

## CABINET MEETING – May 2, 2025

### ISLAND RESORT & CASINO

1. Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by DG Scott Kwarciany @1406. (Sign in for Attendance at end of minutes.)
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by DG Scott Kwarciany.
3. Invocation was given by DG Scott Kwarciany.
4. Introduction of guests:
  - a. PID Gary Anderson and wife DG Cheryl Anderson-MD11C1 Grand Rapids
  - b. DG Dennis Gocha and wife Linda from MD11E2
  - c. DG Ronda Furby from MD1A2
  - d. DG Cory Knuth MD11B2
  - e. Late arrival- DG Judy Keller and husband David from Ugly in MD11D2.

\*Reminder that the convention will be running on Eastern Time- please set your watches and phones accordingly.

5. Introduction of the Head Table-

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Colleen Maki

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Gary Perala

Treasurer Mike Smock

Secretary Peggy Lindeman

6. Approval of the Agenda-
  - a. Additions- None
  - b. Motion made to accept the agenda made by Secretary Peggy Lindeman, seconded by 2VDG Gary Perala. Motion passed.
7. Review of Past Cabinet Meeting Minutes-
  - a. Meeting minutes had been emailed out on 2 previous occasions leading up to the cabinet meeting.
  - b. Corrections had been pointed out and made to the minutes.
  - c. Motion to accept the past cabinet meeting minutes made by 1VDG Colleen Maki, seconded by IPDG Dan Perkins. Motion passed.
8. District Treasurer's Report-
  - a. Financial review thru 3/31/25
  - b. Sent out for review on 2 occasions leading up to the cabinet meeting.
  - c. Will go into more details at the General Meeting tomorrow, but for now all our Fund balances are in good shape with the admin fund at roughly \$64,700 excluding convention funds. Mint fund is at roughly \$16,000 and the education scholarship funds around \$26,500.

- d. See increases in most funds since last year as some expenses did not occur.
  - i. Budgeted \$3000 for grants only \$1200 were requested.
  - ii. \$3500 budgeted for scholarships, only \$2000 was accepted.
9. Old Business-
  - a. Lions of Michigan All State Band Raffle-
    - i. 100 tickets at \$100 each to total \$10,000 in sales.
    - ii. Winners will be drawn tomorrow with 30 winners of \$200 each leaving \$4000 for the students.
    - iii. 20 tickets left to sell before tomorrow.
    - iv. 8 U.P. students in the band.
    - v. Possible new chair needed for next year- will let them take over the running of the raffle.
    - vi. This year students need \$3500 to go to Orlando, next year will be Hong Kong at roughly \$6000 per student.
  - b. North Woods Air Life Line- (Lion Lee Rowe)
    - i. Lions successfully raised funds to purchase the headphones requested.
    - ii. Successfully fund raised to get one plane painted
    - iii. One of the pilots will be here tomorrow at the educational session.
  - c. District Round Tables- (PDG Gretchen Preston)
    - i. Zone chair and officer training and leadership program for our clubs.
    - ii. Last September on the West end, February in Skandia and also in the Sault.
    - iii. Staffed by the Global Leadership Team (GLT) - generally on Saturdays from 10-12 with casual discussion and questions and answer sessions.
    - iv. District sponsors the lunch.
    - v. Followed by 1 on 1 training.
    - vi. May 31<sup>st</sup> @ Wells Township will be the South Central Round Table.
    - vii. Westside and Skandia are requesting follow up meetings.
    - viii. \*Goal is to get other clubs involved.
      - Side note- Lion Floyd had surgery so PDG Gretchen Preston may need assistance getting around.
      - Lion Josh Trader Trenary Lion- new to Lions and wants to grow the Trenary Club back up. Attended the Round Table session in his area. Went great. Great communications, questions answered, made connections. Now working with the Gwinn Food System to put in a community garden.

- DG Scott Kwarciany- It's hard to get zone chairs, but by going back to these areas we train and get clubs involved again.

d. By Laws-

i. Wording change needed- will discuss this tomorrow at the general session.

- Basically, in order to do raffles the state of Michigan requires a dissolution statement (i.e., what happens to all the assets if the district organizations dissolve.) 501-C3's have these and as a 501-C4 we do not.
- If the organization dissolves- the donated monies go back out to charitable organizations.
- We are civic not charitable; thus it is not required but we need it to be able to sponsor raffles.
- We're assuming that we want to continue with the All State Band Raffle which we had to have the Bark River Club sponsor this year.
- Clubs should consider add a similar bylaw if you have not held a raffle license in the past that grandfathers you in under the state already.

e. Website-

- We lost our webmaster/social media chair.
- Wanted to do all the convention registration, etc. online, but had to go back to paper.
- Was able to find a local webmaster and transfer everything over to him including the social media accounts.
  - Still looking for someone to take over the social media updates. (Currently DG Scott Kwarciany.)
- On a side note- PDG Gary Klop asked that we take a moment of silence to remember the Charlevoix Golf Team.

10. New Business-

a. Budget Review- To be approved tomorrow. (See report towards end of minutes.)

- Dues to the District cut in half
- Line items-
  - Convention- 1<sup>st</sup> time in the budget
  - Expenses- Grants not part of budget (\*Submit requests before the end of June please. These are not gone- just not a part of the budget.)
  - New line for the Round Tables.

- iii. Current Administration Fund at \$63-64,000 will drop to \$56,000.
- iv. PDG Dan Perkins- there are a lot of clubs catching on to the garden grants since we've built momentum. Please don't be too quick to let the grants go.
  - Tech grants requested in the last 5 yrs- 9 clubs \$3100
  - Garden grants last 3 years- 1 club \$420
  - 1VDG Colleen Maki- Budget is a living document and can do budget amendment if need arises as opposed to budgeting for this and it's not used.
- v. District Dues Incentive- (See report at end of minutes.)
  - 1VDG Colleen Maki- Believe in looking at something other than grants to give back to the individual clubs. Want to do something for all the clubs in the district.
  - We're looking at a net zero after we get the final \$2 increase to LCI so \$60 to LCI + \$10 to the district- if we decrease dues by \$5/person at a district level and incentivize clubs to do the following...
    - a. Pay LCI dues before July due date so we are never late
    - b. Pay district dues in July as well
    - c. Report your new officers by May 15<sup>th</sup> EVEN IF THEY DO NOT CHANGE. (Ask for help if needed.)
  - If you do the 3 things listed above then the 2<sup>nd</sup> half dues for the district WILL NOT be billed!
  - PDG Dan Perkins- Appreciate the help and the thought for the clubs that went into this.
  - DG Scott Kwarciany-
    - a. Final of the total \$7 dues increase over the last 3 years for LCI
    - b. As a district we've been fortunate making sure we keep healthy funds via ways of dues. We can absorb this and give it back to the clubs.
  - This proposal is a Cabinet level decision- open the floor to comments/discussion/thoughts
    - a. PDG Dan Perkins makes the motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Lion Joe Maki. Motion carried.
- b. GAT Team Review for 2025-2026
  - i. Global Action Team (GAT) made up of
    - Global Service Team
    - Global Leadership Team

- Global Extension Team
- ii. Put together by the incoming Governor
- iii. First year that the Global Extension is required.
  - DG Scott Kwarciany gets this position by default as he is the only one trained for this.
  - Goes hand in hand with the GMT (PDG Bill Rowe and Lee Rowe are stepping down.)
- iv. Members will be going to the Leadership Summit in Las Vegas to train for these positions.
  - Looking for someone to shadow DG Scott and learn this.
  - Trouble getting zone chairs and committee chairs and now these as well.
- v. PDG Gretchen Preston as GLT would like to take a moment and recognize the years of service PDG Bill Rowe and Lion Lee Rowe have put into serving in their position.
- vi. 1VDG Colleen Maki- Thankful for PDG Gretchen Preston for staying on as GLT. Excellent job setting up the Round Tables and getting local leaders involved.
- vii. 1VDG Colleen Maki- Also thankful for PDG Jim Sviniki for 2 years of 100% of clubs reporting service to LCI. As the LCIF coordinator we are also looking for a mentor to learn from Jim.
- viii. We have a few zone chair position to fill, but the Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer are staying on.
- c. Lion Lee Rowe would like to Thank PDG Gretchen Preston for helping to start the newsletter and continuing to put it together during the distribution issues we are experiencing.
- d. GAT Team Reports-
  - i. PDG Jim Svinicki- GST 100% of clubs reporting with 13 clubs still reporting.
  - ii. PDG Bill Rowe- GMT needs more new member kits. We are at +15
    - Brand new club by the end of the year- 2VDG Gary Perala reports that the Marquette Arts and Music Wellness club is forming to use music and art for healing by going into nursing homes, etc. Looking at +20 members.
  - iii. PDG Gretchen Preston- GLT- all good.
  - iv. DG Scott Kwarciany-
    - Looking at a potential new Leo'sClub in Powers-Spaulding.
      - a. Kayla is spearheading and with a teacher from the school, should be up and running this upcoming school year.

- This would bring our district up to 4 Leo Clubs.
- e. Zone Chairs/Committee Reports
- i. Zone Chairs
    - Tracy- no report
    - Ron- no report
  - ii. Committee Chairs
    - Convention Chair- PDG Tom Lanaville- 192 Lions registered for Convention with 162 for Saturday night's dinner.
    - Project KidSight- Lion Rose Potvin- Reminder of the District Service Project at 4pm to pack fun bags for the Project KidSight Trailers. 1,500 total.
11. Motion made by Lion Judy Racette to adjourn, seconded by Lion Peggy Lindeman. Motion passed.

# Cabinet Meeting Fri 5/2/25

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Print Club</u>
Peggy Lindeman	Gwinn
Mike Smock	Negaunee
Jim Swinicki	Stashers son
Scott Kunnung	River River
Jashua Trader	Jenny
Garrett Kley	Pickford
Chris LeBart	P. Spalding
Rose Potvin	HOTN
Bill & Lee Rowe	Gwinn
Gretchen Preston	Marg.
Tahl Patterson	Gwinn
STEVE FINLEY	GWINN
Linda Gocha	EAST JORDAN
Dennis Gocha	{
Rhonda Furby	Eastpointe
POG Jim Decremar	Rapid River
Ron & Carol Kamenkser	Vulcan Norway Barab
Judy Racette	HOTN
Alicia Buffin	HOTN
Dan Perkins	Dan Perkins Felpeig
Byron SENNAT	DRUMMOND EST.
Tom Lamville	Bark River
Joe Nick: POG Dist Admin	bedstee
Alois Sprunger	By De Noz LIONS
Don Wogelowski POG	Stephane

**Single District 10 Lions Clubs International  
2025-2026 Budget**

	<b>2024-2025 Budget</b>	<b>2024-2025 YTD Actual</b>	<b>2025-2026 Budget</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Cabinet Meeting Tail Twister Funds	\$500.00	\$196.00	\$500.00
Club Donations - District 10 Scholarships	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Club Dues (\$10/Member; proposed incentive of \$5)	\$13,300.00	\$13,125.00	\$6,625.00 ✓
District Convention		\$14,085.00	\$14,000.00
District Pin Sales	\$500.00	\$485.00	\$700.00
Mint Agent Revenue	\$1,000.00	\$645.97	\$700.00 ↓
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Interest	\$3,900.00	\$3,427.27	\$3,600.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$21,200.00</b>	<b>\$32,714.24</b>	<b>\$27,375.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Cabinet Meeting Meals	\$750.00	\$338.62	\$600.00
Cabinet Meeting Mileage	\$1,200.00	\$260.50	\$500.00
Club Grants - Community Garden Grants	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 ↓ } Gone
- Technology Grants	\$1,000.00	\$1,242.21	\$0.00 ↓ }
District 10 Scholarships	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00 ✓
District Convention		\$34.34	\$14,000.00
District Roundtable Meetings - GLT		\$678.58	\$1,000.00
District Trading Pins	\$650.00	\$549.00	\$650.00
Donations of Meeting Tail Twister Funds	\$500.00	\$196.00	\$500.00
Education & Training - Certified Guiding Lion	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
- Faculty Development Inst.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
- Lions Leadership Institute	\$1,500.00	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
Global Membership Team	\$600.00	\$558.59	\$700.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00	\$940.00	\$500.00
Northwoods Air Lifeline Meetings	\$300.00	\$204.00	\$300.00
Office Expenses	\$400.00	\$328.56	\$400.00
Organizational Rosters	\$1,300.00	\$1,035.64	\$1,200.00
Plaques & Awards	\$250.00	\$179.45	\$250.00
Project KidSight Trailer Storage	\$500.00	\$456.00	\$500.00
Software & Apps	\$600.00	\$556.39	\$575.00
State Dues (\$2.58/Member)	\$3,435.00	\$3,386.25	\$3,418.00
VDG Travel - Council of Gov. Mtgs/DG Training	\$3,000.00	\$3,001.56	\$3,000.00
- USA/Canada Forum	\$2,000.00	\$1,958.12	\$2,500.00
- LCI Convention (companion)	\$1,000.00	\$196.31	\$1,000.00
Website Maintenance	\$1,100.00	\$780.00	\$800.00
Zone Chair Mileage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$27,685.00</b>	<b>\$19,180.12</b>	<b>\$38,693.00</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>(\$6,485.00)</b>	<b>\$13,534.12</b>	<b>(\$11,318.00)</b>
Impact By Fund: Administration Fund	(\$4,085.00)	\$13,298.96	(\$8,018.00)
Mint Fund - Education & Training	(\$600.00)	\$807.69	(\$950.00)
Scholarship Fund	(\$1,800.00)	(\$572.53)	(\$2,350.00)
Environment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>(\$6,485.00)</b>	<b>\$13,534.12</b>	<b>(\$11,318.00)</b>





District 10 Lions 2024-2025  
 Scott Kwarciany, District Governor  
 Colleen Maki, 1VDG  
 Gary Perala, 2VDG

**DISTRICT 10 DISTRICT DUES INCENTIVE FOR LIONS YEAR 2025-2026**

July 1 2025, Lions Club International dues will increase to \$50.00 per member marking the completion of the 3 year - \$2.00 per year increase. District 10 dues remain at \$10.00 of which \$2.58/per member is forwarded to the Lions of Michigan. In addition to the \$60.00 beginning July 1 2025, most clubs have an additional amount for their club's administrative fund or meal costs.

While this due's structure remains one of the lowest of service clubs, we have altered the budget to provide an "Incentive" that would provide what we believe to be a positive impact for all members in all clubs in District 10.

***This incentive, however, comes with the necessity to take care of certain basic items that are the responsibility of each Club and their Club Officers.***

The current budget reflects a Revenue reduction for Club Dues to the District. We will NOT be reducing the amount of the District dues but rather provide an incentive for Clubs to take advantage of a reduction based on some minimum performance standards.

- The District dues **incentive** will be structured as follows:
  - Pay the July LCI dues <sup>on time \* Do not come in mail - ~~convention~~ Have to login pay on time</sup> so the club is never listed on the District recap report in the columns 60, 90 & 120+
  - Pay the July District dues in the same timeline as above
  - Report their officers TIMELY on the LCI Portal. All officers <sup>\*</sup> even if they remain the same should be reported no later than July 1 as this is the beginning of the Lions year.
- **NOTE:** The LCI deadline is May 15 so we would be providing additional time <sup>\*</sup> this year only as the announcement of this incentive to all clubs cannot occur until after the convention. We may wish to alter this timeline should we choose to continue this incentive.



**If a Club achieves the 3 items above, the 2nd half District dues (\$5.00 per member) will not be billed for 2025-2026.**

This incentive definitely reduces the Revenue portion of the District Budget if it is taken advantage of. This in turn may cause us to balance the budget with Fund Balance. This is not a bad thing as our current Fund Balance is approximately 64K with no upcoming District needs for these funds.