

**North Carolina Council of Governors Meeting Minutes  
Multiple District 31  
Saturday, February 8, 2014, 9:AM  
Crowne Plaza, Ashville, NC**

The North Carolina Council of Governors met at 9:AM, Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza, Ashville, NC. Attending were Governors: Will Hicks, Charles Wills, Terrie Grooms, Terry Cauble, Vincent Schimmoler, Cassandra Scarlett, Mike Elmore and W.B. Bullock. Council Chair Robert Sprinkle presided.

For the record, the Council of Governors held a Work Session, Friday, February 7, 2014, beginning at 8:PM in the Crown Plaza, Ashville, NC.

Chairman Sprinkle called the meeting to order. Governor Schimmoller led the Pledge of Allegiance and Governor Bullock offered the Invocation.

Chairman Sprinkle welcomed the Governors, Lions and guests that were attending. **Upon motion of Governor Elmore and second by Governor Schimmoller, the vote was unanimous to adopt the agenda with the deletion of discussion of a shortened weekend session under unfinished business.** attachment # 1

Chairman Sprinkle recognized the International Officers, Past International President Sid Scruggs and International Director Harvey Whitley, and invited remarks. PIP Scruggs announced that Lion Judy is back at home, then talked about regional training changes including the Southeastern Regional Leadership School. He complimented the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors for representing North Carolina well in the Atlanta training session. He announced that "Grow the Pride" will be next year's International theme.

PIP Scruggs and Lion Judy presented a "Sid Scruggs Fellowship" to PDG Joe Silvers, acknowledging his dedication and efforts on behalf of North Carolina Lions. In closing, PID Scruggs urged recognition of the role women are undertaking in Lions work.

ID Whitley announced that financial suspension of Lions Clubs is now 120 days, but the International Finance Committee is considering a reduction to 30 days before a club is terminated for non-payment of dues. He urged Governors to stay on top of their clubs and to work with clubs to get them back into compliance. He said the Reading Action Program (RAP) is reported as one of the most successful Lions Clubs efforts of recent years.

ID Whitley urged clubs to take advantage of the Veteran's Pilot Program to add to membership, urged Lions to take advantage of the webinars offered by Lions

International, reminded Lions that April is Friends and Family Month and that World Lunch Day is April 4<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Council for endorsing PID Bob Corlew of Tennessee as a candidate for Lions Clubs International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President. He thanked the Lions of North Carolina for the opportunity to serve Internationally, but said he also welcomes the opportunity to return home and to work with the Lions of North Carolina.

There were no communications.

PDG Chris Hardee was appointed Parliamentarian by Chairman Sprinkle.

**Upon motion of Governor Grooms, second by Governor Schimmoller, the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2013, Council of Governors Meeting Minutes. attachment # 2**

Council Secretary Treasurer Rhett White presented the Council Financial Report covering July 1, 2013 through February 3, 2014. He reported that income totals \$46,389.11 while expenses total \$21,102.68 for the half-year. After pointing out several expenditures he noted that funds must be found if the DAPS imitative is to be sustained in future years. **Upon motion by Governor Elmore, second by Governor Schimmoller, the financial report was accepted by unanimous vote.**

PDG Joe Silvers, Chairperson of the 2014 State Convention in Ashville, and Convention Committee Chairperson PDG Gwen White provided an update on the upcoming conventions and circulated the convention program cover. PDG White asked for \$6,000.00 for convention support and urged the Governors to help sell the cookbooks to offset some convention expenses and benefit the grassroots Lions who attend. **Upon motion of Governor Wills, second by Governor Bullock, the vote was unanimous to authorize a \$6,000.00 advance to the 2014 State Convention Committee for the State Convention in Ashville.**

PDG White asked the Council to provide 450 State Trading Pins for placement in the registration packed for the State Convention. Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller and second by Governor Grooms, the motion was unanimous to "buy back" at cost from the districts that have excess pins, 450 pins to include in the State Convention packets.

PDG White reported that the 2015 Convention Committee headed by PDG Tim Williams had reviewed proposals from two Charlotte hotels and selected the Charlotte Crown Plaza Hotel for that convention to be held the last weekend in April.

North Carolina Lions, Inc., President Dale Dupree provided a report on the renovations on the lodge building at Camp Dogwood. He said the work corrects structural problems but also addresses safety issues. He noted several staff changes and complimented the staff for their efforts. He invited all Lions to attend and participate in the March 21-23, 2014, Fun Weekend with games, fun and no business allowed.

President Dupree reminded Lions of the upcoming budget hearings and the Volunteer Week.

PDG Ron Staley, Global Leadership Chairperson, reported that North Carolina's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governors went to Atlanta for District Governor training and were well prepared with their assignments in hand. He announced the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Forum in Puerto Rico, September 13-15. He encouraged attendance at the Advanced Leadership Institute March 8010, 2014, at Oak Brook, Ill, then announced that PDG John Owens will serve as Global Leadership Chairperson in 2014-2015.

attachment # 3

Global Membership Chairperson, PDG Gary Green, congratulated District 31-B for plus ten in membership and District 31-F for being positive with plus 13 members. Even so, he noted that since July there has been a 3.2% decrease in Lions membership in the state. PDG Green announced that the Anderson Creek Lions Club in District 31-F is in a gated community and indicated that the Eye Care Lions Club will probably be reinstated with at least some of that membership salvaged. He urged Lions to use the Club Excellence Process (CEP) to reform and refocus their Lions Clubs.

attachment # 4

Following a break, Chairman Sprinkle asked for Reports and Discussion from State Committees.

PDG Gary Green and Lion Jocelyn Hardee presented the Boys and Girls Home report in the absence of Chairman Gary Elliott, including a heart-tugging story of a young person getting ready to "graduate" from the Lions Cottage at Camp Dogwood. Both Lions called for continued support of Boys and Girls Home by the Lions of North Carolina.

Campus Clubs, Leo Clubs and Youth Exchange Chairperson, Lion Liz Steele reported on the upcoming February 21-14, State Leo Convention at Camp Dogwood, reviewing the weekend program that is possible at a cost of \$84.00 per participant. She said 2014 Leo Pins are available at \$2.00 each. She reported there are 28 active Leo Clubs in North Carolina.

attachment # 5

Lion Harriett Edmunds, Celebrate Liberty Chairperson, asked for authorization to purchase 500 of the continuing series of Celebrate Liberty Pins for resale and distribution. She also said an alternate Celebrate Liberty Essay Topic had been selected as the result of District Chairpersons reporting that teachers found the suggested statement too esoteric in nature. The new topic is "How would our founding fathers react to the America of today?"

attachment # 6

PDG Dave Butler, Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson, presented a short report noting that no action is required at this time. attachment # 7

Lion Judy Jackson, Diabetes Awareness Chairperson, reported that the Diabetes Awareness Peer Support (DAPS) program is growing. She said District 31-B has two active groups with 16 members in one group, 31-A has two groups with ten members total and 31-H has a group at the Industries for the Blind in Kinston with 20 participants, including two that are deaf/blind, and that North Brunswick has a group with 15 SAPS members. She emphasized that DAPS reaches Lions and non-Lions. She said the program is starting to collect data through Lion Dr. Rich Davis at the UNC Ophthalmology Center.

Historian Chairperson, PDG Howard Wallace reminded the Governors that Lions are making history and need to preserve it. He appealed again for copies of the charters of active and former Lions Clubs and for club histories. attachment # 8

Information and Technology Chairperson George Culp said a new domain name has been secured and paid for. It is nclionclub.org, replacing the nclions.org address. He asked the Council to consider appointing a committee to work on developing the district and state websites that will be needed when redistricting takes place in July of 2015. **Upon motion of Governor Cauble, second by Governor Scarlett, the vote was unanimous to accept the recommendation of Chairperson Culp and direct him to organize and lead a committee to accomplish that task.** attachment # 9

PDG Carlton Weeks, LCIF Chairperson, reminded the Council and Lions attending that North Carolina has benefited far more from LCIF than the amount donated to the international fund. He announced several weeks and dates that have been designated for observing Lions Club work. He recognized PIP Sid Scruggs who emphasized that the Melvin Jones Fellowship is used as an award but it really indicates support for LCIF and its programs. attachment # 10

Nominations Chair, PDG Johnny Berry, reported that five redistricting convention dates and the places have been set, reminding Lions that the candidate information will have to be submitted to him. He reported that there is a contest for NC Lions, Inc., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and candidates for Secretary and Treasurer. attachment # 11

Chairman Sprinkle added that there will be a Redistricting Committee Meeting following the Promotions Committee Meeting later in the day.

Promotions Chairperson Tim Williams said he would give his report during the 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

PDG Chris Hardee, the Long Range Planning Committee Chairperson emphasized that much planning is necessary to address the many aspects of redistricting. He said redistricting is the focus of most questions that are coming forward.

attachment # 12

Chairman Sprinkle thanked the Chairpersons for their reports and for their leadership role on behalf of the 2013-2014 Council and the Lions of North Carolina.

Governor Schimmoller informed the Council about the MIRA Foundation based in Aberdeen, NC. He said it is the only program in America that provides guide dogs for children, ages 11-17. He encouraged the Governors to refer children who need a guide dog and to support fundraising and getting the word out about this program.

Governor Grooms, Council Tail Twister, under the guise of new business, shared a letter that made the Council Chairperson the object of fun and frivolity in preparation for adjournment.

Those attending were reminded that PDG's Joe Silvers and Marti Hill have State Convention Registration forms for sign-up, as well as Lions Cook Books and State Convention Pins.

Chairman Sprinkle thanked the local Lions for hosting the Hospitality Room and announced that it is now open.

The next meeting of the Sate Council will be May 2-3, 2014, at Camp Dogwood, Sherrill's Ford, NC.

Following the Benediction by Governor Bullock, Chairman Sprinkle adjourned the meeting.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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Robert "Bob" Sprinkle, Chairman

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Rhett B. White, Secretary-Treasurer

**North Carolina Council of Governors**  
**Crown Plaza, 1 Resort Drive, Asheville, NC 28806 1-828-254-3211**  
**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 9:00 a.m.**  
**Agenda**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	District Governor, Vince Schimmoller
<b>Invocation</b>	District Governor, W. B. Bullock
<b>Welcome to Lions and Guests</b>	Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle
<b>Recognition &amp; Comments from International Officers</b>	Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle
<b>Reading of Communications</b>	Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White
<b>Appointment of Parliamentarian</b>	Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle
<b>Reading of November 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 Minutes</b>	Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White
<b>State Council Financial Report</b>	Council Secretary/Treasurer, Rhett White
<b>Accept Financial Report</b>	Council Chair, Bob Sprinkle
<b>2014 State Convention Status</b>	Past District Governor, Joe Silvers
<b>Report from State Convention Chair</b>	Past District Governor, Gwen White
<b>Report from NCLI President</b>	PDG, Dale Dupree
<b>Global Leadership Chair</b>	Past Council Chair, Ron Staley
<b>Global Membership Chair</b>	Past Council Chair,

Gary Greene

**Reports and Discussions from State Committees:**

- 1 Boys and Girls Home
- 2 Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs/Youth Exchange
- 3 Celebrate Liberty
- 4 Constitution & By-Laws
- 5 Diabetes Awareness
- 6 Historian
- 7 Information and Technology
- 8 LCIF MD Coordinator
- 9 Nomination
- 10 Promotions
- 11 Research and Long Range Planning

- Chair, Gary Elliott
- Chair, Liz Steele
- Chair, Harriet Walton
- Chair, Dave Butler
- Chair, Judy Jackson
- Chair, Howard Wallace
- Chair, George Culp
- Chair, Carlton Weeks
- Chair, Johnny Berry
- Chair, Tim Williams
- Chair, Chris Hardee

**Unfinished Business**

- 1. Shortening weekend meetings

**New Business:**

- 1. MIRA Foundation

District Governor,  
Vince Schimmoler

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**Announcements:**

- 1 Next meeting of the State Council will be Friday and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at Camp Dogwood, Sherrills Ford, NC

**Adjournment**

**Benediction**

District Governor, W. B. Bullock

**Notes:**

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Multiple District 31  
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Hampton Inn, Aberdeen, NC**

The North Carolina Lions Council of Governors met at 9:AM, Saturday, November 9, 2013, at the Hampton Inn, Aberdeen, NC. Attending were Governors: Will Hicks, Charles Wills, Terrie Grooms, Terry Cauble, Vincent Schimmoller, Casandra Scarlett, Mike Elmore and W. B. Bullock. Council Chairman Robert Sprinkle presided.

For the record, the Council of Governors held a Work Session, Friday, November 8, 2013, beginning at 8:PM in the Hampton Inn, Concord, NC.

Chairman Sprinkle called the meeting to order. Governor Grooms led the Pledge of allegiance and Governor Bullock offered the Invocation.

Chairman Sprinkle welcomed the Lions and Guests that were present. He recognized Past International President Sid Scruggs who extended greetings and provided an update on recent Lions International Board action and policy initiatives. He urged clubs to take advantage of the two-year pilot program that extends a membership discount to military veterans who become Lions. He also reminded the Governors that Multiple District 31 is committed to organizing five new Lions Clubs in 2013-2014.

PIP Scruggs also extended greetings from PID Lacy Presnell who was not in attendance.

**Upon motion of Governor Cauble, second by Governor Elmore, the vote was unanimous to approve the agenda. attachment # 1**

**Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller and second by Governor Grooms, Minutes of the August 10, 2013, Council of Governors Meeting were unanimously approved.**

**Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Bullock, Minutes of the September 28, 2013, Called Meeting of the Council of Governors were unanimously approved.**

Governors Scarlett and Elmore reported on the Diabetes Awareness Peer Support (DAPS) program in partnership with the University of North Carolina School of Ophthalmology. They described the project, reviewed the introductory training meeting held in September and urged Governors to provide information about project leaders from each district. They said it was essential to get underway in order to measure the success



of the project and to build upon this pilot project effort, expressing hope that the next Council of Governors will want to continue the DAPS Program.

PDG Dave Butler was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian by Chairman Sprinkle. Unfinished business followed.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Upon motion of Governor Cauble, second by Governor Wills, a Resolution of Endorsement supporting PID Robert "Bob" Corlew of Tennessee for the office of Lions International Second Vice-President was unanimously adopted.**

attachment # 2

**Upon motion of Governor Grooms, second by Governor Cauble, the report on redistricting was accepted and motion was made to appoint the following Lions to serve as the Redistricting Committee until such time as the organization of five new Lions Clubs districts in MD-31 is completely accomplished: PDG Ron Staley, Council Chair Bob Sprinkle, PDG Paulette Gasperson, PDG John Owens, PDG Carlton Weeks, PDG Chris Hardee, PDG Johnny Berry, PDG Dave Osborne and PDG Rhett White. The motion passed unanimously.**

Governor Schimmoller said he hoped each existing district could be represented on the Redistricting Committee.

### **New Business**

Council Secretary-Treasurer Rhett White shared an email correspondence from the North Carolina Library for the Blind, expressing appreciation for the gift of a *North Carolina Lions History Book*.

State Convention Chair Gwen A. White reported on the 2014 State Convention that will be held in Ashville. She answered questions and asked that the State Convention Budget as presented by the PDG Larry Gasperson of the host committee be approved. **Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Grooms, the Convention Budget was unanimously approved.**

attachment # 3

Chairperson White then reported that Lions of District 31-E have offered to host the 2015 State Convention in the Charlotte area. She recommended that the offer be accepted and that PDG Tim Williams be named Host Committee Chairperson. **Upon motion of Governor Elmore with second by Governor Scarlett, the recommendations were unanimously approved.**

attachment # 4

Much discussion focused on whether to provide a State Trading Pin for each 2014 State Convention registration packet. PIP Scruggs suggested that a special pin be provided since most Lions will already have the 2013-2014 state Trading Pin by convention time. PDG Dave Butler reviewed the recent history of including pins in the registration packets and noted that the policy indicates that pins will be included. **Upon motion of Governor Wills, second by Governor Hicks, the vote was six to two in favor of providing State Pins for the registrants. Governors Schimmoller and Scarlett voted no.**

Governor Schimmoller asked that changing the pin policy be considered at the next Council meeting. Chairperson White was asked to review the State Convention Policy for any other changes that may be needed.

North Carolina Lions, Inc., President Dale Dupree reported on activity and work at Camp Dogwood. He said the summer camp season was a success and that the "brighter Visions" kick-offs went very well. He then reviewed progress on renovations to the lodge and recreations building.

President Dupree asked the State Council of Governors for two grant application endorsements to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The first in the amount of \$75,000.00 is to purchase vision care equipment for the Wake Forest Baptist Health Eye Center. **Upon motion of Governor Elmore, second by Governor Scarlett, the vote authorizing and certifying the grant application was unanimously approved.**

The second grant application in the amount of \$75,000.00 is for the construction of a picnic shelter and recreational building at the North Carolina Lions Camp Dogwood near Sherrill's Ford, NC. **Upon motion of Governor Schimmoller and second by Governor Bullock, the vote was unanimous endorsing and certifying the grant application to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.**

Council Chair Sprinkle presented a check in the amount of \$6,267.59 to NCLI President Dupree, the profits from the *North Carolina Lions History Book* that was completed by the 2010-2011 Council. He requested that the donation be divided equally and credited to the eight districts.

### **Reports and Discussion from State Committees**

After a break, reports and discussion from State Committee Chairpersons followed. The report of Boys and Girls Home Chair Gary Elliott was read by the Council Secretary. attachment # 5

Chair Liz Steele reported that there is a new Leo Club and that the Leo State Convention will be held February 21-23, 2014, at Camp Dogwood. She said the "Stop

Hunger Now" program will be a big part of the convention weekend. There has been no Campus Club or Youth Exchange activity to date.

Harriett Edmunds, Celebrate Liberty Chair pointed out that the meeting was being held on Veteran's Day weekend and recognized the veterans in the audience. She then divided the Governors into three teams for a short competition of answering questions about the United States Constitution. The Governor Grooms Clappers team was the winner. attachment # 6

Constitution and By-Laws Chair Dave Butler indicated that no request have been made for changes, although revisions will be necessary with redistricting. He cited several wordings and references in the By-Laws and Policy Manual that are out of date. By consent the Council indicated that revisions and corrections can wait until the new districts are organized. attachment # 7

Diabetes Awareness Chair Judy Jackson noted that the DAPS program was non-existent at the August meeting but is now up and running. She said North Carolina is making history with the DAPS program and urged Lions to seize the opportunity to become part of a support group. She reminded Governors that diabetes is the number one non-infectious cause of blindness and offered to travel the state to present at least one DAPS program in each district.

Global Leadership Chair Ron Staley provided a comprehensive written report, but recognized that PIP Scruggs is serving as Constitutional Area Leadership Chairperson. He urged clubs to participate in the Club Excellence Program (CEP) or the CEP-Light, to use zone Chairs to report on CEP initiatives and as CEP facilitators. He said there was good feedback from the USA/Canada Lions Forum. attachment # 8

Gary Greene, Global Membership Chair, complimented District 31-B for being plus ten members and District 31-D for an increase of 11 members since July 1, 2013. He noted that statewide the loss stands at 81 members after four months with a projected loss of 300 members unless there is a turn-around. He pointed out that no hands means no service.

Historian Howard Wallace reported on work to document the chartering of Lions Clubs throughout the state, asking Lions to locate and copy club books and pamphlets that chronicle Lions history. Governor Bullock said he had already found the recent *North Carolina Lions History Book* to be valuable in preparing for a club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. attachment # 9

George Culp, Information and Technology Chair, said he had reviewed club and district web sites and face book accounts and is available to help with up grading or

implementing those information resources. He also urged clubs to consider twitter accounts and briefly described work on the print version of the new Lions Advocate magazine. He then described a problem with the N.C. Lions website which has a domain name that is about to expire, that needs upgrading and has an unknown host.

attachment # 10

**Upon motion by Governor Schimmoller, second by Governor Bullock, the vote was unanimous to accept the recommendation of the committee and authorize Chairperson Culp to purchase the "net", "com" and "org" domain names for the Lions of North Carolina, and authorize the committee to investigate and select a hosting site that is appropriate and of the best advantage for the Lions.**

LCIF Multiple District Coordinator Carlton Weeks announced that November 14, 2013, is World Diabetes Awareness Day. He complimented District 31-H for generating \$18,000 for LCIF and District 31-B for \$8,000 in contributions, noting that North Carolina has gotten back far more in grants than it has contributed to the foundation.

attachment # 11

Nominations Chair Johnny Berry reported that there are two candidates for 2014-2015 Council Chair – PDG Ron Kelly and PDG Chris Hardee, and one candidate for Council Secretary-Treasurer – Rhett B. White. He announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governors would meet at 2:PM to interview the nominees and make selections.

attachment # 12

Promotions Chair Tim Williams offered a written report and said he would cover his committee during the scheduled 1:PM Promotions Committee Meeting.

attachment # 13

Research and Long Range Planning Chair Chris Hardee said his committee is ready to assist with the redistricting process, encouraging the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-District Governors to begin planning to dissolve existing districts and organize the five new districts.

### **Other Business**

Upon motion of Governor Cauble, second by Governor Wills, the quarterly treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Chairman Sprinkle reminded Governors that the 1<sup>st</sup> place District Peace Posters are due to him by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Sprinkle thanked PDG Ron Kelly and the Carthage, Vass, West Harnett and other area Lions Clubs for hosting the hospitality room during the weekend meeting.

The next State Council Meeting will be Friday, February 7, 2014, at the Crown Plaza Resort in Asheville, NC.

Following the Benediction by Governor Bullock, Chairman Sprinkle adjourned the meeting.

This 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

Robert "Bob" Sprinkle, Chairman

Rhett B. White, Secretary-Treasurer

**North Carolina Lions State Council**  
**2013-2014 Council Budget**  
July 1, 2013 – February 3, 2014

<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Line Item</b>
Balance Forward	\$ 7,166.53	\$ 7,166.53	100
State Dues (7,781 average x \$3.50)	26,169.50	13,224.25	110
Interest	10.00	3.61	120
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.50	130
State Convention Income*	10,000.00	5,032.66	150
Youth Exchange	0.00		160
Celebrate Liberty*	850.00	321.00	170
LCIF Grant	0.00		180
Leo Clubs Income	5,500.00		190
Appropriations from Money Market	13,676.97	13,676.97	192
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	6,546.59	195
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 63,790.50</b>	<b>\$ 46,389.11</b>	

**EXPENSES:**

Annual Audit	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	200
District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Bonds	417.50	\$ 417.50	210
State Secretary-Treasurer Bond	103.00	203.00	215
Clerical Services-NCLI	600.00	5.60	220
Office Supplies (Secretary-Treasurer)	400.00	314.45	230
Printing (NCLI and Secretary-Treasurer)	450.00	129.00	240
Postage (NCLI and Secretary-Treasurer)	400.00	92.00	250
Telephone (Secretary-Treasurer)	100.00		260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	2,000.00	90.74	270
State Council Meetings/Conference Calls	500.00	527.01	280
Expenses-State Secretary Treasurer	3,000.00	59.74	290
Expenses-State Council Chair	4,000.00	2,177.53	300
Incoming Council Chair Intl. Convention Expenses	3,500.00		305
State Convention Cash Advance*	10,000.00		310
Membership/Global Membership Team	1,500.00		320
State Convention Committee	200.00		330
District Extension Workshops-Matching Funds	0.00		335
History Committee	250.00		340
Leadership/Global Leadership Team	7,550.00	2,453.04	350
State Council Committee Expenses	6,000.00	1,793.79	360
Hall of Fame Expenses	500.00		370
Celebrate Liberty*	1,000.00	52.71	380
Leo Clubs Chair Expenses	1,000.00	327.13	390
Leo Clubs Expenses*	5,000.00	457.43	395
Youth Exchange*	0.00		400
Information Technology/Public Relations	1,500.00		410

Redistricting Expense	2,500.00	606.06	415
LCIF Grant	0.00		420
Peace Poster/Essay, Environmental Photo expenses	600.00		425
Diabetes Awareness	8,000.00	4,398.36	428
Campus Clubs	300.00		429
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Clothing Allowance (8@\$130)	1,040.00		430
CC & SST Clothing Allowance (2@\$130)	260.00	130.00	431
CC,SST, DGE, 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> VDG Jacket Crests (26@\$20)	520.00		435
Contingency Expenses	0.00	6,267.59	440
Transfer to Money Market*	0.00		442
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 63,790.50</b>	<b>\$ 21,102.68</b>	

Checking Balance on Hand – February 3, 2014	\$ 11,517.23
*Money Market Balance – February 3, 2014	<u>66,533.30</u>
<b>Total Council Assets</b>	<b>\$ 78,050.53</b>

**NC Lions State Council  
Global Leadership Training Report  
February 8, 2014**

- I am happy to report that all of the District Governors Elect have completed their LCI assignments. A training seminar was held in Atlanta on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for the Governors Elects from the seven Southeastern multiple districts. In addition to the DGEs from North Carolina, the DGEs from Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas attended. All the Governors Elect from North Carolina except one who was absent because of illness attended. That individual turned in the required assignment and was given credit for attending the session.
- The USA/Canada Lions Forum will be held September 13-15 in San Juan Puerto Rico, the Island of Enchantment. Registration is available online. If you need a paper registration form, I will be adding it to our NCLion.org website next week. The early bird registration fee is \$290 and available until May 31. After that date the cost will go up. Room rates range from \$149.00-\$165.25.
- The Advanced Lions Leadership Institute will be held March 8-10, 2014. I don't have the names of those who are registered. Hopefully all the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs are attending. The location is Oak Brook, Illinois, USA. Deadline for Applications is December 24, 2013.
- A final training session for DGs Elect will be held next Saturday and Sunday. It will focus on NCLI programs and administration and will include training for Brighter Visions District Chairs. Since all the topics for the First Vice District Governors Elect were covered earlier this year, an additional training session was not needed.
- PDG John Owens will take over as MD GLT Coordinator on July 1. He will be scheduling training for the First and Second Vice District Governors next year.



## **Global Membership Team Report**

**February 8, 2014**

**Gary Greene, PCC**

Congratulations to our positive districts for membership this year – B stands at plus 10 while D stands at plus 3 – following seven of our 12 months. These accomplishments are particularly impressive because it means these two districts have successfully stayed positive after the typical year-end drops. And the fact that they're positive without adding new clubs show that you can successfully build membership with existing clubs.

From our eight districts, thus far we have one new club this year. Congratulations to DG Vince Schimmoller for his leadership in F to form the 30-member Anderson Creek Lions Club. Of special note with this club is that it is located within a gated community. In North Carolina, the backbone of our state's organization has been strong clubs in small communities. Our state is changing; we are seeing small communities arise beyond the typical town limit signs. We all have new gated communities across the state that are ripe for the picking.

As you know, there are two ways to build membership – new members in existing clubs and forming new clubs. As our existing clubs age, we need to take steps to reform and refocus these clubs before they age out. This challenge is met by the clubs willingly and enthusiastically undertaking the Club Excellence Process. A club that undergoes the full CEP training would be focused on service for the next three to five years. Recruiting new members would be a part of this refocusing.

When it comes to building new clubs, much work remains for us across the state. This three-year cycle for GMT appointments has yielded – after 31 of 36 months – one new club in A, one new club in B, 2 new clubs in F, 2 new clubs in H, and 3 new clubs in J for a total of nine new clubs. Unfortunately, there are no new clubs in the past 31 months in D, E, or G. Our GMT goal is two new clubs per district per year. Perhaps we should reset the goal to one per district per year, but the bigger issue is that we must find the Lions within each district who have a passion – not for recruitment – but a passion for service to our fellow man. We need to drill down into each county, identify those areas for new clubs, and then go to our existing clubs to recruit our best Lions to purposely and deliberately form these clubs. When in the past I have said that a new club could be recruited in virtually every county in North Carolina, I've been asked how and where. As Lions committed to our mission, new clubs that could be formed today in your county include:

- Unserved incorporated towns
- Gated communities

- **Champions Lions Clubs**
- **Campus Clubs**
- **Cyber Clubs**
- **Special interest clubs**

**Many of us are aware that for a high school student to enter college, they must demonstrate valued community service. The young people of today – the 20 somethings – have been raised with the aptitude for community service. Let's reach out to these young professionals as well.**

**MD31 members at year's start: 7552**

**MD31 current members: 7310 Decrease of 242 (3.2%)**

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Lion Liz Steele

State Leo Chairperson

Multiple District 31

The Leo Convention will be held Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at Camp Dogwood. As of today's date we are expecting 16 Leo's to be present representing 4 Leo Clubs. The Leo's will enjoy Karaoke, a dance, games and informative sessions at the convention. On Sunday the Leo's and guests will prepare 10,000 food bags for Stop Hunger Now. The 2014-2015 officers will be selected and installed.

On October 28, 2013 I had the opportunity to do the installation of the officers and New Member initiation of the Piedmont Leo club. I have been asked to speak at and/or attend two other meetings.

As of now we have 28 confirmed and active Leo Clubs in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Liz Steele

State Leo Chairperson

Report to the 2014-2015

NC LIONS COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2014

LION HARRIETT (EDMUNDS) WALTON, CHAIR

CELEBRATE LIBERTY COMMITTEE

This is the time of year to think about a Celebrate Liberty pin to add to the series known as Our Founding Fathers. The series began four years ago with the first pin depicting George Washington, and continued with Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Samuel Adams.

We are suggesting a new pin this year bearing the image of Benjamin Franklin. I have spoken to Curt Barnhill and found out that if the pins are to be produced and received by the time of the State Convention, they should be ordered soon. In the past, 500 pins have been ordered and last year's price was \$1.70 per pin. They sold for \$2.00 (or in some cases \$3.00) each. I would appreciate it if the Governors would discuss this and let me know if they wish to continue this series.

On another subject, several District Chairpersons have contacted their schools about the essay contest. A number of teachers have expressed concern with the choice of a topic for this year. The topic was a quote from James Madison, as follows:

**“What spectacle can be more edifying or more seasonable, than that of Liberty and Learning, each leaning on the other for their mutual and surest support?”**

After discussion with several committee members, an alternative topic has been suggested. It is:

**“How would our founding fathers react to the America of today?”**

April 1 is still the deadline for submission of 2013-2014 essays to my address which is PO Box 733, Wanchese, NC 27981. They will be judged in April and a prize will be awarded at the State Convention here in Ashville. District Governor Will, I hope that a short period of time will be set aside on the program at the convention for this presentation.

Please consider encouraging your District Chairs to present a program to clubs in your District during the month of March, which is the month that James Madison, known as the Father of the Constitution, was born.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Lion Harriett Walton

State Celebrate Liberty Chair

## **MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (February 2014)**

**By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC, Chairperson**

**Council Chairperson Bob, State Council Members, fellow Lions and guests. Due to the annual review of our MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws and since the possible changes covered in November were minor, the State Council voted to delay changes until the 2014-2015 Lions year when changes are required due to redistricting. No action is needed at this time.**

**Thank You**

**LIONS HISTORY CHAIRMAN, NCLI**

**NCLI Council Meeting  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Asheville, NC**

**February 8, 2014**

**Council Chairman, Bob; District Governors**

**My report is as follows:**

**I. Charters**

***We greatly appreciate the responses we've received from:***

***O. Lion Ron Kelly - I, have to pick-up Charter for Pinehurst Lions Club***

***O. District "B" - in Feb. 2014 Newsletter: Lion Allen Reinhardt requested Clubs in his District to send copies of Club Charters***

***O. District "D" - Lion Marlene Wooten - is pressing Clubs to send copies of Charters***

***O. District "D" Lion Buz Snead, Hamilton Lakes getting Charter***

***O. District "E" - PDG Tim Williams emailed Charter for Fair Grove Lions Club***

***O. District "F" - Diane Westerbeek - asked her Zones to respond. She also emailed the Charter for Lillington Lions Club***

***O. District "H" - Lion Like Elmore sent email on 9/11/2013 stating that he is working trying to get copies of Charters within the District***

***With close to 365 Clubs - we've a way to go to get copies of all Clubs' Charters.***

***I, plan to keep working to get copies of all existing Charters***

**II. Club history books**

***This is still an objective - will continue to work***

***As of now, I, have a copy of the Madison Lions Club, District "D"***

***Lake Norman Lions Club "An Interval History 2006-2013"***

**III. Camp Dogwood Inventory**

***As reported, previously, I've met with NCLI Executive Director, Steve Walker, who assured me that he and his staff will help to make this happen***

***This, too is still an objective - will continue to work***

## **NCLI - Public Information and Education**

### **NC Lions Council of Governors – Information and Technology**

**Lion George Culp, Chair            February 7, 2014**

I continue striving to become more familiar with the existing social media outlets being used by the Lions of North Carolina.

#### **Goals and objectives.**

“Share the Vision Together”

Provided a presentation on Social Media at the training session for 2013-14 1<sup>st</sup> VGs

Researched and began contacting sources for service oriented new articles for the Advocate

Continue the evaluation of digital magazine software for possible use for The Advocate.

#### **Activities**

My activities included attending my own district functions as well as:

Met with Advocate committee to plan next issue

District D – Mid-Winter Convention

District E – Mid-Winter Convention

Assisted in obtaining new domain name for NC Lions Multi-District website

Prepared recommendation for digital magazine

1VG Training Session presentation

Developing plan for addressing impact to current websites as re-districting occurs.

#### **Planned**

Continue district and club media review.

Meet with 1VP Paul Bledsoe to accept NCLI website maintenance responsibilities

Follow-up on responsibilities for Multi-District website

Be available to assist as needed.



## **REPORT TO NORTH CAROLINA LIONS COUNCIL**

### **A. MULTI-DISTRICT WEBSITE**

### **B. IMPACT OF RE-DISTRICTING TO NC LIONS WEBSITES**

#### **MULTI-DISTRICT WEBSITE**

The domain [www.northcarolinailions.org](http://www.northcarolinailions.org) failed to be renewed in a timely fashion and thus was 'captured' for possible resale to others. Attempts to pay for the renewal were not successful or thought to be too expensive. To overcome this obstacle, the following domain has been purchased:

[www.NCLionsClub.Org](http://www.NCLionsClub.Org)

District Governors are advised to send this information to your perspective Webmasters with instructions to update any links to the Multi-District site.

#### **IMPACT OF RE-DISTRICTING TO NC LIONS WEBSITES**

As a heads-up, I want to remind the Council that the scheduled redistricting for Multiple NC District 31 in 2015 will impact the eight existing website for District 31-x. Here are a couple of items to keep in mind.

The existing domain names, such as [www.lions31e.org](http://www.lions31e.org) will not be a true representation of the organization. In addition, renewing the current domain for several years will not be necessary.

North Carolina Lion Districts may want to consider standardizing the domains.

For example:

**NCLionsClub.org**

**NCLionsClub31L.org**

**NCLionsClub31I.org**

**NCLionsClub31O.org**

**NCLionsClub31N.org**

**NCLionsClub31S.org**

The current district website have information specific to the current physical structure of the district. For example, the clubs of the district websites and locations are linked. Several districts have directions to eyeglass drop off locations. The movement of clubs in and out the new districts will require updating.

With clubs moving into the new districts, there may be multiple Webmasters and even more distressing, the lack of a Webmaster.

The main focus, I believe, is to work together as NC Lions to reach our audience in a manner that indicates that we are organized with the purpose of serving others. The visitors to any of our websites hopefully will never know we have just gone through this transition.

**Recommendation:**

Appoint a committee with the instructions to begin working immediately on the streamlining of the multiple websites into the new district structure. The committee should be formed and make quarterly reports to the council while seeking the council's input and feedback.

Suggested committee members could be current Webmasters or elected VGs of the new districts.

Suggested completed rollout should be July 1, 2015.

Respectively submitted,

*George H Culp*

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## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

**February 8, 2014**

World Immunization Week is April 24-30, 2014. It is a moment to reflect on what Lions have accomplished in the fight against measles and is an opportunity to consider how we can do more.

Measles is one of the leading causes of death among young children even though a safe and inexpensive vaccine has been available for so many years. As a Lion, you can help save lives and make the world healthier place for children by supporting LCIF.

LCIF not only provides essential grant funding to Lions so they can carry out ambitious and compassionate service projects, but we also seek out unmet needs in the world and create programming to meet them.

Opening Eyes - Research has shown that among Special Olympics Athletes, sixty-eight percent have not had an eye examination in three years, thirty-seven percent are in need of eyeglasses, and eighteen percent wear clinically incorrect eyeglasses. The disabled are a largely underserved group when it comes to vision care. They deserve and should have access to quality care that is appropriate to their particular needs.

That is why LCIF and Special Olympics began a partnership in 2001 to provide free vision screenings at select Special Olympics sporting events worldwide. Athletes also receive diagnoses for vision-related programs, corrective and protective eyewear, and are taught how to take better care of their eyes.

Grants approved in 2012-2013 totaled \$39,297,388.00.

Carlton Weeks,  
LCIF State Coordinator

**Council Meeting  
February 8, 2014  
Asheville**

Chairman Bob, Secretary Rhett, Council of Governors , fellow lions and guest. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Nominations Chair. My report consist of two (2) parts, since I serve as Chair for both the NC Lions, Inc. and the Council of Governors.

For the NC Lions, Inc. we have two (2) candidates for the office of Second Vice President: Lion Carolyn Sprinkle and Lion Charles Holleman. We have (1) candidate for the office of Treasure: Lion Jerry Thomas. We have one candidate for the office of Secretary: Lion Anne Metts. Nominations remain open until the May meeting at Camp Dogwood.

I have not heard from all the conventions about the elections to be held for the 2014-2015 year but they should all be done soon. In regards to nominations for the new Districts where we will select a District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and a 2nd Vice District Governor there are no Nomination Committee Chairs for the new district; the Redistricting Committee Chaired by Council Chair Bob has asked me to serve in the capacity. All nominations need to be sent to me before the conventions are to be held.

Listed below are the schedules as of now, some may change:

District L September 6 in Asheville

District I August 17 at Camp Dogwood

District O August 10 in Asheboro\

District N August 24 in Clinton

District S August 16 in Tarboro

There are certain requirements that must be met in order to run for these offices. Please make sure all who wish to run in your respective districts now know what they need to be qualified candidates.

Best regards,

Johnny E. Berry, Nominations Chair

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**L/R planning report**

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Fellow Lions, Good Morning.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your research and planning chair. I have been answering questions about the transition from eight districts to five districts. With no other direct instruction from the Council or BOD, serving as a resource and answering questions has been our primary role this year. FYI the select committee on transition, that I serve on, has set dates for the Initial L, I, O, N, S district meetings. The primary task at that meeting will be the election of new District Governor and Vice DG. Those dates are listed below.

- In Lionism, I remain,
- Chris Hardee, PDG
- District L / September 8
- District I / August 17
- District O / August 3
- District N / August 24
- District S / August 16