



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22
The International Association of Lions Clubs
Council of Governors
2009-2010



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING
Salisbury, Maryland
Sunday, March 14, 2010
MINUTES

Attendees: *Council Chair* John Hopkins (22W); DG Señora Haywood (22A); DG John Atkins, Sr. (22B); DG Bill Thomas (22C); DG Lee Bird (22D); DG Bob Disinger (22W); 1st VDG John Cullison (22A); 1st VDG Bill Bicknell (22B); 1st VDG Sandi Halterman (22C); 1st VDG Karl Gude (22D); 2nd VDG Owen Landis (22A); 2nd VDG Mike Hlavac (22D); *Past International Director* Darley Travers, Constitution and By-laws & Advisor (22B); *Past International Director* Joe Gaffigan, Advisor (22C); *Past International Director* Larry Johnson (29L); PDG Bob Muchow, LVRFC Chairman (22A); PDG Rodney Welch, MD 22 Convention Chair (22W); PDG Keith Williams, MD 22 Convention Vice-Chair (22A); PCC John Lawrence, MERL Team Leadership (22B); PCC Rowe Haywood, LCIF Coordinator (22A); PCC Clare Newcomer, Social & Leader Dog Chair (22W); PDG Gary Burdette, International Convention Vice Chairman (22C); Charlene Travers, MD 22 Convention Treasurer (22B); PDG Ralph Schieferstein, USA/Canada Forum (22D); PDG Ted Reiver (22D); PCT Ann Reiver (22D); PDG Bob Jones (22D); PCS Cheryl Jones (22D); Martin Bonura, Leadership Chair (22W); PDG Harold Boccia MERL Team Extension (22A); PDG Dalton Mann, Governor's Ball Committee Chair (22B); PDG C. Kenneth Draper, International Convention Vice Chairman (22D); PCC Donald LeCates (22D); Paul Cannada, Cabinet Secretary (22W); AA Susan Bonura (22W).

Opening - CC John Hopkins (22W) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. DG Lee Bird (22D) led the pledge; DG Bob Disinger (22W) led the singing of one verse of *America*, and DG Bill Thomas (22C) gave the invocation.

Comments by Council Chair John Hopkins (22W) - Congratulations to DG John Atkins (22B) on a fine social and also to PDG Dal Mann and his committee for their hard work. We enjoyed the inspiring speech given by our International guest, PID Larry Johnson.

It was noted that PID Darley Travers (22B) removed his tie. A picture of this event will be e-mailed to PIP Clem Kusiak.

Comments by International Guest PID Larry Johnson (29L) – It is a pleasure to be here. I enjoy the opportunity to be in meetings like this and I enjoy learning what you are thinking about and sharing ideas. We had a great time, we enjoyed our stay and DG John took great care of us.

Council Secretary's Report, CS Señora Haywood (22A) – CS Haywood asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as previously submitted via e-mail and also available in printed form at the meeting.

- DG Bob Disinger (22W) moved to accept the minutes as submitted; second by DG Bill Thomas (22C); motion carried.

Council Treasurer’s Report, CT John Atkins (22B) – See Appendix Ia, Ib and Ic for the CT’s report.

Dues have been paid by all the sub-districts. All transactions are shown on the “transaction description” page of the report. Normal expenses include MERL training. The regular savings account balance is \$85,147.22 and the checking account balance is \$28,378.48.

- DG Señora Haywood (22A) moved to accept the treasurer’s report, pending audit; second by DG Bill Thomas (22C); motion carried.

MD 22 Committee Reports - MD 22 Committee Chairpersons

Constitution and By-laws, PID Darley Travers (22B) – See full report in Appendix II.

PID Darley Travers (22B) – presented proposed written changes to the Multiple District Constitution and By-laws including the following resolutions

- to delete Article VII, Section 8 to bring it more in line with Lions Clubs International’s standard form Multiple District Constitution and By-laws Section 2;
- to revise Article V, Section 4 of the By-laws so that mailing arrives no less than thirty (30) days to Lions Clubs International for the candidate certification for International Director;
- to revise Article X, Sections 1a, 1c, 1d of the Constitution to include Second Vice District Governors; and
- to revise Article I, Sections 2 and 3 of the By-laws to include Second Vice District Governor.
 - DG Lee Bird (22D) asked if these changes would require that there be a 2nd VDG because there may be a vacancy. PID Joe Gaffigan (22C) responded: if a person is not elected, the position is vacant; it is possible that a person could be appointed; if that doesn’t happen, the position remains open. There is a vacancy filling procedure and I urge Delaware to bring their constitution into compliance with the International Constitution.
 - DG Lee Bird (22D) moved accept the proposed constitutional changes for vote at the MD Convention in May 2010; second by DG Bob Disinger; motion carried.
 - Per the Constitution and By-laws, these proposed revisions have to be made by postal mail. It will be e-mailed to the District Governors who will have their respective Cabinet Secretaries mail this information to all of their Clubs.

International Convention, PDG Gary Burdette (22C) and PDG Ken Draper (22D) – See Appendix III for the full report.

The number of Lions and guests registered has not changed since our last report in January. As of March 10, we have 37 Lions and guests registered to attend the International Convention. There are no rooms available at the assigned hotel; the overflow is being assigned to the Crown Plaza Darling Harbour Hotel. Wednesday, June 30 is the MD22 breakfast at a cost of \$25. LCI announced that they have appointed the Star Alliance Members Airlines as the official airline

network for the International Convention. United Airlines is the only participating U.S. carrier. The host committee is offering additional tours, see <http://www.lions2010.com/touring.cfm> for more information. Please remind your Lions planning to attend the convention that they need to have the proper travel documents to enter Australia - a valid U.S. passport, valid Visa, and a completed and signed Incoming Passenger Card. The keynote speaker at the convention will be Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger. For the parade uniform, we recommend replacing the short sleeve polo shirt with a white long sleeve polo shirt. This is less expensive than the sweat shirt option and easily available.

The Policy and Procedures Manual states that the International Convention Committee will *"Provide gifts for incoming District Governors and the International Family (Council to make selection). Procure and make for delivery."* We were not aware of this requirement. This was not included in our budget. If the Council wants to purchase the gifts, then the Council will have to provide additional funds to cover the cost.

Finally, the Committee respectfully requests the Council turn over the remaining portion of the dues that are designated for the International Convention Committee. We have major expenses coming up and we will need the money to pay the bills.

- PDG Ken Draper (22D) – We want to make sure everyone has a good time and returns safely. Travel in the continental US has become an ordeal; there are extra charges for almost everything. Be prepared for extra checks and security. If I can help, please contact me.
- PID Joe Gaffigan (22C) – recommended contacting PIP Clem about gifts rather than eliminating this from the Policies and Procedures Manual. There is still time to make a decision. PDG Andy DeMario pointed out that in the past a donation was made to LCIF.
- Uniform – DG Señora Haywood (22A) moved to accept the recommendation of the International Convention Committee to replace the short-sleeved polo shirt with a long-sleeved polo shirt; second by DG Bill Thomas (22C); motion failed.
 - DG Bob Disinger (22W) moved to allow the International Convention Committee to make the uniform decision; second by DG Lee Bird (22D); motion carried.
- DG Bill Thomas (22C) moved to authorize the treasurer to provide the remaining portion of the dues that are designated for the International Convention Committee; second by DG Lee Bird (22D); motion carried.
- NOTE: PCC Donald LeCates (22D) will contact PIP Clem Kusiak (22A) regarding the purchase of gifts for the International Convention, as described above.

Leadership Report, PDG John Lawrence (22B), PDG Harold Boccia (22A), PDG Andy DeMario (22W) – See full report in Appendix III.

PCC John Lawrence (22B) – 66 people attended the successful Leadership Institute at Emmitsburg in February. Thanks to everyone who made this Institute successful. We just

completed the DG elect school. I am still looking for a few good topics, and Lions to present these topics, for the seminars at the MD-22 Convention in May.

PDG Harold Boccia (22A) – In January this Multiple held 3 trainings with a staff from LCI; 123 participants were trained on recruitment, new clubs, membership and Guiding Lion certification. Since our last report in the first 9 months of this year, we have been successful in not having a negative membership balance. February's report shows we are down 16 members. In 22A, a new Branch Club has been formed at Harford Community College with 12 members. Two Leo clubs are in the process of formation. A Cyber Club is progressing and is still positive in the Aberdeen area. District B is currently working with a youth seminar group in the Salisbury area. The 22C extension team will conduct a full day of canvassing in the Ft. Washington/Oxen Hill area and the Suburban Lions is holding preliminary meetings with an ethnic group in Prince Georges County for a possible new club. District D is working on a branch Club in Georgetown. A Lioness Club may soon convert to a regular Lions Club. A Special Olympics Club is a real possibility. Congratulations to District D for ranking 20th in the nation for growth this year. In District W, a Leo club was formed in Mt. Airy. New Leo clubs are currently being worked on in Frederick Middle and High School. Work is underway for the formation of clubs in the New Market and La Vale areas. Hood College still is working on the formation of a college Branch club.

PDG Andy DeMario (22W) – When you choose your MERLE team next year, choose members who are going to be active. The MD MERL team is here to help.

LVRF Report, PDG Robert Muchow (22A) – See full report in Appendix III.

On March 12, an agreement was signed with Delaware Net to develop a new website for LVRF. The website will be used by Wilmer professionals to train eye care providers about low vision services. PDG Ralph Schieferstein and Lion Mike Layman have agreed to serve as Webmasters.

Unfinished Business, 2011 and 2012 Multiple District Conventions

DG Bob Disinger (22W) – On Saturday morning, March 12, 2010, District Governors Senora Haywood, William Thomas, Leland Bird and Robert Disinger, Council Chair John Hopkins and PID Joseph Gaffigan took an unannounced fact finding tour of the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center.

Upon our arrival we were met by Mr. Joe Harbinson, Assistant Civic Center Manager. We explained to Mr. Harbinson that the Council of Governors wanted to resolve numerous questions and misconceptions that currently existed about the use of the civic center as a location for the 2011 and 2012 Multiple District Conventions.

Many issues were discussed and all were resolved in the favor of the civic center location. Major issues discussed were:

1. The number and location of bathroom and handicapped bathroom facilities – there are other bathrooms located within the facility that were not shown to us on our original tour
2. Renovation of the main convention hall floor – to be done in July & August 2010 – already authorized and funded

3. Private areas for District luncheons – all district luncheons will be served in separate rooms and not in hallways and public areas as originally stated
4. Placement of carpet in meeting room area of the DaNang area – carpeting can be rented for the convention
5. Parking and parking lot use – more than adequate, provided at no cost and handicapped parking is provided at curbside by the main entrance
6. Public announcement equipment – each meeting room is equipped and it will be provided where necessary
7. Serving of alcohol by the Lions within the civic center is not a problem if arrangements are made in advance by the convention committee

In addition some repainting has been done and the general overall appearance of the civic center is adequate for our convention needs.

Based upon the results of this second tour and the fact that Mr. Harbinson was more than willing to immediately resolve the numerous questions and misconceptions that have existed from our original tour of the facility, I move that we instruct the convention committee to move forward in contracting with Wicomico County, Maryland, the rental of the Civic Center for use as the site of the Multiple District 22 Lions Convention for the year 2011. Second by Lee Bird (22D); motion carried.

Comments from CC John Hopkins (22W) – Incoming District Governors will promote the convention in Salisbury, district newsletters will promote the convention in Salisbury and the upcoming 2010 convention will include programs about things to see and do in Salisbury.

Convention Committee, PDG Rodney Welch – See full report in Appendix III.

I would like to thank the Council of Governors for coming to a, I know was a, very hard decision. Arrangements for the upcoming MD Convention are on schedule and progressing very well. I still need several districts sub-district appointment lists as soon as possible. As soon as I get home I will start on the program book, which means checking on pictures and bios. As of this date we have almost 100 registered Lions and guests. The golf tournament and the exhibitors are being scheduled on schedule.

- Comments from PID Joe Gaffigan (22C) – Wicomico County Tourism’s booth at the Multiple District convention must be dedicated to what to do in Salisbury and the transportation issues must be specifically addressed.
- Comments from PCC Rowe Haywood (22A) – About 5 years ago we had a concern in the MD about identifying adequate locations for convention sites. PDG Bob Muchow recommended putting together a team for reviewing potential future convention sites. Only 3 locations proved adequate – Ocean city, Salisbury and Dover. We need to continue looking into potential convention sites.
- Comments from CC John Hopkins (22W) – We will be discussing the transportation issues for the convention in Salisbury especially having adequate buses for all the hotels and convention center. We may put in \$10000 to go with \$5000 from Wicomico County Tourism so that adequate bus transportation is provided. A package would be put together, so that at the Whist meeting, the incoming Council would be prepared. We might make arrangements so that we have daycare for younger attendees with children.

We have suggested that past committee chairs of conventions would go out and review the sites. We are kicking these things around.

- Comments from PID Joe Gaffigan (22C) – The mid-winter conference used to be held at the upcoming convention site. We need to return the mid-winter conference to the convention site.
- Comments from 1st VDG Karl Gude (22D) – The 5 of us will be back in January to review the convention site.

New Business -

DG Bill Thomas (22C) – noted that Dr. Arnold Patz passed away and recommended to the Council that some action be taken in his memory. He moved to expend \$250 memorial for Dr. Arnold Patz; second by DG Bob Disinger (22W). After some discussion, DG Thomas amended his motion to include \$1000 in the name of Dr. Arnold Patz; motion carried.

Comments from MD 22 Advisors –

- PID Joseph Gaffigan (22C) – thanks for a good meeting and good decisions. We are all pleased in what you did this morning. I will do everything I can to make Salisbury the best.
- PID Darley Travers (22B) – good meeting. Thank you DG John for the social, it was a nice weekend.
- PID Larry – it was interesting to see you work; you have a good working team; congratulations on a fine meeting.

District Governors' Comments –

- DG Señora Haywood (22A) – I'd like to thank each of you for your support over the last 9 months; I am looking forward to a good time in Salisbury next year. Thanks DG John for a wonderful weekend. We must thank our MD Leadership Chair, PCC John Lawrence, for an excellent district governor candidate school as well as PCC Rowe Haywood and all the presenters for the excellent school.
- DG Bill Thomas (22C) – Governor John and especially Lions of 22 B, Lion Julie and I express our gratitude for the hard work you are doing. There has been some rough sailing; we are still working together as a team.
- DG Leland Bird (22D) – DG Lee called PID Joe Gaffigan forward and presented him with another cub pin for his nest because he has recruited another new member. I am participating today in the Delaware polar bear plunge for Special Olympics. Thank you DG John for the weekend and for being an excellent governor.
- DG Robert Disinger (22W) – To my Lions in 22W, I will have to go home and have a big piece of crow pie. I am pleased with the way things have come out and I am looking forward to making Salisbury a memorable convention. The 1st and 2nd VDGs have been included in this decision and we want their conventions to be successful. In this great organization we have those golden threads of friendship; we have made those connections and have met a lot of wonderful people. It has been a pleasure to serve especially at the various district socials. Thank you for a great social. God bless you and have a safe drive home.
- DG John Atkins (22B) – Thank you all for coming to the District social last night. I had a great time; I think everyone had a great time. I am especially proud of the Council and the path that we have taken to make Salisbury a successful convention site. I thank you all for coming to Salisbury and enjoying our social.

Council Chair's Comments, CC John Hopkins (22W) – I would like to thank our advisors; we appreciate your help. DG John, I enjoyed your social. I want to thank the council for everything we got accomplished today. We have done the right thing after a lot of soul searching and communication. We need to all do our jobs and promote this convention.

Benediction - CS Señora Haywood (22A) gave the benediction.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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