

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS-REGULAR MEETING  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 36-OREGON/NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

August 15, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

Time: 1:00 pm

Council Members Present: Council Chair, Paul Zastrow; Council Vice Chair, PDG Bob Chaney; Sheri Young, District Governor 36-O; Kerith Vance, 2VDG 36-O; Linda Stent, District Governor 36-R; Lynn Coon, 1VDG 36-R; Carolee Blatter, District Governor 36-E; Steve Brewster, 1VDG 36-E; Danny Hawkes, 2VDG 36-E; John Taylor, District Governor 36-G; Executive Administrator/Council Secretary-Treasurer PCC Vincent Bishop; and Leah Hawes, MD36 Executive Secretary. **Reference Attachment #1 for others in attendance.**

1. Call to Order: CC Paul Zastrow called the Council of Governors Zoom meeting to order on August 15, 2020 at 1:08pm.  
The meeting was held via Zoom.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG John Taylor.  
Invocation was given by PCC Sharon Rollins.  
Introduction of Guests: Ray Montgomery joined the meeting and is President of the Astoria Lions.
2. Additions to Agenda:
  - a) DG Sheri Young requested adding a 10 a) to the minutes to discuss the wording of the Chapter in the Policy Manual concerning Oregon Lions Prepared (ALERT).
  - b) DG Sheri Young wanted to add under 11 a) to the minutes to discuss Succession Planning.
  - c) Charlene Larsen wanted to add under 11 b) to the minutes to discuss membership dues for the Oregon VOAD for the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 Lions year.
3. Approval of Minutes of July 2, 2020 Council Meeting. **Motion** made by DG John Taylor to approve the Minutes of July 2, 2020 Council Meeting. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Carolee Blatter. **Motion carried.**
4. Council Chair Report: CC Paul Zastrow. **Reference Attachment #2.**
5. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley. PID Sunny shared that the leadership medals have arrived. It will up to last year's DG's to decide when they want to present these leadership medals. She has convention speakers for the 2020-2021 Lions year and, to her joy, she is receiving convention dates for the 2021-2022 Lions year. She is working to see what International Director's might be available.
6. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #3.** PCC Vincent added that we should be coming in under the budgeted amounts for both the directory and the magazine (with the cleaning up of the labels). We reduced the number of copies printed for both and this should result in a significant savings. The OLSHF also wanted 200 copies and they are paying for those and for the shipping of them directly to the OLSHF. They will be giving those to the Sight & Hearing Chairs of the clubs in the Multiple District. Lots of discussion.
7. District Governors Reports:
  - District 36-O: DG Sheri Young. **Reference Attachment #4.** DG Sheri wondered about whether we should prepare a white paper or a "direction sheet or outline" on how to apply for LCIF funds, QUEST, COVID.. (for disaster relief and in other areas) and how to be effective in their response. PCC Sharon Rollins replied that LCIF website is excellent and very helpful and has detailed information for each type of grant; there is no need to reinvent the wheel. The COVID applications needed to be requested by midnight on June 30, 2020, unless LCIF decides to reopen this grant. DG John Taylor added that he was in Chicago in February, 2020, when the Umatilla floods occurred so no one was there locally and they missed the 7-day window to apply for the LCIF grant. They then had difficulty finding anyone to give them information and they missed the 60-day window to apply for the larger grant. DG Sheri expressed her concern about how she, Charlene Larsen or DG John Taylor know how to let the local people know how to get the information that is needed in a timely manner to apply for the needed funds.  
District 36-R: DG Linda Stent. **Reference Attachment #5.** DG Linda added that she is working on membership numbers. Lion Linda also added she had a productive President's training meeting via Zoom and PCC Rod Bach led it. PCC Rod did a powerpoint presentation that he borrowed from an East Tennessee Lions Club, with their permission, and it is available if anyone wants to use it.

District 36-E: DG Carolee Blatter. **Reference Attachment #6.**

District 36-G: DG John Taylor. **Reference Attachment #7.** DG John said he has met with clubs some hybrid – online/in person. DG John has reached out to 30 club presidents and got a 10% response. DG John shared that Pendleton received a \$3,500 grant for Sight and Hearing program costs from the Walla Walla Foundation to spend in the next year. And another \$10,000 COVID grant for PPE has been distributed. Also, Hermiston was presented with an i-MOP cleaning system that cleans hospital floors. We're doing the best we can during this "new normal."

8. Incoming Council Report: PDG Bob Chaney. No report.

9. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Judith Poage. **Reference Attachment #8.**

10. Unfinished Business:

a) Policy Manual. DG Sheri Young would like to discuss with PCC Gail Black adding "disaster," "disaster preparation and response," or "disaster resilience," or something along those lines in the chapter regarding Oregon Lions Prepared (ALERT). PCC Gail said they could definitely discuss this.

11. New Business:

a) Succession Planning. For several positions we need to prepare for training people who may be interested in positions that are currently held in the event someone steps down from a position they have held for some time. CC Paul suggested this be a topic at the upcoming GAT meeting which is scheduled in the next week or two.

b) Membership dues for Oregon VOAD. The Multiple District will pay \$75.00 to join ORVOAD for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Lions Year.

12. Lions Vision Gift Report: Susan Meikle Stoops – Chairman. **Reference Attachment #9.**

13. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PDG Hank Calhoun Chairman. **Reference Attachment #10.**

14. 15 minute break – was skipped.

15. MD36 Standing Committee Chairmen Reports:

**Awards, Honors & Contests:** Carol Swesso & Carrie Bartley, Co-Chairs. **Reference attachment #11.**

In addition to the two page report that was submitted, Lion Carol suggested that clubs consider honoring their long-time members with Lifetime Memberships. She thinks these could be presented at the Awards luncheon. Possibly one from each district per year. Something to please consider.

**Camp Representatives:** PDG Doug Fiala, Chair, absent. No report.

**Canine Services:** Emily Blakely, Chair, **Reference attachment #12.**

**Constitution & By-Laws:** PDG Don Roach, Chair. **Reference attachment #13.**

**Convention Operating:** PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #14.**

**Credentials:** Jim Vincent, Chair, absent. No report.

**Diabetes Awareness:** PDG Garry Charbonneau, Chair, absent. No report.

**Environmental:** Jesse Orozco, Chair, absent. No report.

**Finance & Budget:** Brian Rangitsch, Chair, absent. No report.

**Global Action Team:** CC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #15.**

**Global Leadership Team:** PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. **Reference attachment #16.**

**Global Membership Team:** PDG Judith Poage, Chair. **Reference attachment #17.**

**Global Service Team:** PDG Tom Hilgers, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #18.**

**Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action:** PDG Red Rowley, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #19.**

**Hunger Relief:** 2VDG Kerith Vance, Chair. **Reference attachment #20.**

**International Participation:** PCC Steve Thomson, Chair. PCC Steve spoke. He shared this committee has not met yet this year; he did call everyone towards the end of June. He had a particularly good conversation with PDG Rennie Cleland who suggested it would be a good idea to have a new member orientation at the Multiple District Convention. He will talk to PCC Joyce about this.

**International Understanding & Cooperation:** PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair. **Reference attachment #21.**

**Internet Technology:** Tim McGlothlin, Chair, absent. No report.

**LCIF:** PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference attachment #22.** PCC Sharon urged clubs to sign onto Campaign 100 and become a donor club to LCIF. So many dollars are going out, that they need money to come back in so they can help more people. We get so much more from LCIF than we have ever contributed. DG Sheri Young added that with the CARE Act individuals should be aware that if you take standard deductions you can also deduct \$300 in cash donations to a non-profit. And, if you can do a larger amount, you can deduct up to the full amount of your taxable income and spread that out over 5 years. PID Sunny added that it would be nice to promote and celebrate Melvin Jones at every convention.

**Long Range Planning:** PID Sonja Pulley, Chair. No report.

**MD36 International Vision & Health Clinic:** Kay Freeman, Fran and Ron Shaw, Co-Chairs, all absent. No report.

**Opportunity for Youth:** CHAIR: OPEN

**Leos:** Jesse Orozco, Chair, absent. No report.

**Lions Quest:** PDG Jim Jagers, Chair. **Reference attachment #23.**

**Peace Poster:** PDG John Hamstreet, Chair, absent. No report.

**Scouting:** Darrell Bennett, Chair. Lion Darrell spoke and shared that the Boy Scouts of America changed their name last year to Scouts BSA as they now allow girls. He added that with COVID they are having zoom meetings; online merit badge training; and if they do meet outside they are only allowed 10 scouts and 2 advisors to limit the number of people interacting.

**SMART:** PDG Holly Sparks, Chair, absent. No report.

**Youth Exchange:** PDG Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #24.**

**Oregon Lion Magazine:** PCC Vincent Bishop, Chair. No report.

**Oregon Lions Earth Angels:** Sue Jagers, Chair, absent. **Reference attachment #25.**

**Oregon Lions Prepared (ALERT):** Charlene Larsen, Chair. **Reference attachment #26.**

**Pediatric Cancer:** PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference attachment #27.** PCC Sharon added that she has been working with Lion Fae Lloyd and, hopefully with 2-3 other Lions from other districts, they want to start long-range planning for event(s) that would include some kind of physical movement on our part: for example cancer walks to raise money for pediatric cancer research. Maybe we have one walk in each district? People could get pledges and we could have a nice time together taking a walk to benefit pediatric cancer research. Keep reading what is coming out: there is an amazing amount of research being done on pediatric cancer. MD36 is not going to ignore this service area.

**Policy Manual:** PCC Gail Black, Chair. **Reference attachment #28.** PCC Gail added that Dale Rollins is taking on the "housekeeping" tasks meaning that he is correcting typos and such that don't need Council approval. Also, she let DG Sheri Young know that they could get together via telephone or through email or however to discuss the wording she would like to see in the Chapter of the Policy Manual regarding Oregon Lions Prepared (ALERT). There are also some chapters that still need some more attention. She wanted to thank her wonderful committee for all of their hard work.

**Protocol/Parliamentarian:** PDG Judy Giorgi, Chair. **Reference attachment #29.** PDG Judy brought up the appropriateness of saying the pledge of allegiance over the internet. She looked up the Flag Code and feels it is very specific: that people need to stand facing the flag and place their right hand over their heart. She is thinking that if meetings are via Zoom the saying of the pledge shouldn't occur. Lots of discussion.

**Public Relations & Lions Information:** Carrie Swesso Bartley & Carol Swesso, Co-Chairs. **Reference attachment #30.** Lion Carrie readdressed the topic of creating a MD36 Facebook page that would have 8 administrators; 2 from each district (including her and Carol representing O and E) to post club information and bring the entire state together to share ideas and promote togetherness. (See Attachment #11 at bottom of page 2 for lengthier explanation of this proposal.) She feels we are missing this opportunity. **Motion** made by DG John Taylor that the Council of Governors supports the Public Relations Committee in taking the lead in creating and administering a MD36 Facebook page dedicated to MD36 Lions' postings. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Carolee Blatter. **Motion carried.** Lion Carrie said she would reach out to the 4 Cabinet Secretaries and District Governors to see who they would like to appoint for their individual districts.

**Sight Preservation & Awareness:** PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair, absent. No report.

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum:** Carol King, Chair, absent. CC Paul said to please look on the md36lionsclubs.org website for information on this Virtual Forum. It is an unbelievable bargain at \$20 for 3 days of educational virtual forums. It is open to ALL LIONS and they have put a cap of 3,000 attendees so please register soon as it is coming up: September 25-27, 2020!

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:**

**NWLLI:** OPEN. No report. (PCC Joyce had included in her GLT report on page 2 that due to COVID restrictions and concerns, the event planned for May was changed to September 2020 and has now been postponed until June 2021. MD19 is asking if we would like to change when we sponsor this and have MD36 be the sponsor starting in 2022.)

**Pin Trading:** PDG Bob Hoover, President, absent. No report.

**16. Additions/Announcements:** PID Dennis Tichenor shared that he learned earlier today that Dr. Richard (Dick) Chenoweth passed at 4am this morning. He was a legend in the sight and hearing foundation. He is the reason we have the eye bank; the reason we have the foundation; and he is the reason we have an office at Good Samaritan Hospital because he raised most of the money. PID Dennis added that when he was Chairman of the Foundation 37 years ago, there was a shortfall of a significant amount of money and Dick wrote a check to cover it. He was a giant of a man and he put his money where his mouth was. He loved the lions.

**17. Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm. The next Council meeting will be November 14, 2020 at the Springfield Justice Center at 1:00pm. (or via Zoom if conditions require that.)

Attendance Sheet  
Meeting of the Council of Governors  
August 15, 2020  
Via Zoom

- Paul Zastrow
- Leah Hawes
- Carolee Blatter
- Jane Thomas
- Jim Jagers
- Gail Black
- Joyce Anderson
- Darrell Bennett
- Lynn Coon
- Steve Thomson
- Sharon Rollins
- Bob Chaney
- Steve Brewster
- Danny Hawkes
- Charlene Larsen
- John Taylor
- Kerith Vance
- Linda Stent
- Judy Giorgi
- Hank Calhoun
- Dennis Tichenor
- Vincent F. Bishop
- Sonja Pulley
- Carol Swesso
- Ray Montgomery
- Judith Poage
- Sheri Young

## Council Chair Report

8/15/20 Council of Governors Zoom mtg.  
Prepared by CC Paul Zastrow

Welcome to the first full Council of Governors meeting of the Lions MD-36 2020-2021 year, and that it will hopefully, be the last via social media only! Although the corona virus has had a very negative impact for our Lions Clubs, most have not decreased the 20% projection loss. That being said, in times of difficulty we truly need more hands to give the service that is necessary, so recognition and accolades to those who have recruited new Lions into our tribe. In the years I've been a Lion, the trend mostly has been down in numbers in each of our districts. We've experienced any number of drives to increase – new clubs, focus on retention, branch clubs and more, yet the numbers still go down. We as an organization have not really kept up with the changing demographics of the population as a whole. Although we have done a good job responding with social media meetings, that is only one issue where we have successfully embraced change. Think even yet of the number of members without email, or who have internet service so slow or sporadic it might as well be said to be missing!

So – what can be done about it? NAMI, the North American Membership Initiative, if followed and embraced, will change our membership direction to positive numbers. But it will take all of us – some discomfort – to ensure its success. In hand with the efforts of the Global Action Team(s) instituted several years ago, NAMI should give us the push needed for this change. Each District has their own GAT and NAMI, but Zones and Clubs must become more involved in seeking and recruiting new Lions. I'm more hopeful that we can accomplish greatness via personal involvement in this endeavor with net growth in many clubs, most zones and all the Districts. Let's get started, organized in planning and more it forward.

August 15, 2020  
Council of Governors  
Executive Administrator/council Secretary/Treasurer Report

Council, Welcome to a new year of Lionism. Our state office continues to run smoothly handling monthly duties including our monthly magazine, monthly financial reports, answering the many inquiries that come from Lions and our communities even during this time of great challenges. I remind each of you to notify the state office if you have any changes to the state directory. Leah continues to work on keeping our website up to date.

Remember your articles due dates in order to get them publish each month. We also reviewed the mailing labels for the Oregon Lion, to which was found that a great many people were on the label list which had dropped from their club membership but still getting the magazine. That was over 1200 labels that were used to mail the magazine out too which not paying dues. That has been corrected.

After each Council meeting Leah will send out an email to let you know that you can access the minutes online to review and download. If you find any corrections, please send to Leah and it will also need to be announced at the next council meeting.

State directories are sent to each club, each Governor including their cabinet, MD Officers and MD committee chairs. Extras are sold for \$5 per book. We have extras of the directories that anyone can buy.

Governors don't forget to turn in your monthly expense reports on a timely manner. This is very important as it will affect future Governor's budget that they are given for their year from Lions Clubs International for reimbursement of their monthly expense permitted by LCI's rules of audit. By not turning in your reports it will reduce next year's Governors expense reimbursement. If you have any questions or need help please don't hesitate to ask me.

Financial reports through June 30, 2020 are still being reviewed and updated for yearend adjustments. The year-end statement when completed will be sent to the finance committee for review. Council will see the report by next council meeting. Our MD net membership ended for the year 2019-2020 at a minus 155 members, bring our total membership down to 3164 with 133 clubs as of June 30, 2020. In July 2020 we loss 37 more members and one club. District E was the only district to have a gain for the month of July. Districts are having a challenge from collecting dues from a few clubs, which in turn are not paying total amount due to the MD 36. Right now, this isn't affecting our cash flow materially, but it could in the future if this trend continues. We have also had a few requests to write off dues owed to the MD by cabinet treasurers due to club billing errors or nonpayment of dues. I have done ten years of graphs of our membership by month to show what has been happening to our districts.

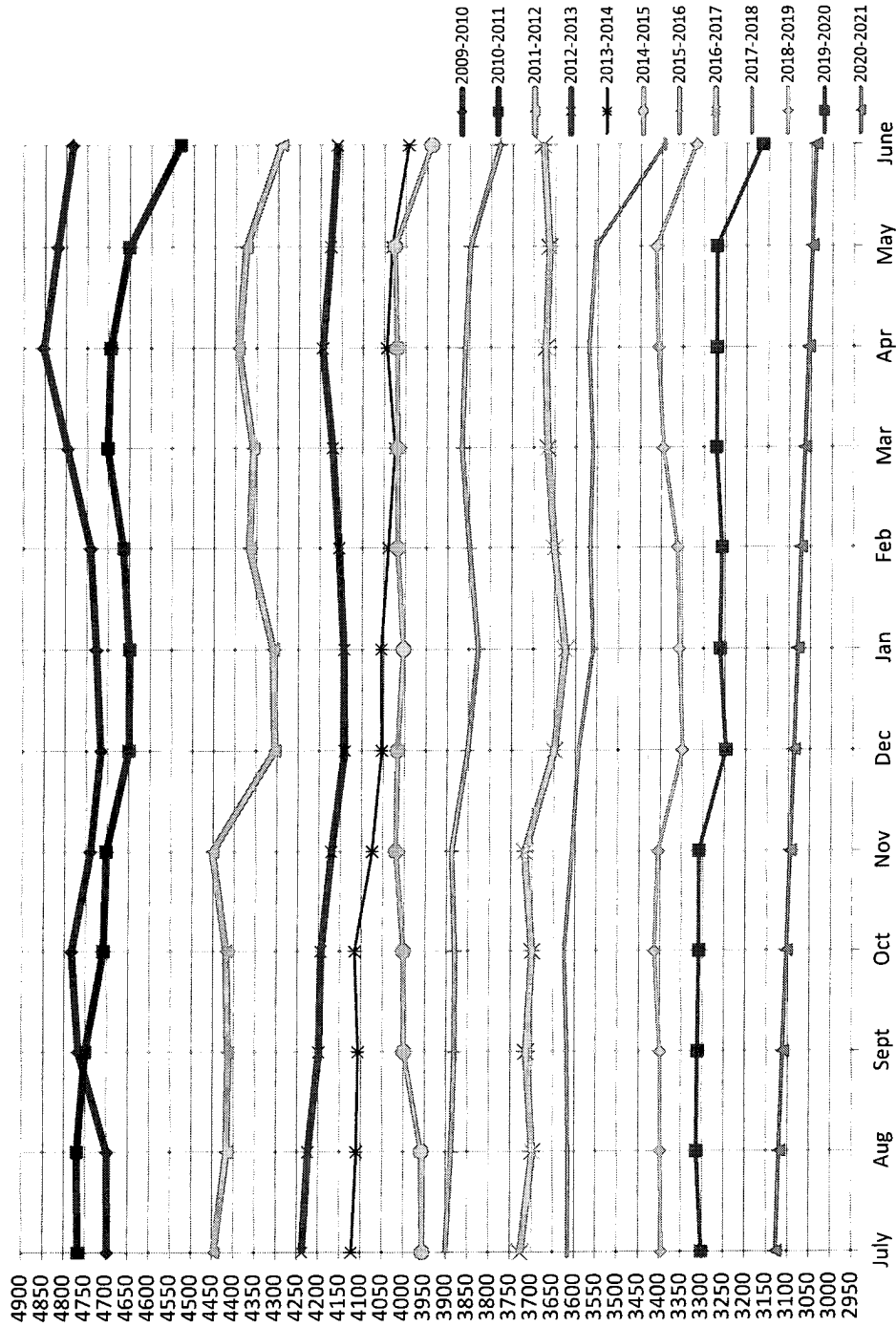
Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council while learning to do with less funds.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent F. Bishop PCC  
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer

# MD 36 Membership





Sheri Young  
Gov. District 36-O, 2020-2021

### **Report for Council of Governors Meeting August 15 2020**

Since the last Council of Governors Meeting, June 9, 2020, I have been sworn in by Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, enjoyed numerous formal and informal zoom meetings with fellow MD 36-O governors and CoG members, and much more.

Our NAMI and GAT members have zoomed several times, and have formed a GAT-IT team focused on bringing together the contacts for all the clubs and key club attributes so we can focus on membership, service and leadership through online trainings, social media and general exchange of information.

I have filed my first 2 articles for the Oregon Lion, focusing on defining and building on my theme for the year "Pride through Service" which I see as encompassing not only membership, leadership and service, but also opening the door to discussions of diversity and kindness, Dr. Choi's theme for the year.

I am distributing a short version of my year's goals to the GAT and cabinet members so we can all be "on the same page." I'm also still working on ensuring I'm adequately knowledgeable and organized in managing the multiple MD-36 documents and manuals which Joyce Anderson and team led the current DGs through so patiently last year. I'm still working out how or where District O By-laws may be different, and preparing to identify specific Cabinet position responsibilities with the wonderful Lions who have agreed to serve on them. A key LCI training element this year was planning for succession, so my fellow DGs and I are paying attention to how we can better prepare people in our Cabinets to not only fulfill their responsibilities, but identify other people who can understand what is needed and might take on the service.

I've held my first zoom- Club visit, installed a new member, made calls to some individuals with Clubs in trouble, and planned for our first 36-O Cabinet meeting next week. PDG and GLT Chair Bert Diamond is assisting me in scheduling another 6 club meetings in the next month.

I've put in more than 30 hours serving on the Blue Mountain Long Term Recovery Group, doing calls to Umatilla flood survivors. As evidenced in her report, MD 36 "Oregon Lions Prepared" (disaster response/resilience) Chair Charlene Larsen has been a lead on that multi-agency organization. We will have many lessons learned from that effort as well as building Lions credibility with other response organizations, volunteer and government agencies.

Charlene, John Taylor and I have agreed we need to have clear guidelines for the Committee Chairs and Governors to inform them of what is needed to apply for grants – of any type- from LCIF, and what is needed then to successfully execute (in particular) a disaster response.

Thank you all so much for the support I have been provided in the last year and these first months in taking on the District O governor position.

## District 36-R – 8/15/20 COG meeting notes

### Visitations:

Most clubs seem to be waiting until September to resume meetings

- 2 virtual (Springfield Mohawk officer installation and Salem West)
- 2 in-person (Jefferson officer installation and Eugene Downtown meeting)
- 1 hybrid (in-person and virtual) (Central)
- 1 in-person work party (Salem West)

2 tentative in-person new member inductions (Stayton and Yachats)

### Closed clubs:

- Creswell
- Blue McKenzie
- Springfield Mohawk (merged with Springfield)
- Eugene Cascade (some transfers to Eugene clubs)

### Service Projects:

Most on hold

- Food bank
- Road cleanup

### Training:

Presidents on Zoom. PowerPoint is available from PCC Rod Bach.

### Grants:

Received \$10,000 LCIF emergency grant for COVID PPE for counties in 36-R.

### OLSHF Trustee for 36-R:

Nominated and affirmed Jadie DeLille Wright.

### Convention:

February 13, 2021 at Florence Events Center

**Report from District Governor 36E**

August 15, 2020, for Zoom Council of Governor Meeting at 1pm

To: District Governors, and all council membership

Greetings to the Lions of MD36:

Things have been fairly slow in 36E, I did one installation for the Canyonville Club, and had my first visitation cancelled for Powers Club and rescheduled, and attended two installations. Good news is that the Roseburg Club is having meetings. Since I have moved to Roseburg, this is the club I am attending; but I keep in contact with the Gold Beach Club.

We in 36E have come up with a plan to help in getting new members, our NAMI Champion Bob Chaney has provided us with a reduction in dues plan for the first two years of membership for new members. The first year the new member would pay half the regular rate that would come to \$38.50. The second year the dues raise to three quarter value to \$55.25. Also my cabinet secretary and a past cabinet secretary made a trip to Brookings for a request for training. More training plans are in the works, but if you need any help in learning how to do your new job in your Lions club please contact me.

I will be leaving on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August and heading out to visit Bonanza, Klamath Falls, Merrill, and Lakeview. I will be returning to that area at the end of the month for a visitation to Klamath Falls So. Suburban and my 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet meeting in Klamath Falls.

That's about it for 36E, hope to have more good things to tell you by the next COG meeting.

District Governor Carolee Blatter 36E

August 15, 2020  
Council of Governor's Report  
John Taylor, 36-G

Umatilla County was rolled back to stay at home status with travel banned and will be until the end of August at the earliest. Nonetheless I have managed some interactions.

I now consider Zoom a four-letter word.

During July I hosted and/or attended multiple Zoom meetings for the:

- Pendleton Lions Club
- Pendleton Lions Foundation
- Blue Mountain Long Term Recovery Group and Unmet Needs Table, dealing with relief efforts for the February 5-9, 2020 flooding in Umatilla, Walla Walla, and Columbia Counties
- LCI and LCIF Webinars
- GAT July 20<sup>th</sup> with Al Hedstrom
- Cabinet Meetings – July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- Zone Chair training – July 14<sup>th</sup>, conducted by Lion Richard Smith utilizing a manual paid for by an LCIF Grant

I am contacting all the club presidents in 36-G to see when and how their clubs are meeting, if at all. I am asking those clubs meeting online to send me invitations (Zoom or GoToMeeting links) so I can join in. Hopefully before my term is over, I will be able to safely meet the clubs in person.

Past District Governors Association  
President, PDG Judith Poage  
August 2020

I wish to extend a sincere thank you to PDG Brian Longland for agreeing to serve as our Treasurer/Secretary for the 2020-2022 term.

We need to consider a PDG for the office of Vice President. The current representatives for each District are the immediate Past District Governors. If you know of a PDG who is interested, please contact myself or PDG Bryan.

PDG Dan Wolf and PDG Bert Diamond have organized a District O, PDGA Zoom meeting. The August meeting guest speaker was Dr./PID Robert Littlefield. His presentation was very organized and informative. This year's theme is: United in 'Kindness and Diversity' (certainly appropriate with the ongoing Pandemic). LCIF is helping local communities. Dr./PID Littlefield asked all Lions to donate to LCIF.

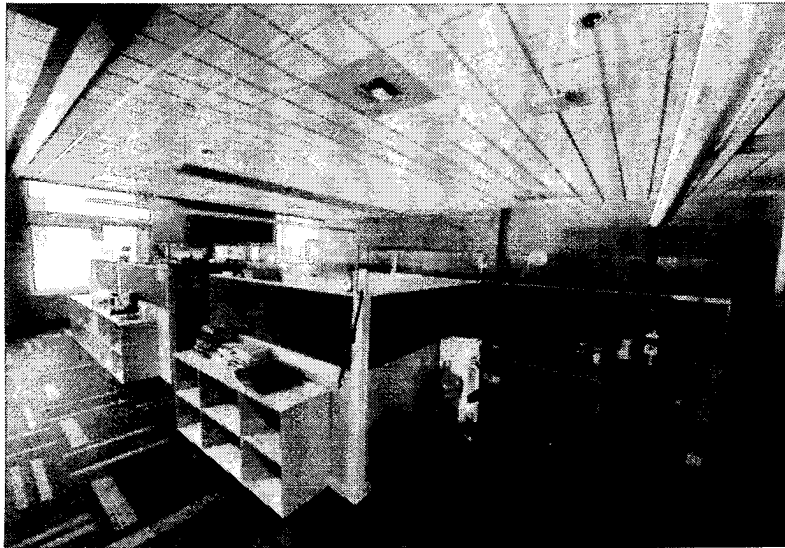
Our work of service in the community will influence new members. We must be creative in fundraising and service projects.

All PDG's who wish to join the District O PDGA Zoom meetings should contact: PDG Bert Diamond

**MD 36 Council of Governors Report**  
August 2020



**2020 – A Year No One Will Ever Forget**



While 2020 started off normal enough, nothing is normal about this year. Perhaps the greatest challenge we have faced as an organization is the COVID-19 global pandemic. Challenges related to staff and recipient safety have resulted in a time like no other in history (not to mention financial survival). In mid-March, LVG elected to send all staff home that could feasibly work from home. Our Donor Referral Line, continuously staffed in house for 20 years, suddenly had to figure

out how to work from home. They, and many other staff suddenly working with dogs, cats and children underfoot, were up to the challenge. The space pictured is usually full... and now the people in that space work from home. Since this photograph was taken, we have reallocated workspaces so that those people who do have to be in the building (and there are many), can work >6 feet apart. A massive equipment upgrade is underway to give folks working from home a reasonably efficient work space.

Donor screening has instantly become way more complex as donors have to be screened for the symptoms associated with COVID. It is unlikely that this virus is transmissible by cornea transplant due to the mode of infection and the disinfection procedures in place. Even with this measure of comfort, we are still extra cautious due to the novel nature of this disease. We have had many Zoom meetings with our Medical Directors and experts in the field to refine our screening criteria. These symptoms are so common that many potential donors that would have been deemed acceptable in February now must be excluded in an abundance of caution. The Eye Bank Association of America has been continuously surveying eye banks to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the entire field and our donor pool has instantly shrunk by 25-30%.

Already, we have heard of surgery cancellations due to tissue availability and even reductions in flights and logistical hurdles we did not have a few months ago. Once surgery ramps back up to 100% both domestically and internationally, we fear that there may be a return to something we haven't had in over two decades, that waiting lists for cornea transplants may be required again. Waiting for a cornea is common in other parts of the world, but thanks to the robust eye banking system in the US, those days are long since past us. Will we see them again?

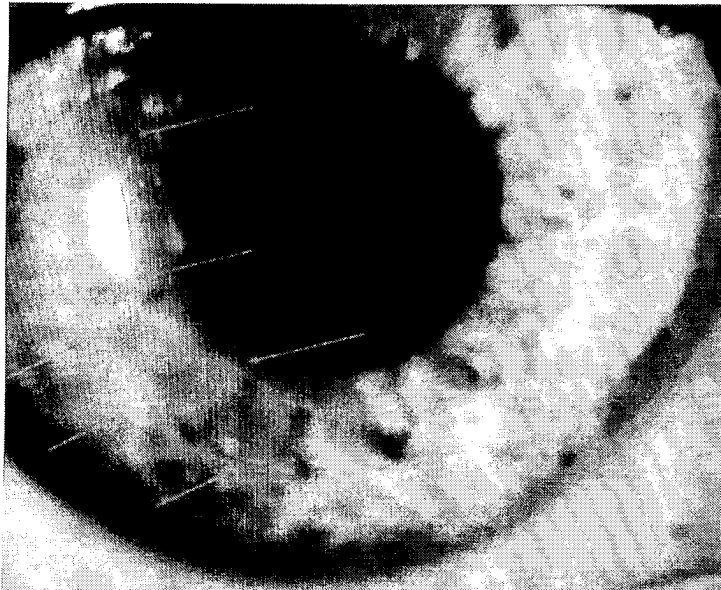


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**EBAA COVID-19 Impact Survey**  
*Responses through August 10, 2020*

	March 30 n=50	April 22 n=34	June 10 n=42	July 7 n=37	July 31 n=41	notes
Domestic Surgeries (% of normal)	6%	7%	71%	81%	85%	range: 30-100%
<i>Trend in previous month</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	+15%	+23%	
International Surgeries (% of normal)	4%	1%	34%	27%	33%	range: 0-100%
<i>Trend in previous month</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	-9%	-16%	
Research Placements (% of normal)	5%	6%	39%	45%	52%	range: 0-100%
<i>Trend in previous month</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	+3%	+3%	
Reduction in donors due to COVID screening	n/a	m/a	29%	24%	29%	range: 0-85%

While in the midst of our global pandemic, the murder of George Floyd and subsequent protests have caused the entire country to pause and reflect on how we can make America a better place for everyone. LVG’s Board has created a new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee to energize our efforts on this front.



Arrows point to the edge of the graft inserted in the middle of the cornea

Finally, amidst a global pandemic and unrest, LVG’s innovation and commitment to bring sight to everyone scored a new victory in that we have partnered with a surgeon in Turkey who has been testing small arcs of donor cornea to insert in the middle of the recipients cornea to help correct issues associated with keratoconus. This could potentially provide a treatment option for patients that have severe visual problems associated with the thinning and conical shape of the cornea but the disease has not progressed such that a full thickness transplant is required. This is also a new use for tissue that might

otherwise be unsuitable for transplant due to microscopic evaluation of the cornea. This is a huge win for Innovation and Stewardship, two of LVG’s core values.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Stoeger, MBA, CEBT, CTBS  
Chief Executive Officer



Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation  
Council of Governor's Report  
August 15th, 2020

**OLSHF 2019-20 Impact Report**

In spite of the challenges brought by COVID-19, OLSHF had an impactful of service in 2019-20, partnering with MD-36 Lions to provide services to over 235,000 people in need in Oregon and Northern California, including over 22,000 pair of used eyeglasses dispensed through the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program (LERC) in developing countries. Our 2019-20 Impact Report – included in your report – reflects the following:

- 180,000+ students screened at over 600 School Vision Screening events
- 1,967 adults screened at 60 Community Health screening events
- 87,000+ pairs of used eyeglasses collected by MD36 Lions
- 22,560 pairs of used eyeglasses distributed to people in need in developing countries
- 1,724 eyeglasses made and distributed through the OLSHF LEAP Lab
- 187 people receiving new or refurbished hearing aids through the OLSHF ROAR! program
- 529 children receiving eye exams and new eyeglasses through the KEX Kids Fund The
- 89 people in need receiving surgery and treatment through Patient Care and Mission Cataract programs
- 77 children with special needs receiving low vision exams from Dr. JP Lowery of Pacific University and the Lions Low Vision program

**School Vision Screening**

OLSHF's 2020 School Vision Screening Program is gearing up for the 2020-21 school year and we are monitoring the COVID-19 metrics for Oregon school districts to qualify for in-classroom learning. The State of Oregon did preserve funds for the Oregon Department of Education to allow for over 140,000 students to be screened with public funds. OLSHF has modified our no touch screening methodology and can adhere to ODE social distancing guidelines.

The question does still remain whether school districts will allow in-school adult volunteers during the 2020-21 school year. It is very possible that MD-36 Lions and other adult volunteers will not be able to assist in vision screening events in many, if not most, Oregon school districts for the foreseeable future.

**ROAR! Hearing Assistance Program**

OLSHF has recently revised guidelines for utilizing the Eugene Hearing And Speech Center Fund and the Jane Eyre McDonald Fund, both designated to provide hearing assistance for those in need in Lane County.

Lane County area Lions submitted a proposal, and it was adopted earlier today, to allow:

- ROAR! Hearing providers to receive an increase in their discounted reimbursement rate;
- ROAR! participants, that meet income eligibility, will pay a decreased amount for their hearing aids;
- Both funds will be available for Lions Clubs and eligible applicants throughout MD-36, not just Lane County.

This is a tremendous opportunity for Lions Clubs, especially in these challenging fundraising times, to help people in their community with the gift of sound.

For more information on this, or any other topic in this report, please contact Executive Director Doug Thompson at [DougT@olshf.org](mailto:DougT@olshf.org)

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**OREGON LIONS**  
Sight & Hearing  
Foundation

**Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation  
Program Year 2019-2020 Impact Report**

Department	Program	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Event & Program Totals	Recipient Totals
LERC	LERC - Hearing Aids Collected	0	0	855	0	0	556	0	0	0	998	0	0	2409	
LERC	LERC - Recycled Eyeglasses Collected	16500	13800	21300	16100	11400	6000	2700	0	0	0	0	0	87800	
LERC	LERC - Recycled Eyeglasses Distributed	1678	960	1230	1212	6200	0	2830	8550	0	100	0	0	22560	
LEAP	Optical Lab Eyeglasses Built	214	141	190	206	192	119	149	219	115	33	50	66	1694	
LEAP	Optical Lab KEX Eyeglasses	7	0	0	4	3	0	7	3	6	0	0	0	30	
LEAP	Optical Lab Repairs	19	10	16	11	13	16	22	19	10	0	0	0	136	
Community Screen	Community Screenings	5	9	10	7	5	1	3	4	2	0	0	0	46	
Community Screen	Community Screenings People Served	74	246	423	520	191	152	171	2	0	0	0	0	1779	
2020 Vision	School Screenings	0	0	115	183	117	68	52	51	31	0	0	0	617	
2020 Vision	School Hearing Screenings	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	7	2	0	0	0	13	
2020 Vision	School Screenings People Served	0	0	31275	53776	32167	18330	16750	17038	11272	0	0	0	180608	
2020 Vision	School Hearing Screenings People Served	0	0	504	0	0	72	48	834	76	0	0	0	1834	
Patient Services	Dale Fund	5	8	8	8	8	8	5	5	4	5	6	6	78	
Patient Services	Irrigon Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Patient Services	KEX Kids Fund - Exams and Eyeglasses	5	5	58	96	58	84	50	88	61	13	7	4	529	
Patient Services	Lions Club Service Requests	1261	1290	1312	1592	1210	1035	1158	1132	964	304	292	405	11895	
Patient Services	Low Vision Aids Provided	0	0	4	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	
Patient Services	Low Vision Clinic	4	0	9	18	0	21	19	2	4	0	0	0	77	
Patient Services	Mission Cataract	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	
Patient Services	Patient Care	8	10	5	8	8	8	5	8	7	3	7	4	81	
Patient Services	Sam Tyler Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	13	45	
Patient Services	VSP Vouchers Distributed	25	62	0	84	16	2	0	2	75	1	20	2	289	
ROAR!	Refurbished Aids Dispensed	14	0	11	2	3	12	5	2	6	0	0	2	57	
ROAR!	Refurbished People Served	7	0	6	1	2	6	3	1	3	0	0	1	30	
ROAR!	ROAR! Mobile Aids Dispensed	0	0	20	0	10	10	0	12	0	0	0	0	52	
ROAR!	ROAR! Mobile People Served	0	0	10	0	5	9	0	21	0	0	0	0	45	
ROAR!	ROAR! New Aids People Served	15	7	2	12	10	19	14	7	7	4	7	8	112	
ROAR!	ROAR! New Aids Dispensed	28	14	4	22	20	10	27	13	14	2	12	16	182	
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## Awards - August 2020

**Co-Chairs, Carol Swesso (36-E) & Carrie Bartley (36-O)**

The awards manual and check sheets were updated for the 2019-2020 Lion year and were sent out last fall. Since there were no awards given out in 2020, these same documents could be used for the 2020-2021 Lion Year. They can be found on the MD 36 website.

**However, it would be my recommendation to completely revamp the entire Awards program. With so little participation over the past several years and the same clubs receiving the patches, it seems like something new needs to take it's place. I'm not sure what that would look like, but I think we need to ask for suggestions, research what other Districts do and find other ways to reward our clubs and individual Lions.**

**If you know any Lions in other parts of the country, please ask them what types of awards they give out at their conventions. Maybe we could brainstorm and create some new enthusiasm for our Awards program!**

### Awards handled by the MD Awards Chairs:

Club Bulletin Award  
Club Brochure Award  
Club Digital Media Award  
Club Flyer Award  
Club Website Award  
Club Facebook Page Award  
Club Instagram Page Award  
Club Public Relations Award  
Community & Cultural Activities Award  
Club/Community Partnership Award  
Club Storyboard award  
Sight Conservation Award  
Club Visitation Award

### Awards that will be handled by District Governors:

Guiding Light Award  
Club Net Membership Award  
Membership Sponsor of the Year  
District Extension Award  
District Leadership Awards  
MD Lion/Cub of the Year Award  
Lion Mile Award

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Carol Swesso

Instead of trying to give clubs recognition they don't seem to want or care about, and a banner patch for banners they probably don't use anymore, I would like to propose a change in the Annual Awards. I would like to suggest giving recognition to folks attending the convention with awards and goodies to make the lunch time awards program more interesting and fun. Samples below, but suggestions appreciated:

**Convention Awards:**

- Oldest Lion member attendee
- Youngest Lion member attendee
- Youngest attendee (Leo or guest)
- Longest Lion member
- Newest Lion member
- Club with the most members at awards lunch (not at convention – they have to come to lunch!)
- Winners could be given \$5 gift card to Dutch Bros, Starbucks, or donated gifts. Or, we could make an etched cup and fill it with candy/goodies/or??.

**PR / MD36 FACEBOOK PAGE**

I'd like to propose that Carrie and Carol be given permission to create an MD 36 Facebook page that would have 8 admins; 2 from each district (including us in O and E) to post club information and bring the entire state together to share ideas and promote togetherness. The admins would be Lions who are active on Facebook and have some connections to the clubs in their district. They would be asked to try and post at least one item per week, so not a lot of time would need to be dedicated to this. They would not be committed to any length of time – they would merely need to let us know that they are not interested or can no longer devote any time to it and we would find someone else to take over their position.

We have 1000's of photographs that have been taken at conventions, etc. I have never had an opportunity to see any of them and have been very disappointed that they have not been shared or available to all the clubs. If these could be sent to me on a thumb drive, I'd be happy to create an album of each event. As Lions enjoyed the photos, they could tag members they recognize. This would automatically come up on that person's Facebook page which might get them to "Like" the page and share it with others.

I have also been trying to get our clubs to share fliers of their events so we can see what other clubs are doing. This could not only help generate interest in the events, but could also spark ideas for other clubs to do something similar. These fliers could be printed and posted at the convention and all attendees could vote on them like they did on the environmental photographs, thus keeping one of the previous awards alive.

Thank you for considering our proposal

Awards and PR

Carol Swesso and Carrie Bartley

Dogs for Better Lives: Providing assistance dogs to people across the nation since 1977. Easing Post-Pandemic Pet Separation by Monica Schuster

Signs of pet separation anxiety may include:

- Change in appetite
- Barking, howling or whining when you leave
- Scratching or chewing at doors or windows
- Destructive behavior that only occurs when the pet is alone
- Over-grooming or other self-harm/obsessive behaviors

**Create positive associations with your departure.**

Reward your pet for calm, independent behavior: give them a small healthy treat when you leave.

**Practice gradual departures.**

To ease separation anxiety, start by first leaving your pet alone for a short amount of time.

**Promote a calm return home.**

When you arrive home, calmly greet your dog before taking them outside. Do not promote “over-the-top” homecomings or your dog will anxiously await for it. Instead, avoid excitement or play until your dog settles down from your arrival.

Read more ideas here: <https://dogsforbetterlives.org/tips-for-easing-post-pandemic-pet-separation-anxiety/> and don't forget cats!

**OTHER PANDEMIC NEWS from Canine Companions for Independence**

These volunteer pilots: Lewis, Hochberg, Stewart, Navarre and others have flown over 100 Canine Companions puppies from Northern California's Sonoma Jet Center, near the nonprofit's National Headquarters, to their volunteer puppy raisers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Southern California. These generous private pilots will continue to transport puppies for Canine Companions as this pandemic continues.

**DOGGLES: goggles for dogs, but why?**

There are two general reasons for dogs to wear dog eye protection, says Dr. Jessica Stine, a veterinary *ophthalmologist* with BluePearl Veterinary Partners in Clearwater, Florida. Besides the fact that a dog wearing goggles is adorable, dog eye protection is “either to protect the eyes from injuries or to protect the eyes from the sun. There are indications for both.”

When it comes to vision, some breeds are more likely than others to have issues with their eyes. Boston Terriers, Shih Tzus, Pugs, and other breeds known as brachycephalics have prominent eyeballs, says Dr. Brady Beale, a clinical instructor in *ophthalmology* at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in Philadelphia. “Prominent eyeballs are much more susceptible to abrasions, ulcers, and cuts.”

<https://woof.doggles.com/>

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REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 2020

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will be convened before the next Council of Governors meeting to review any recommendations to the MD 36 Constitution and Bylaws. If the Council of Governors has any recommended changes to the MD 36 Constitution or Bylaws, please refer them to our committee.

After consulting with past committee chair Richard Smith PDG, I am not aware of any pending or proposed changes to the MD Constitution or Bylaws.

I may recommend reviewing the Bylaws for any proposed changes in light of the Covid-19 changes to our operations for the Multiple District.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Roach  
Chairman  
Constitutional Bylaws Committee

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August 15, 2020

To: Lion Paul Zastrow, Council Chair  
MD 36 Lions  
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair  
**MD 36 Convention Operating Committee**  
Subject: Report to Council

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As we all remember well, the MD 36 Convention scheduled for May 2020 in Canyonville was cancelled due to COVID 19! This is the official notice that all deposits made to Seven Feather Casino and Resort have been returned to us and deposited into our holding account.

As with so many things right now, planning a convention that is scheduled for May 2021 is like taking a shot in the dark. We have a contract with the Pendleton Convention Center for May 14-16, 2021. Mark your calendar for those dates and watch for more information!

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## **GAT Report**

8/15/20 Council of Governors Zoom mtg.  
Prepared by MD36 Chair: CC Paul Zastrow

GAT – the Global Action Team consists of a trio of individuals in each District and at the Multiple District level. As Council Chair it is I with the duty of calling our MD Gt Team together. At the District level each District Governor is the Chair of their District GAT Team. The other members are a Global Leadership Chair, a Global Membership Chair and a Global Service Chair. These respectively at the MD level are PCC Joyce Anderson, PDG Judith Poage and PDG Tom Hilgers. I am asking that we as GAT members in MD-36 meet via zoom in the next several weeks and outline our directions, goals and objectives for the year. This meeting will be for District and MD GAT members as well as NAMI folk from the districts. I will contact you all via email with several dates, and anticipate a 2 hour – perhaps plus – Zoom session to get us organized and off the ground!

August 15, 2020

To: Lion Paul Zastrow  
Council Chair, MD 36 Lions  
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair  
**MD 36 GLT**  
Subject: 1<sup>st</sup> report to Council

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After many months of delays, the current District Governors were able to complete their local training and all the required items for Lions Clubs International and they were officially recognized and sworn into service!

Now we start training 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs and club officers! As we start this Lions Year, we all realize that we are in a new area where we have never been before. With the Social Distancing guidelines from Governor Brown and the CDC, it could be months until we are able to meet face to face as we have in years past. Our trainings will be done on Zoom. I have a Zoom account that we will use to hold training sessions that are not limited to 40 minutes.

Both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs have begun their required work in the Lions Learning Center and as the course schedules become available, we will begin the Zoom training. The goal is to complete the local training before the District Governor School begins February 2, 2021 in St. Charles, IL.

**CHANGES FOR USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM 2020!** While the Forum that was planned for Louisville, Kentucky was cancelled, the Forum Planning and Host Committees have planned a Virtual Leadership Experience! There will be 19 sessions to choose from over the weekend of September 25-27, 2020 all for a registration fee of just **\$20.00**. All the information and registration are available at <https://lionsforum.org/>. This is a great way for many Lions to experience the Forum without the expense of travel and lodging associated with attending in person. Why not give it a try?

All District Governors and District GLT leaders should have training for incoming club officers scheduled!

With so many training options available online, this would be a great year to give each officer an opportunity to learn the newest information from LCI!



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To: Lion Paul Zastrow, Council Chair  
MD 36 Lions

From: Lion Joyce Anderson, MD 36 GLT

Subject: Addition to original report

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I forgot to mention the change of date for the 2020 NWLLI that was to be held in British Columbia in May and sponsored by the Lions of MD 19. This event has been co-sponsored on a rotating basis between MD 19 and MD 36 for over 10 years. MD 19 has been on even numbered years and we have had the odd numbered years.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, the event planned for May was changes to September 2020 and has now been postponed until June 2021. They are asking if we would like to change the rotation to MD 19 odd year and MD 36 even year starting in 2021.

**NEW INFORMATION!** Lions University Graduation 2020 will be part of the Virtual Leadership Experience, September 25-27, 2020. More information coming from USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

MD36 GMT Report  
PDG Judith Poage

The Multi-District Health Assessment dated August 10, 2020 shows an overall loss of 37 members with a total of 3,127 current members. District E is the only District with a plus. Districts O and G showed a membership loss in the double digits. Congratulations to District E for their activities and service to their communities.

I received GMT reports from: PDG Terry Bowman for District O, PDG Steve Moser for District R and PDG Bob Chaney for District E. I did not receive a GMT report from PDG Gary Mose for District G.

PDG Terry Bowman reported on problems with West Linn Riverview Lions. The club has lost 26 of their 30 members over the past 12 months. The majority are still Lions and have joined other clubs

PDG Steve Moser reported the Eugene Cascade Lions Club which recently cancelled. The club was formed by a group of Lions who broke off from the Eugene Downtown Lions Club. Eugene Cascade Lions chartered in December of 2001. PDG Moser stated the club had trouble making a decision on the direction they wanted to go with community service resulting in a loss of focus.

Accolades to PDG Bob Chaney and District E for a plus in membership and only 51% of their clubs with less than 20 members. District E started a pilot program with their new NAMI Recruitment and Retention Plan. They are subsidizing dues for new members with One-half dues the first year, three-quarters dues the second year and full dues the third year. Their idea is that by the time a Lion gets to the third year of membership they are too invested in Lions emotionally and physically to walk away. Their District goal is 100 new members while retaining current membership. If you would like more information contact PDG Bob Cheney or PCC Gail Back.

Through separate Zoom meetings both 1CVP Brian Sheehan and Dr/PID Robert Littlefield stated the duties of a GMT vs NAMI is being refined and will be separated. Currently, many Districts have the positions combined.

The GMT will continue to be aware of the status of existing clubs, retention of existing members, and the induction of new members in their District. The NAMI representative may become an overseer of Zone Chairs (a cheerleader) in the district. They will encourage goal setting and follow the progress of the goals for the District Governor.

**MD36 GST**  
**Report to the Council of Governors**  
August 15, 2020

The GST-D Coordinators from 3 of our districts met with Council Chair Paul Zastrow on July 27 via Zoom. The meeting focused on service statistics from the 2019-20 Lions year and what we can glean from them in an effort step up our service and improve our service reporting in 2020-21. A brief recap of the discussion follows.

**Service reporting:**

Club service reporting continues to be discouraging. Only 44% of our clubs reported any service during the 2019-20 Lions year. Without going into detail on the numbers, suffice it to say, the committee will continue to work to improve on that number by:

- Assisting club secretaries in the use of the MyLion reporting module.
- Promoting club awareness of the importance to LCI and themselves of reporting their service activities.

**Acknowledgment and recognition:**

In spite of the low reporting numbers above, the Lions clubs of MD36 have achieved impressive levels of service to their communities and beyond. During the 2019-20 Lions year, MD36 Lions:

- Served 217,219 people
- Completed 1,210 service activities
- Volunteered 41,164 hours
- Donated \$226,570

Clubs need to be recognized for this record of service. At the same time, imagine what those numbers might look like if we can persuade clubs who have not been reporting to do so in the future.

**LCI's service framework:**

The service reported by our clubs spanned all five of the causes advanced in LCI's service framework, although the largest numbers were reported in areas outside it. In keeping with LCI's service goals, the committee will work to gently encourage clubs to step up service in the areas of diabetes, the environment, childhood cancer, hunger relief, and vision, while at the same time maintaining current service activities according to the wishes of their members.

**Service impact:**

Increase the impact of our service through:

- Promoting joint, coordinated service projects throughout our districts and multiple district.
- Improve our advertising, communications, and public relations so that people in our communities are aware of our contributions, both before and after events.

The July 27 meeting was the first of four meetings to be held this Lions year per the MD36 policy manual. We welcome input from any and all as the year progresses. My contact info appears below.

Tom Hilgers  
GST-MD Coordinator  
West Salem Lions Club  
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**Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action Report**  
MD-36 Council of Governor's Meeting on August 15, 2020

Thanks to COVID-19, hearing programs in the Multiple District have drastically slowed down. Lion Clubs' fundraising, a major source for funding the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation's ROAR! Program, has come to a screeching halt.

However, we are just on hold. Following are the major hearing aid sources available through the Foundation:

- Refurbished H. A.'s from RJ Acoustics. More than 2,300 H. A.'s donated to the LERC this Fiscal Year.
  - They offer more variety
  - 1-year warranty
  - Average price OLSHF pays is \$120, minus S&H.
- Starkey
  - Most used is the i1000 BTE (Behind the Ear)
  - 1-year warranty
  - MSRP is \$2,495
  - Average price for OLSHF is \$150, minus S&H
- Sonic Innovations (Oticon)
  - Most popular is the Cheer 60 BTE
  - 3-year warranty
  - MSRP is \$1,500
  - OLSHF cost is \$140, minus S&H

**Access**

- ROAR! Applications
- Eligibility
  - Income less than or equal to 200% of federal poverty guide.
  - Must live in Oregon or No. California at least 2 consecutive years.
  - Must wait at least 2 years since prior ROAR! Approval.
  - Recommend being flexible for "special" situations.
  - Income guidelines updated annually. Refer to requirements.
- How to Access:
  - Connect with provider and negotiate fitting fees.
  - Cost is anywhere from \$0 to \$300.
  - Payment is due before H. A.'s can be provided.
  - Clients allowed 6 mos. To pay
  - See if provider will allow net 30 term.
- Client Responsibility
  - \$150 or \$300 depending on one or two H. A.'s.
  - Sometimes fees are paid by Lions Clubs, churches, friends, etc.
- COVID-19 Responses by OLSHF
  - Staff working remotely
  - LEAP and Eye Promise making sure glasses are getting to clients.
  - Staff conducting Webinars.
- What to do when requests come in.
  - Contact provider
  - Create/send letter explaining Lions Clubs and provider status.
  - Priority with non-functioning H. A.'s
- What clubs can do
  - Follow up with clients, recruit ROAR! Providers and build partnership opportunities

Submitted by PDG Red Rowley, Hearing Chair.

## Hunger Relief Report to Council of Governors

August 15, 2020 Zoom mtg at 1pm  
Submitted by MD36 Chair: 2VDG Kerith Vance

One of the fall outs of the coronavirus situation nationwide is an increase in the number of people who are out of work and need help with food. With school closed and other agencies on varied schedules, many access points for food are limited as well.

Lions Clubs of MD 36 support their communities with food programs in a lot of different ways. Food drives and support for your communities is a great way for Lions to connect with their community. It is also one of the projects you can do without necessarily having to be in person to person contact. Please have a look at the websites for your local food banks and food distribution centers. These websites will show what the current needs are and how they are distributing food. They will list the items they need the most and have ways for you to donate financially so that they can purchase the items needed. Many organizations also have Amazon wishlists where they provide links to the items they need most so that you can supply them with what is needed. You can put your name or your club's name on the gift receipt so they know who sent it. If you have healthy club members, they may be able to provide support delivering food to shut-ins or immunocompromised individuals. Delivery can be made to a doorway at a prearranged time so that the individuals and the Lion do not have direct contact. If you would like help finding a local agency to support or an idea of what to do as an individual or better yet with your whole club, let me know!

## **International Understanding & Cooperation**

Report to Council of Governors for 8/15/20 1pm Zoom mtg.  
By MD36 Chair: PID Dennis Tichenor

I have been contacted by the Policy Manual Chair PCC Gail Black and I gave her the only change I would make by adding f. Missions to Mexico and Peru.

**LCIF Report for 8/15/20 1pm Council of Governor mtg. via Zoom**  
**From: PCC Sharon Rollins, MD36 LCIF Chair**

## **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION EMPOWERING SERVICE**

Our LCIF mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Your International Foundation has completed year TWO of Campaign 100! The COVID crisis has certainly had an impact on the fundraising for Campaign 100, designed to increase the service through Lions Clubs to communities worldwide. Because of this pandemic, the end date of Campaign 100 has been pushed ahead to June 30, 2022. As of August 1, 2020, 52.7% of the total goal of \$300 million, or \$158,096,966, has been reached. Congratulations, Lions and Lions Clubs!

I have heard several Lions in MD 36 ask why our clubs and members should donate to LCIF, when we have a local Foundation (OLSHF) and several clubs have their own foundations. In answer, it's important to understand that Lions Clubs International is just that – an International organization that provides service and relief to communities worldwide. MD 36 and its clubs have received more assistance in dollar value back for emergency and program development grants than has ever been donated.

In this immediate past Lions year alone, District R and District O received grants to set up emergency disaster supply depots to be ready for that “big one” earthquake or other severe community disruption events. In past years, Eugene Downtown Lions and District R received a grant (with matching funds required) for a large portion of the construction costs for the Heartfelt House at Riverbend in Springfield. There are several other major grants that have come to Districts in MD 36.

Once the COVID crisis developed, LCIF offered \$10,000 COVID Relief grants to Districts worldwide for the purchase of medical and protective supplies for first responders and providers of medical services. As of August 1, 68 COVID Relief grants were awarded to our area, Constitutional Area 1, totaling \$845,000. PDG Steve Moser in District R and PDG Gary Mose in District G researched the need in their Districts, applied for the grants, and were quickly approved. Both grants were used to make a major difference in the provision of medical and protective supplies where the need was the greatest.

If you would like to learn more about the current activity of your LCIF, I recommend that you access some excellent webinars that share information about several aspects of LCIF. On the Lions International website, [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org), go to the search box (the magnifying glass) and type in Virtual Event Center. There, you'll find a listing of Foundation Fridays and other excellent informational webinars.

Now, the ask: Please consider a donation to this life-saving organization. LCIF cannot continue to offer these critically needed services unless we Lions and clubs continue to make, and hopefully increase, donations to Campaign 100. Your District Coordinator, listed below, can help your club set up a contribution plan that can involve individual Lions, community members, and clubs. Donations can be made very easily online at the LCI page of the [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) website (in fact, LCIF is requesting that all donations be made electronically due to staffing time considerations as the office works around the COVID restrictions).

District LCIF Coordinators:

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Steve Moser	District R	<a href="mailto:mosermob08@gmail.com">mosermob08@gmail.com</a>
Bob Chaney	District E	<a href="mailto:dcmail@dcmail.info">dcmail@dcmail.info</a>
Paul Zastrow	District G	<a href="mailto:pzastrow@gorge.net">pzastrow@gorge.net</a>

Thank you for allowing LCIF to continue to EMPOWER SERVICE!

PCC Sharon Rollins  
MD 36 LCIF Coordinator



**OREGON LIONS QUEST  
PDG Jim Jagers, MD Chair**

**Report for Council of Governors Zoom Meeting: August 15, 2020**

- 1. Before we were shut down by COVID-19, there were four probable Lions Quest programs to work with. At present, we are beginning to open up communications to work on them.**
- 2. Four areas of work started in 2019-2020:  
program 1---Mohawk Valley (District R) Was ready to develop Grant Request from Lions Clubs International Foundation--LCIF  
program 2---Harney County--Burns (District G) Also ready to develop Grant Request from LCIF  
program 3---Grand Ronde Valley (District G---just beginning)  
program 4---Baker City (District G---just beginning)**
- 3. Lions Quest grants are now separate from the Core 4 program. This means we can have a project in all four districts at the same time. For example, the grants could be issued to Mohawk Valley and Burns at the same time.**
- 4. There is still a \$16,000 Community grant available for District E. No local matching funds are required.**
- 5. Please be aware that Lions of Oregon have several sources of the required local dollar match. This will support the local club by not requiring the club's financial contribution.**
- 6. Before COVID-19---the state of Oregon required each school district to develop a Crisis Center. There are operating Crisis Centers in the Oregon counties. This is a great opportunity for a club to get involved in developing a proactive not reactive Crisis Center. They are needed.**

## Youth Exchange Report

8/15/20 Council of Governors Zoom mtg.

By: MD36 Youth Exchange Chair CC Paul Zastrow

Really not a lot to report as COVID-19 kind of messed things up internationally. However, we shall go on – and plan future exchanges for youth coming into Oregon as well as going out to visit foreign countries. We always need host parents – not necessarily Lions, but interested and vetted as safe places for young men and women to live in as though they are the children of the hosts for a period of from 4 to 7 weeks. Kids are ages 16 to 21 when they visit, have a set of obligations they sign for as do their parents, and will have a limited expense of around \$75 per week for their own spending money. Hosts are to provide normal food and items as though they were family members, take the visitors to points of interest, vacations, etc that they normally would. 'My' kids would always get to visit Crater Lake, the coast, see a baseball game and even a rodeo. Something to contemplate – and very rewarding! If you have an interest, contact me at [pzastrow@gorge.net](mailto:pzastrow@gorge.net)

**OREGON LIONS EARTH ANGELS**  
**Sue Jagers, MD Chair**

**Report for Council of Governors Zoom Meeting: August 15, 2020**

- 1. At this point it does not appear the program will be up and running prior to the end of the year. This decision has been made to protect our drivers.**
- 2. Angel Flight West has limited its flights to delivery of needed supplies across the western United States. If your community has this need to be resupplied this is something that might be done.**
- 3. Please start checking in with your club members to help us build the roster of drivers.**

**August 2020**

**Oregon Lions Prepared (Alert) Report – Charlene Larsen MD36/Dist. 36-O**

February, March, April, May, June, and July; what do the past six months seem to say to us as Oregon Lions in MD 36 and District 36-O?

I address that question to the MD36 Council of Governors and to the District 36-O Cabinet as you both plan to meet this August to conduct business in this new setting of virtual vs in person ways of going about our efforts to serve.

Does it feel, act, and look like a disaster? Do you have a sense of where all your members are in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic? What are their needs? How have they taken on new rolls to follow our theme in Lionism “We Serve”?

Were we as Oregon Lions **Prepared** for this last six months? How prepared are we moving forward and what are the risks involved in the service work we try to do for our communities, our clubs, our district, and the multiple district?

There are many questions to be answered in the above four paragraphs and your Oregon Lions Prepared team has been working in many ways to help answer those questions and to also serve others in this time of disaster recovery.

The Blue Mountain Region Long Term Disaster Recovery Team has been working diligently to help with the process of recovery from flooding in the region of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington. This effort has taken place from early February to the present day and with any luck could be completed in the next seven years.

Your Oregon Lions Prepared Team and District Governors in the Eastern Oregon region are serving on the BMRLTDR Executive Committee and the Unmet Needs Roundtable.

Special thanks to PDG Gary Mose of District 36-G, Sue Mose, DG John Taylor of 36-G, DG Sherri Young of 36-O and the members of the Pendleton Lions Club for their help in outreach to LCIF, to the victims of the flooding with intact calls and their continued support on the BMRLTDR Teams.

There are many tasks to accomplish during a disaster, the first response to the MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) and Lions Clubs in this Eastern Oregon region responded in spades, thanks to all who did this.

**ACTION: Did you keep track of your volunteer hours because I need them now!**

The reason, the volunteer hours expended in this effort starting in early February can be used as the portion of the 25% match for Umatilla County to cover their portion of the Public Assistance Grant that is coming for infrastructure work from FEMA.

**Please send your hours to: Charlene Larsen, [crl.larsen@charter.net](mailto:crl.larsen@charter.net) or phone me at 503-791-6207.**

Now back to the story, BMRLTDR has representation from Oregon Lions Prepared at the Unmet Needs Roundtable with co-chair Charlene Larsen and serving on the committee DG John Taylor and helping with intact calls DG Sherri Young. This process takes the 568 disaster cases that have been identified through outreach at the MARC, FEMA registrations, outbound calling by volunteers and outreach to the communities in Oregon and Washington and is now doing the vetting of the cases with Disaster Case Managers making virtual contact with the victims.

There are 501 cases in Oregon or 88.2% and 67 cases in Washington or 11.8%.

**Action: The immediate need is for Volunteer Disaster Case Managers and specifically for those who live, work, and play in this region.**

Please advise me if you need more information on this request and a job description for a Volunteer Disaster Case Manager. Virtual training will be provided and there is a small network of DCM's working right now on those 568 disaster cases.

Since long-term disaster recovery means long-term, there is a need to fund a position through the RARE program for an AmeriCorps volunteer in 2021.

**Action: Oregon Lions Prepared reach out to Oregon/No. Calif Lions for funding for the \$23,500 matching salary for this position with the BMRLTDR. Also look to LCIF for additional funding for this position and for disaster recovery funds for the Unmet Needs Roundtable.**

With any Lions Committee there are always the need for volunteers, for District Committee Chairs and the need to build teams before the next disaster comes our way. That is the role of Oregon Lions Prepared (Alert). We have addressed updates to our space in the policy manuals, have identified needs, found a path to LCIF for preparedness dollars in two of our four districts. District Governors please inform me of the Oregon Lions Prepared (Alert) appointees in your district.

**Action: Oregon Lions Prepared is a member of Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, (ORVOAD) and our \$75.00 dues were due in July.**

**I will forward a dues statement for your consideration and action at the MD 36 Council of Governors meeting.**

What can you do as Oregon and Northern Calif. Lions?

1. Personal Preparedness: Two Weeks Ready to shelter in place or grab and go.
2. Your Lions Club is prepared with records in the cloud, history on thumb drives, documents of incorporation, non-profit and any MOU's safely stored and duplicated for several officers.
3. Your insurance documents safely stored, and information shared with officers.
4. Reach out to your community CERT, Emergency Managers, Fire Department and see what training and materials are available for you to share with your club members and families.

5. Ask questions on your communities' level of preparedness, are you ready to take in and serve refugees from disasters in other parts of the State of Oregon, even if that looks different in COVID-19 times.
6. Set-up an out of area contact for all members of your family to check in with in the case of a disaster. Expand that concept to your club and club members.
7. Do all the small things we have shared with you over the past several years at forums, displays and conversations at District and State Conventions.

Questions: Charlene Larsen – MD 36 Oregon Lions Prepared (Alert) Team

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## **PEDIATRIC CANCER PROJECT UPDATE**

Report to the Council of Governors for the August 15, 2020 Zoom mtg. at 1pm  
Submitted by PCC Sharon Rollins  
[sgrollins@comcast.net](mailto:sgrollins@comcast.net)

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to meet with a Director of the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program. I learned a great deal about the challenge facing far too many kids who are diagnosed with cancer. The statistics are frightening: A child is diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes in the US, which is a 13% increase over 20 years ago. The average age of diagnosis is 6 years, but cancer can appear in kids from infancy to adulthood. Forty years ago, a child with the most common type of leukemia had a 58% chance of surviving 6 months; today a child with that type of leukemia has an 89% chance of being cured!

In 1999, a non-profit organization was founded to raise money for advanced cancer treatment and research: The Kiwanis Doernbecher Children's Cancer Program (KDCCP). Don't let the fact that one of our partner service organization's name is on the program mean that we Lions aren't welcome to participate! We are needed to partner with the Kiwanis Clubs of Oregon on this amazing program. Here is how the program works to benefit kids from our **entire** state:

Leaps in childhood cancer survival rates have occurred due to research and participation in clinical trials. Through volunteer teams working to secure donations to the KDCCP, a steady flow of funding supports a Fellowship Program at Doernbecher Children's Hospital/OHSU. Each year the very best physicians interested in this training in pediatric oncology apply for a 3 year Fellowship Program; there are four Fellows at all times. These young physicians are trained as specialists in pediatric hematology/oncology to become the next generation of children's cancer specialists. During their first year, the Fellows work in the clinic at Doernbecher learning to treat children already diagnosed with cancer. During the second and third years, in addition to patient clinical work, the doctors work in the labs learning to develop and apply revolutionary therapies that will forever change how children are treated for cancer. After graduation some of the specialists stay on as faculty at Doernbecher/OHSU, while others join pediatric hematology/oncology programs across the country to continue to develop life saving therapies. KDCCP believes that preparing more of the best doctors to do research and discover new therapies will shorten the time it will take to eventually find the cure(s) for children's cancers.

As Lions, we can help to support this life-saving clinical and research program by making donations to the KDCCP. There would be no point in we Lions attempting to "re-invent the wheel" with a program of our own; 21 years have gone into creating this amazing program. For much more information, especially regarding specific research goals and the drugs under study, speakers are available to come to your club (when we are finally able to meet again!). In

addition, the website, [www.kdccc.org](http://www.kdccc.org) is available for information. To arrange for a speaker, please contact John Brookens, at 503-957-1585 or [johnbrookens@kdccc.org](mailto:johnbrookens@kdccc.org).

I made the personal decision to work on a fundraiser after hearing John's presentation and doing research into the KDCCP. Talented members of my family helped in this fundraising effort by creating a beautiful small quilt that I had hoped to offer as a raffle item at the MD 36 convention this past month. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 closures meant cancellation of the convention. The quilt will be available for raffle all of the next Lions year at events in all four Districts, if possible, and the winner will be drawn at the MD 36 convention in Pendleton in May 2021, if we can be together. Hopefully, you all will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket and support, in this small way, the mission of the KDCCP. If we can't meet in person, we'll do a virtual raffle for this beautiful quilt to support Pediatric Cancer research!

Thank you all, Lions, for your dedication to serving our communities in so many ways!

Picture of quilt is in reports sent as Pediatric Cancer quilt photo.



**Policy Manual Chair Report – PCC Gail Black**

To: Council Chair, District Governors, and all Council Members

2020-21 MD36 1st Council of Governors meeting  
Via Zoom on August 15, 2020 at 1:00pm

Lions of MD36:

Chapter 1 of the policy Manual (page 4) states the purposes of the policy committee, and referencing item II B 1- it states that at the first Council meeting of the year the committee is to present their goals for the year.

Listed here are the goals of the committee for the 2020-2021 year working in compliance with the duties as currently shown in the 2020 Policy Manual.

1. The Policy Manual Committee will meet via e-mail, phone, or special meeting at least once a month to review the status of work the committee is involved with. Council Char will be informed of said meetings and minutes of any action taken will be forwarded to CoG members.
2. As The PMC chair has been notified that there are some chapters that were approved for the 2020 update that need additional revisions, the Committee will review work with the committee chairs of these committees to garner and process needed changes. In addition the updated 2020 policy manual will be reviewed to locate any housekeeping (typing errors) that needs to be done. Members will converse with each other when it is determined a change is needed.
3. Once a chapter has been reviewed, and changed, copies of changes will be forwarded in a timely manner to all voting members of the council for their review prior to the CoG meeting. If changes are to be presented to the CoG, PMC will ask for an agenda item for presentation at the next council meeting.

Respectfully submitted

PCC Gail Black  
Policy Manual Committee Chair

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Report to the Council of Governors  
August 15, 2020  
From: Protocol and Parliamentarian

Council President Paul and Governors:

The initial Council report should contain the aims, the goals, and the format for achieving such for the upcoming year. The goal that I have is to fall asleep smiling during or after each meeting knowing that you all have taken to heart the basic rules of Robert's Rules of Order.

And as such, every meeting will be seamless and flowing with such courteous ease that I never need to stand and utter the dreaded words: "Point of Order". My objective is to leave you with guidance to conduct your own meetings with dignity and aplomb.

Respectfully submitted,

JudyG

PDG Judy Giorgi  
Protocol and Parliamentarian Chair

**Public Relations & Publicity- August 2020 COG Meeting**

**Committee Members: Co-Chairs, Carrie Bartley (36-O) & Carol Swesso (36-E)**

The PR manual and media directory have been updated and a 2018-2019 version is still available on the MD 36 website. <http://www.md36lionsclubs.org/public-relations>

Committee Chairs Carol and Carrie will continue to make changes and updates to the manual as the need arises so feedback is always welcome.

**It had been the intention of the committee to update and have new hardcopies of the manual available at the MD Convention last May. However, the convention was canceled so the new goal will be to have something updated by Spring 2021.**

The content is still current and relevant so clubs and members should still use the manual if they are looking for help with marketing and public relations.

As stated before, committee members are always willing to help clubs with press releases or anything related to promoting Lions and Lionism.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Carrie Bartley