

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



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING Hunt Valley, Maryland Sunday, January 31, 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); 2nd VDG Stephen Finger (22W); 2nd VDG Rich Barb (22C); Past International President Clement Kusiak (22A); Past International Director Darley Travers, Constitution and By-laws & Advisor (22B); Past International Director Joe Gaffigan, Advisor (22C); PDG Bob Muchow, LVRF 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 Susan Timmons (22W); PDG Ralph Schieferstein, USA/Canada Forum (22D); Lion Sheila Schieferstein (22D); PDG Ted Reiver (22D); PCT Ann Reiver (22D); PDG Bob Jones (22D); PCS Cheryl Jones (22D); Martin Bonura, Leadership Chair (22W); Suzette Kettenhofen, Cabinet Secretary (22A); PDG Harold Boccia MERL Team Extension (22A); IPAA Nadja Muchow, Governor's Ball Committee Chair (22A); PCC Donald LeCates (22D); Dave Studley, Cabinet Secretary (22B); AA Susan Bonura (22W).

Opening - CC John Hopkins (22W) called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. CS & DG Señora Haywood (22A) led the pledge; DG Robert Disinger (22W) led the singing of one verse of *America*, and CT John Atkins (22B) gave the invocation.

Comments from CC John Hopkins (22W) – It is a pleasure to see everybody here today. Congratulations to DG Señora Haywood (22A) on an excellent, excellent speaker; everyone reported having a fine time at last night's social.

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 Lee Bird (22D) 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 I for the CT's report. The final closing figure from last year's cabinet treasurer has been added to this report. There is a small discrepancy of \$75 in the carry-over funds; there are still 3-4 checks outstanding from last year, which may account for the \$75 discrepancy. \$93,449.68 was transferred in from 2008-2009; however, the amount reported by last year's treasurer as the amount being transferred was \$93,522.91, a difference of \$73.23. Dues for the second half have been sent. We have \$55,000 in a gold money market checking account which has no fees and provides $\sim 1\frac{1}{4}$ % interest. Both checking accounts have been reconciled.

- CC John Hopkins (22W) indicated that he would speak to PCT John Andrews (22A) about the extension on filing the 990 form. The difference in the monies received from International (\$10,000) for the parade, and the amount actually spent (~\$8,000) will be returned to LCI.
- PIP Clem Kusiak (22A) asked CT John Atkins (22B) about the figures budgeted for the committees. CT John Atkins (22B) indicated that the amounts listed for the committees are the same amounts budgeted the previous year; the budget was approved at a previous COG meeting. The MERL Leadership Chairperson is the only chair that has asked for a specific budgeted amount.
- PDG Susan Timmons (22W) asked about the International Candidate Fund listed in the income section of the report and pointed out that it was not listed in the detailed transactions on page 3. CT John Atkins (22B) indicated that the \$1904.25 comes from dues and represents the \$3.75 per member assessed on every member in the district. \$914.04 has been transferred out; however, it was not listed on the third page of the report under the transactions; this discrepancy will be corrected.
- DG Bob Disinger (22W) moved to accept the treasurer's report with corrections; second by DG Señora Haywood (22A); motion carried.

MD 22 Committee Reports - MD 22 Committee Chairpersons

Convention Committee – CC John Hopkins (22W) thanked PDG Rodney Welch (22W) for the convention presentation at the mid-winter conference on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Copies of yesterday's power point presentation are available and will be included in the minutes of this meeting (See Appendix II). PID Joe Gaffigan (22C) recommended that the report be sent to each district convention committee chair; PDG Rodney indicated that he would send it via e-mail.

- Lion Charlene Travers (22B) presented the convention treasurer's report and asked for questions; there were none (see Appendix III for the convention treasurer's report).
- PDG Keith Williams (22A) representatives from all five districts, including DG John Atkins (22B) went to Salisbury to discuss the planned conventions there. It was a very rewarding visit.
- DG John Atkins (22B) gave a report on the meeting held in Salisbury with the event manager at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center. The previous proposal from Salisbury was for a show, not for a convention. PID Darley Travers (22B), DG John Atkins (22B) and 1st VDG Bill Bicknell (22B) met with the director of the Wicomico Civic Center and their event manager; they were extremely congenial and agreed that many items in the contract did not apply to this convention. The items in the contract which are unacceptable will be marked out as "NA" and these items will be initialed by both sides. The revised proposal will include the sale of Lions merchandise; collection of tail twister fines; no charges for parking; alcohol will be able to be served, but not sold, a club or a district will have to underwrite the cost of the bars, a minimum tip can be required; the requested deposit of \$18,843.23, applies to shows, not the convention, a deposit of \$1,000.00 will be made with an additional \$1,000.00 paid the first of July, with one other \$1000.00 deposit due prior to the convention with the balance due at the time of the convention; the costs for room rentals will depend upon the number of Lions attending.

The convention bureau will contribute \$5,000 towards transportation costs for shuttles/buses from hotels to the convention center in addition to the transportation provided by the individual hotels.

- PIP Clem Kusiak (22A) Someone needs to manage the bus schedule similar to the International convention. The schedules need to be communicated to the attendees.
- PDG Keith Williams (22A) they treated us very well; we had a fantastic luncheon; the group toured the convention center; we discussed the distance from the convention center to the hotels; there are concerns about our handicapped members as there is only one elevator, but it is very large, there are escalators; they are willing to do anything they can to help us.
- PID Darley Travers (22B) thanked DG John Atkins (22B) for heading up the group that went to the convention center and for making the trip to Salisbury.
- 2nd VDG Owen Landis (22A) they were extremely cordial and will do anything they can to accommodate us; my concern is about transporting elder Lions because of their problems in getting around.
- PDG Rodney Welch (22W) accommodations can be made for Lions using wheelchairs; perhaps it is possible to rent a kneeling bus or handicapped vans.
- PDG Bob Disinger (22W) we have dragged this issue out; every time we meet we don't have the information we need; time is getting short for a contract; the convention site is totally inadequate for a convention; elevators and bathrooms are limited; there are not enough handicapped facilities; the convention center is run down and has a the look and appearance of a high school gymnasium; some hotels do not have restaurants or eat-in facilities; many Lions have indicated that they are not staying in Salisbury, they are staying in Ocean City; we have nothing in writing as to what we are going to get from Salisbury; we are going to see a lot lower registration than we expect to get; we are re-inventing the wheel; there are so many unknowns that have no answers; we already have a convention site in place with all the amenities; if Lions who go to Salisbury will be a financial disaster for this Multiple District. We should vote no, we are not going to Salisbury, and we should return to Dover. It will be the wrong decision to go down there.
- CC John Hopkins (22W) We discussed this yesterday (after the mid-winter conference) and we still have unanswered questions. According to the contract that we have, \$1,000.00 is due by February 12. We asked PDG Keith Williams (22A) to get us additional information about the cost of the meals and transportation and things like that. We will communicate with everyone via e-mail and a decision will be made prior to February 12. The Council will discuss this further after additional input from PDG Keith.
- PID Joe Gaffigan (22C) The information has to be to the Council within one week of this meeting. This Council has the authority, according to the Constitution and By-Laws, to make a decision about the location of the convention based upon a potential financial disaster. Later in this meeting there will be some presentations that will help keep this from happening year after year.
- PIP Clem Kusiak (22A) put the facts on the table, put opinions aside and make a decision based upon the facts.
- PID Darley Travers (22B) My concern is that somewhere this system is failing; and it's this council that is making this fail. 5 years ago the council sent a team to investigate and to come back with a recommendation; was that council wrong? 3 years ago another

council sent a team to investigate and they came back with a recommendation to stay in Salisbury; was that council wrong?

- CC John Hopkins (22W) we want to make sure that we have the correct contract and that what we have is correct for the Lions; we need more facts before we make a decision. The other councils did not have the bus situation or the up-front cost of \$18,500.00.
- PID Darley Travers (22B) My recommendation to this Council is to make a decision not to go to Salisbury.
- CS Señora Haywood (22A) PID Darley, I take very strong exception that you are accusing this Council; we are not here to say that we don't want to go to Salisbury; we are responsible for saying that we want the very best for every Lion in this Multiple District. If it means going there once we get the materials and information we want, then we are going to vote "yes." When Lion Keith comes back and he tells us based on the information he gets that he feels, and he can just about say that he knows, we are going to suffer great losses, then we are going to say "no" and we are going to be able to sleep with it. It is not our fault that we came into this situation and got this contract to sign; this should have been done earlier; we are cleaning up someone else's mess, and we are willing to do it.
- 1st VDG Bill Bicknell (22B) I have heard that there is nothing to do in Salisbury. In this instance you will be contracting with the recreation and parks people in Wicomico County; they have as part of their responsibility the Tourism Bureau. In Dover you are contracting with a convention site for the profit of the convention site. In Salisbury, they are concerned about people coming to their area and returning for future visits. They have a built-in commitment to attract and make the people who come to visit Salisbury comfortable. That is why they were very receptive and they gave us a shopping bag with information about the county and the area and things to do and they offered to set-up an information spots in the convention center and other areas and put it on their web site. I have heard that there won't be enough people attending to support the financial obligations. Consider that this is going to be a weekend convention. We need to look at the younger members of our organization who cannot leave their jobs and families to come during the week. They may be able to bring their families and come on a weekend and that will make it a different convention than those we currently have. Third, the condition of the civic center is a concern. The Recreation and Parks department has a budget for refurbishment for the convention center and they will be able to make improvements in any areas that have been objected to.
- DG Lee Bird (22D) I agree with 2nd VDG Owen Landis' (22A) concern; I don't totally agree DG Bob or any of my fellow Governors. I don't disagree that we have to take care of our older Lions. However, we have ignored our younger Lions who cannot take time off during the week. My daughter is a Lion, a working mother, a school teacher, and she cannot make it. I blame the previous Councils; I blame the Lions in this Multiple District; this has been on the table for a long time. The Constitution and By-laws are very clear; once this date was set and this Multiple District accepted that site, you got it; it's yours; if it doesn't show a serious financial loss and it's going to go into the bucket, we cannot turn it around now. Either prove to me that it isn't going to work, or quit asking. If we lose 200 people there, can it still work? Sure. How much are we going to lose? We are not sure, so Keith is going to tell us. Somebody shows us a financial

fiasco, we back out; we have that power. We can't vote today to say we are not going to go there because we don't have any information to do it on; we have no legitimate constitutional right to do it, despite what we may think personally. Virginia Beach was deplorable, but it works. It is expensive to come to Dover. Do we want to stay in one place for the next 20 years because it is convenient under one roof? The numbers are starting to decline and they decline all the time unless we have a contest. If we have a contest, the numbers go up. If we have five contests in Salisbury, the numbers will go up. It's time to put your "big boy pants on fellows and grow up."

• PIP Clem Kusiak (22A) asked a question about the budget for the upcoming convention in Dover. Is this budget based upon the number of attendees or the estimate of 800 attendees? At 800 attendees, the cost per Lion attending the convention in Dover would be \$96.70, excluding travel and hotel rooms. My recommendation to the Council is that the convention budget should be based upon number of attendees.

International Convention, PDG Gary Burdette (22C) – See Appendix III for the full report. As of November 27, we have 37 Lions and guests registered to attend the International Convention in Australia. 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. For this year only, we propose replacing the current polo shirt and vest with a sweat shirt 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 sweat shirt including silk screening would cost between \$35 and \$40. We have tentatively scheduled the MD 22 breakfast for the morning of Wednesday, June 30. 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. In November, all convention chairs in the sub-districts were sent a packet of information about the international convention.

- DG Lee Bird (22D) moved to continue with the buffet breakfast at the international convention; second by DG Bill Thomas (22C); motion carried.
- A decision will be made later about the uniform sweatshirt.

Research and Long Range Planning, PCC Donald LeCates (22D) – See Appendix III for the full report. 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 directors for their review. After all have reviewed and made comments/recommendations, a final copy will be printed for Council of Governors approval. A review of the MD22 Convention Survey taken last year is underway and consideration is being given to a follow-up survey as only about 5% of the clubs responded.

Leadership Report, PDG John Lawrence (22B) and PDG Harold Boccia (22A) – See Appendix III for the full reports. PCC John Lawrence (22B) - in 3 weeks time the leadership conference will be held in Emmitsburg and there are currently 37 registrants. We need 50 to break even. February 7 is the deadline for registration. The District Governor School will be held in conjunction with the 22B social. The tentative dates and times are 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 MD22 Convention in May this year. Anyone interested in having a presentation should contact me by the Council of Governors meeting on 14 March.

PDG Harold Boccia (22A) – The Multiple District has not lost a negative number through the beginning of January; everyone in this room deserves a thank you for that; we have a grand total of 7,617 Lions in 232 clubs in the Multiple. On January 16, 17 and 18, a very professional and complete training was conducted by PCC Jim Canon from the New Club Development Department of LCI for 123 Lions in MD 22 focusing on membership, extension and guiding Lions. District A is chartering a branch club at the community college in Harford County and efforts are underway to establish a club in the Perry Hall/Kingsville area. District B will be meeting with the leadership youth organization, American Promise Group, to explore the possibility of forming several Leo clubs with this group's help. District C is starting a branch club in the Capital Heights fire department. District D is working on forming a Special Olympics club and District W is working on a minority club in the Frederick area and a new club in the Urbana area as well as two new middle school Leo clubs.

- DG Bob Disinger (22W) indicated that there has been an inquiry about starting a campus club at Hood College in Frederick.
- PIP Clem Kusiak (22A) suggested that the District Governors communicate with those who attended the workshops in January so this resource is not lost.
- PDG Harold Boccia (22A) Each Governor will be able to work with LCI have additional training in his/her respective District.
- DG Bill Thomas (22C) 22C is currently at minus 50; we have lost two clubs; most of those Lions are transferring to other clubs, many outside of 22C. We are working on our efforts at membership. PID Joe has accepted the chairmanship of a sub-committee specifically working on our efforts in membership. As the Governor of C, I am distraught by these losses. It is my sincere hope that C will turn these losses around; the primary discussion on my official visits is membership; it is a TEAM effort together everyone achieves more. We are going to do the best that we can to overcome these losses.

Constitution and By-laws – PID Darley Travers (22B) – See Appendix III for the full report. Items 1 and 2 in my report are housekeeping due to discrepancies between the International Bylaws and the Multiple District By-laws. The Multiple District 22 By-laws Article II, 1a, states, "The Multiple District Convention Committee <u>will make</u> all contracts and approve all bills relating to the planning and operation of the Multiple District Convention." Your advisors have been discussing how to clarify this wording.

- DG Lee Bird (22D) I suggest that our Constitution and By-laws make reference to the International Constitution, whenever possible, so that we do not have to change our Constitution and By-laws every time International makes a change.
- PIP Clem Kusiak (22A) We have four constitution and by-law documents: the Standard Form Constitution for clubs, the Standard Form Constitution for Districts, the Standard Form Constitution for the Multiple and the International Constitution.

- PID Darley Travers (22B) PID Joe has suggested that we move back the convention bid result date from the wisk meeting to the turnover meeting to give more time to review the information and make a decision.
- PID Darley Travers (22B) Every Club in this Multiple has to file with the IRS or face prosecution. 990Ns must be filed for organizations that don't meet a certain income threshold effective May 2010.

LVRF – PDG Bob Muchow (22A) – See Appendix III for the full 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. PDG Ralph Schieferstein and Lion Mike Layman have agreed to serve as Webmasters.

PCC Clare Newcomer and I suggest that foundations meet on the same day, same location, with each foundation meeting for 2 hours or less. The advantages would be (1) to reduce time and travel for those on more than one foundation, (2) it would be more likely that DGs would be able to attend, (3) greater efficiency and use of time, and (4) reduced likelihood that conflicting events would be scheduled on the same day as the foundations meetings. As this is not a Council of Governors decision, but a decision of the foundations, but support of the District Governors as well as the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors would be beneficial.

• CC John Hopkins (22W) - This Council has decided that if the foundations can reach an agreement to have their meetings in the manner suggested, the Council would be amenable to this concept.

Unfinished Business:

2015 Convention - CC John Hopkins (22W) – We need to decide on the dates and location for the convention in 2015.

- DG Bob Disinger (22W) moved to send a letter of intention to Dover for the 2015 convention to be held May 11-15 or May 18-22; second by DG Lee Bird (22D); motion carried.
- CC John Hopkins (22W) we want the convention committee to give a proposal at the turnover meeting including a full report on the sites so that intelligent choices can be made by the Governors. We want intent to bid packages presented to potential sites for the orderly review and selection of convention sites so that an informed decision can be made at the midwinter conference. These packages would be all-inclusive and include information on all potential sites.
- DG Bill Thomas (22C) read the following excerpt from the MD 22 Constitution and By-Laws (May 18, 2008, Amended Version), Article VII, Section 2, page 5: "... set forth all information prescribed by the Council shall be delivered to the Council no later than close of business of the Multiple District convention held 5 years prior to the convention being planned. At the meeting to be held within 30 to 45 days following the close of the convention, pursuant to Article V, Section 4, the Council of Governors shall direct the Multiple District convention committee to investigate all such invitations and report to the Council no later than the Council of governors meeting held in January."
- CC John Hopkins (22W) The District Governor School will be held in conjunction with the District B Social. The MERL Leadership team should be notified of any declared candidates for the position of 2nd VDG so that they can be included in this school.

LCI Convention Proposals – PIP Clem Kusiak (22A)

It was a pleasure to hear our speaker last night, Dr. Ben Carson; inspiring to me to hear him talk about the US being a pinnacle country; I related that to Lions, we are a pinnacle organization, we are the only organization in China, and the Chinese government has recognized us because of the things we have done. I want to thank Lion Nadja for making the contact with Dr. Carson and for DG Señora for making it happen.

The Council has been given copies of the documents used by Lions Clubs International when planning a convention or forum. These include a cover letter to interested cities, check-lists to be sent to the bidding cities, bidding requirements, convention activity chart, headquarters hotel schedule including the headquarters hotel for the Council of Governors and expected attendees, specifications for headquarters and other hotels including handicapped access and restaurants, transportation and a bid package letter stating that your package will be reviewed. I suggest the Council consider LCI <u>core</u> 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. Per request, these documents have been given to DG John Atkins (22B) on disk for use by the Council.

MD22 Convention Rules of Procedure – PIP Clem Kusiak (22A)

PIP Kusiak recommended the following for inclusion in the MD Convention Rules of Procedure: (Note: The following information has been sent to PDG Dave Jones, Convention Rules Committee Chair.)

- Include verbiage indicating Districts A, B, C, D & W conventions being held in conjunction with 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 Cabinet Secretary and/or District Governor in order to vote in 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 to be observed by _____ & _____
- All District Governors do have a vote
- Breaks may be 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 a Council Chair responsibility
 - PIP Kusiak (22A) recommended that the Council appoint committees to include these recommendations and that they be included in MD Convention Rules of Procedure for the MD convention in Dover in the year 2010.

- DG Lee Bird (22D) moved that the Council of Governors appoint committees so that these recommendations are included in MD Convention Rules of Procedure for the MD convention in Dover in the year 2010; second by DG Bill Thomas (22C); motion carried.
- CC John Hopkins (22W) pointed out to 1st VDG Sandi Halterman (22C) that 22C appoints the Convention Treasurer for 2011 so that this person can contact Lion Charlene Travers (22B) and become aware of their responsibilities.

New Business - None

Comments from MD 22 Advisors -

- PIP Clement Kusiak (22A) The advisors would like to meet with the Council at the end of the meeting for 5 minutes.
- PID Joseph Gaffigan (22C) outstanding meeting; Council Chair you did a nice job; confirmation for the 990. Stick by your guns for Salisbury.
- PID Darley Travers (22B) happy to be here.

District Governors' Comments -

- DG Señora Haywood (22A) thank you for attending our winter Gala last evening; I appreciate your efforts in getting here. Don't forget the challenge Dr. Carson made last night; about our partnership with his Carson Scholars program. We are supportive of our MD convention committee and we are going to do the best we can to make the best decision that we can.
- DG John Atkins (22B) thank you very much DG Señora; we had an excellent time here; the speaker last night was absolutely outstanding; if almost defies imagination; very much appreciated.
- DG Bill Thomas (22C) thank you Chairman John, Lion Julie and I want to express our sincere thanks to DG Señora and chairman Nadja for a wonderful event; PR committee overdid themselves with the "winter fest;" it is always and honor and privilege to be here with you; I appreciate the advisors for helping our districts to be successful.
- DG Leland Bird (22D) it was tremendous evening I would like more information on Dr. Carson's program. We heard a lot of diversity today; don't misunderstand it; we are a united group; we have different ideas and different approaches; we work united, but we have differences and we have discussion; we are committed.
- DG Robert Disinger (22W) I want to be first on the DG's comments list. DG Señora, thank you for a wonderful time, a wonderful speaker. I will be looking into the Carson scholarship program; I thought he was outstanding; he certainly represents what we represent; his motto could easily be, "I Serve/We Serve;" I have great admiration for him. We have to say difficult things; we have to put our "big boy" pants on; things have to be said; I hope we leave things in better shape for the incoming District Governors. I appreciate your support and thank you for coming today. PDG Keith Williams, you have proven to me that I never want to be on the Convention Committee.

Council Chair's Comments – CC John Hopkins (22W)

I am sorry I missed Dr. Carson's speech and I commend DG Señora for her choice; I thank you for having this event. Upcoming Council meetings will be March 14 and April 25 and the District Governor's Candidate School will be held March 12-13 in conjunction with the 22B social. We are looking forward to DG John's social in B. Thank you all for your patience this

morning. Yesterday we discussed convention contracts and having some of this information included in the District Governor's School, please include this for the benefit of incoming district governors.

Benediction - DG Lee Bird (22D) gave the benediction.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bonura

Susan Bonura Administrative Assistant