

# MINUTES OF THE FALL COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

October 19, 2024

Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Lions Club Bldg. Chilliwack, B.C.

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White at 8:41 am, followed by the introductions of the Council and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and signed the Attendance Sheets.

## I. Council of Governors

Patty Allen-White, Council Chairperson  
Steve Brooks, Vice Council Chairperson  
Peter Anderson, Executive Director  
Kevin Borde, District Governor 19-L  
Chuck Robison, District Governor 19-I  
Beth James, District Governor 19-O  
Elaine Luk, PDG 19-L  
Michael Livingstone, PDG 19-I  
Joel Haggen, PDG 19-O

## II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Budget & Finance  
ZC Shelley Staudinger, 2025 International Convention  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bob Johnson for Nancy Messmer – Environment  
PDG Debbie Bostock, Global Leadership  
PCC Hal Palmer, Global Membership  
PDG Peggy Harriman, Global Service  
PDG Lorne Bunyan, Global Membership Approach  
PID Allan Hunt, International Relations  
Colette Arvidson for Bill Scholl, Knights of the Blind  
Nathan Chien & Amy He, LEO Liaisons  
PDG Jan Weatherly, LCIF-US  
PZC Linda Deroche, LEO  
PDG Norma Bent, Quest  
PCC JD Nellor, Parliamentarian

## Foundations & Societies

PDG Wanda Eddy, BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities

## III. Lions, Leos and Guests

Rebecca Anderson  
Michele Barrie  
Judy Brooks  
PZC Michael Cheng  
PDG Shelley Costello  
Mark Deroche  
PDG Mike Dukes  
PZC June Ferreira  
PZC Sharon Hansen

PCC Lyndon Harriman  
PZC Mike Jenson  
Bob Jones  
PZC Sherman Lo  
PDG Debbie Mansell  
PDG Mark Mansell  
Susan Nellor  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG Teresa Ng  
Wayne Pavich

ZC Chris Qiu  
PID Don Shove  
PDG Al Stobbart  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG September Stokes  
ZC Rosemary Walkup  
PZC Margaret Wall  
Martin Wall  
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Rock T. White  
PZC Jocelyn Wan

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Michael Livingstone, 19-I and seconded by PDG Joel Haggen, 19-O to accept the minutes of the Annual Convention Council of Governors' Meeting, held at the Silver Reef Casino in Ferndale, WA, May 23, 2024, as posted. Motion carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

### **ELECTION REPORT** by PDG Grace Hwo, Chairperson:

“Dear Council Chairperson Patty, Vice Council Chairperson Steve, and fellow Council members,  
After four months of consideration, knowing my father has mobility issues, it is time for me to make a difficult decision and resign from my duty as MD19 Election Chairperson effectively immediately. It is impossible for me to have spare time to serve more in Lions as I am the full-time caretaker at home for my parents. My apology for the inconvenience this will cause. Below is my last report and my warmest regards to every one of you.

The Election of 2024-2025 Council Chairperson, Vice Council Chairperson, and the endorsement of International Director was done at the MD19 Annual Convention on May 23-25, 2024, by electronic voting on site: District L 13% (21/158 eligible votes) District I 11% (11/104 eligible votes) District O 29% (41/141 eligible votes) District N 20% (35/178 eligible votes) District S 7% (9/125 eligible votes)

The candidates were duly elected:

2024-25 Council Chairperson – Patty Allen-White; 2024-25 Vice Council Chairperson – Steve Brooks; endorsement for International Director candidate: Mark Mansell

This was the first time we had physical electronic voting at the Convention. There is room for improvement such as the following:

1. Consistent updates and coordination with the Election Chairperson are critical. The Election schedules are important for the Election Chairperson to ensure that it has enough time to inform the clubs and to look for Election team members at the site.
2. Each laptop should have a wireless mouse in the Voting Room.
3. Enough lions' volunteers with IT knowledge need to be on site to assist the voters on site."

**LCIF-BC REPORT** by PDG Simon Yau, Chairperson:

"Multiple District 19 BC, Canadian donations to LCIF at the end of first quarter USD \$14,668.00, which represent 15% of this year's goal of \$84,747.00, 7% of the LCIF Chairperson Dr. Patti Hill's goal of \$20,4472.00.

I have attended the LCIF Area CAll Strategy Session in Toronto and gained lots of new ideas to promote LCIF and fundraising ideas.

District19-L hosted their annual Melvin Jones Fellows Appreciation Gala on Thursday, April 24, 2024. LCIF Chairperson PP Dr. Patti Hill attended the event as the keynote speaker and MJF Awards presenter.

Please continue to encourage clubs to support and donate to LCIF, our own Foundation."

**LEADER DOG for the BLIND REPORT** by PDG Carol Whitman, Chairperson:

"As of this writing the following districts have donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind:

District L:	\$0.00
District I:	\$0.00
District O:	\$8,968.00
District N:	\$9,936.00
District S:	\$8,861.00

**Total donated by MD19 so far this year is \$27,771.00**

In the past years we have had larger donations. I still encourage all the clubs to add Leader Dogs to their budgets every year. This is such a worthwhile program."

**LEO REPORT** by PZC Linda Deroche, Chairperson:

"This is my first year as the MD19 Leo Chairperson and I am honored to be entrusted with such a great opportunity to involve our amazing youth in the wonderful world of Lions.

The enthusiasm of the Leos on both sides of the Border is incredible. It appears the energy the Leos exude is infectious and has really inspired Leos from various Clubs to jump on board, get creative, be more active, all while building what I hope to be lifelong friendships.

I've had the opportunity to talk with several Leo Advisors as well as potential Leo Advisors and the program seems to be coming to life and taking on a whole new direction.

I'm extremely pleased to report there are two new Leo Clubs, one in 19 0-3 and one 19 0-1, that are in the process of completing the necessary paperwork and hope to be up and fully functioning in the next few weeks.

Leos are our future. I ask that my fellow Lions continue to be open-minded to the endless possibilities that our Leos present, daily, be it at their meetings, with their family or out in their communities. Leos breathe life into Lions, and we are all so blessed to be part of their growth as they take our organization in directions we never thought possible."

**VISION REPORT** by PDG Harry Lippincott, Chairperson:

"So far, I have written and sent four letters about a Vision Awareness Program idea. The goal is to create a resource for clubs to use for vision screening and education programs in the present and future.

I have talked to three District Governors and one District Vision Chairperson, who have shown interest in the program. However, there has been limited feedback from other district chairpersons.

District chairpersons are crucial to providing input as they have a good understanding of club activities in their areas. It is essential for me and the District chairpersons to collaborate on developing a beneficial program for clubs, districts, and the Multiple District.

As we are three months into the year, schools are open, and screenings are starting. It's an opportune time to gather information that could be used as resources for the program."

## **FOUNDATION REPORTS**

### **LIONS OF B.C. HEARING CONSERVATION REPORT** by PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson and Council member's, greetings.

BC Hearing Society members are working hard to promote the hearing aid program.

We are getting more requests for new hearing aids as most seniors are on fixed income and are not able to afford them. We provide new digital hearing aids with a three-year warrantee.

Only a few Lions Clubs have a hearing aid recycling program, and we are trying to change that. The newer or digital hearing aids are sent to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre in Victoria for testing, reprogramming and reuse. Some of the hearing aids I receive are only a few months old.

I sent over 300 used hearing aids to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre for testing, reprogramming and reuse.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society have a great awards program for deserving Lions; the Meade Sutherland Fellowship Award for \$500 and the Society Fellowship Award for \$50. Lions clubs can order these for deserving Lions.

My friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help and donations. For more information, please contact me at [governor.gahir@gmail.com](mailto:governor.gahir@gmail.com) or Bob Jones at [lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com](mailto:lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com)."

### **NWLERC REPORT** by Kerby Kee, President:

"We are in the prosses of obtaining two LENSOMETERS approx. \$7,000 cost.

We awarded patches to 34 clubs for their contributions of eyeglasses and money.

#### **NWLERC KEY STATISTICS**

Volunteer Hours: 434

Eyeglasses processed for Missions: 813

Raw eyeglasses received: 14,995

Raw eyeglasses recycled: 48,000

#### **MISSION INFORMATION**

Eyeglasses to Missions: 202

Mission supported: 1

New signs have been installed at the LERC Warehouse – donated by PDG Patti and Garry Sparks.

Jerry Engebo, who was the editor for 'The Focus' for several years has passed away. He will be missed by all."

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Joel Hagggen, 19-O and seconded by District Governor Chuck Robinson, 19-I to accept the Consent Agenda reports as printed, except for the NWLLI and Diabetes reports, which have been removed to be given orally. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **CARE REPORT** by CC Patty Allen-White for PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairperson:

"Through the end of September, I'm pleased to announce some great news. Thirteen clubs in MD 19 have donated \$6945.00 to date. At the same time last year only eight clubs had donated, and the dollars were \$2590.00. This is better than a 100% increase in donations after three months. Great start - let's keep it going!

The following Six clubs have already qualified for a Gordon F. Smith Fellowship (which is a \$500 qualifying donation).

West Shore, L-12  
Salt Springs Island, L-13  
Pitt Meadows, O-2  
Port Coquitlam, O-3  
Bellingham Fairhaven, O-5  
Ridgefield, N-10.

These clubs can now request a Gordon F. Smith Fellowship. Thank you to District Governor Beth James as District 19-O has donated \$3650.00 which is over half the entire MD19 total. **I spoke with Beth in Toronto recently. She said that herself, the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs and zone chairpersons were all promoting CARE during visitations and newsletters.** Thank you, DG Beth.

I want to remind you that CARE is an MD19 project, and ALL clubs should participate. Our COGs (DGs and IPDGs) selected the project, and we should be supporters of our leadership.

I have been told that in the spring a new project will be voted on for future years. Currently funds are going to help convert pig manure into energy in Honduras.”

**ENVIRONMENT REPORT BY 1<sup>ST</sup> VDG Bob Johnson for Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:**

**“Multiple District 19 Environment Committee  
District Environment Chairs**

**L-David Haynes I-Joe Nilles & Kim DiRienz O-Enoch Rowland N-Barak Gale S-Judy Riggers**



**Lions International Website and Facebook provide ideas, images, and resources for Lions around the world. When you post a Club Environmental Service project, use the hashtag #LionsGoGreen.**

**MD 19 Environment Team Lions Year 2024-2025.** Representing all five districts, District Environment Chairpersons & Zone Environment Chairpersons and Club Environment Chairpersons work closely with four Lions serving as MD 19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White. **We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at noon and invite interested Lions to join us.** Write to [able@olypen.com](mailto:able@olypen.com). Our team increases in size and scope as we are joined by Lions from throughout our MD and from across the continent.

**MD 19 Environment Team Onstage at Lions Clubs International Convention in Melbourne, Australia**  
**Lions from around the world were selected to share service projects on the Presentation Stage. Nancy Messmer, Stephanie O'Dell and PDG Debbie Mansell shared information about Environment Service Projects including information about Scrap Lion a Lion, Wisconsin's Statewide project targeting Food Waste and promoting composting.**



As the Environment Chairpersons circulate through our districts, speaking to Lions, scanning MyLion, Facebook pages & websites, these are some of the projects we see.



19-O Port Coquitlam Lions Redistribute Food



19-L Nanaimo Hub City Lions. Weekly Bottle Recycling



19-I Creston Lions Recycling Project. They make about \$40,000 annually. Lions own two trucks and pick up glass bottles, aluminum cans, plastic milk bottles, etc. from three or four locations in the town and transport the large totes to the club's little warehouse where the club members gather each Friday to sort the items collected. The sorted items are then delivered to a recycling company which pays the club money for the recyclables. \$40,000 can do a lot of good in a community. Written by Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White



L-14 Ladysmith Lions Club – Partnership with the Town of Ladysmith Parks and Recreation to clean up two Lions Public Gardens with an eye to climate change and drought tolerance.

Ladysmith Lions. Generate \$2500 annually from recycling cans, bottle, plastic. Funds support school programs, youth development and sports activities.

Lions clean highways and roadways..... plant trees.....create and maintain parks.....build trails....  
 Lions clean waterways and beaches.... conduct civic cleanups.....do watershed restoration.....  
 Lions recycle durable medical equipment.... grow and distribute food...work with partners....  
 Lions install rain gardens.... run camps for kids.....advocate for a global plastics treaty.....

MD 19 Environment Chairpersons. Call or Email. We can assist you with ideas and resources.  
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**LCIF-US REPORT** by PDG Jan Weatherly, Chairperson:

**“Goals for 2024-2025**

- Reach or exceed our LCIF goal for **MD19 US** goal of \$154,505 or \$30 per member!
- Each district increases their individual giving to one out of every 10 Lions – 10%
- Each district increases the percentage of clubs giving to 60%

**LCIF grants:** District Community Grants available to our Districts for humanitarian service projects. 15% of club donations under \$5000 in one year that are designated to Area of Greatest Need

- District L \$8,779.09
- District I \$1,614.99
- District O \$10,030.24
- District N \$11,620.87
- District S \$6,767.29

**Our LCIF US District Coordinators for 2024-20254**

**Hats off to these volunteers**

- District L PCC Gary Reidel
- District I PDG Joyce Stevens
- District O PID Don Shove and PDG Ken Ball
- District N PDG Debbie Mansell and ZC Jan Heaton
- District S PDG Melba Fujiura and PCC Lyndon Harriman

A hearty THANK YOU to our District Governors for your support of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. It is this foundation that makes it possible to respond to global disasters, refugee relief and provide local matching grants and District Community Grants at the District and Club level.”

**NW LIONS FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT AND HEARING REPORT** by Bill Lundin, Trustee Chairperson: (Oral Report)

I want to let you know what is happening with the Lions Foundation. As you know, we are a division of the Lions World Vision Institute, which is the result of a merger between the two largest eye banks in the world. They are headquartered in Florida. We are so proud to be carrying on as an eye bank as a division under them because Multiple District 19 had the first group of Lions who wanted to start an eye bank in 1969. The Multiple said that they would support that vision. That eye bank grew into SightLife, which was the largest eye bank in the world. They serve over 20,000+ corneas annually worldwide, out of Seattle, WA and we have had hundreds of Lions out of our MD who have served on the board for many years, and we hope to continue this for another hundred years as we move forward.

One of the things that has developed from the eye bank was the opportunity to serve our districts in other ways. We also provide care with hearing needs for clubs in MD19, in Washington, Northern Idaho and now, in British Columbia! We are happy to announce that our NW hearing program now extends into Canada, and we have just served our first two Canadian patients in Kamloops.

This has been a dream of ours for so many years, as our medical systems are so different. There are laws that we need to manage on both sides, but we finally found a way for us to work together to help people in our communities.

Two things we need: we need your club support to continue. The foundation needs \$200,000.00 a year to operate what we are doing today. Some support comes from our eye bank, but that support may go away. They don't have to support us. We need to be self-supporting. We have White Cane Days annually. It has been our fundraising for at least 30 years, that I know of. That's where clubs can go into their communities and/or their club funds and donate back to the NW Lions Foundation to help their clubs or other clubs that don't have the funds. So White Cane Days is very important, and we need to grow it back up the \$200,000 required. This Lions year we are at \$58,000, so we have a long way to go.

The reason I am here today is that after this Council Meeting is completed, we are going to have a NW Lions Meeting, for the governors and vice district governors to learn more about what we can do to help their clubs.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT** by ED Peter Anderson for Wes Reynolds, Chairperson:

"Thanks to the Lions who visited in May: Mark Koelsch, Greg Firth, and Marilyn Patterson from the Longview Pioneer Lions, John Doyle, Tacoma Southeast Lions, Jan Weatherby, Olympic Host Lions.

Lions Camp Horizon received firewood this summer from branches in the garden. There is more downed and trimmed wood – are there other camps that could use firewood? We would rather not put this wood in the trash bin. A recycling and yard waste bin would be nice as would a sustainability fund.

Daffodils were moved to the gate garden making things a bit brighter for visitors in March and April. The gate garden will be kept as a garden getting no summer water. We will plant more spring bulbs and try drought tolerant plantings.

The lowest part of the garden has a somewhat higher pathway near the fishpond. Reusing material already on site has been an emphasis. The paving project near the BCLC's Wheelchair Warehouse is providing gravel to enlarge the loop around the garden that when finished in a few years will be wheelchair accessible. The lower half of the loop could be done next year. Most of the \$500 Bellingham Central Lion Club approved for the garden has been spent on gravel and pavers in the lowest part of the pathway. An accessibility fund would be nice.

A citizen doing community service is working on the ivy pull. We probably will need to keep pulling ivy and thistles for years. The planting in the rose garden was done with five winter hardy varieties. The juniper patch on the north side is in the process of being cut back. Transplanting herbs is started and the next steps upon clearing will toward herb plantings and a sensory garden. A sensory garden fund would be nice.

Thanks to Rock White, Dean Bates and Todd Hathaway for mowing, Jon Strebler for trimming branches with his chain saw and hauling some branches off and thanks to Marylynn and Wayne Weed, Gloria Hardan and Patty Allen-White for weeding."

**KNIGHTS of the BLIND REPORT** by Colette Arvidson for PZC Bill Scholl, Chairperson:

"Since our last report the KOTB committee has been busy.

In discussions with consumer organizations of the blind as well as government and community sponsored resources for blind and low vision individuals, both in the United States and in Canada, it is often difficult for those in need of services to find them. The committee decided that a new brochure needs to be developed for all those entering the new world of vision loss. This brochure is intended for ALL eye care professional offices, Senior Centers, assisted living facilities and wherever others might need the information. In this brochure will be key resources to aid those with Visual impairments in Washington and Idaho. In Canada, Lions' helping distribute their information would provide similar support through their upcoming outreach campaign.

We plan to have a presence at the annual White Cane Day activities this year in conjunction with the Washington Talking Books & Braille Library (WTBBL) on October 13<sup>th</sup>. You will hear a proclamation soon on this day.

Lions are still needed to volunteer as human guides at the Annual Washington Council of the Blind Convention at SeaTac Doubletree Hotel, October 24-26. This is a great opportunity to find new members from across the state (200-300 attendees expected). Flyer attached.

The KOTB committee is also working on the second Holiday Party. If you know of an entertainer that might be interested in performing for this fun night, have them contact PDG Art Ruben at [artgruben@gmail.com](mailto:artgruben@gmail.com).

Finally, many members are actively doing or scheduling presentations of the children's book called 'Grandpa's White Cane' (GWC) in many elementary schools throughout our District.

Along with these presentations our committee has joined with the authors to help get a second printing of the hard cover version of this wonderful and educational book on spreading the word on how individuals can interact with a Visually impaired person.

If you, your club, Zone or District would like to join KOTB in raising these funds contact PZC Bill Scholl ([billscholl134@gmail.com](mailto:billscholl134@gmail.com)) or Lion Colette Arvidson at [colette.arvidson@gmail.com](mailto:colette.arvidson@gmail.com) for more information.

**We look forward to 2025, Celebrating with Service our commitment to Helen Keller's Challenge 100 years ago to be Knights Of The Blind!!**

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 19 PROCLAMATION  
October 15, 2024, as White Cane Awareness Day and  
The First Full Week of February as White Cane Week**

**WHEREAS**, since 1925, when asked to champion the blind by Helen Keller, Lions Clubs International has a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired. We remain committed to this mission into the next century.

**WHEREAS**, Lions Club International Global objective for VISION is, 'prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.'

**WHEREAS**, the white cane, which every blind member of Multiple District 19 has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in local, district, multiple district and international service; and

**WHEREAS**, the white cane and/or dog guide, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

**WHEREAS**, every citizen should be aware of the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution When approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

**WHEREAS**, Multiple District 19 recognizes our blind members as individuals with productive capacities and skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1946, thanks to the Canadian Council of the Blind's Initiative, the first full week of February has traditionally been celebrated as 'White Cane Week' in Canada; and

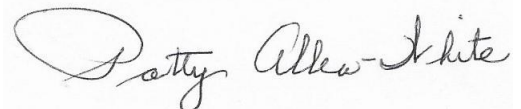
**WHEREAS**, Since 1964, the President of the United States and later the World Blind Union designated October 15<sup>th</sup> as White Cane Safety Day and White Cane Awareness day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Patty Allen-White, Council Chairperson of Multiple District 19, do hereby proclaim

**OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> as WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY  
AND  
The First Full Week of February as WHITE CANE WEEK**

In Multiple District 19 and do call upon our local clubs, district, and multiple district to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all members to recognize the white cane and dog guide as tools of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

Multiple District 19 Council of Governors



Patty Allen-White, Council Chairperson      Date: 10/19/2024"



**NWLLI REPORT** by PCC Lyndon Harriman, Superintendent: (Oral Report)

Remember these five letters: NWLLI. If you can remember those, tell everybody! Type that into your search engine and one of the first options it should give you is the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute's home page. It has our location, which is at the Ross Point Baptist Camp and conference center, which is right on the river in Post Falls, ID. It's a beautiful facility and this will be our third time there and I can't tell you how much we love the place, and their food is fantastic! They do a great job taking care of us and they have a wonderful facility for teaching.

The next page from the home page goes through our staff, and we have several staff members here today. Take an opportunity to speak with them about the program as they are experienced with it. We are excited to have people come this year and learn how to be leaders.

And I can tell you, the excitement for the NWLLI isn't local. I have been in contact PCC Rodney Bach, from MD36 (Oregon).....He has begged for the opportunity to send ten students from Oregon. He believes he can get a scholarship program from LCI to cover the tuition for them. I've just finished speaking with Mark Mansell, who has a friend back east who has a couple of students who would also be interested in attending the institute.

So, I'm hoping we can surpass the typical class size, which is around 30, and so I've reserved space for 50 and I hope we use all 50 of those spaces.

If you go to the next page on the website, you'll find out what the curriculum is, and the last page has the application. The application will come to us. At the bottom of the application is scholarship information for \$200 from the MD19 Lions Foundation. I guarantee you, if you qualify to come to the NWLLI, you will get that \$200 scholarship. So, for your \$150 you are going to get accommodation for four days and at least ten meals. I don't think you can go someplace, stay somewhere, get fed and leave with knowledge and materials for \$150. It is the best deal for education anywhere.

I've passed my card out to the PDGs, DGs and ask that you talk about the NWLLI, pass out the information – I want to be inundated with students this year. PDG Peggy Harriman is the registrar, and she is ready to start processing applications.

**DIABETES REPORT** by CC Patty Allen-White for PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Chairperson:

"I am happy to accept the challenge of spreading the word through our Multiple District and bring awareness to our Lions and those they serve. Because of the demographics and/or logistics of where I live and where all the clubs are located I am only able to do this through email and monthly newsletters which are distributed through the District Diabetes Chairpersons as well as through DG's and their newsletters and of course our *Border Crossing!* Please read and pass along to all clubs.

Diabetes is the second leading cause of death in the world, it is a silent killer a lot of people do not realize they have. A simple blood test via your doctor will determine if you have it or not. Today over 537 million adults worldwide are living with diabetes, this number is predicted to rise to 643 million by 2030 and 783 million by 2045. Today, diabetes takes more lives than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Diabetes is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attack, stroke and lower limb amputation.

So, I have started a step challenge for the whole Multiple District. What is a step challenge and why. Well, simply, get off your keisters and start walking, record your steps and send them to me. At the end of the challenge the district with the most steps get bragging rights for a year as well as we all feel better for walking! Having a little trouble getting it off the ground, but baby steps, and the better those of us walking will feel!

I am not a Dr., I am not a nurse, but I do have diabetes. I have struggled to control it for the last 25 years, hopefully I am winning. You can win too and spread the word to others Let's End Diabetes!"

**LEO LIAISONS:** Nathan Chien (Fraser Heights Leos) and Amy He (Richmond Lahoo Leos) spoke on what they have gained in leadership skills by being a LEO and encouraged Lions Clubs to involve more youth in their club programs and activities. A Leo Conference will be held in MD19 in June of 2025.

**Meeting recessed at 10 AM**  
**Meeting resumed at 10:05 AM**

## **MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT** by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson:

"The status of the MD19 Financial Statements and Budget is as follows:

The non-profit income tax return for the year ended June 30, 2024, is being worked on. Due date is November 15, 2024.

I have reviewed a printed copy of the financial statements for the 12 months ended June 30, 2024. All data has been entered, and the accounts have been reconciled. These figures are unaudited and our subject to adjustments by the CPA producing the tax return.

Total revenue was \$377,205, total expenses \$389,405, leaving a net loss for the year of \$12,200. Revenue exceeded projection as did expenses. The major items of expenses were general operations of \$20,000 and payroll of \$10,000. Again, these figures are subject to adjustments.

The status update on the budget for the current year is as follows:

Membership is down by a net 104 members for the three months ended September 30<sup>th</sup>. The loss of membership continues to negatively affect revenues for MD19 on a yearly basis.

Total revenue for the three months was \$66,495 (excludes Care income). Projected income was \$67,429.

Total expenses for the three months were \$97,413. Projected expenses were \$69,274. Most expenses projected were in line to date. Payroll, convention expenses, auto and building insurance expenses are the main items that have exceeded projections.

In summary, given the above analysis, as of September 30, 2024, the MD19 finances are on track to show a projected net loss for the year. A review of the current budget will be conducted prior to the February COGs meeting and a revised budget will be presented at that time."

PDG Steve Staudinger mentioned that clubs are wondering what they are getting for their dues with the MD19 Office. CC Patty Allen-White will put together a team to put together a sheet that encompasses everything the office does.

### **GOVERNANCE REPORT** by CC Patty Allen-White for PDG Chuck Waid, Chairperson:

#### **"CHAPTER 8: Multiple District Administration**

Council of Governors:

B. The MD19 recommended business dress standard (uniform) for the **24** members of the Council of Governors **will be as follows:**

- 1) The standard **dress for Council Members at Council Meetings, if not changed by No. 1**, shall be navy a blue blazer, grey **or tan** slacks for men and grey **or tan** skirts/slacks for women **and a polo shirt. The color of the polo shirt and the color of the slacks and the skirts are selected each year by the Vice Council Chairperson and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governors for their year in office as Council Chairperson and District Governors. The Immediate Past District Governors and the immediate Past Council Chairperson and the District Governors and Council Chairperson will each wear the polo shirt and slacks/skirts they selected for their Lions Year, white dress shirt tie and black shoes for the men and navy blue blazer, grey skirts/slacks, white blouse, MD19 scarf and black shoes for the women.**
- 2) The First Vice District Governors and the Vice Council Chairperson will select the color of polo shirt and slacks for the men and skirts/slacks for women prior to **their** the first Council of Governors' meeting **of their year in office as Council Chairperson and District Governors. See No. 2 for the balance of dress.** That same-colored polo shirt will be the polo shirt worn with tan slacks or skirts as part of the MD19 Parade Uniform at the upcoming International Convention. The Vice Council Chairperson and the 1st Vice District Governors may begin wearing the newly selected polo shirts and slacks/skirts at the Winter Council of Governors' Meeting of the current Lions year when selected.
- 3) This uniform will be worn at MD19 Council Meetings (workshops excluded) MD19 Conventions, General Sessions, and other appropriate official meetings. **There may be occasions such as the Annual Convention MD19 Banquet**

or District Convention Banquet when a white dress shirt and tie or a white blouse and Lions scarf are more appropriate than the MD19 polo shirt. For such events, consulting the MD19 Executive Director, the Council Chairperson, or the District Convention Chairperson would be wise.

- 4) It is recommended that this dress standard described in No 1 also be followed when the District Governors make their official visits to their clubs.
- 5) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors uniform will be as stated above in No. 1, but the color of their polo shirts can be any of the official MD19 Polo Shirts selected for the MD19 Parade Uniform at an International Convention."

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Joel Haggen, 19-O and seconded by District Governor Kevin Borde, 19-L to accept the recommended changes to Chapter 8, Multiple District Administration, Council of Governors, Letter B., as shown above. Motion approved.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT** by PID Allan Hunt, Chairperson:

"Nominations for Presidential and Leadership Medals need to be submitted by November 30, 2024. Please note that all those nominated **must** have personally donated to LCIF. The amount of the donation is not important.

As always, current 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs, need to keep their eyes open for those Lions whom you may wish to nominate the next Lions year.

The 2025 International Convention has been moved from Mexico City to Orlando Florida, July 13-17, 2025. There will be more information out shortly.

Internationally, we have a multi-year project called Mission 1.5. I know that you have all heard of the goal to be at 1.5 Million Members by July 1, 2027. Sometimes a number like that is difficult to relate to. We are promoting a Net two members per club this Lions year. Simply end the year with two more members than you started with, which means you also need to replace all your dropped members."

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Michael Livingstone, 19-I and seconded by District Governor Kevin Borde, 19-L to endorse Past International Director Tony Benbow as a candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for Lions Club International. Motion approved.

PDG Mark Mansell, who has been endorsed to run for International Director wishes to be allowed to use MD19 letterhead for promoting his candidacy.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by District Governor Beth James, 19-O and seconded by PDG Elaine Luk, 19-L to allow PDG Mark Mansell use of the MD19 Letterhead for promoting his candidacy for International Director. Motion passed.

**2025 MD19 CONVENTION REPORT** by CC Patty Allen-White: (Oral Report)

The 2025 MD19 Convention will be held right here in Chilliwack at the Coast Chilliwack Hotel. The theme is: "A Culture of Growth, Hitting the Mark". It will be May 15-17, 2025. Our Convention Chairperson is PDG Brien Patton. Our International Guest is going to be International Past President Douglas Alexander. Peter also reports that our MD19 Annual Convention in 2026 will be in Wenatchee, WA, with our International guest being 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mark Lyons (as he will be during that year) and there is a possibility of 2027 being held in Penticton, B.C.

**DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS**

**LEADERSHIP REPORT** by PDG Debbie Bostock, Chairperson:

"We have been focusing on the GAT gathering, that will have taken place at the time of this Council of Governors' Meeting. It is planned for October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM in Chilliwack. This will include the MD19 GAT team, District GAT team, DGs and VDGS. The MD19 GAT need to be providing the tools and resources to let the District GATs succeed. We can help the District GAT team members with up to \$150. Each by a grant we applied for from the MD19 Lions Foundation.

We want to set realistic goals and plans at this gathering. It is a team effort, and we want to have everyone working as a team and all going in the same direction. The MD19 GAT team met in July where we set some goals, and we want the District GAT team to work with us to achieve those goals. Working as a team we can all be successful and

accomplish what we need to make our Multiple District even stronger.

We want our District GAT Team to know we are here to help in any way we can. It is important that we can assist when called upon.

I am meeting monthly with the District GLTs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. We want to make sure that training is available in the districts for the clubs to be successful too.”

**EXTENSION REPORT** by PZC George Sims, Chairperson:

“I was asked by CC Patty Allen-White last spring if I would take on this position. I explained that I was not very knowledgeable with GAT and GET etc.... but as usual, Patty talked me into it. She said my lack of knowledge might be helpful as I would look at things differently. So, I said yes, and we had our first meeting in July after returning from the International Convention.

After that meeting, my first step was to meet with the City of North Vancouver ‘Community Planner’ to see what information cities and towns would be able to provide us with as we search for cities and towns to form new Lions Clubs. She was extremely helpful and supplied me with areas and links to search to find specific needs and information of a city/town.

Next up was a GET summit in Toronto where the DG’s and District GETs met to create and modify plans for growth in their districts. I really enjoyed this gathering of the minds and met a lot of energetic Lions and shared some valuable information.

At this summit there was time to meet with GMT PCC Hal Palmer to set some goals and to apply for a Membership Development Grant. As I am out of the country for the month of October, I will immediately start working on these goals as I return home and check in with the District GETs to see how they can put me to work.

I look forward to seeing new clubs and plenty of new members in MD19 in the coming year.”

**SERVICE REPORT** by PDG Peggy Harriman, Chairperson: (Oral Report)

My experiences have to do with district S, a lot of it and I have found in my district that only 40% of the clubs have not reported services in 24 months. And I am just upset about it. Because I feel like I’m leading but I must not be doing a bang-up job.

So, my team yesterday (the GST leaders for the districts) decided our goal would be to have 100% of the clubs have one member who would be willing to step up and report service. We’re hoping that this can be done by the end of the year. So, we are really pushing the limits. We are wanting to create a YouTube video \*(and hopefully that will be online by the end of this month) that will teach Zone Chairpersons, the district GST (whom I assume already know this process) and the clubs how to do service reporting on the LCI portal.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** by PCC Hal Palmer, Chairperson: (Oral Report)

Net two, depends on you! I want you to think about something. As I sat in the back and watched Patty present the Kaizen pins, I thought back to when I started in Lions. I was just a general club member. But I was asked to join – they asked me.

MD19 is an amazing district. The value I get from MD19 is amazing! The phone call I got the day after my conference as a district governor from PCC Mike Gayda, who became one of my closet friends – Patty second-has made me appreciate what we have here in our MD. We need to tell people why MD19 is so valuable.

Would I ever have met September Stokes if there were no MD19; 99.9% chance – no. But I have and I can say that about each one of you in the room.

That’s how we get our +2. We’ve decided to call it that rather than Mission 1.5, which is a lofty goal. But it is a doable goal. If we do our part as governors, as vice governors, as members, or whatever job we do, we need to ask people to become members.

In the last 30 days, your MD19 GAT Team has been to Toronto, where we put together a list of general ideas, culminating in the full gathering of the GAT team yesterday, here in Chilliwack, understanding that when, Jan here

became a lion it was probably because she saw it as an outlet for something. It doesn't matter to me what her reason was. It matters to her. That's how we bring more people in. We talk to the Septembers, the Jans, the Junes, the Bobs and say it's time...because, number one, we serve. How many projects have you worked on that you've forgotten about in this room? Dozens and dozens. So, it is a team approach. Together everyone accomplishes more.

So, I want you to think about this; the tools that Lions Clubs International have are there for your use. I brought five recruitment posters yesterday, and I haven't seen them since, but that's okay! There is a professional poster on the LCI site that you can use in your community where you are looking to recruit members. All you need to do is add your club information and the time at which you meet, and you are ready to go. We need to let people know about our passions!

With that in mind we've applied for and were approved two days ago for a \$4500.00 membership grant from LCI. We are going to try and put together some mini summits for each of the districts. Districts you let us know when you are ready, and we'll get the process moving forward. This will give us the ability to reach more Lions more often.

To get the grant paid for we need to bring in 100 new members and four new clubs. The GMT team yesterday put forth their commitment for the first 50. That is what your team is standing behind you for.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPOINTMENT CONFIRMATION OF MD19 MARKETING CHAIRPERSON**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Beth James, District Governor, 19-O and seconded by PDG Joel Haggren, 19-O PDG to approve PDG Kathy Crawford as MD19 Marketing Chairperson. Motion approved.

PDG Kathy is currently developing a coin that can be used as a recruitment tool.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **MD19 OFFICE BREAK-IN TRIAL** by ED Peter Anderson, Oral Report:

The trial has been postponed again for the break-in that occurred at the MD19 Office in December 2020. The individual arrested in conjunction with the break-in had a couple of trial dates that she didn't show up for. Her arrest was for a forgery on one of the office checks that was taken when the break-in happened. We still don't know who broke into the office, she says she did not do that just the forgery. Currently, we are still waiting.

Council Chairperson Patty Allen-White expressed a desire to see each district represented in the 5-Minute Achievement Speech at the Annual Convention this year, so that the Lions can hear about five outstanding projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by PDG Joel Haggren, 19-O and seconded by PDG Elaine Luk, 19-L to endorse the proposed MD19 pin for Orlando, which this year is the Grizzly bear. Motion approved.

Although the pin has the original location of Mexico City, the committee will not redesign the pin.

CC Patty Allen-White found the idea of a 'fact sheet' on what the MD19 Office does for the districts and clubs to be very important. To that end she appointed Bob Jones (19-O), PDG Mike Dukes (19-L), ZC Shelley Staudinger, (19-N) and PDG Norma Bent (19-I) to go back to their districts and surrounding clubs to learn what Lions believe the MD19 Office does for them. This fact sheet will be put together as a handout to be given out when people ask, "Why the Multiple District?"

### **Meeting ended at 11:30 AM**

After the break there was the RECOGNITION Of Excellence Awards for President, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Director and Zone Chairpersons to those in attendance. The other awards will be sent back home with the immediate past district governors to be presented in an appropriate manner.

The following were recognized:

**2023-2024 Club Officer Recognition of Excellence Recipients**

**2023-2024 Club President Recognition of Achievement Recipients**

L-A1	Vancouver East Lions Club	Michael Cheng
L-A1	Vancouver Legacy Lions Club	Pollyanna Lui
L-A1	Vancouver Midas Lions Club	Euclid Cheng
L-A1	Vancouver Pacific Lions Club	Jocelyn Wan
L-A1	Vancouver Shaughnessy Lions Club	Mimi Hung
L-A7	Vancouver Diamond Lions Club	Vivian Chung
L-A8	Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club	Albert Wong
L-I2	Sooke Harbourside Lions Club	Susan Bennett
I-7	Lake Chelan Lions Club	Craig Boothe

**2023-2024 Secretary Recognition of Excellence Recipients**

L-A1	Vancouver Chinatown Lions Club	Syrus Lee
L-A1	Vancouver East Lions Club	Josephine Lee
L-A1	Vancouver Legacy Lions Club	Pollyanna Liu
L-A1	Vancouver Pacific Lions Club	Terry Lai
L-A1	Vancouver Shaughnessy Lions Club	Babe Bailey
L-A8	Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club	Jamie Leung
L-I2	Sooke Lions Club	Steve Wight
L-I4	Duncan Lions Club	Margaret Wall
I-8	Okanagan Falls Lions Club	Michael Livingstone
I-8	Oliver Lions Club	Linda Schaffrick
I-8	Penticton Lions Club	Bob Elliott
I-12	Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club	Debbie Bostock
O-2	Aldergrove Lions Club	Tom Latter
O-4	Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Lions Club	Allan Hunt
N-10	Salmon Creek Lions Club	Douglas Ballou

**2023-2024 Club Treasurer Recognition of Achievement Recipients**

L-A1	Vancouver Cathay Lions Club	David Chiu
L-A1	Vancouver East Lions Club	Sam Cheung
L-A1	Vancouver Legacy Lions Club	Pollyanna Lui
L-A1	Vancouver Midas Lions Club	Judy Chan
L-A1	Vancouver Pacific Lions Club	Grace Hwo
L-A1	Vancouver Shaughnessy Lion Club	Elizabeth Poon
L-A7	Vancouver Diamond Lions Club	Cassandra Tang
L-A8	Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club	May Ho
I-12	Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club	Connie Robson
N-10	Battle Ground Lions Club	Steve Staudinger

**2023-2024 Club Membership Director Recognition of Achievement Recipients**

L-A1	Vancouver Cathay Lions Club	Peter Cheng
L-A1	Vancouver East Lions Club	Alec Wong
L-A1	Vancouver Legacy Lions Club	Pollyanna Lui
L-A1	Vancouver Midas Lions Club	Danny Li
L-A1	Vancouver Pacific Lions Club	Mildred Mok
L-A7	Vancouver Diamond Lions Club	Clara K. Chow
L-A8	Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club	Angie Cen
I-12	Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club	Kim Davis
O-7	Oak Harbor Lions Club	Anna Corina Villarreal

**2023-2024 Zone Chairperson Recognition of Achievement Recipients**

L-A1	Vancouver East Lions Club	Michael Cheng
L-A2	Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club	Mike Jenson
L-A7	Vancouver Diamond Lions Club	Jackie Lee

L-14	Duncan Lions Club	Margaret Wall
I-2	Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions Club	Debbie Bostock
O-2	Aldergrove Lions Club	Tom Latter
N-1	Poulsbo Noon Lions Club	Patrick Burch

**The following received the "Of the Year awards"**

**Secretary of the Year:**

**Zone Chairperson, Nine or more Clubs:**

**Zone Chairperson, up to Eight Clubs:**

I-8 Oliver Lions Club Linda Schaffrick

L-A1 Vancouver East Lions Club Michael Cheng

L-A2 Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club Mike Jenson