

District 10
100th Annual Lions Convention
Saturday, April 8, 2022
Business Session

Governor Jim Svinicki opened the 2022 General Business Session at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. DG Svinicki welcomed Lions, PDGs, visiting MD 11 DGs and guests.

PDG Jim Decremer provided the credentials report, stating that there were 131 registrations; 55 delegates and 7 alternates.

PDG Tom Lanaville noted there were no changes to the Rules of the Convention, outlined in the proceeding's booklet.

Governor Svinicki reviewed the agenda. Requests were made to add to the agenda a report on Eversight, Childhood Cancer and a request to donate Tail Twister money to the Ukrainian Relief Fund.

MOTION: Goltz, Lanaville, to approve the agenda for the 2022 General Business Session. Motion carried.

Financial Report -Treasurer Scott Kwarciany

Detailed financial statements were made available to all and included a profit/loss report; dues report; 2021-2022 budget; 2022-2023 proposed budget and mint report. Sales were down for mints in the first three quarters of reporting for the year. Zone Chairs were asked to remind clubs to submit any outstanding dues.

In the 3rd quarter of the year there is a deficit in the budget which is due to the district technology grant that was approved last year. This program will end June 30 and to date only five (5) clubs have taken advantage of the \$500.00 matching grant offered by the district. Clubs have until the end of the year to apply for this matching grant to enhance their technology.

Membership: For the first time in many years, the district has an increase in membership. Efforts in recruitment/retention are paying off in a positive way. As of December 31, the district reported 1,296 members. Currently there are 1,335 members.

Proposed 2022-2023 Budget: Treasurer Kwarciany stated there were no changes to the proposed budget for next year.

MOTION: Munsell, Jensen, to receive the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

Lion Gary Perala asked for consideration of a new grant for a garden project, similar to the technology grant, enabling clubs to help will community garden projects. Treasurer Kwarciany suggested that a proposal be created and submitted for review at the next Cabinet meeting.

MOTION: Goltz, Lanaville, to accept the proposed 2022-2023 budget. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kwarciany will be stepping away as District Treasurer to pursue the position of 2nd VDG and announced Lion Mike Smock as the new District Treasurer. In addition to the new Treasurer, Lion Peggy Lindeman has been appointed as the new District Secretary. Lion Colleen Maki will fill the vacant Project KidSight position left by Lion Lindeman.

2022-2023 Officer Elections:

PDG Tom Lanaville stated there are four (4) position to fill and they are as follows: Lions of Michigan Foundation Trustee; 2nd Vice District Governor; 1st Vice District Governor and Governor. Nominees for the positions are:

LMF Trustee – DG Jim Svinicki

2nd Vice District Governor – Lion Scott Kwarciany, Bark River Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor -2nd VDG Dan Perkins, Ishpeming Lions Club

District Governor -1st VDG Gretchen Preston, Marquette Lions Club

Ballots were distributed to delegates for voting while each candidate addressed the membership.

Voting concluded and the results of the election were:

For the position of LMF Trustee – DG Jim Svinicki

For the position of 2nd VDG – Lion Scott Kwarciany

For the position of 1st VDG – 2nd VDG Dan Perkins

For the position of District Governor – 1st VDG Gretchen Preston

MOTION: Goltz, Smith to accept the nominations for the 2022-2023 District 10 Officers as presented. Motion carried.

MOTION: Brown, Holzworth, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Lions are to vote at the LCI Convention in Montreal in June to increase dues by \$7.00. If passed, the increase will take effect July 1, 2022, with a \$3.00 increase; July 1 2023 with a \$2.00 increase and July 1, 2024 with a \$2.00 increase. Share this information with all clubs that by 2024, dues for LCI will be \$60/Lion member.

Lion Peggy Lindeman reported that Project KidSight now requires background checks. Anyone who participates in a screening must have an annual background check to participate in any way.

Mileage reimbursement for District 10 is .30/mile. LCI Rules of Audit allow for .50/mile for administrative reimbursement. Volunteer reimbursement is .14/mile. It was requested that a motion be made to increase the district reimbursement to the LCI reimbursement rate of .50/mile for administrative mileage.

MOTION: Maki, Munsell, to approve an increase from .30/mile for administrative mileage to align with LCI Rules of Audit, .50/mile for administrative use. Motion carried.

With the transfer of accounting records to the new District Treasurer, the need to approve Lion Mike Smock to the checking account as a signee was necessary.

MOTION: Lanaville, Maki, to add Lion Mike Smock to the District 10 checking account. Motion carried.

Leader Dog for the Blind Report – Lion Mike Dengate

Leader Dog has now been in service for 83 years and District 10 has been a strong supporter for many years. The past 20 years white cane training has been offered as an on-campus training program to assist clients and their new Leader Dog. This program is made possible due to the financial support of Lions members.

Ukrainian Relief – VDG Dan Perkins suggested Tail Twister money raised be donated to the Negaunee Lions Club, as they are doing a benefit to help raise funds for relief efforts.

MOTION: Snyder, Lindeman, to donate Tail Twister fines to Negaunee Lions Club for the Ukrainian relief fund. Motion carried.

Eversight Report – PDG Bill Munsell

Over 8,000 transplants were performed this past year and there were 2,000 donors in Michigan with 48 of these donors coming from District 10. Fifteen (15) transplant recipients were from within the district. Lions hold positions on the Eversight board of directors, which PDG Munsell serves on. This past year Michigan Lions in District 10 and Multiple District 11 have donated \$112,000.00 to Eversight. Upcoming events that Lions can support include the Eversight Annual Golf Fundraiser, trapshoot and family picnic with donor families and transplant recipients. PDG Munsell reminded everyone that to become a donor you must register with the secretary of state.

Childhood Cancer Report – Lion Christine Smith, Chair

The district is currently serving 65 families through the efforts of the Childhood Cancer committee. A special request was made to donate to a family in need to cover travel expenses, and Lion Smith will have a collection cannister visible for the remainder of the convention for donations. This summer there will be a fundraising bicycle ride, Tour De Yoop, to benefit Childhood Cancer.

Breakout Sessions – VDG-Elect Kwarciany invited all to attend the afternoon breakout sessions. One session will cover U.P. Lions Serve which is a new foundation within the

district which encompasses Childhood Cancer, Diabetes and Hunger initiatives. Leader Dog for the Blind will also hold a breakout session.

LCIF Campaign 100 Report – PDG Bruce LaBelle

Campaign 100 was extended this past year and will end on June 30. The goal was to raise \$300 million, with \$206 million of the goal reached to date. Lions will host PIP Joe Preston in May at the MD 11 Lions Convention held in Auburn Hills May 19-21. PIP Preston is the Co-Chair for Campaign 100 in the US. The LCIF Committee will be selling raffle tickets up until May 20 to raise money for an LCIF donation to present to PIP Joe and Lion Joni Preston in their honor.

District 10 Lions have donated \$11,000.00 this year to Campaign 100. Over one billion in aid has been distributed during their 50-year history.

Tickets are \$20/each and there is an array of raffle prizes, including original artwork by PIP Preston. Purchase your ticket today and support Campaign 100!

Bay Cliff Report – Lion Chris Rowe

Lion Chris Rowe announced there would not be an in-person Lions Day at Bay Cliff this year. They look forward to next year's event.

Future Convention Locations:

The 2023 District 10 Convention will be held in Sault Ste. Marie at the Casino VDG Dan Perkins asked for a motion to approve Ishpeming as the site of the 2024 convention.

MOTION: Munsell, Kwarciany, to approve Ishpeming, Michigan, for the location of the 2024 District 10 Convention. Motion carried.

Bark River asked for a motion to approve Island Resort & Casino for the site of the 2025 convention.

MOTION: Maki, Lindeman, to approve Island Resort & Casino for the site of the 2025 District 10 Convention. Motion carried.

Tail Twister Fines – PDG Jim Decremer reported \$190.00 was collected and would be donated to Negaunee LC for Ukrainian relief efforts.

MOTION: Snyder, Lindeman, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lion Wendy Burns, Executive Director