

Lions Clubs International - Multiple District 31
North Carolina Lions State Council
Official Minutes

Saturday, May 5, 2007
9:00 AM

Holiday Inn Select, Winston-Salem, NC

Council Chairperson Martha Butler called the meeting to order at 9: 00 AM.

District Governor Bob Roland gave the Invocation and District Governor Morris Van Vleet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

For the record, the Council met in caucus on Friday evening, May 4, 2007. Seven District Governors and seven Vice District Governors were present at the caucus and at this Council Meeting. District 31-G Governor Sherman Leathers had a death in the family, and District 31-H Governor George Holston was out of the country.

DG Bob Roland	31-A	DG Morris Van Vleet	31-E
DG Sue Ingle	31-B	DG Ron Kelly	31-F
DG Dolores O'Malley	31-C		
DG Larry Covington	31-D	DG Michael Flora	31-J
CC Martha Butler, PDG		Secretary-Treasurer George Ohm, PDG	

Kelly moved to approve the Meeting Agenda; seconded by Covington. Motion passed.

CC Butler welcomed all Lions and Guests and invited comments from Past International Director Sid Scruggs.

Scruggs stated he and Judy have been traveling to several states as well as England in the last six weeks. He has also had to decline an invitation to speak at a District Convention in Perth, Australia.

Scruggs commented upon concerns of worldwide Lions that The United States was losing membership and thus influence in the International Organization. Some are questioning the practice of electing a Vice President from the United States every other year. There will be a resolution on the ballot at the Chicago Convention to reduce one United States and one South American directorship and to reduce the President's Board Appointees by one. Current USA membership stands at 396,000 Lions, less than 1/3 of the world membership; however, we still have nearly 50% of the Directors on the Board, thus the move by the international members to equalize the representation.

Another resolution will waive the initiation fee for full time students and reduce their dues to ½ the normal rate. The term Transitional District will no longer be used, and all districts will be permitted to elect their own District Governor. International will also reimburse the spousal travel for District Governor Elects if the District has a net gain of members.

International is considering a redefining of the roll of the District Governor, serving as the District Executive Officer, and assigning club visits to the Vice District Governors. The board

has approved the election of an optional 2nd VDG to help with district administration and club visits.

Scruggs, whose endorsement for 2nd Vice President ends after the 2007 Convention, requested another endorsement from the Lions of North Carolina for 2008 and 2009.

Butler asked for a motion to present a resolution to the Lions at the State Convention to endorse Scruggs for 2nd Vice President for the years 2008 – 2009.

Kelly moved to present a resolution to the Lions of North Carolina attending the 2007 State Convention to endorse PID Sid Scruggs for the office of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International for the years 2008 -2009. The motion was seconded by Covington. Motion Passed unanimously.

Lion Judy Scruggs thanked the Council and Lions of North Carolina for their kind support in the campaign. They have been very proud to represent the Lions of North Carolina in their many travels. They have also appreciated the warm personal connection many have made while they were away, keeping them abreast of the happenings in North Carolina. They have been blessed in their travels and will continue to represent the Lions of North Carolina no matter what the future holds.

Scruggs displayed his campaign pin which will be available for sale at the State Convention.

Kelly was appointed as parliamentarian.

Flora moved to dispense reading of the February Minutes and accept them as distributed by e-mail. Van Vleet seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Ohm presented the financial report as of May 3, 2007. All dues have been received. Youth Exchange restricted funds are now at \$4160 vs. \$4500 budget with receipts from several clubs in D31-D and contributions directly to the youth exchange program; \$1000 has been advanced for the leased van for youth exchange travel. Extension committee expense has exceeded the budget due to concentrated efforts of Extension Workshops, however with the success of new clubs formed it was money well spent. (See Attachment "A")

Van Vleet moved to accept the Financial Report; seconded by O'Malley. Motion approved.

Ohm requested a motion to send a \$500 Honorarium to LCIF in Honor of 2nd VP Al Brandel, who will be our Keynote Speaker at the State Convention.

Flora moved to send the \$500 honorarium to LCIF in honor of 2nd VP Al Brandel. Covington seconded the motion. Motion Approved.

Council Chairperson Butler stated that in February the Council voted against the 6 District Redistricting Plan submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee. Due to this rejection, the Lions of District 31-C decided to, and voted upon, dissolving the district. Initially District 31-C wanted to divide their counties among the three adjacent Districts, 31-A, 31-B and 31-E. However, International advised that the Constitution requires any receiving districts must

become full Districts with 1250 members and a minimum of 35 Lions Clubs. The initial plan did not achieve this level.

The Membership of D31-C, at a special called meeting on March 10, 2007 approved the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that District 31-C will be dissolved on or after June 29, 2008. The counties of Cleveland, Lincoln and Cleveland would go to current D31-A and the counties of Gaston and Mecklenburg would go to current D31E. In the event that District 31-A does not reach the minimum of 1250 members by the date of dissolution, June 29, 2008, then District 31-C in its entirety will join with District 31-E.”

The resolution was passed by over three fourths vote of those present.

When questioned as to why D31-E was not qualified as was D31-A, it was determined that with the addition of Lions in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties D31-E would definitely reach 1250 members.

The Council of Governors conducted a unanimous vote via the Internet to accept D31-C's decision to dissolve. The Council asked the Constitution and by-Laws Committee to prepare a Resolution, to be put before the Delegates to the State Convention, to accept or reject the resolution by a two thirds majority.

If the plan is accepted, we will forward copies of the State Convention minutes, a copy of the Resolution, a listing of the clubs affected by the dissolution of D31-C and a map showing the boundaries of the new districts of the state to International for approval at the next LCI Board meeting. If approved by the LCI Board, the dissolution of D31-C will become effective at the close of the 2008 Lions Clubs International Convention. (See Attachment “B”)

Council Chairperson Butler reported on the combined South Eastern States Breakfast hosted by Georgia at the International Convention. The Breakfast will be held at the Chicago Hilton at 7:00 to 9:30 AM, Thursday, July 5th. The cost will be \$35.00 per person. North Carolina will be sent 50 tickets, hopefully before the State Convention. Checks are to be made out to the NC Lions State Council.

Van Vleet serving as interim Promotions Chair announced a raffle will be conducted during this meeting to bolster funds for the Promotions Administrative fund. The winner will have a choice of any item of clothing on the Promotions table. The raffle collected \$131 and Lion Jim Edmunds held the winning ticket.

NCLF President Ron Staley thanked the Council of Governors for their support and the cordial invitation to sit in on Council meetings and share statewide concerns with of the Council. He felt that it was important to continue a close relationship between the Council and the Foundation. He reported that the Camp is in excellent shape for this year's camping season. Volunteers had a very successful clean-up week in April. They have begun building the foundation for the new dormitory. The Foundation has collected \$402,000 towards the \$950,000 cost of the building along with pledges, from clubs and individuals, of \$146,000 of the \$160,000 goal to furnish the rooms.

Staley reported that Donna Udovich was doing very well and hopefully will be going home soon.

In February, Staley called for a long range planning meeting to determined ways to use of the Camp more fully. Suggestions included expanding programs and activities for the VIP campers, and to bring in more outside groups during the off season. The target is full utilization by 2012. Plans are to hire a marketing firm to survey VIPs and businesses to identify our market and how to reach that market. (See Attachment "C")

NCLF Executive Director, Steve Walker, added his appreciation and thanks to the Council and the Lions of the State for their support. Camping season starts on May 27. To date there have been 770 applications for camp. With estimates of between 25,000 and 35,000 VIPs in the State, we are missing a huge number of individuals we can serve. The first 6 sessions are already filled. The Foundation will recognize those clubs that sell 3 Camp Dogwood raffle books per member. In the last two months of the campaign, he urged all Lions to remain positive on reaching the goals for White Cane and Camp Dogwood tickets.

PDG Joe Silvers reported on the preparations for the 2007 State Convention in Asheville, NC. Buses have been secured for trips to Cherokee on Friday and the Biltmore on Saturday. The Golf Tournament will be on Friday at the Broadmore CC. Pin traders, vendors and the hospitality room will be held in the same area. A silent auction will be held on Friday for the Presidential Campaign. The theme for Friday fun night will be patriotic red, white and blue in honor of our veterans. Proceeds of the Tail Twisters Breakfast will go to Campaign Sight First II. (See Attachment "D")

Silvers commented that the State Convention Guidelines need revision. He suggested that a committee be made up of several past convention chairpersons to redefine the duties and responsibilities of the Council and the Convention Committee.

Flora made a motion that the Council appoint an Ad-Hoc committee comprised of Past State Convention Chairs of the last 5 years, to review and recommend changes to the State Convention Guidelines. Any recommendations will be sent to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for inclusion into the State Convention Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Covington. Motion Passed.

Ohm was asked to send letters of invitation to each of the Chairmen of the last five State Conventions to serve on this Ad-Hoc committee.

Lion Gwen White showed the Council a copy of the State Convention Program Book which will go to print next Monday, May 7. White also expressed a need to revise the Convention Guidelines.

PDG Larry Gasperson presented the State Convention Financial Report. Convention Income to date is \$88,318.60 vs. a budget of \$76,580.00. Expenses are \$7463.05 leaving a balance of \$80,855.55. (See Attachment "E")

Butler expressed her and the Council's appreciation of the State Convention Committee's efforts in planning the Convention.

PDG Paul Bledsoe, Chairman of the 2008 State Convention, stated that the Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club was celebrating its 85th year in Lionism. Butler stated that there will be a resolution at the State Convention congratulating the Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club for their 85th Anniversary.

Bledsoe continued with the report on the 2008 State Convention which will be held at the Greensboro Airport Marriot Hotel on May 29 – June 1, 2008. Room rates will be \$89.00 per night. Meals will range from \$19.50 to \$27.00 including tax and gratuities. Committee Chairs have already been chosen. (See Attachment “F”)

Gwen White announced that the North Raleigh Lions Club and three other clubs have agreed to host the 2009 Convention in the Raleigh area. PDG Herb Justice has volunteered to Chair the Convention. Dates have not been determined. White asked that the council approve the Raleigh Area for the 2009 State Convention and to appoint PDG Herb Justice as Convention Chair.

Flora moved to approve the Raleigh area as the site of the 2009 State Convention and that to name PDG Herb Justice as Convention Chairman. Motion seconded by Roland. Motion Passed.

The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes.

Butler said she was advised by the USA/Canada Planning Committee that NC should wait and bid for the 2012 Forum next year.

The State Council Policy Manual was discussed at length during the Caucus last evening. Butler asked for a motion to approve the Policy manual. (See Attachment “G”)

Kelly moved to approve the State Council Policy Manual as presented; seconded by Ingle. Motion passed.

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Butler called for reports of Council Committees

Boys and Girls Home - Ohm read the e-mail report from Chairperson Lion Anne Neroni. A new van was delivered; the Lions Cottage was re-roofed; a yearly “Trim-A-Tree party is planned for fundraising for the Lions Cottage. Over \$82,000 has been raised for the cottage this year. (See attachment “H”)

Constitution and By-Laws – PCC Dave Butler reported that the Council Policy and Procedures Manual was revised per the Council’s request at the February meeting and distributed to the committee members and the Council. The Committee also developed the Resolution, previously stated, which will be presented to the delegates at the State Convention regarding the dissolution District 31-C and the distribution of the five counties of 31-C to D31-A and D31-E. The

Resolution was published in the State Lionism Newspaper to advise the Delegates of the pending vote. (See Attachment "I")

PCC Dave Butler stated that the Council discussed in Caucus last evening the addition of a Policy for Internet Web Site Administration to the Council Policy and Procedures Manual.

Van Vleet moved to accept the Policy for Web Site Administration as edited on May 4, 2007, to be voted upon at the August 2007 Council Meeting, for addition to the Policy and Procedures Manual; seconded by Roland. Motion Passed. (See Attachment "J")

Extension – PDG Houston Henderson performed a skit with CC Butler on the proper way to recruit a new Lion. He described the success of the Extension Workshops across the state in recruiting new Lions and forming new Lions Clubs. He urged the Lions to not stop on June 30 but continue recruiting all year long. (See Attachment "K")

History – PCC Diane Whitley is still collecting articles and pictures. Many clubs have not sent in articles as yet. She still needs history articles from Past District Governors, Past Council Chairs, and Past Foundation Presidents. The Committee will meet again on June 10 at Camp Dogwood. (See Attachment "L")

Information Technology – Mike Schwartz stated that The Journal in Greensboro is working on the Council and Foundation web sites which should be up and running within 45 days. He thanked the Council for approving the Web-Site Administration Policy. They are planning to develop a statewide directory of Lions Clubs web-sites before the start of the 2007-08 year. The VIP web site is also under development and should be completed by the end of the month. Its address will be www.ncvipfishing.org. (See Attachment "M")

Leadership Development – PFP Bob Shook urged the District Governors and their Vice District Governors to work with their district MERL teams to plan for the next Lions year to grow their Districts from the start of the year don't delay. The District Governors should be planning their Leadership workshops to train officers for this next year. The District Governors Elect have finished their training in February; the Vice District Governors will have their first training session next weekend, May 11-12. He announced that the DGEs will have PID Sid Scruggs as their Instructor at the Chicago Governors School. (See Attachment "N")

Liberty Day – Jim Edmund reported that 7000 Liberty Day Booklets were given out this year. The Committee adopted a goal of 10% participation of Lions Clubs' 20% next year; and 30% the following year. This years Liberty Day program was held at Northwestern High School in Elizabeth City. A female Coast Guard Pilot, Lt. Jodi Popp enthralled over 200 Junior at the High School with her experiences and showed a thorough knowledge of the Constitution. He reported on the efforts of Liberty Day Chairs within each district. For 2008 we will honor the US Air Force. (See Attachment "O")

LCIF / Sight First II – PFP Harvey Whitley reported that in the last 10 years LCIF has returned more money to North Carolina in Grants than what we have sent in donation. NC Contributed \$1,028,363 and received in Grants \$2,285,074. Money is being spent worldwide but North Carolina has reaped more benefits than most Lions know. NC has already received \$110,000 in grants this year. (See Attachment "P")

Continuing with Sight First II, Whitley stated that as of April 27th we have pledges of \$212,124 vs. our goal of \$1,108,180 or 19% of our goal. Many clubs have not reported their intentions on the RC-1 report as yet. He commended Carlton Weeks of 31-H for bring in two model clubs and raising his district's total to \$62,000. He did it through emphasis on personal pledges and just asking. There will be a display at the State Convention and literature placed in every packet.

(See Attachment "Q")

Leo Clubs – PDG Paul Smith reported on the State Leo Convention at Camp Dogwood on the weekend of March 30 – April 1. During the Weekend the Leos sorted glasses for the foundation. The Leos have also submitted an article for the state Lionism Newspaper. Smith submitted his resignation due to his poor health and recommended Lion Terry Cauble of D31-E as his replacement.

(See Attachment "R")

Membership – PDG Gene Everette congratulated the 5 districts that held extension workshops. However, only two districts are maintaining plus membership; D31-E and D31-F. He reminded the clubs to take advantage of the Family Unit Certification form to reduce international dues for family members who are Lions. We must continue to "Ask" if we want to increase our membership.

(See Attachment "S")

Nominations – PDG Allen Deaton stated that the Council of Governors passed a Resolution to Endorse PID Sid Scruggs for the Office of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. Deaton read the list of District Governors Elect and Vice District Governors for the year 2007-2008.

(See Attachment "T")

Retention – PDG Frank Brooks hoped that the MERL Team booklet published this year would be helpful in increasing and retaining our membership. He urged the use of the three person Membership Committee to recruit new members. Call on the District MERL team for help. Once a new member comes on board get them involved and keep them and older Lions involved enriching their Lionistic experience.

(See Attachment "U")

Butler invited all Lions to attend the Promotions Meeting at 1PM when we will discuss some critical issues relating to Promotions.

Flora moved to approve the Committee Reports; seconded by O'Malley. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Ohm
State Secretary-Treasurer

North Carolina Lions State Council

Attachment "A"

2006-07 Council Financial Statement
 May 3, 2007

INCOME: 1	06-07 Budget	06-07 Actual	(over) / under	line
BAL FWD	57234.42	57234.42	-	100
State Dues (.Est 9400 X \$3.50 for 05-06)	32,312.00	32063.50	248.50	110
Interest Received (Currently 1%)	550.00	333.20	216.80	120
District Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Bonds	417.50	417.51	(0.01)	130
State Convention Tail Twister's ticket sales and	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	140
State Convention Income	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	150
Youth Exchange (\$500 per District)	4,500.00	4,160.00	340.00	160
Liberty Day	1,000.00	718.00	282.00	170
LCIF Grant for Wake Forest Univ. Eye Care Center	-	75,000.00		180
Misc. Income not Budgeted	-	465.70	(465.70)	190
Total Income	108,513.92	170,392.33	(61,878.41)	
EXPENSES:				
Financial Audit	700.00	0.00	700.00	200
Treasurer's Bond	520.50	520.50	-	210
Clerical Services - NCLF	600.00	600.00	-	220
Office Supplies (Secretary / Treasurer)	350.00	193.51	156.49	230
Printing (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	600.00	406.51	193.49	240
Postage (NCLF and Secretary / Treasurer)	400.00	268.29	131.71	250
Telephone (Secretary / Treasurer)	150.00	0.00	150.00	260
Awards, Plaques and Gifts	1500.00	37.45	1,462.55	270
State Council Meetings	400.00	45.79	354.21	280
Expenses - State Secretary / Treasurer	3500.00	2382.79	1,117.21	290
Expenses - State Council Chair ^	5600.00	5363.65	236.35	300
State Convention - cash advance	6000.00	520.00	5,480.00	310
Membership committee	1000.00	427.91	572.09	320
Extension Committee	1000.00	1659.79	(659.79)	330
District Extension Workshops - Council Matching Funds		519.69		335
Retention Committee	1000.00	770.57	229.43	340
Leadership Committee	3400.00	3486.24	(86.24)	350
State Council Committee Expenses	9000.00	5540.64	3,459.36	360
Sight First Committee	1000.00	678.59	321.41	370
Liberty Day	2000.00	1032.00	968.00	380
Leo Clubs Expenses	1000.00	99.88	900.12	390
Youth Exchange	6000.00	1301.57	4,698.43	400
Information Technology/ Public Relations	1500.00	315.59	1,184.41	410
LCIF Grant for Wake Forest Univ. Eye Care Center		75000.00		420
Peace Poster Bond		250.00		422
Transfer to Money Market		40000.00		424
NC DMV - Lions Club Licenses Plates		3820.00		426
Misc Expenses not budgeted	5000.00	3062.98	1,937.02	430
Total Expenses	52,220.50	148,303.94	(96,083.44)	
Contingency	56,293.42	22,088.39	34,205.03	
Total	108,513.92	170,392.33	(61,878.41)	

Assets:	40,923.32
Money Market Account	
Checking	22,088.39
Total	63,011.71

2006-07 Council Financial Statement

“Resolution To Change MD-31 Constitution & By-Laws”

WHEREAS, District 31-C Cabinet, on March 10, 2007, voted to dissolve their district; and

***WHEREAS,** District 31-C Cabinet Secretary sent a copy of the Cabinet meeting minutes to Lions Clubs International and MD-31 Council Chairperson with this request; and*

***WHEREAS,** on the above date, they voted that the Counties composing District 31-C be distributed to Districts 31-A and 31-E as follows: Rutherford, Cleveland, and Lincoln will go to current District 31-A and Gaston and Mecklenburg will go to current District 31-E; and*

***WHEREAS,** In the event that District 31-A, with the addition of the Counties above, will not be over 1250 members at the time of dissolution, then District 31-C in it’s entirety will go to District 31-E; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Certified Delegates of Multiple District 31, North Carolina, in convention assembled at Asheville, North Carolina this 3rd day of June, 2007, do hereby vote _____ for and _____ against this resolution; now therefore be it*

***RESOLVED,** That if this resolution passes by a 2/3 majority of certified delegates, present and voting, a copy of this resolution be sent to Lions Clubs International, and a copy be entered into the minutes of this 2007 Convention; be it further*

***RESOLVED,** that if this resolution is approved by Lions Clubs International at the October or November Board of Directors meeting, then Article III, Section 2 of MD-31 Constitution be changed to include the above changes, effective at the close of the 2008 Lions International Convention.*

*Dave Butler
Past Council Chairperson
Chairperson, Constitution & By-Laws Committee
Multiple District 31
North Carolina*

*Martha Butler
Past District Governor
Chairperson, Council of Governors
Multiple District 31
North Carolina*

NCLF President's Report to the Council of Governors

May 5, 2007

Council Chair Martha, Governors, Vice Governors, Lions and guests:

First, let me express my gratitude to the Governors and Council Chair Martha for your support this year. I truly appreciate having an opportunity to participate in your meetings this year. I think being open and willing to meet and share concerns went a long way to building a trusting relationship. It is important that the Foundation and the Council have a good relationship and I feel we have achieved that goal. We are, after all, working to achieve what is best for the Lions and the persons we serve.

I am happy to report that the Camp is in excellent condition and ready for the Camping Season to begin. The Volunteers Committee had a very successful Camp cleanup/fix up week in April and I'm not aware of any serious injuries other than a lot of aches and pains. The turnout this year was really great and I appreciate all the hard work by our Lions.

Construction of the new Udovich building is underway. The red clay left behind when the Shaw Brown building was removed is gradually being replaced by a foundation and there will soon be walls. We have currently received about \$402,000 towards construction of the building and a grant requests totaling \$75,000 has been approved by LCIF. In addition to that we have received pledges for \$52,000 from individuals and clubs and \$313,000 from raffle ticket sales. Our major challenge now is to collect the pledges made by individuals and clubs and continue having successful Camp Dogwood Raffle ticket sales.

I am also happy to report results from our White Cane and the Camp Dogwood Raffle have picked up in the last month. We do need to keep emphasizing White Cane to our clubs. We have less than a month to sell raffle tickets and two months to complete our White Cane drives.

In February we held a planning session to look at what we can do to increase the use of Camp Dogwood. The goal was to determine how we could fully use the camp during both the camping season and during the months there is no camp in session. The group of Lions who participated in this session did an outstanding job. Together they put together a vision of what our camp can look like in five years and outlined the steps needed to get there. Implementation of this plan will give our campers a more rewarding camping experience and will provide a plan to make more visually impaired persons aware that Camp Dogwood is there for them. The plan also recognizes that the camp is not being fully utilized during the non camping season and addresses how we can make it appealing to outside groups that need and are willing to pay for meeting facilities during the week. This will make our Camp a place that will serve more visually impaired and be used to generate needed revenue to help offset the expenses of the camp. PDG John Miller is chairing the planning committee and will tell you more about their plan this afternoon following the budget hearings. I feel that with John's leadership, we should be able to come up with a plan and strategy that can be implemented over the next several years.

I thank you again for your support. It has been a great and exciting year for me. Most of all both Sallie and I appreciate your friendship and the love you have shown both of us.

Lion Ron Staley
NCLF President

May 4, 2007

Attachment "D"

Lion Martha Butler, Council of Governors Chair

Joe Silvers, 2007 Lions State Convention Chair

Quarterly Report #4, 2007 Lions State Convention Committee

Thursday—Our Thursday night dinner will be prime rib and all the fixings (hope to have some entertainment.) If we can move his equipment upstairs, he will make it happen at the Top of the Plaza.

Friday—Registration will be in the Ballroom Foyer from 9am to 9pm on Friday, 7:30am until 6pm on Saturday, and 8 to 9:45 Sunday morning. On Friday we will have a bus going to Harrah's and Cherokee Village. The bus will leave promptly at 10am and will leave promptly at 3pm returning to Asheville. We would like to fill the bus.

The Biltmore House Tour will leave at 10am and return when need be. Friday tickets to the Biltmore House will be \$30, and Saturday tickets cost \$36. We need to know by this weekend who wants to go and when. If you do not have tickets before the convention, you will have to pay the going rate of \$40 & \$45.

Buses will be going to the, Grove Arcade as needed since it is only about one mile from the convention center.

Friday morning golf will be at Broadmore—only have about 25 signed up, if anyone else wishes to play, meet at hotel or at golf course. Golfers provide own transportation.

Pin traders will be setup in the Windsor Ballroom from 1pm to 5pm Friday and Saturday. Traders will need to see Lion Dave Masters for table space.

The Hospitality Room should have plenty of food and will be open from 1pm to 5pm Friday and Saturday.

The silent auction will be for PDG Sid Scruggs. If anyone has items to donate to the silent auction, please have at hotel early Friday. Items will be live auctioned at the Tail Twisters breakfast if not sold at silent auction.

Fun night will have a patriotic theme. Everyone come dressed in red, white and blue. The entertainment lineup will feature Leon Jacobs, a one-man band with a variety of music. We will also have cloggers and some Native American dancers from the Cherokee Reservation.

Saturday—Tail Twister breakfast needs high dollar items for auction, we will be set up to take credit cards, so bring your plastic—also will take checks and money I Proceeds to go to Campaign Sight First II. We would like to raise \$10,000(we will settle for \$9,000., this would give each district a Melvin Jones Fellowship).

Past District Governor's luncheon will be in the Top of the Plaza. We have approximately 75 signed up. We will have room for more, but they must sign up ahead of time.

Seminars have been scheduled—two seminars scheduled in each time slot, 40 minutes each. We will only have 10 minutes break between time slots, so presenters will have to stay within allotted time.

The certification of delegates will be 11am until 12pm on Saturday, and 8 am to 8:45am on Sunday. We need to get the word out to all the clubs to have delegates certified so they will be able to vote on Sunday morning.

If you have any questions, Larry or I will answer them.

2007 STATE CONVENTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Attachment "E"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 4, 2007

Beginning Checkbook Balance for 2007 Convention

0.00

Income:

Convention Ads	27,575.00
Misc.	21,695.50
Room Rebate	8,000.00
TailTwisters Breakfast	6,000.00
NC Mtn.State Fair	8,817.10
Convention Pin Sales	1365.00
Convention Meals	10,650.00
Biltmore House Tour	1,996.00
PDG Luncheon	1,275.00
Golf Tournament	945.00

Total Income

88,318.60

Balance Forward

88,318.60

Expenses

Bank Charges	96.82
NC Mtn.State Fair Booth	610.00
Renaissance Hotel	3,215.22
C&L International-Elk Pin	805.00
< PO Box Rent	28.00
Returned Check(192.50
Returned Check(25.00
Refund(Plummer	65.00
Refund(Vaughan	50.00
Entertainment	500.00
Refund(Rummage	50.00
Refund (Burgess	50.00
Refund(Rich	50.00
Refund (Livingston	146.00
Refund (Kirkland	61.00
Outer Banks Tees	1225.00
Registration Supplies	293.51

Total Expenses

7,463.05

Bank Balance

80,855.55

2007 STATE CONVENTION BUDGET VS ACTUAL 050407

“D”

						2007			2007		
						BUDGET			ACTUAL		
	INCOME										
							OJO			0.00	
STATE COUNCIL (ADVANCE)											
PROGRAM ADS:											
	FRONT COVER		1	2000	1	2,000.00					
	INSIDE FRONT COVER		1	750.00	1	750.00					
	BACK COVER		1	1,000.00	1	1,000.00		1	1,000.00		
	INSIDE BACK COVER		1	750.00	1	750.00					
	FULL PAGE		60	300.00	60	18,000.00		72	21,600.00		
	HALF PAGE		10	200.00	30	6,000.00		9	1,800.00		
	QUARTER PAGE		7	125.00	28	3,500.00		18	2,250.00		
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	CENTERFOLD			1,500.00	1	1,500.00					
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2007 STATE CONVENTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

May 4, 2007

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Income:

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NORTH CAROLINA 2008 LIONS STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Attachment "F"

5/4/07 by Paul Bledsoe, State Convention Chair 2008

All contracts have been signed with the 2008 NC Lions State Convention to be held at the Greensboro High Point Airport Marriott. Contract was finalized last week.'

- 1) Dates 5/29-6/1 2008
 - Total Rms: 299 - 400 Free Parking Spaces
 - Rm Rate: \$89 per night
 - No Charge meeting spaces or events
 - Meals all charges inclusive:
 - Thursday: \$24
 - Friday Night: \$22
 - Sat Breakfast: \$19.50
 - Sat Lunch: \$22
 - Sat Banquet: \$27
- 2) The Winston-Salem Twin City Host Lions Club approved the recommendation for hosting the convention under the leadership of Bledsoe.

At the most recent District 31-D Cabinet Meeting, The district membership approved with excitement of support to the convention chair to the success of the state convention in District 31-D in 2008.

- 3) Organizational parameters have been set...
 - A) Dr. Steve Yokeley Dobson Lions Club will serve as Sec/Treasurer for the event.
 - B) PDG John Wall, Walkertown Lions Club will serve as Registration Committee Chair
 - C) PDG Man/in Doub and Janet Doub, Konnoak Hills Lions Club will work as Protocol Co-Chairs
 - D) PDG Doc Shaver, Konnoak Hills Lions Club will serve as Tailtwister Breakfast and Silent Auction Chair
 - E) PDG Johnny Stuart of McCleansville Lions Club and other PDG's have offered their Assistance for the success.

- 4) More information to follow...

Signed respectfully,

Paul Bledsoe, NC Lions State Convention Chair 2008

Paul R. Bledsoe
District Governor 31-D 2005-2006

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Winston-Salem, NC 27104



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"Preamble"

Attachment G

This MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual is designed to provide policies and procedures to consistently operate our Multiple District in an efficient and cost effective manner. Should a conflict occur with our MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws, the Constitution and By-Laws will take precedence.

A. Policies and Procedures:

1. State Lions Privacy Policy (Page 2)
2. Procedure for making changes to Policy and Procedures Manual (Page 2)
3. Policy on location of/access to Policy and Procedures Manual (Page 2)
4. Uniform Allowance VDG/DG, Council Chairperson, and State Secretary/Treasurer (Page 3)
5. Council Chairperson Selection Procedure (Page 3)
6. Council Chairperson's duties covered under budgeted item (Pages 4-5).
7. Vice Council Chairperson's responsibilities (Page 6)
8. State Secretary/Treasurer selection process(Page 6)
9. State Secretary Treasurer's duties covered under budgeted item (Page 7).
10. State Promotion Chairperson's duties covered under budgeted item (Page 8).
- 11 .Free State Pin Promotion Policy (Page 9)
12. State Council/NCLF Meeting Room Expense Cost Sharing (Page 9)
13. North Carolina Lion's Hall of Fame Policy (Page 10)

B. Existing Policies and Procedures Prior to 2007:

1. Liberty Day Agreement 3-15-2000
2. Joe Wade Scholarship Agreement 8-14-2000
3. North Carolina lions MD-31 State Convention Agreement 5-1-1999
4. Disaster Relief Plan for North Carolina Lions—Dated 2-1-1997

“NC Lions (MD-31) Privacy Policy”

North Carolina Lions (MD-31) recognizes the importance of protecting the private information of our members.

We have no legal authority or written permission to disclose any personal information of our members to third parties. Due to privacy concerns, information such as: names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, etc. can not be released to any third party.

Privacy Policy Approved: Council of Governors—August 12, 2006

“Procedure for making changes to Policy and Procedures Manual”

Any changes to the MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual will be presented at an official "open" State Council meeting for understanding and/or revision.

Changes will be voted on at the next official "open" State Council meeting by all Lions in attendance. A simple majority of all Lions present will be required for adoption of the changes.

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting—

“Policy on location of/access to Policy and Procedures Manual”

Copy of the MD-31 Lion's Policy & Procedures Manual can be viewed or secured as follows:

1. On MD-31 & NCLF Web Sites.
2. A hard copy can be secured from NCLF Office at a cost of \$5.00_____.
3. A CD can be secured from NCLF Office at a cost of \$5.00_____.

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting-

Page 2

MD-31 Lion's Policy & Procedures Manual

“Uniform Allowance VDG/DG, Council Chairperson, and State Secretary/Treasurer”

Uniform allowance for VDG/DG, Council Chairperson, and State Secretary-Treasurer shall be as follows:

1. Vice District Governors will determine their Official Blazer, pants, etc. prior to the start of their year as Vice District Governor. This uniform will be worn for both their Vice District Governor year and their year as District Governor. There will be an allowance of \$130.00 provided from the State Council Administrative Fund to help with the purchase of the Official Uniform.
2. An allowance of \$130.00 will be provided, from the State Council Administrative Fund, to the elected State Council Chairperson to help with the purchase of the Official Uniform to be worn during the year he/she will serve as Council Chairperson. The Council Chairperson uniform will match, as close as possible, the other members of the Council of Governors.
3. An allowance of \$130.00 will be provided, from the State Council Administrative Fund, to the elected State Secretary-Treasurer, to help with the purchase of the Official Uniform to be worn during the time he/she will serve as State Secretary/Treasurer. If State Secretary/Treasurer is reelected to a 2nd term, and the uniform does not change, the allowance will cover 2 years as it does for the Vice District Governor/District Governor's years. The State Secretary-Treasurer uniform will match, as close as possible, the Council of Governor's uniform.

Approved: At "open" .State Council Meeting—

“State Council Chairperson Selection Procedure”

Past District Governors interested in the position of Council Chairperson shall submit their name and resume of service by December 31st to the State Council Secretary/Treasurer. After certifying qualifications, the names and copies of resumes are to be submitted to the currently serving Vice District Governors no later than January 20th.

The currently serving Vice District Governors will interview each candidate and make their selection by the majority of a secret ballot. One Vice District Governor shall act as spokesperson for the group during these interviews.

The selection of the Council Chairperson shall be made at the February State Council Meeting.

The Council Chairperson so selected will be a voting member of the Council of Governors and while so serving shall not concurrently serve as a chairperson of any statewide committee.

Approved: By State Convention Delegates—April 23,
2006

"Council Chairperson's Duties Covered Under Budgeted Item & NCLF"

A. Per Article VI, Section 4., of the International By-Laws:

Under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, the multiple district Council chairperson shall be the coordinator of the multiple district and shall act on behalf of and upon delegation from the council of governors. His/her specific responsibilities shall be **to:**

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association;
- (b) Provide leadership, direction, and initiative for international and multiple district programs, goals, and long range planning;
- (c) Create and foster harmony and unity among district governors, and assist them solve issues;
- (d) Chair the multiple district convention and all council meetings;
- (e) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws;
- (f) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- (g) Facilitate, at the close of his/her term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/her successor in office

"Specifics"

1. State Council/NCLF Combined Meetings—1 day, 1 night, and Mileage back home will be covered by NCLF (Rules of Audit apply)—Remainder of weekend covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted Item.
 2. NCLF Executive Meetings—Covered by NCLF (Rules of Audit apply).
 3. USA/Canada Forum—Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
 4. VIP Fishing Tournament—Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
 5. Fall and Mid-Winter District Conventions—Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
 6. District Governor Elect Training Sessions— Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
 7. Liberty Day—Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
 8. NCLF Budget Hearings—Covered by NCLF (Rules of Audit apply).
 9. Special State Meetings requiring State Council Chairperson's presence—Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
- (Continued on Page 5)

10. North Carolina State Convention—Expenses not covered by State Convention are covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
11. International Convention—covered to the extent of available funds in State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.
- 12-Required Faxes, Postage, printing, phone calls, etc. covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item.

Notes:

- a. Council Chairperson gives report of Council of Governor's actions at all NCLF Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.
- b. Council Chairperson submits an article for each issue of the State newspaper.
- c. Council Chairperson works closely with the Council of Governors and State Secretary/Treasurer to formulate the State Council administrative budget.
- d. Council Chairperson works closely with the Council of Governors, State Promotions Chairperson, and State Secretary/Treasurer to formulate the State Promotions budget.
- e. Council Chairperson acts as MC for most of the functions at the NC State Convention.
- f. Council Chairperson acts as MC for State Breakfast and Caucus at the International Convention.
- g. Above duties-end events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for Council Chairperson.

Items/Events Not Covered under State Council Chairperson's budgeted item:

1. District Cabinet Installations
- 2.

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting—

“Vice Council Chairperson’s Responsibilities”

1. Coordinate Council of Governor's activities at the International Convention, during their training and until they officially become District Governors.
2. Chair meeting at the International Convention, after the Council has been sworn in, to officially elect their Council Chairperson and State Secretary/Treasurer.
3. Chair any Council of Governor's meeting, if the Council Chairperson is not available.
4. Represent the Council of Governors at any function, when the Council Chairperson is not available.
5. Past practice has been that the Vice Council Chairperson is offered, and has first right of refusal, to serve in the State Promotion Chairperson position during the following Lion's fiscal year.
6. Other functions as requested by the Council of Governors.

approved: At "open" State Council Meeting—

"State Secretary/Treasurer Selection Process"

State Constitution, Article V, Section 2 States:

The New State council shall elect a State council Secretary-Treasurer, who in the discretion of the State Council, may be other than a State council member, to a one-year term. No Lion may serve as State Council Secretary-Treasurer for more than five (5) consecutive one-year terms. The new State Council may, at its discretion, consult with the outgoing State Council concerning the performance of that Council's Secretary-Treasurer in considering the election of the Secretary-Treasurer for the new State Council.

1. Any active Lion interested in the position of State Secretary-Treasurer shall submit their name and resume of service to the currently serving Vice District Governors by December 31st.
2. The currently serving Vice District Governors will review these resumes, conduct interviews, and make their selection by the majority of a secret ballot. One Vice District Governor shall act as spokesperson for the group during these interviews.
3. The selection of the State Secretary-Treasurer shall be made at the February State Council Meeting.

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting—

“State Secretary Treasurer’s Duties Covered Under Budgeted Items”

1. State Council Meetings—Covered under budgeted item.
2. Managing State Administrative and Promotion Funds—Covered under budgeted item.
3. USA/Canada Forum, during first year only for training purposes—Covered under budgeted item.
4. Vice District Governor Elects Training Session—If requested by State Leadership Chairperson, Covered under budgeted item.
5. Fall and Mid-Winter District Conventions—Covered under budgeted item.
6. District Governor Elect and Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Training Sessions—If requested by State Leadership Chairperson, Covered under budgeted item.
7. State Convention—Covered under budgeted item,

Notes:

- a. State Secretary/Treasurer works closely with the Council Chairperson and Council of Governors to formulate the State Council administrative budget.
- b. State Secretary/Treasurer works closely with the Council Chairperson, Council of Governors, and State Promotions Chairperson, to formulate the State Promotions budget.
- c. State Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Council Chairperson, prepares the agenda for the State Council Meetings.
- d. State Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Promotions Chairperson prepares the agenda for the State Promotions Committee Meeting.
- e. State Secretary-Treasurer prepares financial statements for the State Council Meetings and the State Promotions Committee Meetings.
- f. Above duties and events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for State Secretary-Treasurer.

Items/Events not covered under State Secretary/Treasurer's budgeted item.

1. District Cabinet Installations
2. USA/Canada Forum (After 1st year)
3. VIP Fishing Tournament
4. Liberty Day
5. International Convention

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting—

"State Promotions Chairperson's Duties Covered Under Budgeted Item"

1. State Council & Promotions Meetings—Covered under budgeted item.
2. Fall & Mid-Winter District Conventions—Covered under budgeted item.
3. State Convention—Covered under budgeted item.
4. International Convention, if duties justify their presence as decided by the current Council of Governors—Covered under budgeted item.

Notes:

- a. Above duties and events are covered within the limit of the budgeted amount for the Promotions Chairperson.
 - b. Promotions Chairperson gives report at all State Council Meetings.
- c. Promotions Chairperson promotes attendance at the International Convention at State Council Meetings, Fall and Mid-Winter District Conventions, State Convention, and with articles in the State Newspaper.
- d. State Promotions Chairperson works closely with the Council of Governors and the State Secretary-Treasurer to formulate the State Promotions Budget.

Items/Events not covered under State Promotions Chairperson's budgeted item.

a. District Cabinet Installations

b. VIP Fishing Tournamentc.

c. Liberty Day

d. USA/Canada Forum (normally)

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting-

Free State Pin Promotion Policy

Free State Pins and amount, to promote North Carolina at the International

Convention, will be provided as follows:

1. Current District Governors—25 pins each.
2. Sitting Council Chairperson—25 pins.
3. District Governor Elects—50 pins each.
4. Sitting International Executive Officer—100 pins.
5. Past International Executive Officer—25 pins.
6. Sitting International Director—100 pins.
7. Immediate Past International Director (1 year) —50 pins.
8. Past International Directors—25 pins each.
9. Winning State Pin designer—25 pins.

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting—

"State Council/NCLF Meeting Room Expense Cost Sharing"

Charges incurred, for meeting rooms/space during the State Council and NCLF combined quarterly meetings, will be shared by the State Council and the North Carolina Lions Foundation on an equal (50-50) basis.

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting-

“North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame”

Purpose: Recognize and Honor the state's most Outstanding Lions

Who Decides: Council of Governors

Nominations: Any District may nominate and submit a resume for one (1) living and one (1) deceased Lion each year. The deadline for submissions is January 31st, so that the State Council may decide inductees at its February meeting.

Submissions should go to the State Secretary/Treasurer for distribution to the District Governors and Council Chairperson. Submissions should include pertinent information about the nominee including home Lions club, offices held, service activities, honors received, and current status.

Number Chosen: The State Council will select one (1) living and one (1) deceased Lion per year from the total nominations submitted for induction into the NC Lions Hall of Fame.

Induction: Honorees will be inducted or posthumously announced at the District Governor's Banquet during the Lion's State Convention.

Display of Honorees: Each Recipient's name and year will be shown at Camp Dogwood in an appropriate location. Honorees name and year may be shown on the North Carolina Lion's web site.

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting—

George Ohm

From: "Carolina Travel" <carolinatrvl@atmc.net>
To: "Brad Logsdon" <lion31f@nc.rr.com>
Cc: <ohmg@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2007 9:52 AM
Subject: Re; Emailing: BGH - COTTAGE COSTS

Sorry cannot make meeting this weekend....out of the country on business...Wondered if one of you could give this report?

Report for Boys and Girls Home
May 5, 2007

Thank you very much for having had the opportunity to serve one year as Boys and Girls Home State Chair. It has been a rewarding experience.

Many things have happened during this 2006/07 Lion Year.

The new Van was delivered to our Lions Cottage; the new roof was put on our Cottage this spring; many fundraising Lions events occurred throughout the State of North Carolina; Well over \$82,000 have been sent in to Boys and Girls Home for the Lions Cottage to date....expecting more before June 30th, 2007. We developed a plan to institute a yearly Christmas Trim the Tree party at Lions Cottage

Through the efforts of Lion Brad Logsdon a Civic Day, yard cleanup occurred making a tremendous difference in the Lions Cottage yard. We've had furniture pickups for Boys and Girls Home's Country Store.

Our latest gift came from Southern Pines Lions with a \$8,500 check for new beds, bedding, pillows, comforters, They also gifted each of our nine boys with a \$50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart.

Lions from throughout our State have really rallied together to make our Cottage a true home for our boys; and that is what our "Commitment to Serve" really means.

I have felt privileged to help. Thanks so much.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Anne Neroni

Attachment I

MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws Report (May 2007) By: Lion Dave Butler, PCC

Council Chairperson Martha, fellow Lions and guests. It's been a busy time for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee since our February meeting. The MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual was revised to conform to the State Council's requests. All members of the Constitution and By-Laws and the Long-Range Planning Committees were sent a copy of the revised manual by email or hard copy.

We then faced the challenge of composing a resolution to present to the delegates at the State Convention, due to the decision made by District 31-C to dissolve their District. We had two days to do this; so the Council of Governors could get copies, approve the resolution, and meet the deadline to get it in the next issue of the State Newspaper. A copy of the resolution is also attached to this report. All I can say is, thank goodness for the internet and telephone. I do need to read the resolution at this time to get formal approval for the official minutes of the State Council's actions.

As I stated at the last State Council meeting, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee will do a more in-depth study of the MD-31 Constitution and By-Laws and present any proposals in the 2007-2008 Lion's fiscal year.

Last evening at the open Council meeting I covered a proposed policy; for addition to the MD-31 Lion's Policy and Procedures Manual, titled "North Carolina Lion's Web Sites Administration Policy". I would like to recommend that a Council member make a motion at this time: To accept the proposed "North Carolina Lion's Web Sites Administration Policy", as edited on May 4, 2007. As our policy manual states, this policy will come before the next open State Council meeting for final Council approval to insert this policy in the State Policy Manual.

Thank You

Attachment J

North Carolina Lion's Web Sites Administration Policy

Using the World Wide Web is strongly encouraged in that it provides the Lions of North Carolina with a powerful tool to convey information quickly and efficiently on a broad range of topics relating to its activities, objectives, policies and programs.

Section 1: Each Web site shall have a clearly defined purpose that supports the mission of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the Lions of North Carolina and its respective districts and local subordinate clubs. The district governor, club president, or designee in accordance with official policies, shall approve the defined purpose and general content of the Web site.

- (a) Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the association shall be according to the guidelines established in the by-laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs.
- (b) The Web site must abide by all laws regarding copyrights, trademarks, and other intellectual property.
- (c) Non-copyrighted material, text, clip art, hypertext links, images and sound or video clips may be used only if they directly relate to the association's mission.
- (d) The Web site shall not contain any advertisements or commercial endorsements, except those which the International Association, state, district or club has approved and is deemed appropriate.
- (e) The Web site shall not engage in the electronic sale of merchandise, merchandise commissioned by the International Association, or competing products, without the approval of the association, state, district or subordinate clubs.
- (f) The Web site shall not contain any links direct to any sites that contain material that is not appropriate to the mission of the International association.

Section 2: For the purpose of preventing duplication on the Web, a Web site shall normally be limited only to information for which the establishing organization is responsible.

Section 3: Consistent with other leadership responsibilities for public and internal communication, the decision whether or not to establish a Web site, and to publish appropriate information that supports the mission of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the Lions of North Carolina and its respective districts and local subordinate clubs, falls to the district governor, club president, or designee.

- (a) No individual member may own the rights to a Web site.
- (b) Passwords of other identifying user names shall be maintained by the organization, its respective districts or local subordinate club.
- (c) The Web site should include an email contact address for reaching the person managing the site, so visitors can report any problems or concerns.

Section 4: Editorial control of a Web site's contents shall be the responsibility of the organization.

- (a) The contents of a Web site must be updated at least quarterly and maintained.

(b) A Web site that no longer provides accurate information about the organization, its leadership, programs or services, shall be discontinued and removed from the World Wide Web within a reasonable period of time-

Section 5: Who is responsible to review the club, district, and state Web sites and make recommendations to the State Council?

- (a) State Council "Information & Technology Committee".

Approved: At "open" State Council Meeting-

Attachment K
North Carolina State Extension Chairman
Report to Lions State Council
Winston Salem, North Carolina-May 5,2007

Hello, Mrs. Butler, I am Lion Houston Henderson, a volunteer with the local Lions Club. We are forming a new Lions Club in Your town. What to you know about what Lions do?

(Mrs. Butler) Very little; I believe they help the blind and maybe sell brooms.

(Lion Houston) That's right; we pay for eye examinations and buy glasses for the needy. We work with the deaf and hearing impaired; we help with other needs of individuals and the community. I see from the plaques on your wall, you an interested in helping people in need. How would you like to be a charter member of the new Humantown Lions Club and be a part of the largest service club organization in the world?

(Mrs. Butler) I think that would be great. What do I have to do?

They are not all that positive. They are not all that easy, but it does work. Working together, we can form new Lions Clubs across the State of North Carolina.

We held a workshop in District A and left them with the makings of Lions Clubs in Hendersonville, Saluda. Flat Rock and Fletcher. Two of these are near completion and the others are working. Groundwork was laid for the possibility of -a "Hispanic" club in Henderson County.

A joint workshop was held for District H & J in Kinston. This was a great joint project held in District H with several Lions from District J working to form new clubs in District HT We left members and prospects for four new clubs in District H. These are still developing.

A workshop was recently held in District E resulting in one new club in Kannapolis and the possibility of two more which are still in the oven.

Another extension workshop was just completed in District B where they recruited members and prospects for probably two new clubs. Leads were also developed for the possibility of a "Hispanic" club in the area.

Other Districts have also been working on extending the service of Lions in their areas. District F has chartered one or more clubs. District C has chartered a new club in Matthews (Charlotte area). I have not gotten the success stories from Districts D & G yet, but they too have been working on extending the service of Lions to the needy in their areas.

Fellow Lions, the needs of the people do not end on June 30 and restart on July 1. It is a continuing process. So is extension of our service. Governors, I know your year ends on June 30, but if you and your Vice Governor want a workshop before June 30, let me know, we can help! Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted.

History Committee

North Carolina Lions State Council

Winston Salem, NC

May 5, 2007

The History Committee has been busy collecting your articles and pictures. If your club still hasn't responded, please encourage the designated person to complete and submit the information.

I think the three groups we still need to hear from the most are the PDGs, PCCs, and Past NCLF Presidents. We want to include your articles also.

Our next meeting will be Sunday afternoon, June 10 at Camp Dogwood. For those who can't attend we'll have a conference Call set up. At this time we will work on our time table for completing the remaining work.

Diane Whitley, PCC

Chairperson, History Committee

North Carolina Lions
Information Technology Committee

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From: Michael H. Schwartz, Chairperson, Information Technology Committee

Re: Quarterly Report

Date: 5 May 2007

The Information Technology Committee would like to thank the Council of Governors for their support of a proposed Web site policy for the North Carolina Lions.

Our next project will be to develop a directory of Lions Clubs that have Web sites, which we hope to have completed by the start of the 2007-2008 Lion's year.

The Information Technology Committee continues the process of reviewing district and subordinate club Web sites for outdated or incorrect information. Since the last meeting of the Council of Governors, I have made contact with five clubs due to problems observed with their Web sites and each site has now been corrected or updated.

At our recommendation, the State Council has decided not to renew the contract with the company that has hosted our state Web site.

The Information Technology Committee continues to work with the Public Information & Education Committee on the development of a new state Web site. While we cannot explain the delay, the company hired to design the new state site is now working on our project. We hope to have the new state site designed and operating by the end of the fiscal year.

A new Web site for the North Carolina Lions VIP Fishing Tournament is in development and should be ready for viewing in May 2007. Once active, the committee will be asking district webmasters to add a hyper link on their sites to direct visitors to the new site. The address will be www.ncvipfishing.org.

LEADERSHIP SEVELOPMENT REPORT

Attachment "N"

Saturday, May 5, 2007

As you and your vice governor prepare and plan for the next Lions year, please do not forget to charge your district MERL team to begin the new year with a plan in place to grow your district membership. The two of you are instrumental in the planning and the direction taken by your district team. You should have everything ready to finish this year and start the new year without delay! Don't let this opportunity slip by.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

You should be in the final stages of planning leadership workshops for officers and cabinet members for next year. Multiple sessions within districts, meetings held for zone and region chair people, MERL team are some of the ways to reach more people and identify potential leaders. Leaders who are successful often plan and prepare in advance for that success.

DGE TRAINING

Our final training session was held in February for our district governor elects. Attendance at that session and previous sessions has been excellent. I am happy to report that all received passing grades and are ready for "graduate" work with PID Sid in Chicago. Good luck to all of you.

A very productive meeting with cabinet secretaries and treasurers was conducted by George Ohm. Thank you, George for that training.

Many thanks to Dave Butler, Elaine Shook and Ginny Woolard for leading morning and afternoon sessions with spouses of the governors elect.

Our first training session for the 2007-2008 vice district governors has been scheduled for May 11 and 12 a) Camp Dogwood. Please encourage your vice governors to attend this and ALL sessions that follow. Spouses are encouraged to attend and participate in this training.

Bob Shook, Chairman
Leadership Developme

MD 31 Liberty Day Report
State Council Meeting
May 5, 2007

Attachment "O"

Lion Martha Butler, PDG, Chair, MD 31
District Governors:

This year our committee adopted a goal to have at least 10% of the Lions Clubs in the State participate in one or more Liberty Day programs. Next year our goal is 20% and the year after-30%. We also wanted to increase attendance at our NC Liberty Day Celebration. To do this we needed to contact clubs across the state. According to preliminary reports through April, clubs have been involved in at least 40 programs. Committee members have presented the Liberty Day Program to at least 72 clubs, sowing seeds for future club participation. We now have to order new booklets for next year. We started the year with 44 boxes and now have only three.

At the suggestion of a First Flight Lion, after 2 proposed venues had been discarded, we planned and delivered a MD31 Liberty Day program at Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City that was very well attended. This year we honored the US Coast Guard. Our featured speaker was a Coast Guard female pilot. Lt. Jodi Popp enthralled over 200 juniors at Northeastern High School and visiting Lions from around the state with tales of the Coast Guard and involved them in discussions of the Constitution. Your Council Chair gave an excellent overview of MD 31 Lions Sight Conservation programs. Lion Rena Marshall led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented Lt Popp with a gift from NC Lions. Lion Sandy Rofecker explained the history of Liberty Day and DG Mike Flora introduced Lt. Popp. Nags Head-Lion President Angelo Sonnesso, sang our national anthem and the three local Lions Clubs, Elizabeth City, Elizabeth City River City and Weeksville hosted an excellent reception for the Lions and the speaker. Committee chairs from 7 of the 9 districts attended the event. About 173rd of the clubs in District J were represented at this event which was covered extensively in the Elizabeth City and State Lions Newspapers.

Our committee worked hard this year to meet our goals.

Lion Sandy Hofecker in District A, planned to speak to all of her clubs and by the end of March she was well on her way to doing so. Her best program was at Henderson High School where a retired Navy Captain wove the Liberty Day theme and his own experiences abroad into a talk to an enthusiastic audience. Lion Sandy has given out over 500 booklets.

Lion Doris Howard in District B, presented the Liberty Day program to seven clubs in

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Lion Renea Bennett in District D, whose excellent District Newsletter article with photos in the October issue covered the history of Liberty Day and a program at Dobson Middle School in Dobson, NC, reported visiting 7 clubs with 2 more scheduled.

Lions Braxton and Sarah Troublefield, in District E, report that 11 clubs conducted programs in their district and that they have visited 2 clubs and have one more scheduled. Churchland and Salisbury had particularly successful programs with good student participation.

Lion Eugene Porter, District G attended 4 Zone Meetings and presented each of 22 clubs with a handout of his remarks on Liberty Day. He also presented additional programs at Fuquay-Varina, Holly Springs and North Raleigh Clubs.

Lion Rena Marshall, District F involved more than 100 Girl Scouts in programs at Hoffman Elementary, Monroe Avenue Elementary, Robbins Elementary, Hamlet Lions Club and Falling Creek Recreation Center.

Lion Anne Neroni in District H presented the program to six clubs. Hampstead Lions Club presented a program for 200 students at the local High School.

In District J on March 16 (James Madison's birthday) the Liberty Day Team from First Flight Fourth Grade in Kill Devil Hills went to the Post Office and Library and passed out booklets to help adults answer their questions on the Constitution. First Flight Lions Club will also give out five \$100.00 bonds for the five best essays on Liberty written by First Flight High School Juniors. Weeksville, Elizabeth City and Elizabeth City River City participated in the NC Liberty Day celebration at Northeastern High School on March 30, 2007. Including one Jungle Prowler in Coinjock, I spoke to nine clubs about Liberty Day. PDG Rhett White spoke to the Columbia Lions Club about Liberty Day.

Lion Jim Sasser, District C, who is deeply involved in Camp Dogwood this year, found time to do five programs for 770 middle and high school students for South Park Lions club and one Scouts/Liberty Day program at a post office for about 100 people. Thanks, Jim.

If Liberty Day were to be included in programs necessary for a 100% club award, participation would increase over the next few years. Our committee recommends this inclusion.

LCIF Committee

Attachment "P"

Report to the MD 31 Council

Winston-Salem, NC

May 5, 2007

A few months ago I placed an e-mail out on the network which gave our history of LCIF contributions and grants since 1995. Several of you have asked for that information again, so I am placing it in this report to you.

LCIF Contributions from North Carolina Lions (1995-2006):

\$1,028,363

Grants received by North Carolina Lions from LCIF (1995-2006):

\$2,285,074

As you can see, we have had a good return on our money. Most **Lions do not** know that we are getting back much more than we are giving to LCIF.

Most recently, the following LCIF grants were approved by the International Board in March, 2007:

- **To District 31B—\$20,000** to assist with the Lions Ophthalmologic Mission to Bolivia. ^
- **To Multiple District 31—\$75,000** to assist in new dormitory construction at Camp Dogwood.
- **To District 31C—\$15,000** assistance for a Lions Habitat Home-Charlotte.

That is a total of **\$110,000** in grants just for March of this year!

The major thrust for LCIF right now is Campaign SightFirst II, but as you can see the regular LCIF grant program works. Money is being spent worldwide, but we in North Carolina have certainly reaped far more benefits than most of our Lions know.

Harvey F. Whitley. PCC

State LCIF Chairperson

2006-2007

Attachment "Q"

Campaign SightFirst II Report

MD 31 Council Meeting

Winston-Salem, NC

May 5, 2007

In a letter to you last week, I reported on a "halftime" meeting held in Raleigh on March 3 and led by PID Scott Storms and PCC Bill Filmore. Included with that letter was a report on club participation as well as goals/pledges received. I have attached a similar update in this report which brings our totals up through April 27.

As you can see, we are still very low on club participation. Only about 19% of the clubs in our state have made an official report to International about their intentions.

As of April 27, goals/pledges reported for North Carolina totaled \$212,124. If you take a look you will see where your district stands. I would like to commend District Coordinator Carlton Weeks of 31 H for the outstanding work he has done recently in securing two Model Clubs and bringing his districts total to almost \$62,000.

How did Carlton achieve this? He told me that, after he attended our "halftime" meeting in Raleigh, that he decided to take our advice and emphasize the strategy of personal pledges from the members. He found out that many Lions were willing to make personal pledges if they were just asked. He said "it was so simpler—just ask. Does that remind you of anything? Membership maybe?

The personal pledge, process qualified two of his clubs in 31H for Model Club status—over \$400/member. District Coordinator David Smoot is also using the personal pledge strategy to build 31 E's total and is working to get several Model Clubs there.

District 3 ID'S Greensboro Gate City club is now a Model Club. Why? It came about through the efforts of Lion Jim Birdwell taking the 16 minute video and showing it to his members. He said that after about a five minute discussion, his club decided that they could easily support the CSF II program and many signed pledge cards.

As we learned in Raleigh, the biggest problem we have right now is a communications problem. Not enough Lions in clubs have been given information about this program. I hope that each of you has included it in your District Governor club address. Some of you have included it in your newsletters. However, the main problem has been getting the Group Coordinators to visit the five or six clubs they were assigned and give the information. As Carlton Weeks says, it is simple, but if we don't do it then it won't make any difference.

Group Coordinators are the key. Just like Zone chairs, they are the most important link.

I gave a program for Zone Chairs for 2007-2008 from 31 A, 31 B, 31 D, and 3 IE on April 28 at Camp Dogwood. Some of these Zone Chairs are also serving as Group Coordinators, so hopefully they will be even better prepared to do their jobs next year.

International has set June 15-16 in Atlanta as a strategy session for all District Coordinators and Sector Coordinators. So far we have a commitment from all districts **except** 31A, 31C, 3 IF, and 31J. Each District Coordinator was sent an e-mail invitation with a report back date of April 24, which is long past. The invitation stated that if the DC could not attend; try to send an alternate so that each district is represented. I need your help in getting your district represented. All expenses are paid for this event, but we must know who is coming now so that proper planning can take place at the hotel for rooms and meals as well as airfare for those not driving.

At this years State Convention, we will have a static display for CSF II. We will also be placing CSF II literature in the participant packets as well as placing it on the tables at the Tailtwisters breakfast. It is also my understanding that rather than a seminar, I will be presenting a report/program to the General Meeting. I have spoken to Council Chair Martha Butler about taking time on Saturday night to recognize our four current CSF II Model Clubs with a certificate. Hopefully, we will have more than four clubs by convention time.

Council Chair-elect Steve Wilson has indicated to me that next years council is considering doing another car raffle similar to what was done last year. That will be a big boost.

I appreciate the opportunity I have had to work with this Council, but our year is not done yet. I have heard many of you say that now that you have completed your club visits, you will concentrate on membership. I would like to suggest to you another "M" to include in your agenda over the next two months. That would be Mission—our mission of "We Serve". I have been told that the best way to recruit members is to tell them what Lions do. SightFirst II can give you a good start on telling about what we do—as well as what we have proudly done as a humanitarian organization. Membership and Mission—they go together, don't you think?

Harvey F. Whitley, PCC
Sector Coordinator 1-3-A
2005-2008

Current Participation

As of April 27, 2007

- 31A: 5 of 50 clubs
- 31B: 6 of 39
- 31C: 4 of 35
- **31D:** 4 of 43
- 31 E: 14 of 44
- 31F: 8 of 51
- 31G: 9 of 40
- 31H: 16 of 40
- 31J: 7 of 43
- **Total: 73 of 385 clubs 19% participation!**

CSFII Goals for MD 31

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • 31A: Goal: \$131,381 | Raised: \$8,802 (as of 4/27/07) |
| • 31B: Goal: \$112,439 | |
| • 31C: Goal: \$85,482 | Raised: \$16,295 |
| • 31D: Goal: \$140,609 | Raised: \$12,400 |
| • 31E: Goal: \$122,638 | Raised: \$23,000 |
| • 31F: Goal: \$150,201 | Raised: \$40,184 |
| • 31G: Goal: \$145,345 | Raised: \$24,200 |
| • 31H: Goal: \$111,497 | Raised: \$19,698 |
| • 31J: Goal: \$108,917 | Raised: \$61,679 |
| | Raised: \$5,865 |
- Total \$1,108,480 based of **\$121** average per member

Attachment "R"

State Leo Chairpersons Report - May 2007

A. Paul Smith, Chairperson

Frances Coates (A)

Johnny Davis (B)

Caroline Domenig (D)

Terry Cauble (E)

Robert Gunther (F)

Sultan Piersall (G)

Bernard and Diane Shear (H)

Rhett White (J)

First I want to thank those District Leo Chairs who have helped me through this year. I could not have done the various things without your help and enthusiasm, particular starting all the new clubs in the various Districts. (C, E, G and J)

Second I wish to thank all who helped put together the Leo State Convention that was held the weekend of March 30, 31 and April 1. Many were advisors in the clubs and not a "Lion" as such. Also there was help from the Lions Clubs themselves in organizing the Leo Clubs individually.

I will give you a little summary of the Leo State Convention. There were six Leo Clubs present with some not able to stay the whole weekend. The Saturday morning speaker was Jeremiah Rogers for the Metrolina Association for the Blind, He answered all the questions that the Young People had. The speaker did say before the question and answer time, "The only bad question that cannot be asked is asking nothing at all" so all question were asked and answered. In addition to the time together was a Hospitality Room in the evenings after the meals.

Also the young people performed a service to the Camp personnel by sorting out glasses. They were told at that time that the "Lionism" Newspaper would have a page for them each time in the paper (you can see the first addition of the article in the Spring Addition which you have received already)

Again thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve with these young people.

The person who will be taking the position next year is from District E, Terry Cauble.

A Paul Smith

State Leo Chair

NC Lions State Council Meeting
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Holiday Inn -May 5th. 2007

Attachment "S"

MERL: State Membership Chair PDG Gene Everette - Report

First I would like to congratulate District A and District E on the Membership/Extension Workshop in which they held in their respective District with "Great Results"..., New Clubs and increase in Members!

Second, Congratulations to District F for moving out of the transition status with a 1280+ Membership and forming a New Club.

Third, I would like to say "ThankYou⁹" to the clubs that have invited me to present a Membership/Orientation Program during the Special Prospective Membership Meeting in which they held to promote *Lionism*.

Fourths the status of our Nine Districts through March 2007 shows that we have ONLY TWO Clubs in the (+) Membership Column thus far this Lionistic Year. Currently these are the statistics (March):

- 31A - 85/New, 133/Lost 2 054/Total Membership -48
- 31B-50/New 94/Lost 908/Total Membership -44 \ ' !
- 31C- 36/New 61/Lost 677/Total Membership -25
- 31D-78/New 95/Lost 1148/Total Membership-17
- 31E- 90/New 72/Lost 1034/Total Membership+18
- 31F-197/New 161/Lost 1280/Total Membership +36
- 31G- 78/New Ill/Lost 1169/Total Membership -J^/
- 31H- 64/New 90/Lost 906/Total Membership -26
- 31 J- 53/New 80/Lost 890/Total Membership-27

Totals: 731/New 898/Lost 9066/Total Members -167

Fifth, LCI is offering another incentive to increase our Membership by presenting the New

Family Unit Certification...which also, will reduce the membership dues of the second, etc. family members that live in the same household Forms can be secured online and printed out. Club Secretary must verify and sign form before LCI will accept Due date May 31 for 2007/2008.

Also, Lions International has sent out from time to time the Names of Prospective Members that have answered from their Web Advertisements on LCI Membership...How to join the Lions. I have forwarded these names as I received them to either the District Membership Chair —District Governor — or local Club President that would be the closest contact to that individual I hope that they have been followed-up on.

Sixth, as I have stated before. In order for us to increase our Membership in our respective Clubs, we must get our clubs to activate the Three Member "MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE" within their own club and have "Special Programs" on Lionism and promote membership incentive programs...utilize the Districts MERL Team within the clubs.

Seventh. Clubs must make their "Induction and Orientation" of New Members interesting, exciting and impressive. Be sure to have and updated Membership Packet, Pin and Personal Membership Certificate (framed) for presentation to the new member. Might invite a Past District Governor or current District Governor, etc. to do the induction and presentation

Eighth: In closing, we know that New Members don't usually come knocking at the door on their own, WE MUST extend an invitation for them to come to a Lions Meeting and introduce them to LIONISM! So do the simple thing and "ASK"!

*PDG Gene Everette
State Membership Chair*

Attachment "T"

Past International Directors Sid Scruggs, Lacy Presnell, Howard Stallings.
State Council Chairman Martha Butler and
State Secretary/Treasurer George Ohm

District Governors

The Council of Governors passed a resolution to endorse Past international Director Sid Scruggs III for the high office of 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International for 2007-2008.

The motion passed unanimously.

PDG Alien Deaton,
State Nominations Chairman

Past International Directors Sid Scruggs, Lacy Presnell, Howard
Stallings.
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District Governors

District 31- A has elected Lion Paulette Gasperson from the Pisgah Forest Lions Club for District Governor for 2007-08, and Lion Mike Covell of the Hendersonville Lions Club as Vice District Governor 2007-08.

District 31-F has elected Lion Tommy Brooks from Laurinburg Lions club as District Governor and Lion David R. Martin of the Sanford Lions Club as Vice District Governor for 2007-08.

District 31-G has elected Lion Wayne McGohan of the Oxford Lions Club as District Governor-elect for 2007-08 and Lion Jerry Day from the Raleigh Host Lions as Vice District Governor.

The Following Districts are Transitional, and thus cannot elect their own District Governors:

District 31-B has submitted Lion James F. Foster of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club as District Governor elect and Lion Gerald Mertz of South Iredell Lions Club as Vice District Governor for 2007-08.

District 31-C has submitted Lion John T .James as District Governor elect and Lion Mike Schwartz of the Gaston Evening Lions Club as Vice District Governor for 2007-08.

District 31- D has submitted Lion B.B. "Butch" Oliver from the Asheboro Lions Club for District Governor elect. No candidate for Vice District Governor has come forward at this time.

District 31-E has submitted Lion Sydney-Eudy from-the Harrisburg Lions Club for District Governor elect and Lion H. Gordon McAdams from the Fair Grove Lions Club as Vice District Governor for 2007-2008.

District 31-H has submitted Lion George E. Fisher from the New Bern Lions Club as District Governor elect and will elect Lion Carlton Weeks from the Mt. Olive Lions Club as Vice District Governor.

District 31-J has submitted Lion Herman "Bud" Miller from the Rocky Hock Lions Club for District Governor. They have elected Lion Alex Thannikkary from the. Roanoke Rapids Lions Club as Vice District Governor.

PDG Alien Deaton,
State Nominations Chairman

May 5, 2007

Attachment "U"

MD 31 Statewide Retention Committee Report
I. Frank Brooks, Jr. PDG
Statewide Retention Committee Chairperson

Dear Council of Governors,

The retention component of our Statewide MD-31 MERL Team would like to express thanks to all of you for your support, enthusiasm, and encouragement as we sought to correct some of our membership problems with retention this past year.

We are hopeful that the information shared with all (9) Districts through the printing and distribution of our revised MERL: Teamwork For Growth booklet and other information will be utilized to promote a shared and concentrate effort to correct our membership growth and retention problems.

Membership growth and development are inseparable from retention. We must understand that retaining a Lion begins the moment a person is invited to become a Lion. It's an act of futility if we wait until a Lion stops attending meetings, stops participating in club functions, and stops paying dues before implementing a retention strategy.

Presidents and Club Leaders must not underestimate their impact for increasing and retaining membership on club as well as district level. We continue to stress development and structure of the (3) three person membership committee on individual club level and MERL Team on district level. Retention of more experienced Lions also needs to be a priority. Those Lions who have worked very hard for their clubs and Lionism 15, 20, 25 or more years tend to "slow down", but maintain a wealth of knowledge. Keep them involved by asking for their help on a project or event, but **"KEEP THEM INVOLVED"**!

It is important that people joining Lionism, in conjunction with current members understand their value to the best service organization in the world. Please encourage and maintain positive communications with **ALL** your members..... keep the lines open and operating.

In closing I would like to congratulate all of you on your past year of service to Lionism, MD-31 and the great state of North Carolina. Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your statewide retention committee chairperson, component of MD-31 MERL Team. I look forward to continuing to serve with our Council of Governors-Elect for 2007-2008.

Respectfully Submitted,