

**MD49 Council of Governors Meeting**  
**Valdez, Alaska                      April 28, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Mike Barber at 4:05PM

**Roll Call:**

Council Chairperson Mike Barber - present

District Governor 49A Dottie Vasquez- present

District Governor 49B Juanita Webb - present

Council Secretary/Treasurer Lou Jones - present

Lions present were PIP Clement Kusiak, PID Buster Hall, PID Doc Myers, PCC Howard Rixie, PCC Ev Burk, IPDG Ed Casey, DGE Dodie Rixie, DGE Esther West, PDG John Regan Jr, PDG Billy Williams Jr, 1st VDGE Jim Roderigues, Lion Janice Roderigues, PDG Bill Baker, Lion Rick Webb, PDG Diana Cummings, PDG Dennis Cummings, PCC Dick Webb, PCC Al Dibbs and PDG Charlotte Jones

A motion was made by DG Vasquez and seconded by DG Webb to approve the agenda with the addition of LCI Academy application. Motion passed.

A motion was made by DG Vasquez and seconded by DG Webb to approve minutes of February 18, 2012 minutes. Motion passed.

A treasurer report was given by CST Jones. Bank Account balances were reviewed (attached) It was noted that sub-district dues have been paid and the remainder of LCI grant for Academy has been received and deposited. Our only receivable is \$660.00 in MD49 Pins from the last pin order. The budget was discussed and a motion was made by DG Vasquez and seconded by DG Webb to move \$942.00 from general checking account, "undesignated funds", to COG/CC travel budget, and to establish a tax preparation fund of \$500.00 for this year's tax preparation and filing, also from the general account "undesignated funds". Motion passed. (revised budget attached).

A motion was made by DG Webb and seconded by DG Vasquez to approve treasurer report. Motion passed

The MD49 Flag set was discussed. There are many flags from countries that longer in exist, many flags are missing, and a large amount of money would be needed to bring the set up to our standards. It was noted that many Lions organizations now use the electronic version for International Flag display and ceremony. Mountain View Elementary School has expressed interest in the flag set as they do frequent multicultural events and the flag set would be very impressive with the students. They would also share flags with other area schools. DG Vasquez made a Motion and DG Webb seconded that the flag set be given to Mountain View Elementary School. Motion passed

PID Hall reminded the council that the Dog sled and flags need to be removed from policy manual.

CST Jones was asked to prepare an admin check list to assist future Council of Governors members. A draft copy was submitted for future council consideration (attached).

A motion was made by DG Webb and seconded by DG Vasquez to appoint a GMT review committee. Committee members would be: PCC Ev Burk (Chairperson), PCC Bob Niebert, Lion Robert Posma, PDG Hollis Hall, PDG Bill Baker and Lion Murray Adams. Committee would give a status report at next Council of Governors meeting. Motion passed.

A GL Report was given by PCC Howard Rixie. It was noted that previous council meeting had approved next MD Leadership Academy which will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, February 2013. It was also noted that the new grant request requires the Council of Governor Chairperson, and DG in which the Academy will be held to sign the application. DG Vasquez and CC Barber agreed to process application.

**Committee Reports:** The following reports were provided.

Constitution & By-Laws: PCC Ev Burk submitted written Constitution report (attached)

Convention report: PDG Billy Williams gave short convention report and believes a small profit will be made.

Election & Nominations: PCC Dick Webb gave a short report. All delegates voted and the elections were legal.

Youth Camp Report: Lion Janice Roderigues stated that the camp was full with 24 kids. Camp starts July 14th in Whitehorse, YT and ends August 4th in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Global Leadership Report. Lion Rick Webb gave GL report (attached).

Global Membership Report: PCC Ev Burk gave GL Report (attached)

Global Membership Area Coordination; PID Buster reported that he only received one quarterly report out of 8 that were due

Lions Quest Program: PDG Diana Cummings gave report that implementing Quest program is on track.

LCIF: DGE Esther submitted report (attached) and has requested replacement from LCIF for MD LCIF Chairperson that will replace her.

LEO: Lion Marianne Williams gave a LEO report and stated that they had lost two LEO clubs and chartered the new Hmong LEO Club and were in the re-building process. The LEO's conducted a fund raiser and are trying to establish funds for administration and training. DG Webb made a motion and DG Vasquez seconded that \$800.00 be designated from GL/GM account for LEO training. Motion passed.

MD Convention were discussed and updated as follows:

MD Convention sites

2012-13	PCC Howard Rixie	April 24-27	Fairbanks, Westwood Resort
2013-14	PDG Charlotte Jones	April 23-26	Anchorage, Coast International Inn
2014-15	IPDG Ed Casey	April 22-25	Fairbanks
2015-16	_____49A	_____	_____
2016-17	PDG Hollis Hall	_____	_____
2017-18	PDG Jerry Blackburn	_____	_____

Next Council of governors to be determined by incoming council. There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

L.E. "Lou" Jones

MD49 Council Secretary

5:59 PM

05/09/12

Accrual Basis

**Lions MD49**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of April 28, 2012

	<u>Apr 28, 12</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Checking#2545	10,558.59
1020 · Convention #4132	22,453.33
1030 · Reserve #0551	13,867.98
1040 · GL/GM #9488	14,498.08
Total Checking/Savings	61,377.98
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	660.00
Total Accounts Receivable	660.00
Total Current Assets	62,037.98
Fixed Assets	
17100 · Accum Depr - Furn and Equip	414.98
Total Fixed Assets	414.98
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>62,452.96</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	47,242.24
31300 · Perm. Restricted Net Assets	4,124.71
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	6,131.54
Net Income	4,954.47
Total Equity	62,452.96
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>62,452.96</u></b>

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## ADMINISTRATIVE CHECKLIST- COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR'S

This is a guide to assist COG Member as they execute their duties and responsibilities. Where applicable source documents are noted for your references.

- Council of Governor's Chairperson and Secretary should obtain COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON MANUAL EN LA10 as soon as they have accepted the positions. This manual will give them the information needed for a successful year. It is important that you accomplish this soonest as LCI will be sending COG/CC the incoming district governors name badges. You will be required to complete MD Chairpersons Report form (MC10) which lists all of your MD committees and also MD Officer biographical information (DA-901). This should be accomplished with the District Governor Elects at your pre-COG meetings. You will also need to be very familiar with all MD Constitution, By-laws and Policy Manuals.
  
- Next order of business is to prepare the Pre-meeting Agenda. In addition to obtaining the information required by LCI (Forms LA10 & DA-901) The following items are needed as a minimum: Banking; signature cards for signers and two photo ID's are required by KEY Bank. COG meeting dates and location (at least the 1st meeting), appointment of all committees if possible (to be approved at first COG Meeting). International Convention responsibilities, know what your tasks will be such as transporting MD Paraphernalia back from International Convention.
  
- Meetings; The council should hold its first regular meeting within 60 days after the district governors officially take office. The Council chairperson decides the time and place of the first meeting, the dates of the following meetings are determined by the council (Reference Chairperson Manual LA10 page 3, Meetings of the COG).

At your first meeting you should identify the carry-over items from the previous council meetings . Pay particular attention to the legal and reporting requirements. You should track these items as suspense's until they are completed. Follow up actions may be required to ensure completion.

The COG Policy Manual has identified the majority of these requirements in Policy Manual Multiple District 49 As updated, North Pole, AK, February 18, 2012. Section I. C. Legal and Reporting; paragraphs 1 through 8.

- Paragraph 1). Explains the legal and reporting requirements and discusses failure to do so can result in loss of tax exempt status as well as IRS fines and penalties.

- Paragraph 2). Requires taxes for the period July 1 through June 30th of each year are the responsibility of that COG and that the necessary financial records are presented to a CPA in a timely manner NLT September 1st of each year.

- Paragraph 3). Requires all administrative and financial records be turned over to the new COG no later than 60 days of end of fiscal year (June 30th)

- Paragraph 4). A final audit report from outgoing COG should be made at the 1st COG meeting

- Paragraph 5). Within 60 days of Annual Convention an official report is mailed to LCI and all Lions Clubs.

- Paragraph 6). All minutes of Council of governors meetings must be reported in a timely manner which is considered Ten Days.

- Paragraph 7). The COG shall receive from host committee a financial report within forty-five (45) days of the close of convention.

- Paragraph 8). requires COG to monitor the above reporting requirements by placing them on COG Agenda and tracking through meeting minutes until completed.

- Multiple District Revenues. COG is responsible to collect annual per capita tax in two semiannual payments , reference MD49By-Laws Article V, Section 1.
- A successful COG Team is in constant communications with the District Governors.
- MD Pin Orders. Trading pins must be purchased by a vendor authorized by LCI. Follow the procedures outlined in MD49 Policy Manual, Part ID. Trading Pins. Failure to do so can provide mistakes and reorders that may cost additional funds.
- The MD convention is one of the COG/CC primary responsibilities. Please refer to MD49 Policy Manual IV Multiple District Convention. Preplanning is the key to a successful MD convention so you must start early on. It is a good idea to have MD Training identified by mid-winter conferences if possible.
- Multiple District Convention: This is a huge responsibility for COG/CC and requires an early hands-on approach. The COG Policy Manual devotes 4 pages to this important event. Many of the activities of the MD convention occur many months before the actual conventions such as contracting with the hotel and caterers, preparation of registration packets so that club members may register. Be advised that the COG/CC is also required to sign the contract with the hotels.

Lions Clubs Int'l MD 49

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Valdez, AK 2012

I would like to thank the members of our committee, Lion PCC Peter G Hupperten, and Lion Robert G Niebert.

We have 4 amendments that were submitted to the 49A Cabinet at the Palmer Midwinter, voted on by the cabinet and submitted in a timely manner to the C&B committee. These were mailed to all of the clubs in our MD in a timely manner. As of this date I have not received any back as undeliverable. Were available a club address was used, if a club address was not available they were sent to the club president of record.

The following amendments will be voted upon at the election on Saturday morning. Included in each proposed amendment is the recommendation of the Lions District 49A Cabinet.

The amendments are:

**Article V Section 1a/1b Motion:** process with a recommended "do pass" (Burns/Beardsley) Passed

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS**

**As adopted at the 65th Annual Convention of Multiple District 49, Anchorage, Alaska, 2010**

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE V.**

**Multiple District Revenue**

**SECTION 1.** An annual per capita Multiple District administrative tax of two (\$2.00) dollars US currency, or the equivalent thereof, shall be levied upon each member of each Club in the Multiple District, except any life member and/or each student member of a campus Lions Club who has been approved by The International Association of Lions Clubs and in which instance the Club itself does not assess Club dues upon the life member and shall be collected and paid in advance by each Club, except newly chartered and reorganized Club(s), in two semi-annual payments as follows: one (\$1.00) dollar US currency, or the equivalent thereof, per Club member on September 10 each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31, and one (\$1.00) dollar US currency, or the equivalent thereof, per Club member on March 10 of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30 with billings of said tax to be based upon the roster of each Club as of the first day of September and March respectfully.

This tax shall be collected and held in trust by each Sub-District to be paid over to the Council Secretary-Treasurer upon order of the Council Chairman. The funds so collected shall be used exclusively to defray administrative expenses of the Multiple District, as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws. The funds shall be expended only by Multiple District checks and signed by the Council Secretary-Treasurer and counter signed by the Council Chairman or other duly authorized member of the Council.

Any Club, which is chartered or reorganized in a fiscal year, shall collect and pay said per capita tax for said fiscal year on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of the organization or reorganization, as the case may be.

Section 1a. An additional one (\$1.00) dollar US currency, or the equivalent thereof, shall be levied upon each member of each Club in the Multiple District, except any life member and/or each student member of a campus Lions Club who has been approved by The International Association of Lions Clubs and in which instance the Club itself does not assess Club dues upon the life member and shall be collected and paid in advance by each Club, except newly chartered and reorganized Club(s), in two semi-annual payments as follows: one half (\$0.50) dollar ~~one (\$1.00) dollar~~ US currency, or the equivalent thereof, per Club member on September 10 each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31, and one half (\$0.50) dollar ~~one (\$1.00) dollar~~ US currency, or the equivalent thereof, per Club member on March 10 of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30 with billings of said tax to be based upon the roster of each Club as of the first day of September and March respectfully. The funds shall be for support of candidates for International office above that of Council Chairman and for Special Events at the International Convention.

Any Club, which is chartered or reorganized in a fiscal year, shall collect and pay said per capita tax for said fiscal year on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of the organization or reorganization, as the case may be.

Section 1b. Students who wish to become members of a sub-district campus Lions Club may do so without obligation of multiple district administrative tax, for a period not-to-exceed four years, provided the student is actively enrolled in the campus' academic curriculum, All other campus Lions Club members are subject to the Multiple District administrative tax.

**SECTION 2.** Such fee as the Council shall set may be collected under procedures set by the Council for each delegate, alternate and guest attending the Multiple District Convention to defray actual cost of Convention meals, entertainment and Council administrative expenses..

Submitted by Anchorage Captain Cook Lions

DO PASS

DO NOT PASS

**Article V Section 1(\$4) Motion: Process with a "do pass" (Burke/Lawson) Passed**

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**BY-LAWS**

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Submitted by Anchorage Captain Cook Lions

\_\_\_ DO PASS

\_\_\_ DO NOT PASS

**Article V Section 1 (\$6) Motion:** Process with a recommendation of “do not pass” (Tilton/Burke) Passed

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Submitted by Anchorage Benton Bay Athletic Lions

**DO PASS**

**DO NOT PASS**

**Article 5 Sections 3c & 4 Motion:** Process with a recommendation of "do pass" (Burke/Burns) Passed

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**SECTION 3a.** The Council of Governors shall receive from the Host Club(s) a complete financial report of the Multiple District Convention within forty-five (45) days of the close of the convention.

**SECTION 3b.** The Multiple District Host Club(s) shall forward any balance in the convention fund (after payment of all Convention expenses of the convention) to the Council of Governors.

This residual shall be added to the restricted Multiple District Convention Fund to be used in case a convention incurs a deficit.

Start up funds for the following convention may be advanced from this fund by the Council and shall be returned to the Council as part of the final financial report.

**SECTION 3c:** The Multiple District Convention Fund shall be capped at Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) US. The balance above the capped amount shall be transferred to the Global Membership Team/Global Leadership Team Fund.

Expenses of the Global Membership Team, ~~Membership, Extension, Retention,~~ and Global Leadership Team shall be paid out of The Global Membership Team/Global Leadership Team Fund at the discretion of the Council in accordance with the approved Rules of Audit.

**SECTION 4:** The Council shall provide for an annual audit or more frequent audit of the Multiple District 49 Convention Fund and the Global Membership Team/Global Leadership Team Fund and shall give an annual report of said Funds to each Multiple District Convention.

Submitted by Anchorage Benton Bay Athletic Lions

**DO PASS**

**DO NOT PASS**

This concludes my report at this time.

Respectfully submitted

PCC Everette Burk.

C&B Chair MD49

## April 2012 Council of Governors MD49 GLT Report

The 2012/2013 district governor position candidates should have their qualifying training done and signed off by their respective district GLT chair at MD convention, so I can sign and submit them to PCC Howard Rixie our Special Area 49 GLT Coordinator.

We completed our first leadership academy. It was a HUGE success thanks to PCC Howard!!! I've been informed that 49A 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lewis Quinn would be an excellent choice to lead the 2013 academy in Anchorage. The 2012-13 academy funding application is due April 30.

The training for MD convention was set per the surveys completed by Lions with a exceptions because of a lack of people willing to be trainers.

The new GLT teams will be confirmed and submitted to the incoming COG.

Respectfully submitted in Lionism,  
Lion Rick Webb  
MD 49 GLT chair

Lions International MD49

GMT Committee report

Valdez, AK 04/2012

Currently no club in District 49A is delinquent over 90 days. While we have lost a net 3 as of 03/31/12, we have had some bright spots. Anchorage Racing Lions is working through their membership problems and have added a number of members after cleaning their member roster this spring. We are still in danger of losing a couple of clubs.

In 49B we have not done as well. Although Noatak was resurrected, there are 8 clubs as of 03/31/12 that are over 90 days delinquent in their payments to International. These clubs will be facing status quo for financial reasons if their outstanding balances are not paid. As of 03/31/2012 we have lost 103 members in 49B, including the losses in Canada. Keep in mind, that while 49B is responsible for assisting the Canadian clubs in our district, they are not in the purview of our GMT program, but rather that of Canada.

Respectfully submitted by

PCC Everette Burk

GMT Coordinator MD49



## Report for Council of Governors Meeting, Multiple District Convention

I have been asked to explain the nomination and appointment process for a new LCIF MD Coordinator. After many emails with Cynthia Bianchi, the Development Coordinator, USA-West & Latin America, the following was explained. I have not yet received an "official" communication because the proposal by the LCIF Steering Committee in January still needs to be approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting in April. However, since there will be very little time to make the nominations and approvals after the meeting, they have decided to inform MDCs who ask about the process.

Here is a summary of the proposed MDC nomination and approval process: The position of LCIF Multiple District Coordinators will be continued and MDCs will serve three year terms going forward. Each MDC will be nominated by the Constitutional Area Representative serving on the LCIF Steering Committee in consultation with the local Council of Governors and other Lion leaders, such as current international officers or most immediate past international officers, when feasible. The understanding is that they may not have special in-person training for this new group of MDCs. However, they will definitely have trainings through other means such as webinar and/or a meeting at each area forum. Our Steering Committee Area Representative is PIP J. Frank Moore. He and the rest of the committee will make their decision on the final process at the April meeting and will then let us know how to proceed.

LCIF supports and develops programs that serve people in need throughout the world. Their programs focus on four main areas:

- Preserving Sight
- Serving Youth
- Providing Disaster Relief
- Humanitarian Efforts

One new program under the Humanitarian Efforts is The Measles Initiative. It is a partnership of leading public organizations committed to the elimination of measles.

Our new MD LCIF Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the new Measles Initiative Program with the yet to be appointed District Coordinators.

Since 2001, the Measles initiative has:

- Vaccinated over 1 billion children
- Saved an estimated 5 million lives
- Decreased annual measles deaths from 750,000 to 164,000
- Invested more than \$800 million in mass vaccination campaigns and other support services



In 2010, the Lions and LCIF partnered with the Gates Foundation to:

Provide immunizations for more than 50 million children in Africa.

played a key role in social mobilization efforts (television, brochures, flyers, special events and educating families by going door to door.

Continues to advocate for routine immunization programs.

Measles is a highly contagious virus spread by infected persons through coughing and sneezing.

Measles is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths worldwide

Measles kills 450 children daily and causes serious side effects, like pneumonia and blindness.

Measles can be prevented and it costs less than \$1.

To support this project the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded LCIF a grant in the amount of \$400,000 and LCIF added \$300,000 in the pilot year.

One day we Lions should be able to announce to the world that we have eradicated measles the same way we did river blindness. And with the support of all of Lions that should be in the very near future.

Submitted by

MD LCIF Coordinator Esther L. West