July 7 – July 11, 2023. Registration cost is \$250/person if done online and \$325 at the door.

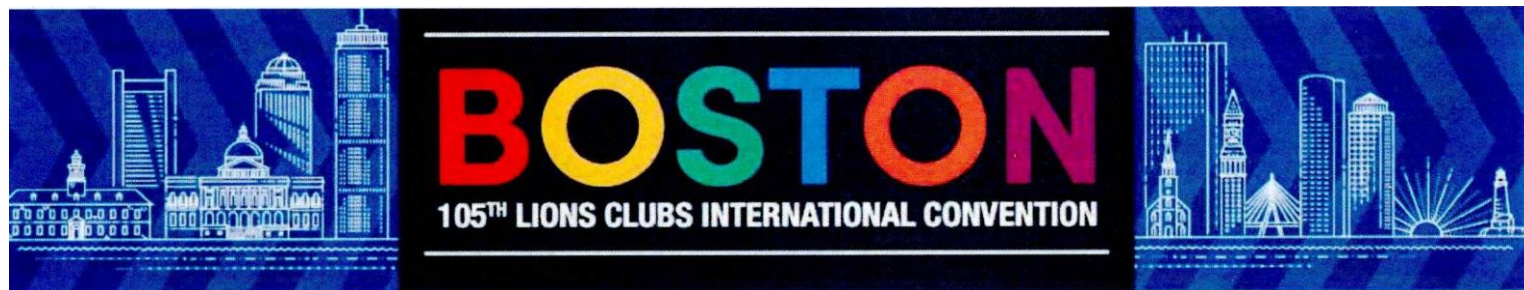
A list of events was handed out to those in attendance.

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We are planning on taking part in the parade but will have no band this year. PCC Diana is getting a list of those attending and will set up a reservation for our first night in Boston and a reception for ID Deb Weaverling.

It is going to be a GREAT time! I hope you all can attend!

See the attached flyer.



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 6 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Official LCIcon events will take place at the

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC)

THURSDAY, JULY 6

9:00 - 17:00 Advance Registration Pick-up

9:00 - 17:00 Parade Office

FRIDAY, JULY 7

07:00-16:15 FVDG/DGE Seminar

08:00 -17:00 Registration

08:00 - 17:00 Parade Office

10:00 - 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open

19:00 - 22:00 District Governors-Elect Celebration Banquet

SATURDAY, JULY 8

09:00 - 13:00 Parade of Nations

09:00 - 17:00 Registration

10:00- 17:00 Exhibit Hall Open

15:00 - 16:00 Business Session
Present the Candidates for International Director

18:00 - 20:00 International Show

SUNDAY, JULY 9

09:00 - 17:00 Registration

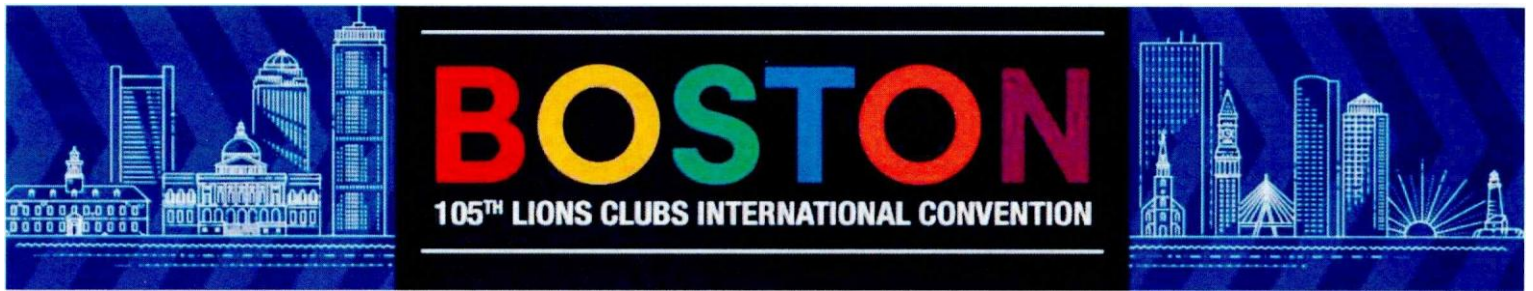
09:30 - 12:00 Opening Plenary Session
Presidential Address, Flag Ceremony, Nominations for Third Vice President

10:00- 17.00 Exhibit Hall Open

12:00 - 17:00 Certification and Voting

12:30 - 14:30 Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon

13:15-17:00 Seminars



MONDAY, JULY 10

09:00-17:00	Registration
09:30- 12:00	Second Plenary Session, Memorial Service, LCIF Session, Keynote Speaker
10:00-17.00	Exhibit Hall Open
10:00- 17:00	Certification and Voting
13:15-17:00	Seminars
20:00 - 22:00	Past International Presidents / Past International Directors/District Governors Banquet

TURSDAY, JULY 11

07:30 – 9:00	Registration, Exhibit Hall Open, and Certification and Voting
9:30 – 12:00	Final Plenary Session Installation of 2023-2024 International President, U.N. Flag Ceremony, Installation of 2023-2024 District Governors
19:00 – 21:00	International Officers Meet and Greet

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K-I – PDG Tom Weatherd, Chair: Chairman PDG Tom Weatherd called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance. PDG Tom Weatherd, PID Ed McCormick, Advisory members ID Deb Weaverling and ID Bill Phillipi. Guests included ID Jay Moughon, PCC Hans Neidhardt, 2nd VDG Margy Sundstrom, Lion Mike Sundstrom, Caroline Arter, DG Richard Webster, Lion Ron Weaverling, PDG Chris Bauer, and Lion Carol Weatherd.

The Chairman, Tom Weatherd opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and asked ID Deb Weaverling to give an update on her 2nd year as ID. ID Deb told the committee of several highlights of the last Board meeting. The 3-2-2 dues increase was increased and she wants to make sure that all Kansas Lions know of the increase. She informed the committee that Rotary dues are \$70 a year and Optimist are \$60.00 a year and this increase will make Lions \$50.00 a year after all the three dues increases are completed three years from now.

ID Deb talk about the 120 members / 35 Club issue for electing a director that is on the ballot in Boston. Because of declining membership, we could lose one director in CA 1. ID Deb also talked about the updating of the LCI computer system. This is scheduled to rollout in April 2023. It is very important that all membership data is as up to date as possible including birthdates and emails before March 15, 2023.

ID Deb and Jay dd a great job about talking about all the changes in LCI. ID Deb talked about the journey that Hans will have to becoming an ID.

ID Hans asked KI committee to fund \$1,000 for helping the GPLLI committee offer MALLI at the same time as GPLLI is held. International ran out of money to give a grant for holding MALLI and they already have 9 of the 20 students signed up.

Committee Action - PID Ed moved to approve the request to the Budget Committee for approval of send \$1,00 for MALLI and then to the Governors. Motioned seconded by PDG Tom. Motioned carried.

LCIF Report – PDG Rick Dodson reported that MD Coordinator PDG Rick Dodson and District Coordinators PDG Kathie Bell and IPDG Richard Caldwell attended the 2022-2023 CA1 LCIF Coordinator Strategy Session in Chicago, October 14-16.

Club participation (Approved MD goal is 60% club participation):

District 17-K	5 of 69 (7%)	\$2,610
District 17-A	19 of 73 (28%)	\$27,895
District 17-N	8 of 69 (12%)	\$6,175
MD Total	32 of 211 (15%)	\$36,680

Individual Lion participation (Approved MD goal is 6% of Kansas Lions will make some level of donation):

Current member participation is 1.2%.. MDC and DCs are actively encouraging District Governors to highlight LCIF during their club visitations and conventions. The coordinators are available to provide presentations on LCIF, in-person when possible and virtually when necessary.

C100 Model Clubs: Status of our Campaign 100 Model Clubs that are still working to meet their commitments. This status will be provided at Council Meetings until all the clubs below have completed their commitments. Data on their donation status is provided on a separate attachment.

District 17-A

Topeka Sunflower Lions Club - working

Leavenworth Lions Club – working

Topeka Lions Club - working

Manhattan Sunflower Lions Club - working

District 17-N

Towanda - working

Please call (913) 240-5302 or email dodsonr23@gmail.com if there is anything I can do to help.

Lions Health Programs – Lion Vern Failor reported that We continue to supply articles to the DG's newsletters on Health issues we hope the clubs have been finding programs to supplement their efforts in their communities.

February is Childhood Cancer month as proclaimed by LCI and March 28th is Diabetes Alert Day as proclaimed by the American Diabetes Association. Articles on these subjects were sent to all of the District newsletters for publication.

The Lions Health Program Team still has VSP certificates available. They are for any Lions Club in the Multi-district. If you want a certificate please contact **(email do not text)** Lion Vern with the following information.

- A. Name and birth date of recipient,
- B. Postal Code of the recipient,
- C. Name of the Lion making the request and address of that Lion.
- D. We have one certificate now and it will cover anyone.
- E. The Lions Club member will need to meet and explain the process for using the certificate to their client and will receive a list of Vision Service Companies where the certificate can be redeemed.** Please (DO NOT MAIL) the certificate to your client.

These certificates must be **redeemed by October 4th 2023**. There is only 12 left out of 62 in this batch, I will apply for more when I run out. If you need more information, please contact Lion Vern at: 785 272 6102 H, 785 231 3960 C, or email vfailor@gmail.com

LCI has lots of information available on Lions Health Care, 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 Kansas Yellow Dot is still alive and well just ask Lion Vern for information.

Dist. K PDG Marvin Funk	marvel53@cox.net	620 233 6081
Dist. A Lion Vern Failor	vfailor@gmail.com	785 272 6102
Dist. N PCC Patrick Laham	laham@gmail.com	316 648 2078

If you need more information please contact Lion Vern at 785 272 6102 H, 785 231 3960 C, or email vfailor@gmail.com

Long Range Planning – PCC Diana Baumann reported that the following Lions Attendance: ID Deb Weaverling and Lion Ron, ID Jay Moughon and Nancy, PID Ed McCormick, PID Bill Phillipi, PCC Diana Baumann, CC Randy St. Aubyn and many other guests.

- Beneficiary Form – Develop a form to give to people to include Lions in their will. PID Bill and Lion Ron have examples they can share with us.
- Mentoring: We would like to develop a class on the characteristics of an effective PDG. A couple people were thought of to do this.
- Lions Learning Center: Would like to develop a short tutorial on how to get to the Learning Center and how to use it. We need to wait until after LCI releases the new portal for accurate training and screenshots.
- People did a great job putting out tables and having information available at MWR.
- Environmental and all Committees – What is their vision? What do they hope to accomplish? Partner with your communities if possible. Challenge your Governor's Team to do a project involving your committee. Utilize the PR Committee to get the word out.
- Do our Foundations have a Mission/Vision Statement?
- KLF has a good term limit requirement. One director will be elected per year and shall serve a three-year term. The Directors shall be elected at their District Convention. No Director will serve more than two consecutive terms or a maximum of six consecutive years on the Kansas Lions Foundation Board of Directors. However, after being off the board of directors of the Kansas Lions foundation for the period of one term a Lion would be eligible for reelection to that position. This allows new Lions to be involved. We need to find ways to get new members involved!

Mid-Winter Rally – PID Bill Phillipi, Chair reported that Mid-Winter Special attention will be given to the exhibitor area. We have had a lot of clubs, districts, and foundations n exhibit. came with an exhibit. Attendance is down and the committee will have a survey follow up to see what we can do to make Mid-Winter something that every Lion wants to attend,

Public Relations – No report

State Convention – DG Tom IPCC Diana Baumann reported that the next State Convention will be in Hays June 2-3, 2023. International President Brian Sheehan is planned to be our Special Guest so plan to work with penguins in some fashion! Items of discussion included:

- June 2 and 3, 2023 at the all new Midnight Ranch north of Hays. It is a beautiful facility with lots of space for activities.
- The band will play at the Beach-Schmidt Auditorium on the Fort Hays State University campus and tours are being arranged as well.
- The band will perform at Beech Schmidt Performing Arts Center on the Fort Hays State University Campus. Meals and details are being planned now.
- We hope you all will attend!

State Band report – PCC Hans & 2VDG Shari- Band Committee Co-Chairs - Lions welcome to a New Year and New Hope. However sadly, it seems that we will need to cancel our plans to have a Kansas Lions International Band going to Boston this summer. With less than a month to the deadline, there is no way for us to realistically reach our required number of 60 students. Since the next two International Convention locations are currently posted as Australia and Mexico, our next reasonable potential to take a band will be in 2026 (Atlanta). That as it may be, now we can place full attention to building our Kansas Lions State Band numbers to exceed the 200 mark again.

In less than five months, band students from around the state will converge onto the Fort Hays State University campus to participate in the 2023 Kansas Lions Band camp. Information was sent early last fall to eligible returning students, band directors, and to the various Lions Clubs. In addition, information has been posted on Facebook, sent to the District Governors for their newsletters, and uploaded to the Multiple District website. To recap the expense for attending the band camp, cost is only \$250.00, with an application/payment deadline of May 6th.

Thanks to the Kansas Lions Band Foundation providing expense funds, our next milestone will be hosting the Kansas Lions Band information booth at the KMEA In-Service Workshop, scheduled for February 24-25 in Wichita. This annual event provides us a unique opportunity to speak with various band directors, interact with band students, and to contact potential future college campus locations and their band staff members. We have also been in contact with a company in Wichita to have the new band trailer wrapped. As soon as it is completed, I will post pictures on the websites and provide them to the District Governors.

Lion Shari and I are excited to return to Fort Hays State University, this was the site of our first band camp (2003) as Band Committee Co-Chairs. Things are going to start moving faster as we get closer to the camp. Please help us in getting the band size back above 200. Now is the time to contact your local band directors and students, ensuring that they have the information about this wonderful opportunity. In closing, I will end with a quote by Baroness Maria Augusta von Trapp, stepmother and matriarch of the Trapp Family Singers, *"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens."*

State Office - CC Randy St. Aubyn, Chair: The state office is doing some building maintenance to preserve the integrity and looks of the state office building. CC Randy deferred to PDG Willie Tolle for more information. PDG Willie Tolle reported that

- Maintenance agreements for servicing the heating and cooling. Will be done in the spring
- Making sure that all door locks function properly. Working on.
- Fix the wooden fence in the back of the building by replacing screws with bolts. Will be done in the spring
- Investigate putting protective cages or fencing around air conditioners. Still working on.

Kansas Lions Foundation – President PCC Diane Hentges - President PCC Diane Hentges called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Present were President Hentges (Director 17-A), Vice President Lion Cheryl Kerns, Secretary PDG Kathie Bell, Treasurer PDG Dan Funke, Assistant Treasurer PCC Helen LeBlanc (Director 17-N), and Directors, CC Randy St. Aubyn (17-K), 2nd VDG Diana Baumann (17-K), PCC David Hentges (17-A), PCC Jess Larison (17-N) and PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N). PDG Jerry Loney (17-A) and 1st VDG Jennifer Marsteller (17-K) were absent. A quorum was present.

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

The minutes of the October 29, 2022, meeting had been distributed. Randy St. Aubyn moved they be accepted, and Cheryl Kerns seconded. The motion carried.

Although present, Dan Funke was driving in his car, so the Treasurer's report was deferred until later during the meeting.

Cheryl Kerns gave the Leos report. PCC DeAnne Heersche has lined up a church for the Leos to use during Mid-Winter Rally. The Leos will do blankets for veterans as a service project.

Quest is continuing, but there was nothing new to report.

Only one Peace Poster from the three Districts met the size qualifications to be eligible to be sent on to Lions Clubs International. That one was from District N.

See below for Youth Exchange report.

There is still no chairperson for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp (see report below). On November 17, 2022, Richard arranged for a phone conference with former camp chair Lion Grace Kneil and KLF President Diane Hentges. There has not been a Camp since before COVID. In 2019, it cost \$20,000 to run the Camp. Due to inflation and higher costs to use Rock Springs Camp, the cost would be much higher now. The possibility of changing to a less expensive location was brought up. It is not possible to hold this camp in 2023. There will be a special meeting before the State Convention to discuss this issue. The KLF Board will study the additional information requested about the camp and will come up with options for the camp. More info is needed from Lion Grace. Grace Kneil and Richard Caldwell are both in the Bel Aire Lions Club and Richard will try get more information from Grace about the Camp.

KLF is hosting the luncheon at Mid-Winter Rally. Dan Funke is taking care of the program along with Cheryl Kerns (see program). About 100 people have registered so far. It was a consensus that entertainment would consist of a form of "telephone" or "gossip" to be played by conveying a drawing on backs of table members. The three teams with the best renditions would win "Lions" candy bars supplied by Diane Hentges. A video featuring the ALERT program will be shown. See the program below for more information.

When Dan Funke arrived at his house, he gave the Treasurer's report. The KLF will have to return some grant money which was not spent back to LCIF. The Manhattan Foundation account is down along with the rest of the current market. A parcel of land that should have gone to the City of Goddard did not get to the City. Helen LeBlanc moved Quit Claim (deed) be sent to the City of Goddard and Cheryl Kerns seconded. This will be taken care of when all the paperwork is signed.

Helen LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report and Cheryl Kerns seconded. The report was accepted.

The ALERT committee will meet in the hotel lobby on Saturday morning to add more members to the committee.

ID Debra and Ron Weaverling gave a report on planned giving and stressed that the KLF needs to pursue this form of fundraising. Ron Weaverling, DG Tom Baumann (who is a CPA), Helen LeBlanc, Dan Funke and Diane Baumann formed a committee to investigate this. Bob Simmons of Emporia should be asked to join the committee as well. They will meet before the State Convention.

Dan has set up a table at Mid-Winter Rally to sell Pink Lions and Bill & Dorothy Wunder pins. 50-50 raffle tickets will be sold at Mid-Winter and State Convention for \$5 a ticket with half the proceeds going to the winner and the other half going to KLAT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Camp, November 17, 2022, Conference call Richard Caldwell, Grace Kneil, Diane Hentges - Topic: Deaf & Hard of Hearing Camp

In the past, Sumner Camp had been held at Rock Springs. The cost of a camp is approximately \$20,000. Approximately \$5,000 was generated by donations. Donors included corporations like Cargill. Grace can provide a list of prior donors. Students' cost was \$250.00. All students were sponsored by a Lions club. The length of the camp was five days. Grace can provide a camp agenda. Enrollment was 20-25 but decreasing.

Since the last camp Rock Springs has improved the accommodations. A more affordable location may need to be secured. Before upgrades the lodging was not air conditioned.

Staff were recruited from qualified individuals who were proficient in sign language and were experienced working with the deaf/hard of hearing community. Grace can provide a list of past camp workers. 6-7 staff are needed.

A brochure was developed pre-COVID to promote the camp. Target audiences included the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs.

A planning committee of 5 to 6 professional educators and interpreters is suggested.

Money and location are the big issues.

MD 17 Youth Exchange Report:

I have received notification from five countries interested upon sending students to Kansas. I also had a correspondence with a Christmas card. I have contacted each of these counties, however I won't be receiving any applications until the end of the due to their holding meetings on candidates. Those counties are Finland, Japan(Christmas card) and four new exchange counties. Spain, France, Netherlands and Italy. We had exchange with Italy about 18 years ago. What this means is contact all clubs in the state and hopefully there will be interest. I am asking all DG & VDG's to help promote and if they have distinct youth exchange chairs. This also a great opportunity to strengthen our program. PCC Harry MD17; Youth exchange chair.

Kansas Lions Band Foundation: PDG Willie Tolle, President: The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their third directors meeting, Saturday January 21, 2023.

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.

State office report:

Randy reported that everything is in order in the building, but the fence needs work.

State & International band report: Everything is in line for KMEA and the flyers have been mailed to all directors and students edible to return. Everyone needs to encourage band participation. No applications have been returned at this time. There will be no international band Boston as no one has shown a interest.

Old business:

1. Reviewed the pig raffle. There may be an option for a processor. If this happens tickets will be mailed to directors and DGs to sell.
2. Bobby has found a new pin vendor. New pin design was approved and pins will be ordered.
3. The auction was discussed and help was requested.

New business:

1. No new business.

NOTE: The auction netted \$1800+ - Keep promoting the band.

State office report: Carpets and windows have been cleaned. The building has been power washed. Dan is still looking at minor repairs and maintenance items. He will provide a list that will be emailed to directors with items that still need to be completed.

State & International Band report:

Everything is in line for KMEA and the flyers have been mailed to all directors and students edible to return. Everyone needs to encourage band participation. There is a need for chaperones.

Old business:

4. Reviewed the pig raffle. We are still looking for a workable processor. (location and date)
5. Bobby is still looking for a new vendor for next year's pin.

6. There was a discussion about the new trailer that was purchased.
7. Further discussion for Mid-Winter Rally – auctioneer is on board and each governor/district is asked to bring a theme basket. Other baskets are welcome and appreciated.

New business: No new business.

NOTE: Be soliciting auction items. Quality new or hand crafted. Theme baskets will be accepted and auctioned.

Please promote the band!!!

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation – PID Gene Vogel, President - Your Kansas Lions Sight Foundation met yesterday with what I thought would be a short meeting. 1 hour and 45 minutes later we adjourned.

Each year Audio-Reader Radio Network makes a presentation to the board. Lion Beth McKenzie made a detailed presentation on the benefits of Audio-Reader to those who are unable to read. This includes blind and visually impaired along with those who are unable to read due to physical limitations.

Lion Dan Skinner presented how the Siri worked for listening to Audio-Reader programming. With Siri, Audio-Reader is available worldwide.

The foundation presented a grant of \$20,000 for Satellite Uplink and publications.

It was proposed that for orders of 500 or more Solar Eclipse Glasses there would be 1 display provided at no cost. This was moved, seconded and passed.

PDG Terry Weldin report the numbers for children screening for 6 years and under. District K 1846 screened with 128 referrals, District A 7814 screened with 1272 referrals, and District N 613 screened with 49 referrals.

Lion Vern Failor reported on the used eyeglasses project. He stated there are two storage locations. One in Hutchinson and one in Topeka. A sorting party was conducted in Topeka Wednesday January 17th. There were 10 Lions doing the sorting of around 5,000 pair of glasses.

Lion Vern stated the need to have a Lion volunteer to be the chair of this project. He stated that he would not be in charge. I would like to thank Lion Vern for his help in this project on such a short notice. Also, CC Randy St Aubyn has been a great help as well as Lions Sylvia and Henry Reinhardt.

Currently the Hutchison Correctional Facility is analyzing about 4,000 pair of glasses per month.

I ask that if you know of someone who would be able and willing to chair this project to contact me.

Kansas Lions has been collecting eyeglasses before I became a member in 1969. However, without a chair for this project we will have to discontinue collecting eyeglasses.

Lion Vern also reported that the MSU Trailer and Ram Truck is at Ruckert Auction in Manhattan Kansas.

Their web site is HOME | ruckert-auctions (ruckertauctions.com)

The next topic was the Kansas State Fair. The Lions will be at the state fair again; however, we will be using less space since we won't have the MSU Trailer in the building. The Nursing Schools have been contacted for providing Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar. A Lion is needed to schedule the Lions who will volunteer for the screenings.

The Bel Aire Lions Club will allow the KLSF to use their trailer in return for them using the screening equipment for their club.

At the KLSF table there was 2050 Solar Eyeglasses distributed. There is a supply of the solar glasses in inventory waiting for orders. Please promote this project.

Old Business – No old business was presented

New Business – PDG Chris Bauer presented the State and District Pins that the council had reviewed. 17A DG Richard Webster moved that the official State Pin for 2023-23 will be the 1.5" and the District Pin will be 1.75" Pin that is in the shape of a boomerang. Seconded by 17N District Governor Lori Horton. Motioned carried 3-0.



Size above is 1.5 inches width



Size above is 1.75 inches width

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM by the Council Chair