

**Council of Governors Meeting
Reports of Committee Chairs and Coordinators
31 January 2010**

From: Dick Hosfeld, USA/Canada Forum Coordinator
Subject: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, 2010 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 23-25

Registration forms will be sent to club secretaries in early February. Headquarters hotels are the Hilton and the Hyatt; both have covered skywalks to the Midwest Airlines Center. Lions planning to take advantage of the available Milwaukee tours are asked to arrive September 21 or 22, to avoid missing parts of the Forum.

From: Bob Muchow, Chairman
Subject: LVRF Report

The LVRF Executive Committee and the professionals at the Lions Low Vision Center have been focusing on plans for a new LVRF website to be hosted by Delaware Net. A teleconference with Delaware Net was held on January 27. PDG Ralph Schieferstein and Lion Mike Layman have agreed to serve as Webmasters.

From: PCC Clare Newcomer, Coordinator
Subject: MD 22 Leader Dog Program

Leader Dog Rallies: Districts 22 B and 22 D will hold their rallies March 26-30. The Leader Dog Graduate Representative will be Wanda Scroggins and her Leader Dog, "Gibson." District 22 W rallies are scheduled for April 19-22. Leader Dog Graduate and current District Governor, Len Quinn, and his Leader Dog "Ginger" will be present. District 22-W is celebrating their 30th year of Leader Dog rallies.

MD 22 Convention: A request has been sent to Leader Dogs for the Blind for a Field Representative to attend the MD 22 Convention in Dover, May 18-21, 2010.

From: PDG Bob Kidner
Subject: Speech and Hearing Work with the Deaf MD Chair

No report

From: PCC Don LeCates, Chairperson
Subject: Research and Long Range Planning Committee

The Policies and Procedures manual has been updated as requested by the Council of Governors. A draft copy has been sent to the Council Chair and the District Governors for their comments. After their review it will be sent to the Past International officers and Past International Directors for their review. After all have reviewed and made comments/recommendations, a final copy will be printed for the Council of Governors approval.

Changes have been made to the following pages: Table of Contents IV, Pages 4, 5, 9, 29, 32, 33, and 41. The most notable changes were the addition of the Global Membership Team Coordinator, The Order of Precedence, and the Rotation Schedule.

A review of the MD-22 Convention Survey taken last year is underway and consideration is being given to do a follow-up survey as about only about 5% of the clubs responded. It has also been suggested that it might be a good idea to conduct a survey that would ask clubs how they view the health of their club, district and the multiple district. What each club views as the future of Lionism could produce some interesting insight for long range planning.

From: PCC John Lawrence
Subject: MD22 MERL Team – Leadership Report

Preparations for the MD-22 Regional Leadership Institute at Emmitsburg on 19 – 21 February are on schedule. The faculty is busy preparing their lesson plans, the facilities are ready for us, and we are looking forward to another great Institute. To date, we have 36 applications with tuition in hand, as follows: 12 each from 22A and 22W, 6 from 22C, and 3 each from 22B and 22D. The break even number to cover expenses is 50 applicants. We are hopeful we will have at least that number by the deadline date of next Saturday, 6 February. This is a firm date, since the facility at Emmitsburg needs our information at least 2 weeks in advance in order to provide us access to their campus.

Preparations are underway for our District Governor School, held in conjunction with the 22B Social each year. While the primary focus is on the Lions who will become next year's Council of Governors, we ask the current council to attend as mentors, and invite all current Second VDG's and prospective candidates for next year's Second VDG's to attend. The tentative dates and times this year will be from 12:00 – 5:00 on 12 March and 8:00 – 2:00 on 13 March. The exact location in Salisbury will be determined shortly.

There is some limited time available for seminars at our MD-22 Convention in May this year. Anyone interested in having a presentation should contact me by the Council of Governors meeting on 14 March.

From: PDG Harold Boccia
Subject: MD 22 MERL Team – Extension Report

On January 16, 17, and 18, MD 22 held successful training sessions focusing on membership, extension and guiding Lions. A very professional and complete training was conducted by PCC Jim Canon from the New Club Development Department of LCI for 123 Lions. Reflection comments regarding this training have been extremely positive. Training packets and CDS of the text are still available for those districts that need extra copies.

Following this training, the District Governors will be assessing the programs in their districts. PCC Canon will personally contact each District Governor and discuss additional individualized training for that district to meet their specific needs or requests.

The Council of Governors has provided MD22 with a wonderful training event. The accommodations and training facilities were ideal for the three sessions. Thank you for giving MD22 a super success that will pay dividends down the road.

DISTRICT A

Currently there are 9 individuals who have committed to joining the campus club at Harford Community College. The paperwork is not yet complete but is expected to be completed in February. Efforts are moving forward to establish a club in the Perry Hall/Kingsville area. Data is being collected for recruitment from contacts established through community associations.

DISTRICT B

A meeting will take place next week with a leadership youth organization called American Promise Group, an active and very energetic group of young adults. The goal of this meeting is to explore the possibility of forming several Leo Clubs with this group's help.

DISTRICT D

The District is working on developing a Special Olympics club. Membership will determine if this club is formed as a regular club or a branch club.

DISTRICT W

The District wants to establish a new club in the Villages of Urbana along with a minority club in Frederick. Both are currently in progress. Leo activity is in progress at Mt. Airy Middle School and Frederick Middle School. Both should be a reality before the next Council meeting.

From: Charlene Travers
 Subject: MD 22 Convention Committee
 Budget Expenditures 2010 Convention - Dover Downs

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Start up - transfer from Lions year '08-'09		\$5,000.00
Total Dues from MD22 - 7636 members	\$11,454.00	
50/50 Raffle Prizes & Expense	\$2,650.00	\$159.80
Badges, Pins and Ribbons	\$700.00	
Bank Fees	\$80.00	\$15.25
Banners and Signs	\$500.00	
Committee Hotel Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$228.68
Committee Travel Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$51.50
Committee Meal Expenses	\$2,300.00	\$610.11
Committee Miscellaneous Expenses	\$100.00	
Convention Center Expenses	\$500.00	
Convention Meals	\$42,700.00	
Critique Meeting	\$60.00	
Decorations	\$250.00	
Deposit - Salisbury 2011	\$500.00	
Distinguished Guest	\$1,000.00	
District Governor Expenses	\$2,700.00	
Entertainment	\$5,000.00	
Exhibit Services (rental of equipment)	\$1,500.00	
Gifts and Awards	\$1,500.00	
Golf Tournament	\$3,000.00	
Merchandise Purchased	\$1,500.00	
Mid-Winter Conference	\$200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$99.00	
Photographs	\$50.00	
Postage	\$400.00	\$12.65
Printing	\$3,500.00	
Site Visits	\$1,200.00	
Stationary	\$25.00	
Supplies	\$300.00	
Telephone/Fax	\$50.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$77,364.00	\$1,119.99

MD 22 Convention Committee Budget Revenue 2010 Convention - Dover Downs

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Total Dues from MD - 7636 members	\$11,454.00	\$5,000.00
50/50 Raffle	\$5,000.00	\$785.00
Critique Meeting	\$60.00	
Exhibits	\$3,200.00	\$300.00
Golf Tournament	\$3,500.00	
Interest Income	\$0.00	
Merchandise	\$2,500.00	
Mid-Winter Conference	\$0.00	
Tail Twister	\$1,800.00	
Ticket Sales - District 22-A	\$6,000.00	
Ticket Sales - District 22-B	\$7,200.00	
Ticket Sales - District 22-C	\$11,400.00	
Ticket Sales - District 22-D	\$14,500.00	
Ticket Sales - District 22-W	\$10,000.00	
Ticket Sales - Other	\$750.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$77,364.00	\$6,085.00

From: PIP Clement F. Kusiak
Subject: Lions Internationals Convention Bid Requirement

Per the minutes of the December 6, 2009 COG Meeting held in Dover Delaware; attached are bid requirements created by LCI for use in securing bid for International conventions. The documents are formatted in Micro Soft word, eliminating recreating, in addition to allowing for the needs of District and Multiple District conventions.

LCI Requirements:

- Cover Letter to Interested Cities
- Bid Requirement Check List
- Bid Requirement (Addendum I)
- Convention Activity Chart
- Headquarters Hotel Schedule
- Hotel
- Room Block
- Specification HDQ
- Transportation

- Hotel Agreement
- Bid Package Letter

May I suggest Council consider LCI core requirements relating to the above documents for use by the MD22 Convention committee to insure that the attendees of their respective Districts and Multiple District Convention are provided the most affordable, accessible and amenable convention for their involvement. In addition, the Convention Committee systematically securing competitive bids for conventions of Districts A, B, C, D & W and MD22.

Enhancing the Convention documents has challenges... The above documents will work, allowing changes to the Constitution & By Laws and Policy Manual illustrating the sequence and follow up communications with Councils, Convention sites and complete document files on hand by Council Secretary. In addition to updating the Convention Committee documents and procedures provisions would be provided allowing for the Vice Convention Chair and Vice District Governors to be active in planning, preparing and recommending Council approval to their convention budget.

Cc: Letter only to VDG's and Convention Committee._

From: PIP Clement F. Kusiak
 Subject: Recommended Items for inclusion in the MD22 Convention Rules of Procedure, Conventions of Districts A, B, C, D & W

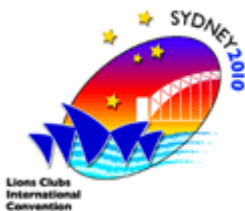
- Include verbiage indicating Districts A, B, C, D & W conventions being held in conjunction the MD convention
- Add the procedures and meeting function for District and MD22 nominations of Candidates for International Director
- Include voting procedures - District and MD business meetings
- Delegates and or Alternates must have a certified voting card stamped on the reverse side (Certified) and signed by the in Cabinet Secretary and or District Governor order to vote their District final business meeting
- District 22A's PDG's only vote on District 22A resolutions and District 22A candidates. Their vote for MD22 and MD Candidates can only occur as a Delegate of their Club.
- State that final outcome of votes is by Simple/Majority vote.
- All delegates remain in their second District business session until ballots for Multiple Distinct ballots are tallied and communicated to the elections committee that there is a candidate for International director.
- All ballots for the International Director will be held by the elections committee until _____
- Indicate Nominating and Seconding speech time and place
- Ballot counting is observed by _____ & _____
- District Governors have a vote
- Breaks maybe called by the presiding officer of a district business meeting with specific time for breaking and reconvening.

- Sequence of speeches for the nominations of International Director Candidates is Council Chair responsibility.
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From: PID Darley T. Travers, Chairman
Subject: MD22 Constitution and By-Laws

After reviewing our Multiple District 22 Constitution and By-laws dated May 18, 2008, I have found two (2) discrepancies/omissions:

1. International By-laws Article III, Section 5 (page 29) calls for the certification of endorsement document shall arrive at the International office no less than 30 days in the case of an International Director candidate before the convening date of the International Convention to be voted upon. Multiple District 22 By-laws Article V, Section 4 calls for not less than 10 days.
 - Consequently, our Multiple District 22 Constitution and By-laws needs to be amended.
 2. Our Multiple District 22 Constitution and By-laws does not recognize the election of a Second Vice District Governor for each sub-district.
 - Consequently, this needs to be added.
 3. The Multiple District 22 By-laws Article II, 1a, states, “The Multiple District Convention Committee will make all contracts and approve all bills relating to the planning and operation of the Multiple District Convention.”
 - We may want to rethink and change the language of this Article.
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Subject: Lions Clubs International Convention Committee

From: PDG Gary Burdette, Chair

PDG Ken Draper, Vice Chair

Plans for the Lion International Convention in Sydney are progressing.

I'm pleased to report that, as of November 27, we have 37 Lions and guests registered to attend the International Convention. Attached is a copy of the registration list. As of January 1, the Convention registration fee increased from \$100 to \$130. There are still rooms available at the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour Hotel, the assigned hotel for MD 22.

We have been assigned the Pritchard Room in the Holiday Inn Darling Harbour for use as a hospitality room for June 28 – July 1, 2010. The room will also serve as a campaign headquarters for our ID candidate. It is the largest of the 3 meeting rooms in the hotel; it can hold up to 70 people, depending on the seating configuration. There is no cost for the use of the room; however, we are required to purchase all food and beverages from the hotel.

The MD 22 pins have been received and distributed to each of the sub districts.

At the Council meeting in December, we asked the Council if you wanted to replace the current parade uniform and you instructed us to research the issue further. We have come up with some ideas for your consideration. The Sydney weather in July is cool, temperatures average in the upper 50s and low 60s. Therefore, for this year only, we propose replacing the current polo shirt and vest with a sweatshirt or some type of long-sleeve shirt. To save money, we could continue to use the white pants and white hat. We could stay with the red, white, and blue theme. We estimate the cost of the sweatshirt, including silk screening, would cost between \$35-\$40.

As previously reported at the last Council meeting, we have tentatively scheduled the MD 22 breakfast for the morning of Wednesday, June 30. It will be held in our hospitality room. The cost for a buffet breakfast, including tax and gratuity, is \$25 per person at the current exchange rate. A cheaper alternative is a continental breakfast for \$18 per person. Our question for the Council, given the high price for the meal and that fact that the breakfast really serves no purpose other than a social activity, do you want us to proceed with plans for the breakfast?

If there are no questions, that concludes our report.