

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

May 18, 2023 –Seaside Convention Center

Time: 1:30 pm

Voting Council Members Present: Council Chair, Judith Poage; Council Vice Chair, PDG Stephen Brewster; District Governor 36-O Kerith Vance; District Governor 36-R David O’Kelley; District Governor 36-E Gail Black; and District Governor 36-G Cheri Jackson.

Non-Voting Council Members Present: 1VDG 36-O Edward Glad; 2VDG 36-E Paul Novak; Executive Administrator/Council Secretary-Treasurer, PCC Vince Bishop; Council Chair Elect, PDG Phyllis Carlin; and MD36 Executive Secretary Leah Malcolm. **Reference Attachment #1 for others in attendance.**

1. Call to Order: CC Judith Poage called the Council of Governors meeting to order on May 18, 2023 at 1:30 pm.
Invocation was given by PCC Gail Black.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by PDG Stephen Brewster.
Introduction of Guests: CC Judith introduced PID Dennis Tichenor.
2. Additions to Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Minutes of February 3, 2023 Council Meeting. ***Motion*** made by DG Gail Black to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2023 Council Meeting. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG Cheri Jackson. ***Motion carried.***
4. Approval of *Minutes* of March 12, 2023 Council Meeting. ***Motion*** made by DG Kerith Vance to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2023 Council Meeting. The ***motion*** was ***seconded*** by DG David O’Kelley. ***Motion carried.***
5. Council Chair Report: CC Judith Poage. **Reference Attachment #2.**
6. International Director Report: PID Dr. Sonja Pulley, absent, no report.
7. Executive Administrator Report: PCC Vincent F. Bishop. **Reference Attachment #3.** PCC Vincent Bishop added that the Council needs to know that we recently learned that Quickbooks no longer offers discounts to non-profits and the amount would go up to \$108 a month (instead of our older version which cost \$249/year). This is something to be aware of as we need to explore other option as our subscription has run out. Also please be aware to get correct information to Leah for incoming directory otherwise she will be instructed to leave chairs blank.
8. District Governors Reports:
District 36-O: DG Kerith Vance. **Reference Attachment 4.** DG Kerith added that the Hull Foundation and Learning Center completed their kitchen update, which involved removing some asbestos, and it’s now up and running. It is their 60th Anniversary this year! They need some financial support and volunteers to help.
District 36-R: DG David O’Kelley. **Reference Attachment #5.** DG David emphasized that over 20 of District R’s clubs are eligible to apply for Club Excellence awards.
District 36-E: DG Gail Black. **Reference Attachment #6.** DG Gail added that Canyonville will continue on after 3-4 meetings with them; and Crescent City is meeting and doing quite well in Northern California.
District 36-G: DG Cheri Jackson. No report. DG Cheri spoke and said that District G has had a hard time recovering from COVID. She does believe they will end the year on a positive 1 in membership.
9. Incoming Council Report: PDG Phyllis Carlin. No report. CCE Phyllis spoke about in 2021 driving

through the havoc wreaked by the Beachie Creek Fire and then later that year through the Holiday Farm Burn. While she's not a native Oregonian, she loves her adopted state with its magnificent beauty. To see all of the devastation it caused was heartbreaking. The earth began to restore itself. She saw resiliency. Then there was the pandemic. We are the same but also forever changed. We are resilient like our great forests. We need to evaluate our clubs and see what will make it meaningful for someone to join. She looks forward to the upcoming year and working with this new Council. Looking into what will make us thrive in this new normal.

10. Past District Governors Association: President: PDG Linda Stent, absent. No report.

11. Unfinished Business:

a) Awards, Honors & Contests. CC Judith spoke and said that all corrections and updates were sent to the Council. **Motion** made by DG Cheri Jackson to approve the changes to the Awards, Honors & Contests. The **motion** was **seconded** by DG Gail Black. **Motion carried.**

b) Policy Manual additions and corrections will be voted on tomorrow.

12. New Business: None. (Constitution & Bylaws has already been covered and will be voted on tomorrow.)

13. Lions Vision Gift Report: CEO Report: Chris Stoeger, absent. No report.

14. Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Report: PDG Tom Hilgers, Chair. **Reference Attachment #7.**

15. 15 minute break – was skipped.

16. MD36 Standing Committee Chair Reports:

Awards, Honors & Contests: Paula Hilgers, Chair. **Reference Attachment #8.**

Camp Representatives: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair. No report. PDG Mary Lee Turner spoke and shared about four of the camps: (1) Camp Meadowwood for District G; (2) Camp Taloali in District R; and (3) Hull Foundation and Learning Center & Gales Creek Camp in District O. They are all busy and preparing for activities this summer. She enjoyed representing the camps this year, but won't be Chair of MD36 Camp Representatives for next year.

Canine Services: Dale Howard, Chair, absent, no report.

Constitution & By-Laws: PCC Bob Chaney, Chair. No report.

Convention Operating: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. No report. PCC Joyce spoke and shared that around 150 people are registered for at least part of the MD36 convention. There will be a "Horse Race" at 7:30pm with prizes and if you didn't bring a horse there will be ones available to rent! Lion Tim McGlothlin from the Dalles Lions Club will be working on a history of Lions and interviewing Lions who have served for 40 years+. Please assist him in this project if he approaches you.

Credentials: Jim Vincent, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #9.**

Diabetes Awareness: PDG Steve Lesetz, Chair, absent. No report.

Disaster Response: Charlene Larsen. **Reference Attachment #10.** Charlene spoke and welcomed everyone to the Convention. She also warned everyone to be prepared for disaster response and outreach. We serve and can help others.

Environmental: PDG Phyllis Carlin, Chair. **Reference Attachment #11.** PDG Phyllis added that there are over 120 beautiful pictures of the great state of Oregon. We have two separate contests the 2020 and the 2023 in your packets to vote on.

Finance & Budget: Jeff Plummer, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #12.**

Global Action Team: CC Judith Poage, Chair. No report.

Global Leadership Team: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. No report. PCC Joyce added that we have 4 District Governor elects that we can send to Boston! We are still looking for some other officers so please consider stepping up!

Global Membership Team: PDG Dan Wolf, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #13.**

Global Service Team: PCC Sharon Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #14.** PCC Sharon clarified that the morning's program for tomorrow should be Pediatric Cancer and not Camps for kids.

Global Membership Approach (Was NAMI): PDG Dan Wolf, Chair. No report.

Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Red Rowley, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #15.**

Hunger Relief: Kathryn Otero, Chair, absent. No report.

Information Technology: Tim McGlothlin, Chair, absent. No report. PCC Vincent Bishop spoke about LCI going to rebranding after Boston. The branding will now be Lions International. The other thing is that Lions Portal will be closed after June 15th so please get all updates done before then.

International Participation: Robin Stoeckler, Chair. **Reference Attachment #16.**

International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Dennis Tichenor, Chair. **Reference Attachment #17.**

LCIF: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference attachment #18.** PCC let everyone know that PDG Mary Lee Turner will shave him again if \$1,200 is raised.

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

MD36 International Vision & Health Clinic: OPEN. No report.

Opportunity for Youth: CHAIR: OPEN

Leos: Sharon Elliott, Chair, absent. No report.

Lions Quest: PDG Jim Jagers, Chair, absent. No report.

Peace Poster: Carma Fisher, Chair, absent. No report.

Scouting: Ted Yarosh, Chair, absent. No report.

SMART: PDG Carol Brink, Chair, absent. **Reference Attachment #19.**

Youth Exchange: PCC Paul Zastrow, Chair. **Reference Attachment #20.**

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

Pediatric Cancer: PDG Gary Mose, Chair, absent. No report.

Policy Manual: Dale Rollins, Chair. **Reference Attachment #21.** Lion Dale added that the Council voted to approve all changes.

Protocol/Parliamentarian: Craig Urbani, Chair, absent. No report.

Public Relations & Lions Information: Carrie Bartley, Chair. **Reference Attachment #22.**

Lion Carrie asked everyone to ask your DG or District's PR representative for your yard sign and magnetic bumper sticker if you have not received yours yet. She asked to please send her pictures of these as she will use for additional grant reporting and to include in public relations outreach like posting on Facebook, etc. She reminded everyone she is always available if folks need to reach out to her for help with press releases to explain the yard signs in your community or anything MD36 Lions need. DG Cheri noted that there are a lot of magnetic bumper stickers on cars in the parking lot and Lion Carrie said she would get pictures of those. PDG Tom Hilgers said he is the PR Chair for District R and said he doesn't know how to fully express his enthusiasm as he's driving around.

Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action: PDG Mary Lee Turner, Chair. No report. PDG Mary Lee Turner spoke and shared that she loves chairing this committee. She is very proud of what the MD36 Lions are doing in the area of sight preservation and sight restoration. She reminded everyone that all MD36 Lions are welcome to attend the monthly zoom Patient Care Committee meeting that

OLSHF holds and to please MAKE SURE that your applications are completely filled out. If they aren't, they are sent back and this causes unnecessary delays in getting people the assistance they need. She also sits on the Pedestrian Safety Action Coalition to educate Oregon drivers (and others driving through our state) about the laws and follow them. Many pedestrians are not surviving and they don't track how many are sight impaired or blind. She was struck years ago and is still impacted by it. Please look behind you before you back across a sidewalk as they are public property. White cane day is great, but we need people aware 365 days a year.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: PCC Joyce Anderson, Chair. No report. Please come to the session this Saturday at 3pm and learn all about it!

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

NWLLI: OPEN. DG Gail Black spoke and is very pleased with the 22 attendees who recently attended the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute in Sutherlin. (District O: 4 Lions; District R: 1 Lion; District E: 14 Lions; and District G: 3 Lions.) She stated she wasn't sure yet whether they will hold it again next year or will wait and have it in 2 years. PCC Vince Bishop, PCC Joyce Anderson, PID Sunny Pulley, Robin Stoeckler, PCC Bob Chaney and myself, PCC Gail Black, were all instructors at it. Robin Stoeckler proposed a challenge that next year to have a minimum of 5 people from each District attend and that will result in PCC Vince Bishop eating coleslaw again. Charlene Larsen added that it was a wonderful and worthwhile experience for their newest Lion, CJ, and for their President Ray Montgomery to have been sent to the NWLLI.

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

Pin Sales: PDG Garry Charbonneau. No report. PCC Vincent Bishop spoke and let everyone know that PDG Garry has had some recent medical concerns. He is moving to Spokane to be closer to his family there. He has submitted his resignation after the end of this convention. Please wish him the best. PCC Vince will be looking for someone to take over this position. It's not reimbursed and the person is required to attend all 5 conventions. The purpose of the pins is to provide the next year's District Governors 50 pins that they are allowed to pass out at no cost to them.

17. Additions/Announcements:

18. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm. The next Council meeting will be in August 2023 at 1:30pm. Location/date to be determined.

Attendance Sheet
Meeting of the Council of Governors
May 18, 2023

- Leah Malcolm
- Gail Black
- Paul Novak
- Cheri Jackson
- Paula Hilgers
- Paul Zastrow
- Sharon Rollins
- Dale Rollins
- Joyce Anderson
- Robin Herrington
- Mary Lee Turner
- Carol Swesso
- Carrie Bartley
- Dennis Tichenor
- Wally Anderson
- Kathy Coon
- Judy Bachman
- Dale Bachman
- Tom Hilgers
- Bob Chaney
- Robin Stoeckler
- Charlene Larsen
- Ed Glad
- Kerith Vance
- Lynn Coon
- David O'Kelley
- Stephen Brewster
- Phyllis Carlin
- Vincent Bishop
- Judith Poage
- Jim Stagl

To: 2022-2023 Council of Governor's/Lions of MD36
For: May 18, 2023 mtg. in Seaside, OR

Council Chair Report

Submitted by CC Judith Poage

Lions of MD36, here we are at the end of our 2022-2023 term. Incoming District Governors, and Club Presidents are busy putting together their cabinet of officers for the 2023-2024 term. The outgoing Lions are looking at all they accomplished and the activities they wished they had more time for. We thank each and every Lion in MD36 for their energy, determination and service to Lions. There is always a need and more to do isn't there.

I want to thank the four District Governors I served with this term. We traveled to the International Convention in Montreal, Canada, and became acquainted with each other's energy, style and desires for MD36. Our four District Governors have the job of guiding the Lions clubs over an area of 98,380 square miles. My job is to facilitate their goals and needs. Among the five of us, two are retired (which does not mean less responsibilities and activities) and three are working one or two jobs. However, together we serve.

District O Governor, Kerith Vance has a theme of "Paws for Service". Throughout her year, she encouraged new members to become involved by encouraging their interests if it was environment, hunger, vision, guide dogs or Robert's Rules of 'Order. 'We need you.' Her Convention was scheduled and canceled due to unexpected weather conditions. She was able to reschedule and schedule an International Director from Hawaii, Bob Lee and his wife Pam. District O has a new club in Tillamook and will soon be scheduling a Charter Party. Governor Kerith is gracious, and unstoppable.

District R Governor, David O'Kelly worked under his theme of "Together we will". An example of his leadership, the Mohawk Valley Lions Club wanted to turn in their charter. However, they were encouraged to try and recruit new members with the aid of neighboring club leaders who supported their efforts and helped. They inducted seven new members. Governor O'Kelly emphasizes smaller clubs (with under 20 members) still accomplish big things in their communities. Also, he recognizes the relevance of filling the zone chair positions in order to move potential leaders forward.

District E Governor, Gail Black is a past District Governor and a past Council Chairperson. Who does that? Gail does. She tirelessly steps forward where leadership is needed. Governor Black's theme this year is "Service from the Heart". She motivates Lions to keep serving. District E has a positive member yield to date. However, I do concur with her assessment that the numbers are low due to some clubs who have inducted new members and failed to report it. The submission of the MMR's is very important and club Presidents need to double check that the form was entered. Gail receives a gold star for her District E Convention. I am always motivated by the words of SOLSHC CEO Jae Lamar who is a young, dynamic voice. And by Gail's words: We serve from the heart because we do believe in ourselves and what we stand for"

District G Governor, Cheri Jackson has a positive attitude and an unstoppable enthusiasm for service through Lions. She has a very large area to cover ranging from mountains to flat lands, from the largest pear producing area in the world to extensive wheat farming. Cheri goes to work in the wee hours of the morning and lives with her husband and their nearby children, grandchildren, horses (I believe there are eight) and dogs (don't know the count). Her personal motto is: we care, we share and we serve. From Weston to Jordan Valley Lions, Hood River Lions and LaPine Lions Cubs are approximately 160 miles each (in different

directions) and an average 2 ½ hour drive. And we all meet on Tuesday – figure that out. She too has 29 clubs and only 31% have reported their service.

I also must thank Vice Council Chair, PDG Stephen Brewster from Klamath Falls. He served as the hold over from the 2021-2022 District Governor slate. He attended our Council of Governor's meetings (and I would schedule one of them in Hood River – 280 miles from Klamath Falls – sorry), and District Conventions. He also accepted all of my phone calls. I always seemed to call when he was working in his garden. We are grateful for his help and his wisdom. He and his wife, Cheryl, are active in the Klamath Falls Lions club. He has served as club treasurer forever. Thank you PDG Stephen.

I am thankful for our Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation. The staff under the leadership of Doug Thompson provide us with the ability to vision test students throughout Oregon. To date we have served 160,000 students. Also, I had the privilege of attending 'Lions at the Capitol' event - organized by OLSHF. It was very interesting and included the surprise events of a fire drill and a walk out during legislation.

The Lions in MD36 are amazing. You reach out every day and serve your District, your community and your neighbors. I am humbled to be a part of MD36. Thank You. "Together We Serve."

May 18, 2023
Council of Governors
Executive Administrator/Council Secretary/Treasurer Report

Council, 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.

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 sold out all extra of the directories.

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 April 30, 2023 have been or will be mailed to you. Our MD net membership through April 30, 2023 is down by 31 members. MD 36 is down net three clubs since July 1, 2022. 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 eleven years of graphs of our membership by month to show what has been happening to our districts.

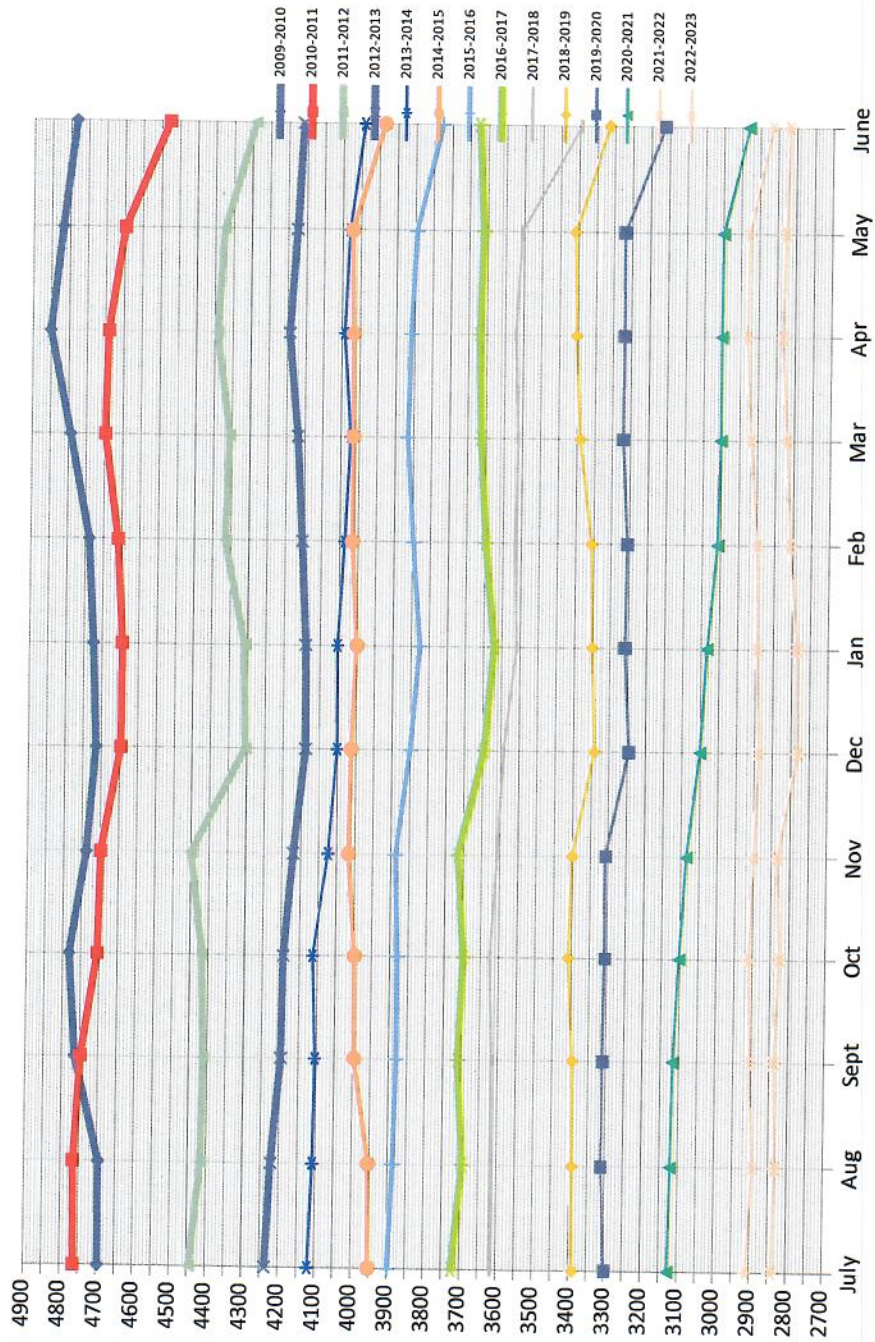
Our challenge continues to be meeting the wants of our council while learning to do with less funds.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MD 36 Membership



To the Council of Governors/MD36 Lions
for the May 18, 2023 meeting in Seaside

District Governor Report for District O

Submitted by DG Kerith Vance

District O has successes to celebrate this year.

There is a new McMinnville Leos Club and a brand new Tillamook Lions Club with 28 members and counting. Tillamook is also planning a Leos Club. Depending on how many drops versus new members we get in June, we may end the year without a membership loss.

I attended the Oregon City Lions Teddy Bear Parade with the Lake Oswego Lions. We wore our kick cancer walk t-shirts and the weather was perfect. Lion Bonnie Roeder brought a lot of attention to the Lions by walking the whole parade in a Lion Costume and interacting with kids and parents. Thank you to Lion PCC Sharon Rollins for making the walk happen and to Lion PDG Doug Loose for the parade invite.

There are some District O clubs that are struggling with membership and may close. On the other hand, some of our smaller clubs like Portland Lloyd, Portland Columbia, Cloverdale Nestucca and Hillsboro are gaining new members and are hosting new and seasoned community service opportunities and fundraising activities. The Mt. Hood Lions continue to lead the pack with membership and are over 100 Lions strong.

District O convention had over 100 registered. I look forward to seeing this number grow each year moving forward.

June 24th, there is a possible membership orientation and leadership training at the Rockaway Clubhouse. Details still to be determined.

Keep your eyes out for information on a fundraiser for LCIF and the McMinnville Lions on June 10th that is a wonderful opportunity for our District to support LCIF and to promote Lions to the public.

There is a wonderful service opportunity in August for the Hull Foundation and Learning Center. They are celebrating their 60th anniversary with a day of vendors, carnival games, food and more at Oral Hull Park. They need volunteers, sponsors and some more games or booths. Please email Monica@hullflc.org to sign up. This is a family friendly event so you can bring your Lions, Leos, Cubs, friends and family.

MD36 Council of Governors

May 18th, 2023, meeting in Seaside, OR

District Governor 36R, David OKelley

This quarter one of my focus areas was attending the other three district conferences. Lion Patty was able to attend two of the three with me. As I found when visiting our 32 clubs there are similarities between the district conventions and differences. There is an opportunity to incorporate some of those differences into our district convention that I believe would lead to an even better convention experience for our members and get more of them to "yes" when it comes to attending our convention. We enjoyed hearing from the other three IDs and their perspectives on our organization as well as the fellowship that we experienced with members from across our multiple district.

We worked with LCI to ensure that we understood how a DG appointment meeting needed to be handled. With their help we held a DG appointment meeting in Albany on April 12th where nine of our previous district leaders met and unanimously appointed Lion PDG Lynn Coon to lead us for 2023-2024. Our election results were then sent to LCI and we received approval on April 20th on Lion PDG Lynn Coon appointment for DG. By holding the election early Lion DGE Lynn has started his training and will be attending the International Convention in Boston. Our research and results on the process has been shared with the multiple district. While we did not do it there is also an appointment process that can be conducted for both FVDGs and SVDGs that allows an expanded number of positions to be considered for these positions when no one stands for the normal election process. It was pointed out by LCI that strategically we could use this process to fill our district leadership ranks while we fill our zone chairs with leaders that want to run for SVDG each year.

Our multiple district convention is coming up and I must admit it will be the first one that Lion Patty and I have attended in years. We are looking forward to meeting with old friends, making new friends, hearing from yet another ID, and strengthening our bonds with our multiple district leaders and our Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) staff. We hope to see many of our district members at the convention.

Our district has continued to add new members and this quarter is the first quarter where we moved into the positive membership growth. For most of this year we were keeping even by adding just enough new members to offset the losses of members. We still have a little over a month to cement our second year of membership growth and I encourage all clubs to keep giving people in our communities the opportunity to serve their community with membership in Lions. I challenge our clubs and members to finish the year strong and as we prepare for our upcoming year of service get them involved in existing activities and remember to ask them how they would like to provide service to our communities.

We have trained more of our club officers this year and that combined with our positive membership growth has opened the opportunity for over 20 of our clubs to apply for Club Excellence awards. So far, I have received and approved one club excellence award and I hope many others will come between now and the end of this Lions year. It is an opportunity to celebrate what our clubs have achieved this year.

Lastly, I would like to emphasize the opportunity for our ~300 members that have been Lions for five years or less, by encouraging their participation in our "New Voices" retreat. As we are all human, Lion Patty had the pleasure of reminding me that we will be in Hawaii on June 3rd for a family wedding. After coordinating with the officer training for the upcoming year the date has been moved to June 24th. We

are still working diligently on the location, and it will continue to be in a central location in our district. I continue to ask our longer serving Lions to encourage their new members to attend the retreat. At our district convention we had 31 first timers attend and I hope we will be able to exceed that number at this retreat.

Respectfully,

Lion David OKelley – Together We Can

DG 36R

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MD36 Convention – Seaside, OR.
Multiple District 36 - Oregon & Northern California

District Governor Report
Gail Black
36-E

Here we are at our last Council of Governors meeting for the 2022-2023 year. So it seems only logical to do a quick recap of the year in District E.

We lost two clubs this year, but did not lose members. Klamath Falls South Suburban disbanded and its 5 members joined other clubs. Roseburg Umpqua disbanded and transferred all its members to the Roseburg Club. The Sutherlin Leos Club with the support of the school and Lions advisors has regenerated itself and is growing. Canyonville Club was planning to disband, but after several visits, have decided to continue on.

All of our clubs in the district have been very active in sight and hearing projects and school screening in their own communities. Our Southern Oregon Sight and Hearing Center in Medford has a new CEO and has continued to hold projects where they give free eye exams and fit persons with used glasses that have been cleaned and calibrated. All clubs have been active within their own communities with projects benefitting those communities.

District E held their annual convention this year in Sutherlin with PID Justin Faber as our International guest. Lion Paul Novak was elected as 1st Vice District Governor but, unfortunately, we did not have any nominations for District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor. A special meeting was held after convention and PDG Steve Brewster was appointed as District Governor for the 2023-2024 year. At the convention, the yard signs and magnets received via the MD36 PR Grant, were given to the various Zone chairs for distribution in each of their areas.

Fourteen Lions from District E attended the NWLLI and all have reported that they gained much from the experience. It is hoped that this will be a start for new leadership in the district.

One final cabinet meeting is scheduled to be held in Brookings on June 24th, at which time I shall turn over everything to incoming District Governor Steve Brewster. This has been an interesting year, going into it for a second time after 7 years. Many things have changed, while old traditions remain. As I traveled and observed, I was impressed with clubs, gratified to see their many activities, and honored to once again hold this position. I have urged each club to look at potential leaders in their clubs, as there is nothing more personally satisfying than the experiences you gain from advancing in Lionism. Until one takes on a leadership role, you in most cases are totally unaware of the vast number of projects, as well as the wonderful members there are in your district and throughout Lions clubs everywhere.



Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
Council of Governors Report
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School Vision Screening

As the 2022-23 school year winds down, we are pleased to report that the OLSHF School Vision Screening (SVS) program will screen 158,100 Oregon students for vision health issues and will refer 23,580 (14.9%) for comprehensive eye exams at 688 schools throughout Oregon.

This image illustrates the statewide impact that Lions vision screening has in Oregon:



2023 Lions KTP Days

We are pleased with the response from the following Lions Clubs that have planned to celebrate 2023 Lions KTP Days by planning a local event to celebrate the promise made to Helen Keller back in 1925: The Dalles Lions, Eugene Downtown Lions, Junction City Lions, Florence-Siuslaw Lions, Tualatin Lions, Portland Legacy Lions, Crooked River Ranch Lions, and the Eugene Bethel Lions.

To plan an event in 2024 to raise awareness of the important work of Lions in Oregon and Northern California, interested Lions can contact Doug at Dougt@olshf.org for Lions KTP event info on this exciting new initiative.

2023-24 OLSHF Slate of Officers

We are pleased to announce the following MD-36 Lions for providing leadership to OLSHF during the 2023-24 OLSHF program year:

- Bob Chaney, Chair
- Paul Zastrow, Vice Chair
- Belinda Petshow, 2nd Vice Chair
- Lucinda Awbrey, Secretary
- Sharon Rollins, Treasure
- Tom Hilgers, Immediate Past Chair

2023 OLSHF Hall of Fame

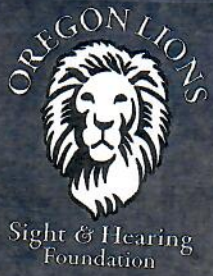
This evening's dessert will feature the induction of the OLSHF Hall of Fame Class of 2023, please see the reverse side for this year's inductees.

Freewill.com

MD-36 Lions have supported their Foundation since 1959, this support has enabled the Foundation to be recognized as one of the strongest nonprofits in Oregon. To express our appreciation of MD-36 Lions, we now offer a valuable new estate planning resource at no cost to Lions, with no strings attached. Freewill.com is easy to use, is accessible online, and will save the user time and resources before finalizing estate plans with an attorney – information is available on the back of this report.

For more information on this, or any other topic in this report, please contact Executive Director Doug Thompson at Dougt@olshf.org

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Class of 2023

Hall of Fame Inductees



Gerald Caldwell
Posthumous

Portland Lloyd Lions, 2-term OLSHF Trustee, OLSHF PRIDE Member



Chris Gustafson
Posthumous

McMinnville Lions, Evergreen Hearing Center / ROAR! Partner



Terry Bowman

Rockaway Lions, OLSHF Trustee, Gala Committee, Patient Care Chauffeur, OLSHF PRIDE Member



Russ Chase

Bend Sunrise Lions, OLSHF Trustee, Sight & Hearing Chair Extraordinaire, OLSHF PRIDE Member



Helen McNaughton

Milwaukie Lions, OLSHF Trustee, Bylaws Leadership, OLSHF PRIDE Member



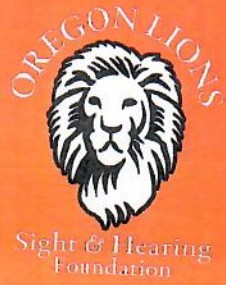
Trudy Tallman

Hood River Eye Openers, Lions Follies Leadership, OLSHF PRIDE Member

We screen, treat, save, and restore sight and hearing, in partnership with Lions Clubs.

Every year your Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) screens, treats, and saves the sight and hearing of over 200,000 children and adults.

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Council of Governors Meeting
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Awards, Honors, and Contests Committee Report

Contests were held in three of the four Districts. A list of clubs who are eligible to enter the State competition is printed below.

At the present time I do not have information from **District G**.

District E has chosen not to participate in the contests for the second year. They do not feel that the contests are relevant to today's Lions Clubs (Carol Swesso, Chair District E , Awards, Honors and Contests Committee).

DISTRICT FIRST PLACE CONTEST AWARDS

District O:

Gresham Breakfast:

Portland Hollywood:

Lake Oswego:

Milwaukie:

Astoria:

Lake Oswego Vision Envoy Branch:

Tualatin:

Club Bulletin

Club Brochure

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The revisions to the Awards, Honors and Contests were approved by the Council of Governors at their March 12, 2023 meeting. These revisions will apply to the Awards and Contests for the 2023-2024 Lions Year beginning July 1.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Hilgers, Chair
Awards, Honors, and Contests Committee

2023 MD 36 Credentials Report

Upon receipt of the Delegate reports from Lions Clubs International in mid-April, the delegate cards were sent out to the club secretaries the last week in April. Instructions were sent along outlining the need for the secretaries to sign the cards and get them into the hands of those club members that are attending the convention. Those cards must be presented at the credentials table on Friday afternoon at the convention from 1:30-4 or on Saturday morning from 8:30-11:30 and exchanged for a voting card.

By district here are the number of possible delegates.

District O - 75 delegates from 35 clubs

District R - 65 delegates from 32 clubs

District E - 50 delegates from 29 clubs

District G - 68 delegates from 28 clubs

The total number of possible voters is 261 which includes the automatic voting status of the three Past International Directors.

Voting will be held on the way to lunch on Saturday after the Credentials table has closed. There will be five ballots. One will be for the Council Chair Elect of 2024-25. The other four will be to approve changes in MD 36's Constitution and Bylaws. Copies of those proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes will be available at the credentials table.

Lion Jim Vincent - MD 36 Credentials Chair

Report to MD District 36 Council of Governors and Convention Meeting 05-18-2023
Disaster Response Report

Submitted by: MD District 36 Disaster Response Chair, Charlene Larsen
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In August 2022 there was a Hail and Windstorm that impacted the residences of Wallowa, Oregon. On April 13, 2023, a community dinner was held as an outreach to the survivors of the Hail and Windstorm. The funding for the community dinner was provided by The Ford Family Foundation of Roseburg, OR. An update to the survivors was given by Blue Mountain Long Term Recovery Leader Christy Lieuallen of United Way of the Blue Mountains. There were Disaster Case Managers in attendance to share with survivors the help that is available for their recovery. Several awards were given to community members who served in early response mode in August 2022.

On going efforts for recovery have been funded for residences by Oregon State Emergency Board Funding, and funding from Faith-based Disaster Response Partners for the Disaster Case Managers.

PDG John Taylor of District 36-G is reaching out to Lions Clubs in the far Easter Oregon region to help with these recovery efforts.

Sheri Young provided outreach to the District 36-O members at the recent convention on April 15, 2023. There was information at the Disaster Response booth for members to take and helpful suggestions on being prepared in the future for disasters.

There are seven Oregon Wildfire Long Term Recovery Groups and one Hail/Windstorm LTRG in MD 36 Oregon and Northern California Lions Districts.

When the call goes out to our Lions Club around our District, they have responded with help for eyeglasses and hearing aids, durable medical supplies, food, and welcome home supplies. Our MD 36 Clubs also did early outreach with feeding and collecting needed supplies for survivors.

We have the opportunity in MD 36 to be prepared and be ready to serve in the many ways our clubs have the capacity to reach out and help those who are in the midst of a disaster, or in the midst of recovery.

“Prepare in a Year” – One Month at a time, program materials are available on the FEMA Region 10 website with the focus each month on one step to preparation.

"Welcome Home" needs are coming to many of the Long-Term Recovery Groups Unmet Needs Committees.

My own weekly schedule includes:

Monday: Blue Mountain Region LTRG – Unmet Needs Roundtable and Santiam Canyon Unmet Needs Committee via Zoom on a weekly basis.

Tuesday: Klamath/Lake LTRG Unmet Needs Committee, ORVOAD Membership Meeting once per quarter.

Wednesday: Lincoln County LTRG Unmet Needs, and Santiam Canyon LTRG monthly.

Thursday: Klamath Lake Counties LTRG. OEM with LTRG Chairs, State-wide monthly.

Friday: What I learn from these Zoom meetings are the many needs of survivors for recovery from the wildfires:

1. Tools
2. Solar Systems
3. Sheds
4. Water totes and water tanks for off-grid home sites.
5. Gas cards for transportation to and from remote sites to appointments.
6. Eyeglasses, hearing aids and durable medical goods.
7. Automobile repairs.
8. Debris clean-up
9. Fence building
10. Welcome Home Kits with all the items you need to reestablish your home.
11. Washer, dryers, stoves, water heaters (appliance packages)
12. Building materials

The lists go on and on and we are hoping our MD 36 Lions Clubs are with us for the long haul.

Please know you and your Lions Clubs are appreciated for what you have done and there is more to do, so when the call goes out for assistance, please look, and think outside the box, partner with another Lions Club, and make a difference.

The next disaster is just around the corner and may be coming your way.

If you need help in becoming prepared, please let me know.

My contact information is at the beginning of this report.

Thanks, We Serve – Lion Charlene Larsen

Report to Council of Governor's
May 18, 2023

Environmental Committee Report

The Nature Photo contest has been well received and we have entries from all over the state. For the 2023 contest there are over fifty entries and for the 2020 contest there are over 60. Photos will be displayed at the State Convention.

The top five photos from both years will be selected by a panel of photographers not affiliated with Lions. Convention attendees will vote on their favorite photo from the top five. The contest winner will be announced Saturday night at the banquet.

A silent auction will be held to defray the cost of the contest.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG/CCE Phyllis Carlin
MD36 Environmental Committee Chair



District 36- Finance Meeting

District Treasurers

Committee: Brian Rangitsch (36-R), Hope Loose (36-O), Paul Zastrow (36-G), Jeff Plummer (36-E) with guidance from PCC Vince Bishop

The meeting was held via Zoom on May 3, 2023. The group had just received the last several months documents, but analyzed the previous two months. During the last few years, the Multiple District has tried to cut and transfer costs to make the budget work. For example, the executive assistant's salary and other related costs have been shifted to the foundation budget. However, the continuous decline in membership has continued to pose difficulties in balancing the budget. The year ending budget will end (although the month has not year concluded) with a deficit of approximately \$1200.

The group discussed the upcoming budget. Just about everything has been cut with the exception of a few travel items, the Lions magazine and some small secretarial funds. Cutting those would probably preclude individuals, who wanted to serve in positions affected by those, from running for office. There is a carry-over of \$50,000+ that would buffer the losses for a few years. Currently, the anticipated budget for the 2023-2024 year looks to be running about \$4000 in the hole. The group decided that we needed to incur that loss for the upcoming year and during that time, develop a long range plan to address the continuous shortfall. Thus, we are recommending that the Council of Governors forward the budget to next year's council with a recommendation that they pass the budget.

Report to the Council of Governors/Interested Lions
May 18, 2023 meeting

Global Membership Report

I have very little to report as most GMT's have sent very little into me this quarter.

District O

District continues to pass out signs and encourage Lions to post them.

Still having difficulty attracting new Zone Chairs.

The Mt Hood Lions have been very active and have attracted many new members. They now have 109 members at present.

District R

Lynn has sent me a report 2 times and it isn't coming through, but I know PDG Lynn Coon has been working hard to increase membership.

District R is a Plus 17 Members over last year.

District E

No Report

District G

Currently has 731 members down from 750 members last year.

Clubs are working hard at bringing in new members including:
Elgin, The Dalles, Crooked River, and Hermiston.

One concern is the Union Lions Club is still paying their dues, however LCI Does not show them on the District G print out. ??

District G should show 29 Clubs not 28 Clubs.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Dan Wolf
MD 36 GMT Chair

Global Service Team Report
Council of Governors
Thursday, May 18, 2023

I have had communication from just one of the four District GSTs to obtain a report of the service that has taken place/is happening in their respective Districts.

As of April 30, the number of clubs in each District reporting service on MyLion, represented in percentage form, are:

District O	57%
District R	75%
District E	34%
District G	32%

District O clubs have returned to service projects, including food and clothing drives, vision screening, a parade to collect teddy bears for kids in crisis, service to the elderly and more. I have had no response as to specific projects from any of the other Districts.

Perhaps, in the coming Lions year, a deeper focus on service and reporting of the projects undertaken can be achieved. Hopefully, the new reporting platform, to be introduced in mid-July, will be less cumbersome for club secretaries to enter their service data.

Together We Serve – From the Heart!

PCC Sharon Rollins
MD 36 GST Chair



MD-36 Hearing Chair Report
May 18, 2023

Hearing health is more than hearing. Research over the past couple of decades has proven that hearing health has a significant impact on overall health. Hearing loss is associated with balance problems, falls, social isolation, loneliness, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cognitive decline. Hearing may provide you with physical and mental health benefits in the following ways:

1. It is said that **communication is the foundation of relationships**. Good hearing health eliminates the frustration of missing out on conversations and being isolated from social situations and the people you love, which reduces your risk of social isolation and depression.
2. Healthy hearing is also connected with **positive benefits on brain functioning and retaining memory**. A 2020 longitudinal study published in The Lancet, wearing hearing aids to treat hearing loss was the greatest modifiable risk factor associated with dementia for those over 45. Other studies have linked declining hearing abilities to an increased risk of cognitive decline and dementia.
3. Good hearing creates **independence and security**. Hearing the doorbell, phone, or a child crying enables us to be aware of our surroundings and keep loved ones safe.
4. Hearing well can **save you thousands of dollars annually** in additional health care costs. The impact of untreated hearing loss includes a higher risk for hospitalization. Those with untreated hearing loss are 50% more likely to experience hospital stays and a 44% higher risk of being readmitted within 30 days.
5. Healthy hearing **increases job security** by allowing you to remain connected with colleagues and clients reduces your risk of listening fatigue, and improves chances of having higher earnings than those untreated. On average, those with hearing loss make 25% less than those with healthy hearing.

New Hearing Aids are available from Phonak, Starkey, and Sonic Innovations. Client costs are \$100/ear. This reflects the \$50 Covid Relief Fund per hearing aid. RJS Acoustics, who for years provided refurbished aids now only do Over the Ear and Behind the Ear (OTE and BTE) aids. The Foundation is working for other ways to partner with them.

A possible **new Hearing Aid manufacturer** could be coming on board with ROAR! Melinda Rhodes was meeting with the sales rep for Resound on 4/18/23 and is confident in foraging a new partnership with the manufacturer. This will open the door to better custom hearing aids (we will no longer work with Phonak for these if Resound works out as Phonak now charges OLSHF just beyond our budgeted \$150/unit for custom aids) and possibly over the counter hearing aids for our Lions Clubs participating in ROAR! who do not have a ROAR! Provider to partner with. We are SO excited about this opportunity!

1. **New Providers:** We referred our first 6 Lions Clients to Pacific Northwest Audiology in Bend this week! This is BIG news for the Bend area who have been without a ROAR! provider since Dr. Landsberg moved. We are hoping that Central Oregon ENT will also partner with the Lions and together, these two new ROAR! providers along with existing ROAR provider, My Hearing Centers, should be able to tackle the need in and around Deschutes County.

2. We have reached out to potential providers in Lake Oswego, Salem, Tillamook, and Corvallis, and are waiting to hear back.
3. Our provider in Astoria, Bayside Audiology, sold her practice and we have confirmed that the new owner, Dr. Kerry Farmer, will continue to partner with the Lions. The Astoria Lions Club has been actively involved in continuing this partnership and the provider scheduled their first Lions client this week!
4. We intend to reach out to Costco again about the possibility of partnering with the Lions. The last time we inquired about a partnership was 2017.

Other:

1. We are in communication with Pacific University's School of Audiology (PUSOA) and are working towards a possible partnership. This partnership will involve the acquisition of a retail hearing center as well as other potential projects which are still in the conceptual stages. The analysis provided by Fuel Medical Group (You may view the report by clicking on [THIS LINK](#)) which outlines some of the areas that PUSOA and OLSHF are looking at for the retail center. This is still in the early stages of development but by using the report from Fuel Medical along with data from OLSHF on referrals received and participating Lions Clubs available, Washington County seems to be the ideal location for this endeavor. More to come on this. We are all VERY excited about this prospect!
2. New HATS Project debuting in Lane County! OLSHF is partnering with Pacific University's School of Audiology to help offer Hearing Assistive Technology. These accessories would be covered by the Jane Eyre McDonald fund and OLSHF has allocated \$2k for the stipend to cover the Grad's student's "wage". The accessories could include devices like smoke alarms, alarm clocks and possibly devices and tools to help someone do their job safer and more effectively. The grad student's name is Michael Parisi and he has hit the ground running. He has created a 1-pager for Lions along with a 1-page product list. OLSHF Videographer, John Webb, will come out to the Pacific Hillsboro campus in early February to shoot some videos with Michael. In these series of videos, Michael will introduce the program and demonstrate various HATS products.
3. Optical Director, Katie Torgerson, is exploring a partnership with the Springfield Vocational Rehab team to see how potential funding for glasses through VR could help Lions clients and how our LEAP Lab could receive reimbursements for glasses made. We are also exploring how this program could work with our ROAR program and intend to reach out to other VR offices statewide! More to come!
4. UPDATED ROAR! Impact from FY 2022-22:
 - 220 people assisted
 - 408 hearing aids dispensed

School Screening Hearing Program: Still on hold. Dr. David Brown, Pacific University Audiology School and a Foundation At-Large Trustee, is very interested in bringing the School Screening Program back, but there are challenges involving equipment and sound-proofing a test area.

Respectfully submitted by Chair, Red Rowley



MD-36 Council of Governors Meeting, 18 May 2023

International Participation Committee Report
Submitted on behalf of the Committee

Committee Members:

- District O Representative –
- District R Representative –
- District E Representative –
- District G Representative –
- Past International Director – Sunny Pulley
- Past International Director – Dennis Tichenor
- Past International Director – Ed Gear
- Member at Large –
- Member at Large –
- Member at Large –
- Member at Large –
- Chair – Robin Stoeckler

This has been a frustrating, difficult year for the International Participation Committee. As was reported on behalf of the IPC Chair at the 19 November 2022 Council of Governors meeting, and shared at each subsequent meeting, this committee has not been able to convene this Lions year, as the Chair of the Committee to this date never received the names of the individuals who have been appointed to serve for this year. The Chair was made aware that the information in this year's directory is not correct, but nothing further has been provided.

Depending on the outcome of the vote in Boston, this committee could become extremely important to the Multiple District. Having a functioning committee will be critical. I strongly encourage this incoming Council of Governors to ask individuals from each District, who meet the following criteria, to serve as the District representative:

From the MD-36 policy manual:

Committee Makeup:

- ***Prospective members must have attended at least one International Convention or USA/Canada Forum or will attend one during their committee appointment.***



- **Each District Governor shall appoint 1 Lion to represent their District for a term of 1 year.**
- **The incoming Council of Governors shall appoint 4 at-large members from the Multiple District.**
- **Additionally, the incoming Council of Governors shall appoint a chairperson from the Multiple District.**

This has got to be a functioning committee with real appointees in place if we are to provide any real value.

International Convention in Boston July 7 - 11, 2023.

There's something for everyone at the Lions Clubs International Convention. Enjoy inspiring speakers and engaging presentations, special exhibits, world-class entertainment and so much more. Start planning your experience now:

<https://lcon.lionsclubs.org/attend/registration-information/>.

Registration fee \$250 until June 30, 2023.

The application to participate in the Parade of Nations has been submitted for the non-competitive category. A solid headcount of attendees in order to ensure sufficient scarves are available is requested as soon as possible. The cost per scarf is \$35, representing the actual cost of the fabric and embroidery. Sewing services are donated. IF you plan to attend the International Convention and/or if you are going to join the MD-36 delegation in the parade, please inform the IPC Chair as soon as possible.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, NV September 21 - 23, 2023:

You will find information and the link to register: <https://lionsforum.org/>.

The registration fee is \$285 before May 30th. After May 30th but before July 31, \$320. After July 31st, \$345. Register early and save \$\$\$. The Forum will feature over 70 seminars in 2 and 1/2 days. There will also be four motivational general meal sessions, service projects, and countless opportunities to network with partner programs and other like-minded Lions members.

Respectfully submitted
Robin Stoeckler

**Report to the Council of Governors
May 18, 2023**

International Understanding & Cooperation

We are monitoring the Ballot measure that is coming up in Boston that relates to International Directors candidates. Decisions on the wording will be made in May supposedly. The three Past International Directors will be giving a class on this at the MD convention.

The Peruvian Project is alive and well thanks to three Milwaukie Lions: Charles Brod, Tom Carter and PID Dennis Tichenor. This is in cooperation with the FACES Foundation who are a group of Cleft Palate surgeons who do surgeries around Lambayeque, Peru. Lion Tom Carter will be going to Peru in September with an exploratory group from FACES. At that time, he will be doing Water testing and training them in testing water. Additionally, we will be supplying them with reading glasses. Lion Tom spent two years in Peru and speaks Spanish. Lion Charles Brod went with FACES last year and lived in Peru and speaks Spanish. Lion Charles Brod will continue to work with the local clubs in Lambayeque city. This is a developing program.

Earlier we had acquired a SPOT eye testing machine along with an autorefractor machine through an LCIF grant. The Peruvian Lions are trained in using these machines and we have provided Thousands of local people with glasses. The program of taking readers has been stymied somewhat due to the lack of readers at the Oregon LERC center, so we will be going to the Washington center to get them.

The Spot machine has run its course so we will be asking for another LCIF grant for a new spot machine for the Peruvian Lions. Donations are appreciated.

The Mexico program is alive and well.

Submitted By PID Dennis Tichenor
MD36 Chair of International Understanding & Cooperation Committee

To: Lions COG and interested members
Date: May 18, 2023

LCIF Report & Random Thoughts
Submitted by MD36 LCIF Chair, PCC Paul Zastrow

Our international foundation committed to assist all throughout the world in need. Through grants, monetary and personal assistance your donations have made a difference for many people. In Oregon we have gotten more than \$1.8 million back to help in our own communities and state. Our School Screening and the LEAP Lab have received monies that would not have allowed us these great programs to exist without these generous grants. Disaster relief grants have assisted countless residents impacted by fires, floods and other calamities.

But – here is the rub – donations are down in our area, save for a very generous individual bequest in District R. We had a target of raising over \$15,000 in each District. The following are totals through April 30: O - \$9,980; R - \$55,260; E - \$7,070, G - \$9,485. What is wrong with our being able to give?? So few have donated, and the same can be said for our own OLS&H Foundation, where both club and individual donations are down.

Come on Lions – I personally am far from being considered well-off, yet still find money enough for donating over \$1,000 to each for every year the past 10 years. Surely some of you can match this effort!

Random thoughts – where has the idea of recruiting new blood for leadership gone for our districts? 2 of the 4 incoming DGs are retreads, having been there before. Many clubs seem to have the same officers for up to 10 years or more. And – too few Lions, either recent inductees or with years of experience are stepping up – we need Lions as Club officers, as District appointees, as elected officials – at every conceivable level of Lionism. Step up – you will be appreciated and thanked!

More – now that we are coming together again for our MD Convention, I remember fondly when we had over 300 attendees. What has happened to us that we can not achieve at that level? What can we as leaders do to make improvements in recruiting and retaining good Lions willing to serve?

COG Meeting March 18, 2023: YOUTH READING PROGRAMS PDG Carol Brink

Reading Buddies – by Jim Jagers 36-0

Reading Buddies have arrived at the North Marion Primary School. The French Prairie Lions Club has delivered 300+ stuffed animals to be a reading buddy to each of the students in the school. "The program is designed to help improve Oregon standardized reading scores in the 3rd grade," according to project co-chair Lion Jim Jagers. He reports that the COVID Pandemic has caused a decline in reading test scores across the state of Oregon, especially in the third grade.

Students can pick their own reading buddy and get to keep the stuffed animal to read to. Jagers said the program will run to the end of the school year. Gifts will be given by the Lions Club to each of the students participating. It is planned to be repeated again next year. This is a pilot program and will be available to schools across Oregon in 2023-2024.

SMART READING www.smartreading.org

- **Monday, May 22:** Cornucopia (all locations)

Cornucopia is holding a Fun-Raiser at their locations in **Springfield and Eugene**, donating 15% of the proceeds from those who present this flyer.

- **Tuesday, May 23:** Papa's Pizza in **Corvallis and Springfield**

SMART will receive 50% of the value of food purchased at Papa's Pizza locations in Corvallis and Springfield with the presentation of the event flyer.

To get Flyers: <https://smartreading.org/about-smart/local-offices/south-valley-area/events/>

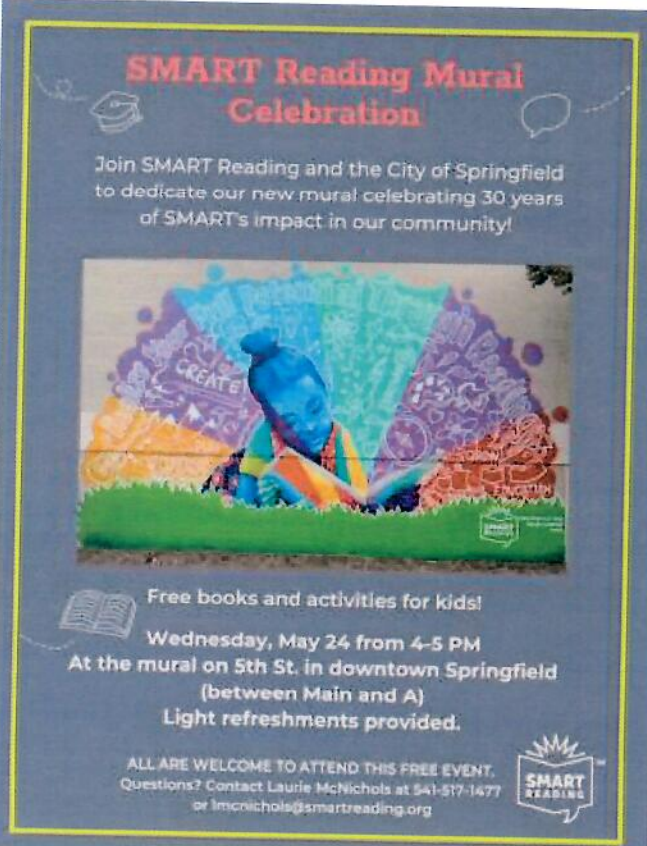
- **Wednesday May 24:**

Springfield Mural Celebration

Join SMART Reading and the City of **Springfield** on **May 24** from **4-5 PM** to dedicate our new mural celebrating 30 years of SMART's impact in our community! The celebration will be held in front of the mural on 5th St. in downtown Springfield (between Main and A) and we'll have free books, activities for kids, and light refreshments. This event is free and open to the public to attend.

Our Mission: To spark joy and opportunity through the magic of a shared book.

Our Vision: An Oregon where all children can realize their full potential through reading.



The flyer is for the SMART Reading Mural Celebration. It features a central image of a colorful mural with a blue figure and the word 'CREATE'. The text on the flyer includes the event title, a description of the mural, the date and time (Wednesday, May 24, 4-5 PM), the location (5th St. in downtown Springfield), and details about free books, activities, and refreshments. It also includes contact information for Laurie McNichols and the SMART Reading logo.

SMART Reading Mural Celebration

Join SMART Reading and the City of Springfield to dedicate our new mural celebrating 30 years of SMART's impact in our community!

Free books and activities for kids!
Wednesday, May 24 from 4-5 PM
At the mural on 5th St. in downtown Springfield (between Main and A)
Light refreshments provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT.
Questions? Contact Laurie McNichols at 541-517-1477 or lmcnichols@smartreading.org

SMART READING

To: Lions COG and interested members
Date: May 18, 2023

Youth Exchange Report
Submitted by MD36 Youth Exchange Chair, PCC Paul Zastrow

This program, now a bit over 50 years old, seems to be on its death knell in MD36. We do have several outgoing youth, but as they have friends/relatives in MD 19, I have allowed them to go with them getting the credit. World-wide Youth Exchange Program has definitely opened up with a lot of hosting and youth involvement in many countries. We have not had an organized program for a number of years – and if we can not get host families – it should be ended, against the wishes of LCI.

I have hosted more than 25 youth in the past 20 years – what can we say for others? The excuses that I hear do not pass muster, nor are they credible. In Oregon and the rest of MD36 it seem there's comment without commitment. That has to stop – take the opportunity to host a young adult from elsewhere in the world – make a stand to **create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world!**

Report to the Council of Governor's and Lions of MD36
for the May 18, 2023 meeting in Seaside, Oregon

Policy Manual Committee report

Submitted by Dale Rollins, MD36 Chair of Policy Manual Committee

The Policy Manual Committee has been working on updates submitted by the various MD36 committees. Those updates have been reviewed by chairs of those committees and by the members of the Council of Governors. They are now being presented to the COG for their approval.

IV-D	Past District Governors Association
IV-F	Southern Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Center
V-A	Awards, Honors, and Contests Committee
V-D	Childhood Cancer Committee
V-E	Constitution and Bylaws Committee
V-P	Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action Committee
V-R	Information Technology Committee
V-U	Long-Range Planning Committee
V-V-5	Scouting Committee
V-Y	Public Relations and Lions Information Committee
V-Z	Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action Committee
VII-C	Description of Multiple District Award

IV-D — Past District Governors Association (PDGA)

- I. Purpose:** To utilize the experience and wisdom of the collective membership of the Association and to advise and assist the Council of Governors (COG) in all areas of responsibility to Lions and Leos.
- II. Specific Responsibilities:**
- A. Consider all budgetary and financial matters and offer counsel to the COG.
 - B. Be actively involved in leadership and membership development, by promoting new Lions clubs and strengthening existing Lions clubs.
 - C. Encourage and coordinate social activities for its members.
 - D. Serve as “ex-officio” greeters to all Lions, guests and especially visiting International officers, directors and past International officers.
 - E. Conduct a Celebration of Life tribute service at Multiple District (MD) 36 conventions.
- III. Association Makeup:**
- A. Membership: All Past District Governors (PDG) in good standing in their clubs and Districts are eligible to be members of the Association for as long as they maintain active District Lion membership.
 - B. Officers:
 1. President:
 - ~~a. Shall meet as needed up to three (3) times per year. If all members of the Executive Committee have email capability, then no more than two (2) of the meetings may be conducted by email.~~
 - a. Presides over Executive Committee meetings and general membership meetings
 - b. Shall send notices and agendas and call Executive Committee meetings.
 2. Vice President:
 - ~~a. Election: same as President.~~
 - a. Organize Celebration of Life tribute service.
 - b. Other specific responsibilities as assigned.
 3. Secretary-Treasurer:
 - ~~a. Election: same as President.~~
 - ~~b. Specific responsibilities:~~
 - ai. Responsible for all items under Paragraph IV, “Fiscal Responsibilities.”
 - bii. Responsible for items D and E under Paragraph V, “Meetings.”
 4. Executive Committee:
 - a. Four (4) PDGs, one (1) elected from the PDGA of each of the four (4) Districts (O, R, E and G) shall, with the officers, comprise the Executive Committee.
 - b. Responsibilities:
 - i. Shall meet as needed up to three (3) times per year before meetings of the general Association membership. If all members of the Executive Committee have email capacity, no more than two (2) of the meetings may be conducted by mail.
 - ii. Shall be empowered to carry out the policies of and act on behalf of the Association between Association meetings.
 - iii. Shall study and make recommendations of all matters coming to the Association including, but not limited to, budgetary items.
 - iv. The PDG elected from each District shall be a liaison to PDGs in their District.

5. Elections:

65. Vacancies: If a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any of the above officers or members of the executive committee, the vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the term by a member of the Association in good standing and a majority vote by the remaining officers and members of the executive committee.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:

- A. The Association may levy assessments or receive voluntary contributions from its members if deemed necessary.
- B. All funds will be in a budget following "rules of audit" to defray administrative expenses such as postage, telephone, supplies or other expenditures as authorized by the Executive Committee and/or the general Association membership.
- C. The Executive Committee is authorized to make expenditures up to \$500.00 and to report these expenditures at the next regular meeting of the Association.
- D. Records of all transactions, receipts and disbursements, shall be retained by the Association. Said records shall be retained for a period of not less than three (3) years nor more than six (6) years, unless otherwise directed.
- E. Annual financial statements shall be submitted to COG at close of each fiscal year.
- F. All records shall be turned over to a successor or COG in an orderly manner within 30 days of end of term.

V. Meetings:

- A. One regular meeting of the PDGA shall be held following the MD Convention.
- B. The President, Council Chairperson or any five (5) Association members may call special meeting by stating time, place and purpose of said meeting in writing to all Association members.
- C. Voting:
 - 1. To constitute an official meeting of the Executive Committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 - 2. Each member present shall have one (1) vote on all matters.
- D. Notices and agenda of meetings will be mailed/mailed to members and Council Chairperson no less than ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25) days prior to meeting.
- E. Minutes of all Association meetings will be taken, recorded and distributed via mail or electronically to members by the Secretary-Treasurer within thirty (30) days of said meeting.

- VI. Reports:** A brief, typed report will be submitted to the COG fifteen (15) days prior to Council meeting if requesting COG action. If no action is required, it may be submitted at the next COG meeting.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

- 1. Original adopted by the COG, February 28, 1982
- 2. Revised by 1995-96 the COG
- 3. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, March 9, 1997
- 4. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 14, 1999
- 5. Reviewed/Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 2002
- 6. Revised by the PDGA, March 2003

7. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, January 31, 2004
8. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
9. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
10. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019

IV-F — Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center (SOLSHC)

- I. Purpose:** To work with the Lions family of District 36 E, Regions 1 and 2 and other community agencies to effectively marshal resources to improve the quality of life for residents of southern Oregon. Our focus is primarily in the areas of sight, hearing, diabetes and promoting positive opportunities for youths.
- II. Specific Responsibilities:**
- A. This facility is owned by the Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center, Inc. and has its own bylaws (available upon request).
 - B. To encourage Lions and Lionesses to participate with the Center to maintain and improve programs and services for sight and hearing-impaired residents of Jackson and Josephine Counties in southern Oregon.
 - C. To employ staff, as necessary, who carry out the policies and programs for sight and hearing-impaired individuals in Jackson and Josephine Counties.
 - D. To furnish all current materials to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) and to the Council of Governors (COG) for the purpose of communication, understanding, cooperation and education.
 - E. To interface and partner with other community groups to provide a wider range of programs to disabled individuals in Jackson and Josephine Counties.
 - F. To provide:
 1. Low vision and hearing assistance clinic areas and sales of equipment.
 2. A facility for community groups to meet.
- III. Committee Makeup:**
- A. Membership:
 1. Participating Lions and Lioness clubs from the geographic area whose contributions are of time, materials and money.
 2. The Board of Directors membership is one (1) representative or alternate from each participating club, elected by the sponsoring club, alternating for 2-year terms.
 - B. Officers: The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer (the Executive Committee) are elected annually by the Board of Directors.
- IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:** The Board of Directors is responsible for all funds, budget, financial statements, audits, depository records, non-profit operation and for providing fiscal information to the OLSHF, DGs or Lions Club International (LCI), if requested.
- V. Meetings:** Corporation bylaws establish meetings on the last Monday of each month, except December.
- VI. Reports:** A brief, typed report will be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting of the COG if requesting Council action. Otherwise, a report will be submitted at time of verbal report at the quarterly COG meetings, including the MD36 Convention.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, March 20, 1982.
2. Reviewed, March 9, 1997
3. Revised by SOLS&H Center, Inc., September 30, 2003

4. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
5. Revision adopted by the COG, March 12, 2011
6. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
7. Revisions adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019

Chapter V — COMMITTEES

V-A — Awards, Honors, and Contests Committee

I. Purpose: To administer the MD36 Awards, Honors, and Contests program which has been established to recognize either clubs or individual members for their contributions and outstanding service to the goals of Lionism.

II. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. To set goals and objectives annually intended to encourage greater Lions participation in activities of the Districts and the MD.
- B. To make clubs and members aware of the awards and their criteria at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- C. To work closely with the District Governors (DG) from each District in the promotion of the awards program to recognize exemplary service.
- D. The chairperson shall make recommendations for revision and management of the awards policies.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. Membership: Members shall be the awards chairperson from each District ~~and the MD Chair appointed by the COG.~~
- B. Chairperson: ~~The Council of Governors (COG) shall be appointed~~ appoint one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson ~~by the COG.~~

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:

- A. The MD budget will annually include adequate funds to support the MD awards programs.
- B. District awards are the responsibility of the respective DG.

V. Meetings:

- A. The Awards Committee shall meet at least annually at the MD Convention.
- B. Other meetings may be held as necessary via phone, FAX or other electronic media.
- C. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.

VI. Reports:

- A. The chairperson shall submit an annual report to the COG, and the EA or MD36 office following the annual convention listing the recipients of all awards.
- B. The content and criteria of the ~~following~~ awards shall be developed by the awards committee and provided to all clubs in the MD or ~~see~~ Exhibit VII-C.

- ~~1. Club Bulletin Award~~
- ~~2. Club Brochure Award~~
- ~~3. Digital Media Award~~
- ~~4. Club Flyer Award~~
- ~~5. Club Website Award~~
- ~~6. Club Facebook Page Award~~
- ~~7. Club Instagram Page Award~~
- ~~8. Club Public Relations Award~~

- ~~9. Club Community and Cultural Activities Award~~
- ~~10. Club Community Partnership Award~~
- ~~11. Sight Conservation Award~~
- ~~12. Club Visitation Award~~
- ~~13. Club Storyboard Award~~
- ~~14. Club Net Membership Award~~
- ~~15. Membership Sponsor Award~~
- ~~16. District Extension Award~~
- ~~17. District Leadership Awards~~
- ~~18. MD Lion/Cub of the Year Award~~
- ~~19. Lion Mile Award~~
- ~~20. District Governors Guiding Light Award~~

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, February 28, 1982
2. Revised, March 9, 1997
3. Revised by Richard Smith, PDG, October 19, 2003
4. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
5. Adopted by the COG, May 15, 2011
6. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
7. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019
8. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2022

V-D — Childhood Cancer Committee

I. Purpose: To promote and support childhood cancer programs.

II. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. To educate Oregon Lions to the needs of fundraising support of these programs.
- B. To build awareness of the need for support of childhood cancer services through various programs and information.
- C. To promote service through the need of volunteers to support these programs.
- D. To support Lions and Leos engaged or interested in projects to expand access to life-saving treatment and provide support to the children and families who face childhood cancers.
- E. To support Lion and Leos clubs to report service in MyLCI.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. The committee will consist of 1 member from each District to be appointed annually by the District Governor (DG).
- B. Officers: The Council of Governors (COG) shall appoint **one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson.**
- C. Duties of the Childhood Cancer Chairperson:
 1. To serve at the district and multiple district levels.
 2. To collaborate with leadership throughout the organization, including the Global Service Team (GST).
 3. Become an expert in your district/multiple district by learning about childhood cancers.
 4. Bring your knowledge to the local level by exploring how childhood cancer is directly impacting your district/multiple district.
 5. Submit a plan of action, including recommended service goals for childhood cancer, to the district governors/council chairperson for approval.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities: None

V. Meetings:

- A. Four (4) regular meetings will be held; one before each COG meeting.
- B. Meetings to be held at a mutually agreed upon time and place.
- C. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.

VI. Reports: The Committee Chairperson will report at the COG meetings.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as accepted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, May 2022

V-E — Constitution and Bylaws Committee

I. Purpose: To write and maintain a clear, concise Constitution and Bylaws for Multiple District (MD) 36 which is in compliance with Lions Clubs International (LCI) Constitution and Bylaws.

II. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. To act on any proposed change presented to the Committee by January 31. These proposed changes come from:
 1. The Council of Governors (COG).
 2. Lions clubs in good standing.
- B. To report any changes prepared to the club presidents at least thirty (30) days prior to the MD36 Convention.
- C. To report any proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to the MD36 Convention.
- D. To present to the MD36 COG for that body's consideration, any change to the Constitution or Bylaws the Committee believes is needed.
- E. To prepare or review all resolutions pertaining to changes in the Constitution and Bylaws to assure proper and legal language for proposed changes.
- F. To determine that any amendment coming from the floor at the MD36 Convention is germane to the published proposed change and to assure proper language of the amendment if approved by the Convention.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. Membership: Four members, one (1) from each of the four (4) Districts (O, R, E and G); are appointed annually by the respective District Governors (DG) for a term of 1 year. ~~Since continuity is essential, new members appointed to the committee should anticipate a multi-year commitment. It is recommended that only one (1) member be replaced annually.~~
- B. Officers: A Chairperson is appointed annually by the COG unless selection is delegated to the Committee. The Chairperson ~~should have prior committee experience and~~ may be reappointed.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities: The Committee handles no funds. The COG is responsible for the funds and budgetary management.

V. Meetings:

- A. Two (2) regular meetings should be held in conjunction with:
 1. The second meeting of the COG.
 2. The MD36 Convention.
- B. Special Meetings:
 1. The Committee should meet in conjunction with the COG ~~October 2nd~~ quarter meeting to review the MD36 Constitution and Bylaws and discuss any needed changes.
 2. The Chairperson, any two (2) members or the Council Chairperson may call other special meetings, in writing, stating time, place and purposes.
- C. Voting:
 1. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 2. Each member present shall have one (1) vote on all matters. To vote on any matter coming before the Committee, a member must be present and qualified.

- D. Notices and agendas of meetings will be mailed to members of the COG at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.
- E. Minutes of any meeting will be taken, recorded and distributed to members and the COG.

VI. Reports:

- A. A brief typed report will be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to a meeting of the COG if requesting Council action. Otherwise, the report may be submitted at the time of the oral report at COG meetings and the MD Convention.
- B. Reports on amendments and proposed amendments to the MD36 Constitution and Bylaws will be made as covered in Section II, Paragraphs A-F.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, March 20, 1982
2. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, March 9, 1997
3. Reviewed /Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 2002
4. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
5. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
6. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019

V-P — Hearing Preservation, Awareness, and Action Committee

I. Purpose: Hearing Conservation and Work with the Deaf became a major Lions activity in 1971. The program name was updated to; Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action thereby broadening the Lion's base of service.

II. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. Promote hearing programs within MD36 and within each district.
- B. Become familiar with the information for Hearing Chairperson section on the association's website.
- C. Connect with Lions hearing chairs worldwide via the LCI Facebook Group for hearing chairpersons.
- D. Utilize current resources from official hearing/deaf associations to become knowledgeable about hearing impairment and deafness.
- E. Identify appropriate projects in the multiple district.
- F. Develop partnerships with relevant organizations and professional to leverage resources.
- G. Encourage and facilitate club or district level participation in:
 1. Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP)
 2. LCIF's Affordable Hearing Aid Program (AHAP)
 3. OLSHF's ROAR program
- H. Encourage clubs to appoint a club hearing preservation, awareness and action chairperson.
- I. Plan and facilitate hearing preservation awareness presentations for forums, zone meetings, district and multiple district conventions.
- J. Keep the Council of Governors informed of multiple district activities; encourage clubs to report their hearing projects in the Service Activity report within MyLion.
- K. Provide a written and/or verbal report to the Council of Governors at each council meeting.
- L. Provide a summary report of the previous year's committee activities to successor.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. **Membership:** The committee shall consist of one representative from each of the four (4) districts appointed by the DG of that district.
- B. **Officers:** The Council of Governors (COG) shall appoint one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:

V. Meetings:

VI. Reports:

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as accepted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, May 2022

V-R — Information Technology Committee (ITC)

- I. Purpose:** To advise the Council of Governors (COG) on matters concerning information technology and to aid and advise clubs and Districts in the same matters.
- II. Specific Responsibilities:**
- A. To aid and instruct district officers, chairpersons and club officers in the use of the Internet for reporting membership and other pertinent information directly to Lions Clubs International (LCI).
 - B. To develop an instructional program for clubs on the use of the Internet and email.
 - C. To promote the use of electronic information dispersal and transfer for the purposes of timeliness, economy and conservation of natural resources.
 - D. To assist:
 1. Districts and clubs in setting up websites and social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor.
 2. Districts and clubs in the use of email to communicate with clubs within the same District.
 3. The District Governors (DG) in setting up record keeping in the District.
- III. Committee Makeup:**
- A. Membership:
 1. This committee will consist of the IT chairperson from each District, who is appointed annually by the DG.
 2. One additional member (such as the MD Webmaster) may be appointed at the discretion of the COG.
 - B. Officers: ~~the COG will appoint The Chairperson annually~~ The Council of Governors (COG) shall appoint one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson.
- IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:** This committee handles no funds. The COG is responsible for funds and budgetary management.
- V. Meetings:**
- A. Regular:
 1. Should be held at least once yearly with that meeting being held at the Multiple District (MD) 36 Convention.
 2. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the committee and may be done by email.
 - B. Special: May be called by the COG stating the time, place and purpose.
 - C. Voting:
 1. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 2. Each member present shall have one (1) vote on all matters.
 - D. Notices and agendas shall be sent to all members and Council Chairperson at least fifteen (15) days prior to meetings.
 - E. Minutes of meetings will be distributed to members and COG.
- VI. Reports:** A brief typed report will be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to COG meeting if requesting COG action. Otherwise, a report may be submitted (orally and/or written as requested by the COG) at MD36 Convention or at other COG meetings if requested by the COG.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, May 18, 2002
2. Revised by Bud Wilkinson, October 2003
3. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
4. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
5. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct 2019
6. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2022

V-U — Long-Range Planning Committee

- I. Purpose:** To provide the Council of Governors (COG) and the Multiple District (MD) with the ability to plan for the future and look at actions and activities, that exceed the ability of the Council, for making changes requiring more than one year for development and implementation.
- II. Specific Responsibilities:**
 - A. To receive direction from the MD COG on issues they would like researched to develop a proposed course of action for consideration of the COG.
 - B. To review all areas of interest and concern about Lionism in the MD.
 - C. To study and make recommendations on all issues that affect more than one District.
 - D. To bring to the COG a review of both pros and cons and a recommended course of action for Lions growth for greater humanitarian service throughout the MD.
- III. Committee Makeup:**
 - A. Membership: The Committee will be composed of all Past International Directors (PID) currently within the MD that are active members of a Lions club in the MD.
 - B. Task Force: Other Lions, Lioness and Leos may be appointed to be a part of a group formed by the Committee to evaluate one given issue. The Task Force will be chaired by one of the PID on the Committee and report their findings and recommendations to the Committee for consideration.
 - C. Committee Chairperson: The Chairperson shall be the PID having most recently served on the International Board.
- IV. Fiscal Responsibilities:** This committee handles no funds.
- V. Meetings:** No regularly scheduled meetings are required. The Chairperson shall call meetings of the Committee as needed.
- VI. Reports:** Written reports will be given to the COG at least thirty (30) days prior to a Council meeting anytime an issue is to be presented for consideration.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, May (2000?)
2. Reviewed/Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 2002
3. Adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
4. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
5. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019

V-V-5 — Scouting Committee

- I. **Purpose:** To advise the Council of Governors (COG) on the potential for Lions ~~and Lioness~~ Clubs to interact with Scouting Units and enhance membership opportunities for both organizations.
- II. **Specific Responsibilities:**
 - A. To advise the Lions District Scouting Chairs of events sponsored by the Scouts BSA and Girl Scout Councils in MD36.
 - B. To encourage Lions ~~and Lioness~~ Clubs to consider partnering with Scouting Units to help achieve the goals and objectives of both organizations.
 - C. To build on the leadership strengths of Scouting Units and Lions/~~Lioness~~ Clubs to help develop the full potential of our communities' youths.
 - D. To coordinate communications between Scouting Councils and Lions/~~Lioness~~ Club Districts by sharing website information.
- III. **Committee Makeup:**
 - A. Membership:
 1. This committee will consist of one (1) member from each District appointed annually by the District Governor (DG) and a MD committee chairperson.
 2. One additional member (such as the MD36 Scouting Committee Chairperson) at the discretion of and appointed by the COG.
 - B. Officers: The COG will appoint the committee chairperson annually.
- IV. **Fiscal Responsibilities:** This committee handles no funds. The COG is responsible for funds and budgetary management.
- V. **Meetings:**
 - A. Regular:
 1. Should be held at least twice yearly with one (1) meeting held at the MD36 Convention.
 2. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the committee.
 - B. Special: May be called by the COG stating the time, place and purpose.
 - C. Voting:
 1. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 2. Each member present shall have one (1) vote on all matters.
 - D. Notices and agendas shall be sent to all committee members and Council Chairperson at least fifteen (15) days prior to meetings.
 - E. Meeting minutes will be distributed to committee members and COG.
- VI. **Reports:** A brief report will be submitted fifteen (15) days prior to COG meetings if requesting COG action. Otherwise, a report will be submitted (orally and/or written as requested by the COG) at MD36 Convention or at other COG meetings if requested by the Council.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

1. Prepared by Lion Don Potter, October 20, 2003

2. Original adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
3. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
4. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct. 2019

V-Y — Public Relations and Lions Information Committee

I. Purpose:

- A. To maintain the highest levels of professional public relations within all clubs in the Multiple District (MD) in order to further the cause of Lionism.
- B. To establish a Public Relations and Lions Information (PRLI) plan that is effective and meets the objectives of positive publicity for the Lions of the MD.

II. Specific Responsibilities:

- A. The PRLI committee shall present goals each year at the first Council of Governors (COG) meeting of the year. They are intended to act as guidelines for the functioning of the committee and will be reviewed during the year to assess progress in achieving said goals.
- B. To promote:
 1. All Lion service activities to Lions and non-Lions within the MD.
 2. Public awareness of Lions projects to all non-Lions.
 3. Harmony and teamwork while acting as a liaison between the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) and to work with the Foundation on a PRLI plan as it relates to needed support from Lions club members.
- C. To provide:
 1. Professional public relations materials to clubs at MD level via the district PRLI chairs, the Oregon Lion Magazine or with special presentations as requested.
 2. Assistance to all MD committee chairs with PRLI plans in their respective areas of responsibility in order to meet their goals and objectives.
 3. A campaign to support furthering the cause of Lionism.
 4. A Public Relations Manual.
- D. To encourage:
 1. Professional application of PRLI practices and materials to MD committee chairs, district officers and clubs.
 2. Clubs to increase their knowledge of a good PRLI plan that ultimately can lead to:
 - a. Membership gain when the non-Lion public is informed about the positive effects the Lion Club has in the community.
 - b. More effective fundraising or community service efforts.
 3. Encourage Lions to use the Public Relations Manual.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. Membership: The committee shall be composed of ~~the Multiple District Public Relations and Lions Information chairperson and~~ a representative from each of the four (4) districts appointed by the district governor.
- B. Officers: ~~The MD chairperson shall be appointed annually by the COG~~ The Council of Governors (COG) shall appoint one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson.

IV. Fiscal Responsibilities: A budget will be presented each year with projected dollar amounts as it relates to the PRLI goals and objectives.

V. Meetings:

- A. They will be called as needed at the discretion of the PRLI Chairperson or if requested by any committee member in order to meet the annual goals and objectives.
 - B. Voting:
 - 1. To constitute an official meeting of this committee, a quorum shall be defined as a majority (50% + 1) of the committee members for the purpose of transacting business.
 - 2. Each member present shall have one (1) vote on all matters.
- VI. Reports:** A brief report shall be given at each COG meeting, reflecting the progress and achievements as set forth in II-A, above.

Policy Revision History: (Added and dated as adopted by the COG)

- 1. Original adopted by the COG, March 6, 1983
- 2. Revised, regular meeting, COG, January 24, 1993
- 3. Revised by Policy Manual Committee, March 9, 1997
- 4. Reviewed/Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, May 2002
- 5. Revised by the Policy Manual Committee, January 31, 2004
- 6. Revision adopted by the COG, March 5, 2004
- 7. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
- 8. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct 2019
- 9. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2022

V-Z — Sight Preservation, Awareness, and Action Committee

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 Vision Chairpersons” section on the association’s websites.
- B. Connect with Lions sight chairs worldwide via the LCI Facebook Group for sight chairpersons (if one exists).
- 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 Center (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.

III. Committee Makeup:

- A. **Membership:** The committee shall consist of one representative from each of the four (4) districts appointed by the DG of that district.
- B. **Officers:** The Council of Governors (COG) shall appoint one of the four district representatives to serve as the Chairperson.

Policy Revision History (Added and dates as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted by the COG, June 2020
2. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2022

VII-C — Description of Multiple District Awards

I. Multiple District Awards:

The following awards have been established for presentation at the annual Multiple District (MD) Convention. Other MD awards may be presented with approval of the Council of Governors (COG).

Each district will have an Awards Chairperson who will work with the Multiple District 36 Awards Chair. The District chair, with help from their District Governor and/or an awards committee will determine the winners from their district. The winning entries will be given to the MD Awards chair to be displayed at the Multiple District convention. A committee will determine the winners of each category and ~~be presented~~ **withwill present** an award ~~(banner-patch?)~~ to each.

A list of Club Awards will be presented to the Council at the first meeting to be voted on for the coming year. They may include but are not limited to:

1. Club Bulletin Award
2. Club Brochure Award
3. Club Digital Media Award
4. Club Flyer Award
5. Club Website Award
6. Club Facebook Page Award
7. Club Instagram Page Award
8. Club Public Relations Award
9. Club Community and Cultural Activities Award
10. Club/Community Partnership Award
11. Club Storyboard Award

II. District Awards:

DGs are encouraged to develop and present appropriate awards that recognize exemplary service by District clubs and members that enhance the goals and objects of Lions Clubs International and MD36. The development and presentation of such awards are at the discretion of the DG and are appropriately presented at the Multiple District convention.

1. Sight Conservation Award
2. Club Visitation Award
3. Club Net Membership Award
4. Membership Sponsor of the Year
5. District Extension Award
6. District Leadership Awards
7. MD Lion of the Year Award
8. MD Lion Cub of the Year Award
9. Lion Mile Award
10. District Governors Guiding **Light-Lamp** Award

Every year the Awards Manual will be updated to reflect the new Lion year. The manual and accompanying check sheets will be posted on the MD36 website and emailed out to the district secretaries and district governors.

Policy Revision History (Added and updated as adopted by the COG)

1. Original adopted adopted by the COG, FY 2002-2003
2. Revised by Richard Smith, PDG October 2003
3. Revision adopted by the COG, March 2004
4. Revision adopted by the COG, May 2014
5. Revision adopted by the COG, Oct 2019

Public Relations & Publicity- May 2023 COG Meeting

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The focus of the PR committee this year has been on the PR grant that was awarded to MD36 last summer. Since the last COG meeting, the yard signs and magnetic bumper stickers have been ordered and were delivered directly to the four District Governors.

Yard Signs- 2500 18" x 24" yard signs and metal stakes were ordered, enough for every Lion household to have one, plus additional signs for the district.



Magnetic bumper stickers- 3100 bumper magnets were ordered, measuring 10" x 3". Enough was ordered for every Lion to receive one, plus extras for each district.



It is the hope of the committee that most of the signs and bumper stickers will be distributed to their clubs no later than the end of May/early June so that all clubs have them to use over the summer. Having signs/magnets in the hands of most Lions would be a great way to start the 2023-2024 Lion Year.

If you haven't already, please reach out to your DG to coordinate pick-up of the signs and magnets for your club.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Carrie Bartley