



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22
The International Association of Lions Clubs
Council of Governors
2010-2011



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 22 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING
Sunday, March 20, 2011
Salisbury, Maryland
MINUTES

Attendees: *Council Chair* Ralph Schieferstein (22-D); DG John Cullison (22-A); DG Bill Bicknell (22-B); DG Sandi Halterman (22-C); DG Karl Gude (22-D); DG Richard Liebno (22-W); 1st VDG Stephen Finger (22-W); 1st VDG Mike Hlavac (22-D); 1st VDG Owen Landis, Sr. (22-A); 1st VDG Rich Barb (22-C); 1st VDG David Studley (22-B); 2nd VDG Paul Cannada (22-W); 2nd VDG Ken Chew (22-D); 2nd VDG Donna Burke (22-B); *Past International Director* Darley T. Travers, Constitution and By-Laws & Advisor (22-B); *Past International Director* Joe Gaffigan, Advisor (22-C); PDG Ted Reiver, Certified Candidate for International Director & Advisor (22-D); PCC Grant E. Curtis (22-D), MER-Membership; PCC Clyde Bragg (22-D); PDG C. Kenneth Draper, Chair International Convention Committee (22-D); PDG Thomas Jefts, Vice-Chair International Convention Committee (22-W); PDG Dalton Mann, Public Relations Coordinator (22-B); PCC John Lawrence, LVRFB Chair & Leadership Chair (22-B); PDG Rodney Welch (22-W); PDG Keith Williams, Multiple District 22 Convention Chair (22-A); Donald Beeson, Multiple District 22 Convention Treasurer (22-C); PCT Ann Reiver (22-D); Lion Charlene Travers, Multiple District 22 Convention Co-Chair (22-B); PDG Bob Jones (22-D); PCS Cheryl Jones (22-D); PDG Bob Muchow (22-A); CT Don Stein (22-D); CS B.J. Ryder (22-D); PDG Harold Boccia, Extension Chair (22-A); IPDG Senora Haywood (22-A); PCC Rowe Haywood (22-A); Lion/Lioness Barbara Brimigion (22-W); CT Kent Eitemiller (22-W); CS Liz Eitemiller (22-W); IPDG John Atkins (22-B); John Parker, Leader Dog Chair (22-W); Lion Sandy Parker (22-W); AA Susan Bonura (22-W).

Opening - CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. welcome everybody; glad you could make it today. DG/CT Sandi Halterman (22-C) led the pledge, DG Richard Liebno (22-W) led the singing of one verse of *America* and DG John Cullison (22-A) gave the invocation. Please turn cell phones down to vibrate or turn them off; please come up to the microphone to make all comments. Are there any additions to the agenda?

- DG Karl Gude (22-D) requested that the Memorial Day parade be added to the agenda.
- DG John Cullison (22-A) moved that the agenda be approved as amended; second by DG Karl Gude (22-D); motion carried.

Council Secretary's Report, CS Bill Bicknell (22-B) - The minutes of the last regular Council of Governors' meeting held in Hunt Valley have been e-mailed. If there are any questions, corrections or additions, please contact me or AA Susan. We have no correspondence.

- DG Karl Gude (22-D) moved to approve the minutes; second by DG John Cullison (22-A); motion carried.

CT Sandi Halterman (22-C), Council Treasurer - The advisors and the council members have the treasurer's report sent via e-mail as well as paper copies provided by AA Susan. There is still money in the bank, the balance as of February 28, 2011, is \$23,394.82. All bills have been paid.

**Multiple District 22, 2010-2011 Budget, Income & Expenditures,
February 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011**

REVENUE

Carryover	TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT	VARIANCE
General Account			
Startup transfers from 2009-2010 (\$5,000 + 85,625.61)	90,625.61		
* Administrative			
* Multiple District 22 Convention	3,792.57	5,000.00	(1,207.43)
*International Convention (2010-2011)	523.63	2,894.50	2,370.87
*Administrative Account Sub-Total	94,941.81	7,894.50	1,163.44
<i>Allowed Carry-over Reduction</i>	-	-	-
International Candidate Fund ¹	7,837.25	2,947.80	4,889.45
Multiple District 22 Automobile Tag Fund			
MER			
Leadership Institute – Emmitsburg			
Startup transfer to 2010-2011			
TOTAL CARRYOVER FUNDS	102,779.06		
TOTAL CARRYOVER FUNDS LESS REDUCTION		4,946.70	89,995.11

Checking Statement	Beginning Balance:	11,325.96
Plus deposits since statement		12,113.86
Minus checks cashed since last statement		10,042.36
Less checks outstanding		<u>45.00</u>
Balance as of February 28, 2011		23,394.82

Savings Statement February 28, 2011	Beginning Balance	85,036.11	
Deposits/Credit (interest)		<u>6.52</u>	YTD: 13.74
Ending Balance		85,042.63	

¹ Reference COG Minutes 2/5/2011, combination of previous years funds not accounted for.

PROGRAM EXPENSES

2010-2011 Income	BUDGET	TRANSACTIONS	VARIANCE
International Candidate Fund	1,828.00	2,947.80	(1,119.80)
International Convention Fund	5,789.00	2,894.50	2,894.50
Multiple District 22 Convention Fund	11,426.00	15,000.00	(3,574)
MER	1,980.00		
Administrative Supplies	200.00	² 78.68	121.32
Audit	1,300.00	850.00	450.00
Constitution & By-Laws	350.00		
Council Expense	2,200.00		2,200.00
Diabetes	250.00		
Final Report	150.00		
Hearing & Speech	150.00		
LCIF	150.00		
Leadership ³	2,700.00		
Postage & Printing	150.00		
Public Relations	150.00		
Research & Long Range Planning	100.00		
Roaring Lions	100.00		
Surety Bond	450.00	368.00	82.00
Turnover Meeting	0.00		
USA/Canada Forum	1,400.00	1,279.31	120.69
Web Site	100.00		
Youth Outreach	100.00		
Total Expenses	32,412.00	23,418.29	1,174.71

² Adjustment made from Council Expense to Administrative Supplies

³ This includes, Multiple District 22 Leadership Retreat at LCM; DGE&VDG School; Convention Workshops (support, supplies, copying and postage)

- DG Bill Bicknell (22-B) moved to approve the treasurer's report; second by DG Richard Liebno (22-W); motion carried.

Committee Chair Reports

PDG Ken Watson (22-C), Constitution and By-Laws - No report.

Lion Donna Jackman (22-W), Diabetes Chairperson - No report.

PDG Robert E. Kidner (22-B), Hearing and Speech Chairperson - No report.

PDG C. Kenneth Draper (22-D), International Convention Chair

PDG Thomas J. Jefts (22-W), International Convention Vice-Chair

PDG C. Kenneth Draper (22-D) - This coming July, 2011, the Lions of Multiple District 22, along with Lions from all over the world, will be traveling to Seattle, Washington for the 94th Lions Club International Convention. This five day event will be held from July 4 to July 8, 2011.

At the present time, we have 65 Lions and guests registered for the event. We have available, at our host hotel, a hospitality room with light refreshments and space available to chat and meet Lions and their guests.

On Tuesday, July 5, the 94th Annual convention parade will be held and Multiple District 22 is planning to participate. I have an application with me that I am going to prepare and submit to International for our participation in the parade. The only problem I have now, and it is the same question as before, is the uniform. It is a total headache trying to determine how we want to look going to this convention. Availability of the vests and the hat bands is questionable. How the council wants to decide on this doesn't give us much leeway this late in the game. The uniform, what we want to wear and how we want to look in this parade is a big question for me. I hope I can get some garments sent to me so that I can distribute them at the Multiple District convention. I solicit assistance from the various districts in the Multiple in acquiring the necessary number of uniforms for the parade.

Wednesday, July 6, 2011, Multiple District 22 will be hosting our annual breakfast/caucus at the Red Lion Hotel; a full buffet breakfast will be served at \$25 per person. Make checks payable to Multiple District 22 International Convention Committee. This is an opportunity to show our support for our candidate for International Director and the International Lions Club.

The Multiple District 22 trading pins have always been popular with Lions at the convention and here locally. The designs have been drawn praise and are requested by many. The pin serves two purposes, first funds to support the Multiple District 22 convention commitments and second to promote our Multiple District. Pins are available at \$2 each; give us a call or see us at the Multiple District convention.

There are several pre- and post- travel packages available through Multiple District 22 Travel leaders, from trail trips to Alaskan cruises. For more information contact Travel Leaders, 301-739-4600.

I would like to request that the convention committee collect the remainder of the funds for the International Convention.

DG Sandi Halterman (22-C) – My personal opinion is that the uniform that we use is our signature uniform. I spoke to PIP Clem Kusiak (22-A) last night and he assures me that he can get the vests and hats from his friend in China by the convention. All of the governors need to go out and canvas for uniforms. My feeling is that we use the uniform as it is.

DG Karl Gude (22-D) – I agree with what Sandi said, those uniforms are distinct, people make mention of the uniforms at the parade and how good they look. Please get it out to your districts that if anyone has a uniform and is no longer using it to please turn it in so someone else can use it. We may want to sell any we get

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) – put out the request that those not going to the international convention turn in their vests and hats/hatbands at the International Convention table at the Multiple District convention in Salisbury.

PDG Tom Jefts (22-W) – Who is going to be responsible for gathering these uniforms and then distributing them?

CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) – Each district governor will be responsible for gathering uniforms from their districts and getting them to the convention.

PDG Tom Jefts (22-W) – I agree that the uniforms are recognizable. Four months ago we were told that the materials would be here; I think we are going to go out as a bunch of ragamuffins. This is one convention. The uniforms shirts that Clyde showed us can be purchased for \$25. For this convention, our international candidate needs to stand out, he needs a signature uniform of his own in order to stand out; for a \$25 investment we can get matching shirts. We can get the sizes at the Multiple District convention and I can get the shirts at Bass Pro in Baltimore. Some people have paid for their uniforms and are reluctant to turn them in to be given to someone else. I am afraid we might have enough vests, but not enough hats or enough hats but not enough vests. Time is running out. Our candidate needs a signature of his own for this one convention. It will not cost the Council anything. The people that are going will pay for their own shirt and hat.

DG Sandi Halterman (22-C) – I mean no disrespect, but this is the first time that it's been said that this is a one-time shot. When it was promoted last year, it was, as I understood it, a forever change. If you are saying that this is for our international candidate, don't you think something more appropriate and distinguishable than a shirt should be used, if that is what you are promoting? To me that is a downgrade from what we have. I don't think the shirts are as distinguishable as the vests and hats. My opinion is that it is not appropriate.

PDG Ted Reiver (22-D) – my campaign committee has shirts that look like campaign committee shirts and they could be used by people marching in the parade. Why should people have to spend extra money to march in the parade if we can get the existing uniforms? I like the existing uniforms and they look classy; we always get favorable remarks from people who see us marching. I think, because that the availability of options, I think we should see what happens by the Multiple District convention. If the material is available and can be obtained for the existing uniforms, I am in favor of that. If not, we can get whatever we need in two weeks.

PDG Tom Jefts (22-W) – Who is going to pay for the materials? Anyone marching in the parade will have to buy a uniform or use the one they already have.

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) – The vast majority of those attending the convention are going to have their own uniforms. No Lion should be asked to give away their uniform and never get it back. We are looking for the uniforms in the back of closets that are not being used. It's clear that we plan to stick with what we've got; it is not a bad idea to have a contingency plan for our council meeting in April if it doesn't plan out for May; we need to have option B; to be able to get so many shirts by a certain date.

DG Karl Gude (22-D) – Ken, can we get a list of those people who are going to the convention from each of our districts? We can find out who has a uniform or who needs a uniform. As governors, we can take care of this.

CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) – In order to finalize this discussion, do we have a motion as to what our uniform is going to be at the International Convention?

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) – point of order, you voted at the last meeting and unless you are changing it, there is no need to vote again.

PID Darley T. Travers (22-B) – Does anyone have a list of those who attended the convention in the past three years? Wouldn't the prior convention chair have the lists of those who attended in the past 3 years? Go to those attendees and solicit their uniforms, if possible.

PDG C. Kenneth Draper (22-D) – I have the lists from this year and last year.

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) – Contact the Lions International convention committee and they can provide that information even further back.

Multiple District Convention

PDG Keith A. Williams (22-A), Convention Chair

Lion Charlene Travers (22-B), Convention Vice-Chair

PCT Donald Beeson (22-C), Convention Treasurer

PDG Keith A. Williams (22-A) - I would like to thank the Council of Governors for being so actively involved in this year's convention. I know with your busy schedule you did not want to hear the committee yelling for the Convention Committee assignments. As of today we have most of the committees assigned and I am sure that I will receive the rest shortly.

Arrangements for the upcoming Multiple District Convention are on schedule and progressing very well.

We have started on the program book and when I get home I shall continue to work on which means that I will be contacting you all for any missing info, checking on pictures and bios. Remember that this is your convention and your program book.

As of this date we have almost 100 registered Lions and guests. PCT Don will report on that shortly. The golf tournament and the exhibits are on schedule and PCT Charlene will make that report.

Our International President Sid Scruggs will be with us for the complete convention. The convention Committee has secured shuttle buses for the duration of the convention. We will have two (2) buses which will travel between the Convention Center & the hotels. Schedules will be advertised when we receive the information from the bus company.

Lions at the Shorebirds, as things are at this present time, the International President will throw out the first pitch and we will have reserved seats on front row for the President and VIPs.

I have asked PCT Charlene to have a host club plan a Lions display and eye glass collection at the ball game. The Shorebirds are working very closely with us on this night, so please promote with your lions.

Lion Charlene Travers (22-B), Convention Vice-Chair - Exhibit booths – rentals are coming in; Lions are not known to be quick in signing up for anything. Golf outing is on schedule; I haven't seen many golfers yet. There will be two eyeglass collection boxes at the ballpark, one on the outside and an information booth on the inside along with a collection box. Hebron Lions have volunteered to take care of that with Lion Doug Jones heading this up. On the tables are some of the convention mailings, you can also get them from the computer; a Karen Taylor-Good brochure is available on the tables and there are registration forms also available.

PCT Donald Beeson (22-C), Convention Treasurer - A budget report was sent in last week. Through Friday the 11th of March, income was \$23,643 and expenses were \$15,372. Since then we have gotten additional registration orders in; CT Sandi gave me the balance of our dues funds this morning. We are in good shape. As Chairman Keith just mentioned, as of this last Friday, we have 111 folks registered. Every Friday I have sent the total registrations to Keith and you should be getting that information from him. See me after the meeting for delegate cards for your district. I have only heard from 22-W as to the need for stickers or other supplies; I have not heard from any other cabinet secretary; our time line for getting these is getting shorter. Thanks to DG Bill for working with the Wicomico County Tourism and for putting together the Wicomico County packets; governors, please take some back to your districts to distribute. Packets will also be taken to 22-C night and any left after that time will be available at the convention.

MD22 Convention Committee Budget Report

INCOME

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Convention Income			
Exhibits	\$ 3,185.00	495.00	(2,690.00)
Golf Tournament	\$ 2,775.00	140.00	(2,635.00)
Merchandise	\$ 2,190.00	-	(2,190.00)
Raffle	\$ 4,695.00	829.00	(3,866.00)
Tail Twister	\$ 1,500.00	-	(1,500.00)
TOTAL Convention Income	\$ 14,345.00	1,464.00	(12,881.00)
Interest Inc	\$ -	-	-
MD22 Dues*	\$ 11,421.00	5,000.00	(6,421.00)
Meal Payments			
Critique Meeting	\$ 339.00	399.00	60.00
Mid-Winter Conference	\$ 400.00	-	(400.00)
TOTAL Meal Payments	\$ 739.00	399.00	(340.00)
Other Inc	\$ 500.00	-	(500.00)
Ticket Sales			
Baseball	\$ 500.00	60.00	(440.00)
District 22-A	\$ 7,073.00	1,251.00	(5,822.00)
District 22-B	\$ 5,982.00	154.00	(5,828.00)
District 22-C	\$ 8,324.00	1,703.00	(6,621.00)
District 22-D	\$ 13,429.00	610.00	(12,819.00)
District 22-W	\$ 13,667.00	3,002.00	(10,665.00)
Other	\$ 204.00	-	(204.00)
TOTAL Ticket Sales	\$ 49,179.00	6,780.00	(42,399.00)
Transfer from Council	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Wicomico County Donation	\$ 5,000.00	-	(5,000.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 91,184.00	23,643.00	(67,541.00)

* Dues income based on MD22 population of 7,592

EXPENSES

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Bank Charge	\$ -	-	-
Committee Expenses		-	-
Hotel	\$ 1,988	677.19	1,310.81
Meal	\$ 1,396	949.25	446.75
Miscellaneous	\$ 62	-	62.00
Site Visits	\$ 493	177.36	315.64
Telephone & Fax	\$ -	-	-
Travel	\$ 2,594	-	2,594.00
TOTAL Committee Expenses	\$ 6,533	1,803.80	4,729.20
Convention Expenses		-	-
Badges & Pins	\$ 400	48.74	351.26
Banners & Signs	\$ 100	-	100.00
Baseball Tickets	\$ 425	-	425.00
Convention Center	\$ 13,705	10,705.00	3,000.00
Decorations	\$ 100	-	100.00
Distinguished Guest	\$ 1,000	-	1,000.00
Entertainment	\$ 4,000	1,000.00	3,000.00
Exhibit Services	\$ 1,366	-	1,366.00
Gifts & Awards	\$ 789	-	789.00
Golf Tournament	\$ 1,772	-	1,772.00
Meals	\$ 37,656	-	37,656.00
MD Sales Tax	\$ 2,246	-	2,246.00
Merchandise	\$ 1,168	-	1,168.00
Raffle Prizes & Expense	\$ 1,891	228.19	1,662.81
Ticket refunds	\$ -	-	-
Transportation	\$ 14,180	800.00	13,380.00
TOTAL Convention Expenses	\$ 80,798	12,781.93	68,016.07
District Governor Expenses	\$ 1,982	-	1,982.00
Meetings		-	-
Critique	\$ 399	399.00	-
Mid-Winter Conference	\$ 392	-	392.00
TOTAL Meetings	\$ 791	399.00	392.00
Office	\$ 50	15.45	34.55
Other Expenses	\$ 42	-	42.00
Photographs	\$ 50	-	50.00
Postage and Delivery	\$ 184	44.00	140.00
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 3,000	118.30	2,881.70
Tickets	\$ -	210.00	(210.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 90,430	15,372.48	75,057.52

Note: Incorporates the updated budget submitted by the Convention Committee and approved by the Council in January, 2011.

Addie McBride, Lions Youth Foundation, Chair (22-C); PDG Gary “Buck” Fisher, Vice Chair (22-W); Lion Pauline Rosier, Secretary (22-W); PDG Gary Burdette, Treasurer (22-C) - No report.

MERL - Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership: PCC Grant E. Curtis (22-D), Membership Chair; PDG Harold R. Boccia (22-A), Extension Chair; PDG Andrew J. DeMario, Sr. (22-W), Retention Chair; PCC John A. Lawrence (22-B), Leadership Chair

PCC John A. Lawrence (22-B), Leadership Chair - The Multiple District-22 Regional Lions Leadership Institute was held on 18-20 February at Emmitsburg, Maryland, and by all accounts was a smashing success. There were 87 Lion participants in attendance – 53 in the Basic Institute and 34 in the Advanced Institute. On a scale of 1 – 5, any rating 4.5 or higher is considered top notch. Your Basic Institute achieved the rating of 4.5, while the Advanced Institute was rated at 4.9 – 27 5's and 3 4's. The individual workshops also scored consistently high ratings. A couple of comments from the evaluations included these remarks: “I am so thankful for this institute. As a Lion I will use all this valuable education to increase the leadership productivity and effectiveness of my club. As a future school administrator I will take the information to work with me every day. I have truly grown as a Lion and as a person throughout this institute. Thank you.” “This institute has given me tools I will use to be hopefully a better Lion and Lion leader in my club and possibly a zone and region job eventually. The tools will also help me in my job. Bonus. Thank you, thank you, thank you for an incredibly worthwhile weekend.”

You should be very proud of the faculty and staff from throughout the Multiple District who made this Institute possible. Several of the attendees announced their intention of attending again next year. If there is sufficient demand (at least 25 students), we will once again present an advanced institute along with the basic. No date can be set by the National Emergency Training School until their annual catalog of courses comes out at the end of September. However, the past couple of years, space for us was available on President's Day Weekend.

The District Governor Elect School was held this weekend. Since this report was written early as requested by the Council of Governors, the results will be given orally.

You have heard of “Desperately Seeking Susan,” we are desperately seeking seminars for the Multiple District 22 Convention to be held in May. If you have a topic to present, or know of a topic you would like presented, or would like to see a particular presenter, please let me know as soon as possible. Topics to date include Project Hope, Lions Vision Research Foundation, Lions Youth Foundation and a reunion of Emmitsburg Leadership Institute graduates. Several more topics are in the works, but there is room for more. I would like to see the attendance at these seminars markedly increase this year, but I need your help to make it happen

PCC Grant E. Curtis (22-D), Membership Chair - Membership is still down. The MERL team is well qualified to help you in solving this problem. Please contact us and ask us to visit your zone & club meetings to give you ways of correcting our shrinking membership. We can help and are willing to, but we need an invitation. It is up to you, the leaders of Multiple District 22, to correct the membership loss.

PDG Harold Boccia (22A), Extension Chair - The following has been reported to me since our last meeting. District 22-A – a District wide extension/membership workshop training will take place on April 2, 2011 in Parkville, Multiple District. The following day a recertification of

the District Guiding Lions will be conducted to comply with the new requirement passed by LCI at the October 2010 board meeting. Since most of the District 22-A Guiding Lions fall in this recertification category, we will separate this training to stand by itself on Sunday afternoon, April 3, 2011. The training will be conducted by PCC Jim Canon from the New Club Development Department of LCI. We will also welcome GMT Leader Jeff Kriz from New Mexico to this workshop. The following day, teams will be working the Kingsville-Perry hall community to form a new Lions Club for the district. I have no other information from the remaining four districts at this time on extension activity.

DG Bill Bicknell (22-B) – Can the Guiding Lion recertification be done on-line?

PDG Harold Boccia (22-A) – Yes, it can. But it is a little more difficult according to LCI and there is an exam at the end of it.

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) – In 22-C, we have a campus club ready to charter.

DG Sandi Halterman (22-C) – I think we will be signing the charter next week on the 23rd.

PDG Andy DeMario (22-W), Retention Chair – no report.

PDG Barbara J. McKenney (22-W), Global Membership Team Coordinator – no report.

CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) – Just to comment on what PCC Grant was saying about changes in MERL. They are doing away with the MERL concept and creating a Global Membership Team and a Global Leadership Team. One of our challenges is looking for a Global Membership Team coordinator and a Global Leadership Team coordinator for the Multiple District. These will be three year terms starting in July. All of the MERL will be going away, but we can have additional people working under this coordinator, going forward. And, our Global Leadership Team Coordinator will report to the Area Leadership Team Coordinator who is PCC Rowe Haywood.

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) – the current MERL team will also be copied on the application so they can apply. The clock is reset in July for 3-year terms starting in July.

PCC Rowe Haywood (22-A) – The things that the membership, extension, retention and leadership persons have been doing in the past will still be done with different titles. The current persons can apply for these positions with the new names.

PCC Donald F. LeCates, Jr. (22-D), Research and Long Range Planning – no report.

DG Karl Gude (22-D) – we have an agenda for the Wisk meeting that has been recommended by PCC Don and we would like to put that into the minutes and use that for our Wisk meeting format for the meeting held after the Victory Luncheon. I am making the following motion: That we add, as item #7, the following addition to the agenda for the Election of Officers Meeting (Wisk meeting) as found in the Multiple District 22 Policies and Procedures Manual: *Advance to the Multiple District Convention Committee, based on previous year's*

membership, the full amount of Multiple District dues. The purpose of this change is to allow up-front planning by the committee. In other words, the committee gets behind; we give them some money at turnover, but by the time we get around to February when we are giving them more money, they have run out of money; so, we want to give the convention committee enough money to get started at the beginning of the year. Second by DG Richard Liebno (22-W).

PDG Tom Jefts (22-W) – Question on the motion, why isn't it committees instead of committee? Why shouldn't both convention committees, Multiple District and International Convention, get this change? This would give the International Convention Committee the opportunity to get hotels and other tasks done.

DG Karl Gude (22-D) – I would like to amend my motion to include both committees, the Multiple District Convention Committee and the International Convention Committee. DG Richard Liebno (22-W) agreed to the amendment. Motion carried. (See the Election of Officers/Wisk Meeting Agenda in Appendix I on pages 15 and 16.)

PDG Clyde I. Bragg (22-D), USA/Canada Forum Vice Coordinator - As of this date, there are 23 Lions and 6 guests registered for Anchorage. I have been advised that the Captain Cook Hotel, which is the Forum headquarters hotel, has been completely booked. Other hotels are still available but anyone contemplating attending needs to register as soon as possible to have a chance to stay at a preferred hotel/motel.

Contact has been made with the Forum Host Committee regarding the breakfast. Upon obtaining further information regarding menu and cost, that information will be made available to all registrants; this will occur at a later date.

The official tour agency is Suzi Davis Travel. Lions can contact them at www.suzidavis.com/lionsclub. Their email is lions@suzidavis.com. Phone number is 1-888-677-8728. Again, timely contact and reservations are strongly suggested, as the tours that have been arranged are rapidly filling.

Any Lion or Lioness can still register by going online and completing the form. Registration Form in PDF: <https://usacanadaliionsforum.org/registration.pdf>. Online Registration Form: <https://usacanadaliionsforum.org/onlineregistration.html>.

We encourage all clubs to send one of their incoming vice presidents to this Forum, as they will gain tremendous information regarding leadership development and additional programs that will be beneficial to their clubs.

Low Vision Research Foundation: PCC John A. Lawrence, LVRF Chairman (22-B); PDG Ted B. Ladd, LVRF Vice Chairman (22-C); PDG Dalton “Dal” Mann, LVRF Secretary (22-B); PCC Mark E. Green, LVRF Treasurer (22-W)

PCC John A. Lawrence (22-B) - Dr. Ramulou, associated with the Lions Low Vision Center at the Wilmer Eye Institute, will be our seminar speaker at the Multiple District 22 convention this year on Saturday morning, 14 May 2011. This seminar will also serve as the major kick-off for the Patz for Patz campaign as approved at the last Council of Governors' meeting. The next meeting of the LVRF Board of Trustees will be held next Saturday, 26 March 2011 at the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore.

Approval of Committee Reports

DG Bill Bicknell (22-B) moved to accept the committee reports; second by CT Sandi Halterman (22-C); motion carried.

Old Business

Memorial Day Parade

CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) - last council meeting we approved applying for a public relations grant from LCI and I have a check for \$10,000.

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) - I cannot emphasize enough that we can get this kind of money from LCI PR. We need to plan to get these funds from other sources.

Future Convention Sites

PDG Keith Williams (22-A) – On the selection of a site for Multiple District 22 Convention in 2016, we did get a bid package from PIP Clem Kusiak (22-A). Those packages were sent out to three locations. We received one response and one e-mail stating that they needed more time. We don't have any information for you today so we are asking that this information be put on the 22-C agenda for the next Council of Governors' meeting. The three locations are National Harbor, cruise ship, and Gettysburg. We are going to also send a package to Hagerstown.

New Business

CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) – Appointment of the Multiple District 22 GLT. Since our meeting yesterday, we decided to solicit for applications for this position and we will defer this to the next social. When I go home tonight I am going to send an e-mail to all the district governors with the applications for the GLT and the GMT and they are going to send it out to all their cabinets and honorary committees. We are going to do the same thing and get it out to everybody that is on the Multiple District committees. Everybody who is interested has to have the applications back to us by April 5 and we will have a decision made at the next social.

Comments from Council Chair

CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) – PID Joe gave me a copy of a memorandum or a position paper questioning whether or the used eyeglass recycling program was going away. This was a proposal presented during the Sight First Two campaign.

PID Joe Gaffigan (22-C) - Governor Dick had been on a visitation in 22-W and was handed a position paper by the Sight First Two long-range planning committee that suggested that Lions would be doing away with eyeglass recycling. Absolutely not! In fact, this is a proposal from Sight First Two that says, in a couple of places, "Lions eyeglass recycling remains a traditional service project and very critical to the Lions." As you know, in most areas in the US, we cannot distribute recycled glasses per the FDA. As part of Sight First Two money, they are developing a new program for the mass development, production, manufacture and distribution of very inexpensive new glasses. They will be available to Lions in developed countries; even better than used glasses. It's a new program that's exciting that we can take advantage of here in the United States. Used eyeglasses absolutely still being done; we still have our 17 eyeglass recycling centers, full throttle and they are going to continue. This position paper is two years old - January 2009. All that is happening is that this is being developed for the mass production and mass distribution of lower cost eyeglasses. There is absolutely no attack on the eyeglass

recycling program. Check your Lions magazine and look for more at the International Convention in Seattle.

DG Bill Bicknell (22-B) – In addition to what PID Joe was saying, there is a site on the internet for prescription glasses as inexpensively as \$6.95 a pair and there is also a selection including 2,500 frames; it's called Zenni Optical (www.zennioptical.com). If needy are coming to you and they have a prescription, the glasses can be ordered online. Transitions are \$45 and bifocals are \$25. You may want to keep track of, or be aware, Fred Puente mentioned last evening that they have taken recently taken over the eyeglass manufacturing operation in Raleigh, North Carolina previously operated by the Lions in North Carolina. There may be an opportunity for Lions to partner with Blind Industries in obtaining glasses.

CC Ralph Schieferstein (22-D) – DG Bill, thank you for a great evening last night; Fred Puente was an excellent speaker; your emotional outpouring was excellent and from the heart. Your committee did a great job; thank you very much.

Comments from District Governors

DG John Cullison (22-A) – DG Bill, thank you very much for a wonderful evening. We had two eloquent speakers. We first saw this from you at DGE School, a star was born at DGE School, and you are an eloquent speaker. Mr. Fred Puente, that was an education for me, they are right there in Baltimore, I didn't even know that. We in 22-A provide eye screening at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium with the 22-C eye van, thank you 22-C. This might be an opportunity to sell water bottled by Blind Industries. Thank you very much.

DG Sandi Halterman (22-C) - Wow! What an inspiring message you gave; and I have to follow that; that is just not right. It was a great evening. Your granddaughter did a great job singing. Great evening. My social planner told me to remind you to sign up for the 22-C social it is going to be a great evening with the 22-C honor band, humanitarian award, a great time. Thank you.

DG Karl Gude (22-D) – Bill, I can only echo what everybody else has said. You stole the show with your speech. And, thank you for taking control of your cell phone! Your granddaughter was just wonderful. Fantastic night; thank you very much. Thanks to the committee who put together the DG school over the weekend. It has been a very positive experience. And, thank you all for a great weekend.

DG Richard Liebno (22-W) – Governor Bill, I have to say what everyone else has said, some of your comments are great and inspiring; last night you really said it all. Even my wife said that you are a heck of a good speaker. About your granddaughter, my wife said, what a voice that girl has! We have had a great, great time this weekend. Your words last night, as Sandi said, were “Wow!”

DG Bill Bicknell (22-B) – It was not our intention to give you all a cold reception or a cold shoulder this morning; I hope you had a hot time last night. Thank you all for coming, for without your attendance it wouldn't have been much, you made it a much better occasion. I hope you enjoyed it enough to come back on May 12; we'll do it even better then.

Comments from Multiple District 22 Advisors

PID Joseph Gaffigan (22-C) – Gov. Bill, ditto, it came from the heart and you can't fake that, terrific comments. The speaker – I assume he will be invited to at least become an affiliate member. Sandi, perhaps we can get our water for the parade from Blind Industries. The parade will be televised on a national network. Hopefully, everyone will be there. Council, I spoke to PDG Tom and director candidate Ted. We may have come up with an idea, a win/win idea. Director candidate Ted may buy shirts that everyone can have to use as a uniform, if necessary, as plan B. Thank you very much; great weekend.

PID Darley Travers (22-B) – all I can do is second what everybody has said; it was a great night; I wish I could sing as good as Bill; I did tell him that his granddaughter probably got her singing ability from her mother, not from her grandfather.

PDG Ted Reiver (22-D) – it was pretty nice; thanks for allowing Ann and myself to attend.

Upcoming Council of Governor's Meeting: April 17, 2011

Benediction – PCC Rowe Haywood asked that we keep Ken Draper and his son in our prayers because he has serious health problems. DG Karl Gude (22-D) gave the benediction.

Adjournment - DG Sandi Halterman (22C) made a motion to adjourn; second by DG Richard Liebno (22-W); motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Election of Officers Meeting

Soon after the District Governors Elect Luncheon, the newly elected District Governors and newly elected Vice District Governors meet with the sitting Council of Governors and the Multiple District International Officers and Directors (present and past). The meeting is opened by the sitting Council Chair to accomplish two things:

1. Update the newly elected Council on any unfinished business that would be of immediate importance to the new Council, and
2. The newly elected Council of Governors will elect a new Council Chair.

After the election of the Council Chair, the newly chosen Council Chair will preside over the meeting of the new Council of Governors and excuse from the room all members not required to conduct the meeting. The meeting agenda of the incoming Council is to include:

1. Election of a Secretary and a Treasurer from members of the new Council.
2. Appoint the Multiple District Administrative Assistant. The filling of this position is optional. The description of the position can be found in Appendix 10 of this Manual.
3. Recognition of the Multiple District 22 International Officers and Directors (present and past) as Advisors for active participation with the new Council at the discretion of the Council of Governors.
4. Appointment of the Multiple District Committee Chairs and Coordinators.

These positions include:

- a) Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair
- b) Convention Committee
 - 1) Chair
 - 2) Vice Chair
 - 3) Treasurer
- c) International Convention Committee
 - 1) Chairperson
 - 2) Vice Chairperson
- d) Diabetes Coordinator
- e) Extension Chairperson
- f) Global Membership Team Coordinator
- g) Hearing & Speech Coordinator
- h) Information Technology Coordinator
- i) Leader Dog Coordinator
- j) Leadership Development Chairperson
- k) LCIF Coordinator
- l) Membership Chairperson
- m) Pre School Vision Coordinator
- n) Public Relations Coordinator
- o) Research and Long Range Planning Chairperson

- p) Retention Chairperson
- q) Roaring Lions Chairperson
- r) USA /Canada Leadership Forum
 - 1) Coordinator
 - 2) Vice Coordinator
- s) Women's Membership Development and Participation Chairperson
- t) Vehicle Tags Chair (Maryland)
- u) Youth Outreach Coordinator

5. Establish dates for Council meetings and District Socials

6. Authorize procurement of stationary for use by the entire Council and the committees (excluding Convention Committee). Based on previous usage, it is recommended that 500 sheets of letterhead and envelopes be ordered.

7. Advance to both Multiple District Convention Committee and the International Convention Committee, based on the previous year's membership, the full amount of Multiple District dues.