

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

June 9, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

Time: 7:00 pm

Council Members Present: Council Chair, Sharon Rollins; Council Vice Chair, PDG Phyllis Carlin; Terry Bowman, District Governor 36-0; Sheri Young, 1VDG 36-O; Doug Loose, 2VDG 36-O; Steve Moser, District Governor 36-R; Linda Stent, 1VDG 36-R; Bob Chaney, District Governor 36-E; Carolee Blatter, 36-E 1VDG; Steve Brewster, 36-E 2VDG; Gary Mose, District Governor 36-G: 1VDG John Taylor, 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 Sharon Rollins called the Council of Governors Zoom meeting to order on June 9, 2020 at 7:07pm.
The meeting was held via Zoom.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by CCE Paul Zastrow.
Introduction of Guests: none.
2. Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2020 Council Meeting. **Motion** made by DG Gary Mose to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2020 Council Meeting. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Bob Chaney. **Motion carried.**
3. Unfinished Business:
 - a) Approval of the proposed final sections of the Policy Manual:
 - i. Chapter V-A Alert-Oregon Lions Prepared. 1VDG 36-O Sheri Young shared that the DGEs have discussed the name possibly changed in the future to include Disaster or Disaster Preparedness or Resilience as a key part of the name. This was discussed and it was concluded that it can be brought up at a later date. **Reference attachment #2.**
 - ii. Chapter V-N Global Service Team. **Reference attachment #3.**
 - iii. Chapter V-X Sight Preservation and Awareness. CC Sharon shared that she read this updated Chapter to PDG Mary Lee Turner as she was unable to get it onto her braille reader. PDG Mary Lee Turner approved of it with no changes. **Reference attachment #4.**
The Policy Manual can be updated regularly. **Motion** was made by DG Bob Chaney to approve the three proposed sections as noted above. **Motion** was **seconded** by DG Steve Moser. **Motion carried.**
 - b) A-HA stories update. All DG's have selected their respective winners. Hopefully, by the end of the month a winner will be selected. DG Bob Chaney asked the incoming DGs if they would continue asking for people's stories next year for the book.
 - c) **Motion** was made by DG Bob Chaney after the meeting via email on June 11, 2020, to increase the 2019-2020 line item in the budget for the newspaper by \$4,084.00 to balance the budget. **Motion** was **seconded** by DG Steve Moser. **Motion carried.**
4. Report of Convention Committee: PCC Joyce Anderson. **Reference attachment #5.**
5. New Business:
 - a) Discussion of May 31, 2020 financial reports. **Motion** was made by DG Terry Bowman to approve the May 31, 2020, financial reports. **Motion** was **seconded** by DG Bob Chaney. **Motion carried.**
 - b) Discuss DG Steve Moser's questions regarding the 2019-2020 budget. DG Steve Moser asked whether PCC Vince had been able to perform any incoming DGE budget training and PCC Vincent Bishop replied that the training will be on June 15, 2020.
 - c) Discussion of proposed 2020-2021 budget to be referred to 2020-2021 Council of Governors. Lots of discussion.

Additions/Announcements

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- a) Jim Vincent, MD36 Credentials Chair, submitted an email regarding the delegates voting via electionrunner.com and the outcome of DG Bob Chaney being officially elected to be the Council Chair for 2021-2022. **Reference attachment #6.**
- b) MD36 Award. Excellence in Leadership Award. DG Bob Chaney shared that it was given to Gail Black in 2017-2018. This last year it wasn't given out. He's hoping it can be given for 2019-2020 to PCC Joyce Anderson.
- c) Oregon Lions Prepared (ALERT). **Reference attachment #7.**
- d) DG-G Gary Mose submitted a report. **Reference attachment #8.**

7. **Adjournment:** The next Council meeting will be August 15, 2020 via Zoom at 1:00pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
June 9, 2020
Via Zoom

- Sharon Rollins
- Leah Hawes
- Paul Zastrow
- John Taylor
- Stephen Brewster
- Terry Bowman
- Gail Black
- Carolee Blatter
- Charlene Larsen
- Bob Chaney
- Joyce Anderson
- Gary Mose
- Steve Moser
- Phyllis Carlin
- Sheri Young
- Vincent F. Bishop
- Judith Poage
- Linda Stent
- Doug Loose
- Sunny Pulley

Chapter V-A
Alert- Oregon Lions Prepared (OLP)

- I. **Oregon Lions Prepared Committee (OLP):** The Council Chairperson shall appoint a Lion to the position of Multiple District Oregon Lions Prepared Chairperson. Each district will have an OLP committee chair which will comprise the MD36 OLP committee and from which the MD36 OLP Chair will be chosen.. The MD36 OLP Chair position shall have the following criteria:
- A. Willingness to organize an OLP plan in the event of a local emergency
 - B. Understanding of program parameter
 - C. Knowledge of Oregon Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster (**ORVOAD**) program resources
 - D. Ability to mobilize an **OLP** team after an emergency has occurred
 - E. Understanding of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) program resources

II. **The Responsibilities:**

- A. The responsibilities of the Multiple District **Oregon Lions Prepared** Chairperson are:
1. Familiarity with **ORVOAD** program resources and the four (4) areas of response:
 - a. How to develop an **OLP** plan
 - b. Disaster relief opportunities
 - c. Personal safety checklist
 - d. After a disaster occurs
 2. Ability to work with local authorities in the development of an **OLP** plan.
- B. Before an emergency occurs: Multiple District **OLP** Chairperson responsibilities:
1. Develop a Multiple District **OLP** plan
 2. Encourage and promote District **OLP** plan
 3. Organize Multiple District training classes and seminars for District **OLP** Chairpersons
 4. Remind all **OLP** Chairpersons to complete an annual review of their **OLP** plan
- C. After an emergency occurs: Multiple District **OLP** Chairperson responsibilities:
1. Serve as the central figure in implementing the Multiple District **OLP** plan. Communicate with club, District, and Multiple District leaders as well as outside agencies about the situation capabilities of the **OLP**
 2. Assist Districts implementing an **OLP** plan
 3. Encourage Districts to work together in the event of a natural, man-made, or healthcare emergency
 4. Remind **OLP** team members to comply with safety regulations
 5. Work with the Public Relations Chairperson to submit **OLP** news and photos to local media
 6. Remind Lions to use Lions logo signs and wear Lions logo apparel when serving as members of an **OLP** team
- C. Multiple District **OLP** Chairpersons are responsible for rewarding team members with Lion **OLP** award
1. The **OLP** banner patch award is available to any club, District Multiple District that submits an **OLP** plan

General Policy Statements: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Submitted and Adopted by COG,

**Chapter V-N
Global Service Team (GST)**

I. Purpose: To encourage increased service by Lions clubs throughout Multiple District 36 (MD36) and explore ways to enhance the impact of that service so as to maximize its benefit to the people being served, and the visibility of the Lions.

II. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. To function as a contributing member of the MD36 Global Action Team (GAT).
- B. To encourage clubs to evaluate the value and viability of their existing service activities by conducting community needs analyses and member polls.
- C. Promote increased service activity without undermining current existing projects which the club chooses to retain.
- D. Encourage clubs to adopt new service activities in the five areas of focus set forth in LCI's service framework and to support LCIF and its mission of service.
- E. Organize and promote district and multiple district-wide joint service projects so as to enhance the impact and visibility of our service efforts.
- F. Improve club reporting of service by creating awareness of its importance and by educating and training in the use of the MyLion application, with an ultimate goal of 100% of clubs reporting.
- G. Monitor reporting numbers and report on same to the Council of Governors (COG).

III. Committee Makeup: The MD36 GST shall be composed of the MD36 Chairperson and the chairpersons from each of the four (4) districts.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities: The committee normally handles no funds. Should funds be needed, a request shall be submitted to the COG for consideration.

V. Meetings:

- A. There shall be four regular meetings, one per quarter during the Lions year, with the first meeting to be held in July. At that time, the three remaining meetings will be scheduled to be held in advance of scheduled COG meetings. Meetings may be in person, online, or via telephone or e-mail, at the discretion of the committee members.
- B. A special meeting of the committee may be called in writing by the MD Chair, any two (2) committee members, or the Council Chairperson, stating time, place or medium, and purpose.
- C. To constitute an official meeting, a quorum of the committee must be in attendance, and a quorum of those in attendance will be required for any action to be taken by the committee. A quorum is defined as 50% plus 1 of the committee members.
- D. Notices and agendas of meetings will be mailed or e-mailed to committee members and to the Council Chairperson at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.
- E. Minutes will be recorded and distributed to committee members and the COG.

VI. Reports: The committee chair or a member of the committee in his or her place will submit a written report at each meeting of the COG.

General Policy Statements (Added and dates as adopted by the COG)

1. Submitted and adopted by COG,

**Chapter V-X
Sight Preservation and Awareness**

- I. **Purpose:** The mission of the program is to provide programs and assistance to aid people who are blind or have low vision and eliminate preventable blindness.

- II. **Chairperson Duties:**
 - A. Become familiar with the Information for Sight Chairpersons section on the association's website's
 - B. Connect with Lions sight chairs worldwide via the LCI Facebook Group for sight chairpersons;
 - C. Utilize current resources from official blindness prevention organizations to become knowledgeable about preventable blindness
 - D. Identify appropriate projects in your district;
 - E. Develop partnerships with relevant organizations and professionals to leverage resources;
 - F. Encourage and facilitate club or district level participation in:
 1. OLSHF Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program (LEAP)
 2. OLSHF Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers (LERC)
 3. OLSHF Patient Care
 4. Lions Mission Cataract
 5. Lions VisionGift
 6. LCIF SightFirst
 7. World Sight Day (October 14)
 8. Lions Eye Bank Week
 9. International White Cane Day
 10. Helen Keller Day
 - G. Encourage clubs to appoint a club sight preservation, awareness and action chairperson;
 - H. Promote club awareness of the opportunity to earn the annual "Club Excellence in Effort" award;
 - I. Plan and facilitate blindness prevention awareness presentations for forums, zone meetings, district and multiple district conventions;
 - J. Keep the district governor informed of district activities; encourage clubs to report sight projects in the Service Activity Report within MY LION
 - K. Provide a summary report to successor.

General Policy Statements (Added and dates as adopted by the COG)

2. Submitted and adopted by COG, June 2020

June 9, 2020

To: Lions Sharon Rollins, Chair
MD 36 Lions Council of Governor
From: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair
MD 36 Lions Convention Operating Committee
Subject: Final Report to Council

On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, the Lions of MD 36 had to cancel the MD Convention in Canyonville at Seven Feathers Casino and Resort due to the COVID-19 restrictions from Governor Brown, the CDC and President Trump.

Seven Feathers had been temporarily closed since mid-March, but we needed to wait until 30 days prior to the beginning date of the convention for the Force Majeure' clause of the contract to become effective. (If there is an event or incident that would cause the attendance to the event to be impacted then the event can be cancelled without penalty to the group.) Had we cancelled earlier, and the restrictions lifted, we could have been charged \$21,000.00. At the time of our cancellation, we only had 16 Lions registered to attend the convention.

I know this has been a sad time for all of us who enjoy attending the convention because it gives us an opportunity to spend a few days with our Lions friends from around the Multiple District and share what has been happening in our clubs and communities. This cancellation, like that of cancelling the Lions International Convention in Singapore is unprecedented. It has never happened before in over 100 years. Hopefully, there will be a speedy remedy to prevent this type of event from happening in the future. I think we all want to get life back to something that resembles "NORMAL" whatever that may be.

We were making plans to change the format of the convention a bit, but I think we will have to be even more creative for future events and be prepared with alternate plans, just in case!

There is one side note I would like to make and that is, we didn't have to ask the Council for the fund advance since the total cost to the committee was \$200.00 for the Registration Form in the April issue of the Lions Magazine.

Keep looking toward the future and mark May 14 -16, 2021 for fun in Pendleton!

From: James Vincent <jfvincent@msn.com>
Subject: Credentials and Voting
Date: June 9, 2020 at 5:20:14 PM PDT
To: Sharon Rollins <sgrollins@comcast.net>
Cc: "Vincent F. Bishop" <vfbishop@hotmail.com>

Based on the April 1st membership reports for determining club delegate numbers I sent out letter to all the club secretaries or the presidents if I did not have an address for the club secretary or the club did not have a secretary of record. These letters went out the last week of April.

These letters asked that the club send to me at md36election@msn.com a list of voting delegates that I could have electionrunner.com, our voting platform, send out ballots to for the election of our Council Chair Elect. I stressed that this was the most important link in creating a successful election.

I received and registered 156 out of the possible 311 delegates.

The election commenced at 6PM on May 18th with a voting deadline of 6PM May 21st. In the initial emailing of the ballot instructions, I received a notice that there were 10 invalid emails in the database. By the next morning, all of those emails were corrected and ballot info resent.

Of the 156 voters that were sent ballots, 108 actually voted. While I would typically not give exact voter totals, I will in this case as all 108 voters cast their ballot for PDG Bob Chaney.

I will also be forwarding the voter log showing which of the voting delegates actually voted and a copy of the results provided by electionrunner.com to CC Sharon Rollins and Executive Director Vince Bishop.

Some thoughts on electionrunner.

I thought it was a very useful platform. It relies on the information fed into it. That made the delegate info I got from the clubs the most important piece in conducting the election.

I did have one glitch that I noticed after a question from a voting delegate that we were able to rectify. If the ballot login was sent to an older computer that did not allow images in the email they received, there was no button to login with. After e told me that he was able to login and vote, I asked what platform he used in each instance. He told me that he was able to vote on his phone, but his previous attempts through his computer email had failed.

If we must use this voting platform in the future, I am confident that we could overcome the programs few shortcomings.

Lion Jim Vincent
Credentials

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

MD 36 – Oregon Lions (Alert) Prepared Lutheran Disaster Response ORVOAD Long Term Recovery Committee Update: June 8, 2020

BLUE MOUNTAIN REGION LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP

Oregon: Umatilla Confederated Tribe, Pendleton, Umatilla County, Milton Freewater, Union County

Washington: Waiteburg, Dayton, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County and Columbia County

Flooding Incident: February 5th to February 9th, 2020. FEMA declared April 3rd, 2020.

We would like to update ORVOAD membership with the activities that have occurred since our May 19, 2020, membership meeting.

John Colvin, Mennonite Disaster Response, Charlene Larsen, Lutheran Disaster Response, John Taylor, Oregon Lions and Gary and Sue Mose, Oregon Lions are serving on the BMRLTRG as partners on the Executive Committee, the Housing Committee, and the Unmet Needs Table. We have attended these meetings via Zoom on a very regular basis.

We have discussed how to best have Technology Support Centers, either in person and in various communities or via a call out process using volunteers for a registration intake process. It was decided that an outbound calling campaign to survivors of the flooding would be the approach to reach the most people in the shortest amount of time. This would allow out-reach to those in Oregon in the affected Umatilla Flood area who have not yet applied for FEMA Individual Assistance. The final date for applications with FEMA is July 2, 2020. This approach would also allow registration of folks with the BMRLTRG and finding those with unmet needs in both Oregon and Washington.

There is also a need for a Disaster Case Manager to be headquartered with CAPECO in Pendleton and Case Managers for clients in all the affected areas. Case Managers will work virtually with clients during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In our meeting we have reviewed the process with FEMA and safety protocols as interactions are done remotely. We also addressed as a two-state response how each interaction with clients will take different steps, if they qualify for FEMA/IA and SBA loans or if they are looking for assistance through and Unmet Needs Table.

During our meeting on May 20, 2020, there was a "Flood Watch" issued for the Umatilla River and Paddock Creek. There was flooding in Pilot Rock. This will be a different recovery process, but our partners at CAPECO said they were so much better prepared to respond to immediate needs than in the past.

We have worked on By Laws for BMRLTRG, Release of Information Forms, Consent Forms, Confidentiality Forms, Information Sharing Access Agreement, and Policies and Procedures for each of the LTRG Committees. A logo was chosen, and a website created, and two fiscal sponsors identified in Blue Mountain United Way and CAPECO. There is formation of an Emotional and Spiritual Care Team. We also addressed insurance liability issues. A Facebook page will be built.

There have been 263 plus applicants for the FEMA/ IA program. There will be three days of online Case Management Training, two days of training for phone intake volunteers or "Registration Case Intake". This outreach will be to at least 715 households and the calling goal is to complete within a week.

Trainers through this process have been members of the "Disaster Leadership Team" and specifically Jessica Rounds of the Okanogan County Long Term Disaster Recovery Team; Dean Carney, FEMA Disaster Recovery; David Hart, FEMA – Individual Assistance; and FEMA VALS Judy Travis and Terry Woods.

There will also be a series of Webinars presented each Wednesday to government officials in this affected region. This is a process to get the communication out to the government officials in this region who are also dealing with the needs of their communities through the FEMA Public Assistance Program.

There are a lot of moving pieces, help is always welcome and especially assistance from ORVOAD partners in Case Work and Case Management. And of course, later as we determine what the Unmet Needs are, so this part will be the "loooooong!" process

There are numerous new partners and new volunteers coming to the virtual table in this region of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington and many NVOAD partners are at the table and using their knowledge and resources to help. It is a new dynamic in the COVID-19 era to reach out and find all those folks who need our help.

Questions?? Contact John Colvin or Charlene Larsen

District G Governors Report for Jun 9th COG Meeting:

Well not exactly a lot to report but there are a few things happening.

Because of the COVID 19 the clubs have been conducting business either by phone or by zoom, which appears to be working ok. I for see this form of conducting meetings being used more frequently in future. The La Pine Lions Club had their first face to face meeting June 4th. The district has been working on several grant projects. We just received a \$10,000 COVID grant to help several hospitals in the district with mask, gowns and sanitizer. One of the items that are in short supply is gowns so we are having a lady and her helpers in Hood River make them for us. We are in the process of raising money for a \$10,000 matching grant for flood relief in the Pendleton area. This is an ongoing project that will take a year or more to get cleaned up.

I plan on having a busy year as GMT, as President of my club and of course helping our DG John Taylor whenever he needs help.

Even with unforeseen happenings it has still been a great year for our district it appears our membership growth for the year will be 84 which is 24 above our goal of 60.

Always remember as Lions working together there is nothing that can't be accomplished.

DG Gary Mose

"That's What It's All About"