Meeting Subject: PDGO Member Meeting Meeting Date/Time: September 30, 2023

Meeting Location:

Attendees: See attachment

Officers in attendance: President PDG PID Connie Le Cleir-Meyer, Vice President PDG Greg Pryor, Secretary PDG Dave Lee, Treasurer PDG Evett Hartvig, and Sergeant-at-Arms PDG Tim McClain. Immediate Past President PDG Eric Holthaus was excused.

Notes

- a. Meeting called to order by President PDG Connie Le Cleir-Meyer at 1:28 pm with 30 members present.
- b. President Connie Le Cleir-Meyer provided a brief introduction and welcome to attendees.
- c. Vice President Greg Pryor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. President Connie Le Cleir-Meyer led the Prayer.

Reports

- 1. Secretary's Report:
 - a. The 5/12/2023 Board Meeting minutes were previously posted online by 2022-2023 Secretary Greg Pryor. (attached).
 - Motion by PDG Roger Weber and second by PDG Tom Le Cleir to suspend reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Checkbook status: July 1 beginning balance \$10,105.08 and August 31 ending balance \$9,907.06.
 - b. Membership status:
 - 1) Discussion on membership status deferred to the next meeting.
 - c. Motion by PDG Dennis Knott and second by PDG Bob Gosewehr to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Motion passed.
- 3. International Report: ID Lee Vrieze presented his international report (a copy of his submitted report, dated 9/9/23, is attached). Included in ID Lee's comments were getting to 1.5 million members by 2027, modifications to the formula for determining club delegate voters, January becoming the new target date for the LCI portal, Googling 'Lions portals' providing access to new LCI portal aspects, and security concerns impacting future access to member data downloads.

- 4. Council of Governors Report by CC BJ Blahnik was deferred to our next meeting.
- 5. Wisconsin Lions Foundation Report: WLF President Brad Behrens submitted the attached written report dated 9/30/2023. PCC Evett provided supplementary comments regarding the HundredX Campaign, deer hide kick off, and the COG tailtwister's \$170 collection was designated for the hides.
- 6. Lions Pride Report: Renee Peterson (by zoom) supplemented by Wayne Heiman: The Pride Shoot was successful raising ~\$30,000. The next year's Pride Shoot is scheduled for June 8th, 2024. Donations can still be made through their website. The current endowment balance is approximately \$10 million.
- 7. Lions Eye Bank Report: Lion Erica Singley (LEBW Board Chair) filled in for CEO Stacey Troha who is on medical leave. Erica has been a cornea transplant recipient for 39 years. There have been 100 donors in the past four months. Eye Bank is conducting lots of tours Adam is available to give tours for Lions. The current DGs visited the Eye Bank in August. The Eye Bank is currently hiring recovery techs in Wausau and Green Bay. Eye tissue transport by Lions saves the Eye Bank up to \$270,000 per year. A new restricted fund with a \$28,000 matching grant is helping with the Guatemala cataract surgery project.
- 8. Lions Missions Report
- 9. Convention Chair Report
- 10. LCIF Report: LCIF Coordinator Lion Mary Vriese submitted a written report (9/30/23).
- 11. Childhood Cancer Report: Lion Dave Lee provided a written report which is attached.
- 12. Research & Long Range Planning Committee: PID Connie Le Cleir Meyer submitted the attached written report.

Unfinished Old Business

- SWOT analysis results review
 - a. from the first optional virtual meeting housekeeping with PDGOs
 - i. constitution & bylaws need two volunteers
 - 1. identify unnumbered items
 - 2. clarify expense reimbursement policy
 - 3. consider adding LCIF to supported causes
 - ii. find better ways to market PDGO
 - 1. web page

- 2. social media review
- 3. we're a secret only PDGOs know about
- b. second meeting with PID Pat Vannett
 - i. SWOT analysis not necessarily new items
 - ii. opportunities include
 - 1. 1.5 initiative
 - 2. developing leaders
 - 3. small groups coming up with ideas
- 2. Lively discussions regarding PDGO purposes and what-ifs
 - a. We know people ... new PDGO shirts help our identity ... encourage Lions to stay active ... stay involved at the club level ... LCIF coordination ... why would a DG want to join an organization that no one wants ... do we need dues? do we need the money? ... why don't we lead a service project? but bylaws prohibit us without COG permission ... have a PDGO hospitality room at state convention ... group wondered whether all PDGs are on the PDGO email list or only PDGO members ... discussion of death notice to PDGs vs PDGO members ... importance of creating PDG databases and managing within MD27 ... importance of communicating to PDGs not only to announce member passings
- 3. Two ad hoc committee appointments for 2023-2024
 - a. policy and bylaws Lions Dave Brinkman, Roger Weber, and Tom Wendt volunteered to address 1.a.i above
 - b. marketing Lions Brian Dulmes, Bob Bertch, and Art Marson agreed to address aspects in 1.a.ii above

New Business

- 1 Lion Dave Sievert had asked for a review of expense reimbursement for the PDGO others as well have asked for review of the current policy
- 2 Lion Dave Sievert also asked for LRP to consider office relocations allowing for archiving records – apparently the building may need to be demolished within the next few years – interesting discussion ensued.
- 3 Lion Roger Weber suggested 1) subscribing to a provider for online registration to be used by all districts and 2) consider reciting the passing of PDGs and sending a notice to families – more discussion – motion by Lion Greg Pryor, second by Lion Roger Weber to send \$50 to WLF in memory of Lion Dwaine Habrat, passed unanimously.
- 4 PCC Tammy Rockenbach declared her candidacy for ID
- 5 Lion John Riel advocated the benefits of CPR training programs it was decided that Lions Amy Quig, Marcia Hagen and Tom Wendt will work with Lion John and come back to the group with a recommendation.

Approval of expenditures

Treasurer Lion Evett asked for approval of \$50 for WLF and \$25 for Wis DFI licensing – motion by Lion Brian Dulmes, second by Lion Amy Quig – passed.

Meetings to come

Lion Connie announced the upcoming meetings:

10/30 - optional zoom meeting with PID Ardie Klemish

1/13/24 - winter meeting and state convention planning

2/19 - virtual meeting with ID Lee Vrieze

4/29 - virtual meeting to discuss upcoming state convention

5/17 – state convention – meeting time/room TBD

6/24 – virtual meeting – 2024 year end review and introduction of 2024-25 goals/plans

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lion Bob Bertch, second by Lion Dave Brinkman at 3:47 pm — motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Dave Lee, PDGO Secretary

Attendance

Date: \$\\\ 30\\ 23

	Printed Name	P	
1		District	Email address
1	PDG Greg Pryor	AI	grpryor@gmail.com
2	PDG Jom Wordt	BI	trwendt & hotmail
3	PD6 David Stedman	AI	tubabuzzacharter.net
4	PDG Brian Dulmes	EI	bidulmes eg mail.com
5	PDG BOB BERTCH	C-2	bos beath 22 CGMAIC · Com
6	PDG Dave Brinkmen	1B1	brinkdave yahoo.com
7	PID Wayne Heiman	B2	heiman - wayne @ live. com
8	PDG John Reil	B2	
9	IPDG PHIL HOLLIS-	C-1	LION PHIL HOLLIS @ BINAIL. COM
10	PDG Rich Daluge	D-1	rhdaluge @ wisc. Polu
11	IPCC Tammy Rockenbach	DI	bzrock@charter.net
12	PDG Amy Quia	B2	LionAmy 27B2@gmail.com
13	POG Judy Hatz	c.a	hatzilaaol.com
14	POG DENNIS KNOTT	02	as KNONT @ FRUNTIER, COM
15	PDG Dan Gaey	EA	agaeu Osbeglobal, net
16	PDG Robert Gosewchn	AZ	Lionngosewehre mail.com
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Meeting Subject: PDGO Member Meeting Meeting Date/Time: 5/12/2023 at 4pm

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wisconsin (Frontier Room)

Attendees: See attachment

Officers in attendance: President PDG Eric Holthaus, Vice President PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer, Secretary PDG Greg Pryor, Treasurer PDG Dave Lee, Sergeant-at-Arms PCC Evett Hartvig,

Immediate Past President PDG Dennis Knott.

Notes

- a. Meeting called to order by President Eric Holthaus at 4:01pm with 46 members and 13 guests present.
- b. President Eric Holthaus welcomed all attendees.
- c. President Eric Holthaus led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. Motion by PDG Jerry Gibbons, second by PDG Dennis Knott to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Reports

- Secretary's Report:
 - a. The 1/21/2023 Board Meeting minutes were posted online by Secretary Greg Pryor (attached).
 - b. Motion by PDG Dennis Knott, second by PDG Tom LeCleir to approve the minutes as posted. Motion carried.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:
 - Report provided by Treasurer Dave Lee.
 - b. Checkbook status: Year to date expenses totalled \$1,537.67 and income totaled \$300.41 with an ending balance of \$9,070.01. There are currently 138 Lifetime Members and there is \$5,775 in protected funding for life membership.
 - c. Motion by PDG Bob Henning, second by PDG Harry Helwig to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

New Business

- Introduction and Celebration of the 2022 2023 District Governors was completed by PID Wayne Heiman. Each District Governor was invited to share highlights of their year.
 - o DG David Stedman (A1)
 - o DG Bert Freeman (A2)
 - O DG Dave Brinkman (B1)
 - o DG John Reil (B2)
 - o DG Phil Hollis (C1)
 - DG Bob Bertch (C2)
 - DG Alan Johnson (D1)
 - DG Tom Knudtson (D2)
 - o DG Brian Dulmes (E1)
 - DG Marcia Hagen (E2)
- PID Wayne Heiman installed the 2023 2024 PDGO officers as follows:
 - Sergeant-at-Arms PDG Tim McClain (D2)
 - Treasurer PCC Evett Hartvig (C1)
 - Secretary/Historian PDG Dave Lee (B1)
 - Vice-President PDG Greg Pryor (A1)
 - President IPID Connie LeCleir-Meyer (E2)
 - o Immediate Past President PDG Eric Holthaus (D1)
- President Connie presented IPP Eric Holthaus with a plaque in appreciation of his year of service as PDGO President.
- PDG Chuck Steinmetz was looking for approval to sell and distribute PDGO shirts similar
 to the ones he has done for A-1. Motion by PDG Dave Sievert, second by PDG Bob
 Henning to allow Bee-Seen Promotions LLC to sell and distribute shirts for the PDGO.
 Motion carried.
- President Connie encouraged the current District Governors to join the PDGO and is looking forward to serving as President in 2023-2024.

Miscellaneous: Motion to adjourn at 5:00pm by PDG Chuck Steinmetz. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Greg Pryor, PDGO Secretary 2022-2023

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' ORGANIZATION

Income and Expense Statement August 2023

Checking Accou	int Balance as of A	August 1, 2023		\$	9,907.02
Income					
Interest			0.04		
Total Income				***************************************	0.04
Expenses					
None			0.00		
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Check#	Amount	Same on the appropriate that			Town
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TOTAL	0.00				

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS' ORGANIZATION

Income and Expense Statement July 2023

Checking Account Balance as o	of July 1, 2023		\$ 1	0,105.08
Income Brinkman - Life Membership Interest Total Income		150.00 0.04		150.04
Expenses 3 checks cleared in July from Total Expenses	June, 2023	348.10		348.10
Checking Account Balance as o	f July 31, 2023	=	\$ 9	9,907.02
	Account Reconciliation July 2023			
Deposits in Transit Date Amount	Ending balance shown on	statement		9,907.02
TOTAL 0.00	Deposits in transit			0.00
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Council of Governor's and Past District Governors Organization Report

Lee Vrieze, International Director lvrieze2@outlook.com 9/11/2023

International President Dr Patti Hill's Theme and Focus

- The theme is "Changing the World"
- President Hill also has strong interests on environmental issues and has requested minimizing paper handouts at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Endorsed Third International Vice President

- PID Manoj Shah, who served with PID Wayne Heiman, from the Lions Club of Nairobi Greater, Africa, was endorsed by the International Board of Directors at the July International Board of Directors Meeting for the position of International Third Vice-President at the 2024 International Convention in Melbourne, Australia.
- I recommend the Council of Governors endorse PID Manoj Shah and the September COG
 Meeting. His picture and biography are available at the links
 https://www.lionsclubs.org/sites/default/files/shah.jpg and
 https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md AJur9zULEVF92Anm.jpg.pdf?v=1 respectively.

Technology

- Lion Portal (MyLCI/MyLion replacement)
 - The rollout was delayed because of a bug in Salesforce that needed to be corrected prior to User Acceptance Testing (UAT).
 - The scheduled rollout for UAT is September 13-27, 2023. Instructions are being sent to testers on September 12th and 13th.
 - Recommendations
 - Ensure your clubs know this change is coming.
 - Ensure your clubs validate their rosters (names, contact information, etc) once the transition to Lion Portal has completed.
 - Plan live training sessions to smooth the transition.
 - DG goals will be automatically transferred from the previous system to the Lion Portal.
 - The initial objective is to have equivalent functionality to the existing applications using a single database/source of truth on a platform that can provide a foundation for future improvements and additions (e.g. a potential LCIF donors portal)
 - Status updates and information, including a link to the survey noted previously are available at https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portal-updates or use your favorite search engine (e.g. Google) and search for <u>Lion Portal</u>.

International Web Site

- o A new partner has been obtained to maintain the lionsclubs.org web site.
- Several improvements are underway, including:
 - Better differentiation between member information and information to attract new members.
 - Improved search capabilities
- The updated site is planned to go online prior to the end of calendar year 2023.
- I serve on and chair the technology committee -- please contact me if you have questions, comments, or suggestions or would like to be submitted as a tester for the new Lion Portal.

International Guest Speaker Requests

- International guests are scheduled for all District Conventions and the Multiple District Conventions.
- Links to the list are below and any updates will be applied there.
 - International Guest Lions in Excel format:
 - https://1drv.ms/x/s!AnvTnVTxOe-FgtQwqgFF7ZYEp7Fdiw?e=ld8k9Y
 - o International Guest Lions in PDF format:
 - https://ldrv.ms/b/slAnvTnVTxOe-FgtQyret9el9ZFCnA8A?e=i5OcLh
- District Governors:
 - Please verify your convention dates in one of the documents above and let me know if dates change, as your speaker may also need to change.
 - Complete the Speaker Request Form at the link in the documents above as soon as possible so your guest can book their travel.
- International guest pictures and biographies are available at https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/our-leaders

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

- Please ensure that Wisconsin Lions are aware of the next Forum in Reno Nevada, September 21-23, 2023 – a great growth, learning, and socializing event!
- There will be a Lion Portal session the afternoon of September 21st.

International Awards

- District Governors start identifying nominees for the International Leadership and International President's Awards (medals).
- International President Dr Patti Hill's criteria will be sent to you once it is made available.
- December 1, 2023, is expected to be the MD27 submission deadline for nominations to allow the MD27 [Past] International Directors to review, endorse, and forward approved nominations.

Midwest Breakfast(s)

- Multiple Districts to host future Midwest Breakfasts at USA/Canada Forums and International Conventions have been requested,
- After receipt of the open event list, I am requesting that MD27 consider hosting one of the future Midwest Breakfasts.

International Convention 2023, Boston, Massachusetts Reminders

- Four resolutions passed.
 - An amendment to eliminate the minimum membership and club thresholds to be able to run and International Third Vice-President Candidate.
 - An amendment to eliminate the minimum membership and club thresholds to be able to run an International Director Candidate.
 - An amendment to change the convention delegate formulas by the addition of a new membership category for members paying discounted dues.
 - An amendment to clarify district leadership roles.

- The link to the detailed amendments is https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_oNNZ9eL5fP02kYE5.jpg.pdf?v=1
- PID Mark Lyon was elected as the International Third Vice-President.
- Mission 1.5 was launched a goal to reach 1.5 million members by June 30, 2027.
 - o Detailed information is available at https://www.lionsclubs.org/mission1.5

Other

 The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) training is being integrated into the Second Vice-District Governor training. 2023-2024 is planned to be the last year for ALLI.

Upcoming Events (dates subject to change)

- 9/21/2023 9/23/2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Reno, NV
- 6/21/2023 6/26/2023 International Convention, Melbourne, Australia



Wisconsin Lions Foundation



Wisconsin Lions Foundation Inc. (WLF) Report to the Council of Governors September 30, 2023

Our first WLF Board Meeting took place on August 26, 2023 and all Directors were in attendance. International Director Lee Vrieze inducted the new Directors and installed the 2023-2024 Executive Officers. We covered a lot of items and all Directors are excited for a great year.

Hustle S'more and S'more Fun at Camp took place with 156 people for the morning's 15-mile Bike Race and 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run.70 people stayed for the afternoon of fun and a good time was enjoyed by all. There were 31 local businesses that provided sponsorships for the event, as well.

The HundredX Campaign is back! It started on September 11 and runs through October 10. What an easy way to provide funds for Camp by giving your opinions on brands of products you use every day. Last year this raised \$14,000 for Camp. Go to their website and get started now: https://hundredx.com/deca

The 2023 Summer Camp hosted 857 campers, up about 200 from last year. You can find the Who's Who List that shows all the Districts in the State and how many campers came from each of those Districts, along with a list of our seasonal staff on WLF's website under the "Our Impact' tab.

Visitor Days was well attended, as were the private and/or club tours we hosted this Summer/Fall. There were 393 people who visited the property: 239 people on 14 private tours and 154 on 8 Visitor Days during Camp. The exciting fact is that over 50% of those people had not been to Camp before and the surveys were filled overwhelming with positive comments.

The Deer Hide Collection begins the day that Archery Season opens up, September 16. Please promote our 215 collection sites across the state. For an updated map and information on all the collection sites, visit the website: https://wlf.info/deer-hide-collection/

I look forward to visiting with those of you who have your District Conventions coming up in October and November. And, I will be bringing Deer Hide gloves to sell at each convention!

Project Statistics

Diabetes Awareness Project

Water Bottle stickers distributed – 33,400
Year One with Type One children's book distributed – 111
Coffee sleeves distributed – 50,900
Other Diabetes resources distributed – 22,774

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Vision Screening Project

Number of children screened – 36,405 Of that number, children that were referred – 4,776 Number of Districts reporting numbers – 9 (No statistics from 27-B2)

Hearing Aid Project

Applications received – 46
Approved – 28; Denied – 7; Pending – 4; Purchased – 37
Hearing aids collected – 3,855

Eyeglass Recycling Project

Used eyeglasses received at Center – 655,680 Eyeglasses shipped – 94,913 Mission served – 63

The above statistics cover the period of January 1, 2023 - September 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Brad Behrens President

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Lion Mary Vrieze September 30, 2023

It is with heavy heart that we lost C1 District LCIF Coordinator, PDG Dwaine Habrat on September 8, 2023. Please keep PDG Dwaine, his wife, PDG Sue and his family in your prayers. Lion JoAnne Burke agreed to co-chair LCIF Coordinator duties with PDG Dwaine. Since his passing, I am confirming the status of C1's Coordinator position.

As we are entering the second quarter and Convention season, the LCIF District Coordinators remain committed to educating Wisconsin Lions about LCIF and its importance. LCIF continues to be strong and is providing funds to those in need. These funds are supported by both Club and individual donations to LCIF.

Please make sure you, your clubs and your members stay aware of LCIF, how to donate, and what LCIF does in CA 1 and around the world. LCIF made donations and therefore is involved in the recovery effort in Hawaii regarding the devastating wildfires.

At your District Convention, please consider having an LCIF display table and time on the agenda for and LCIF presentation. Your District LCIF Coordinator should be contacting you regarding this.

Below is the breakdown of MD27 clubs and individual donations to LCIF for the 2022-2023 Lions Year. A report on the 2023-2024 donations will be provided at the next COG Meeting.

MI	D27 LCIF Donation	Information 2022-2	023 - 07/01/2	022 through 06/	28/2023
District	# of Clubs	Clubs Donating	% of Clubs	Amount	Individual Donators
A1	51	51	100%	44,354	68
A2	39	30	77%	37,323	62
B1	64	47	73%	128,826	115
B2	67	47	73%	47,993	25
C1	51	24	47%	11,295	18
C2	40	29	73%	23,914	16
D1	59	45	76%	45,426	32
D2	46	38	83%	15,662	87
E1	45	29	65%	24,972	36
E2	45	30	67%	25,625	121
Total	507	370	73%	405,390	580

Childhood Cancer state chair report for Sept 30, 2023 MD27 COG meeting Sept 13, 2023

The Wisconsin Lions Childhood Cancer Fund Initiative was launched in mid-August following the approval by the Council of Governors in early August. Emails were sent to all Wisconsin Lions from the State Office announcing the Fund Initiative and providing details. Also, an article with a similar message appeared in the latest edition of the Wisconsin Lion.

- There have been a number a questions received from various Lions and these have been responded to in a timely fashion.
- The district childhood cancer chairs had a Zoom communication meeting recently and we plan to meet monthly for the foreseeable future.
- The contributions to date are encouraging. I will plan to provide specifics briefly at the COG meeting.
- We are meeting with representatives of potential childhood cancer support organizations to learn more about them and are working toward developing a group to recommend to the COG that would cover every county in Wisconsin for potential support to families of need dealing with childhood cancer.
- On the Zoom call we also discussed February 15th being International Childhood Cancer
 Awareness Day and welcomed ideas for giving Wisconsin Lions a chance to visibly show they
 care for kids and families dealing with childhood cancer. We welcome ideas from anyone.
- I am interested in having speaking time at district conventions along with the district childhood cancer chairs for brief encouraging messaging.

Thank you.

Lion Dave Lee

Wisconsin Lions childhood cancer state chair

Council of Governors Report Research & Long-Range Planning Committee

IPID Connie LeCleir-Meyer, Chairperson September 30, 2023

Below find information for the Council of Governors (COG) on Committee activities:

a. Requests received for 2023 – 2024: none at this time

b. Reminders:

- All suggested subjects to be presented to the Committee for consideration will be presented from one of the following bodies: COG, a MD Committee, the DG on behalf of his/her District, at the discretion of the Committee.
- ii. All suggested subjects presented to the Committee will be in writing.
- iii. All subjects addressed by the Committee will be submitted to the COG for approval or their recommendation for further action.
- iv. The Committee will report to the COG after each of their meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

IPID Connie LeCleir-Meyer, 2023 - 2024 Chairperson MD27 Research & Long Range Planning Committee