



DISTRICT 10 LIONS 2025–2026

Colleen Maki, District Governor

Gary Perala, 1VDG

Chris LeBoeuf, 2VDG

CABINET MEETING MINUTES – Oct 11, 2025

POWERS SPAULDING LIONS CLUBHOUSE

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION DGCOLLEEN MAKI-10/10/25 @1240 EST.
2. INTRODUCTIONS – Thanks to Power-Spaulling for the lunch and all the work that went into it.
 - a. Welcome to members of Powers Spaulding to our meeting. Tom Wells, Cheryl Rochon, Shawn Lafave, Mike Moody, Sarah Fleetwood, Jacqueline, and Larry.
 - b. Thanks to PDG Scott Kwarciany for completing the roster book. It is already out of date. The electronic version is on the district web page.
 - c. District Secretary Peggy Lindeman moved and is working without internet yet pulled off getting the agenda, meeting minutes, and cabinet reports out.
 - i. Secretary Peggy has also indicated that she is not continuing as district Secretary after this year. 1VDG Gary Perala and 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf should meet and work together to select a new district secretary. Try to get one soon enough to so that they can spend some time with Lion Peggy.
 - ii. Peggy suggested we set up an account on Gmail etc for the secretary to make hand off easier.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - a. PID Jenny Ware motions for approval, 1VDG Gary Perala seconds.
 - b. No discussion. Motion passes.
4. INFO/ANNOUCEMENTS – DG COLLEEN MAKI
 - a. IPDG SCOTT KWARCANY Appreciation Dinner Sat 10/11/2025
 - i. Will be tonight at 5 at the Highland golf course
 - b. Leadership Institute 11/7–11/9 2025

- i. Nov7–9th: we sent out 16 invitations to have people attend. 6 people have returned their invite.

- 1. Craig Kutha– Bark River
- 2. Judy Racette– Heart of the North
- 3. Jane Lanaville– Heart of the North
- 4. Sarah Salo –Trenary
- 5. Morgan Frappier – Bay de Noc
- 6. Jalen Sims – Bay de Noc

c. Monthly Leadership Zoom–

- i. Leadership zoom meetings will be coming back– will poll a few people that really need to attend and restart these again. Communication is the key.
- ii. That being said please take a look at who you are sending everything to and only reply back to who you need to, not “reply all.”

5. REVIEW OF PAST CABINET MEETING MINUTES – DISTRICT SECRETARY PEGGY

a. Everyone should have received copies– Any corrections? None

- i. Motion made to accept the minutes by IPDG Scott Kwarcianny, seconded by 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf.
- ii. Motion passed.

6. DISTRICT TREASURER REPORT – DISTRICT TREASURER MIKE SMOCK

a. Financial Review–

- i. Pg 2– Note revenue dues waived – \$115 waived for first year of charter members for the new Marquette club.
- ii. 2nd half of the year dues waived for those that met the incentive– will show up in this line as well
- iii. Pg 7 accounts receivable aging summary– clubs owing including Calumet which has desolved this fiscal year. We paid 2025–2026 dues in July to Lions of Michigan. There is \$40 left due the District from the former club. Can we write this off?
 - 1. Alerted LCI before 7/1/25, but didn’t get the paperwork in on time. Thus accumulated the \$40.
 - 2. Gov. Colleen Maki requests permission to write it off. Per IPDG Scott Kwarcianny, the club submitted all the paperwork and did everything legal.

3. IPDG Jenny Ware motions, seconded by PDG Jim Svinicki. Motion passed.
- iv. Newberry and Menominee still on the accounts receivable list.
 1. Gov. Colleen Maki has tried to reach out to Newberry on several occasions with no luck.
 2. PDG Jim Whalen no longer at Teaching Family Homes.
 3. Need to see what's going on with this club
- v. Pg9– Bank statement reconciliation. There are 2 checks from May that have not been processed from UP Lion's Serve Diabetes and UP Lions Serve Hunger. Checks were from funds raised at convention. Lion Keith Smith at UP Lions Serve passed these checks on to the appropriate chairman for each service project.
- vi. IPDG Scott Kwarciany motions to place financial reports on file, DG Colleen Maki seconds. Motion passes.
- b. Report on Clubs that qualified for 2nd District dues billing abatement
 - i. 25 Clubs successfully qualified.
 1. Submitted officers
 2. Paid dues on time
 - ii. Mike asks cabinet for approval to waive the dues for those 25 clubs.
 1. Discussion– is there a chance another club could make the list?
 - a. No
 2. Secretary Peggy Lindeman makes the motion, Lion Judy Racette seconds.
 - a. Gov. Colleen Maki points out that two of the clubs of the leadership team with the exception of Bay de Noc (Bark River, Powers–Spaulding) did not qualify!
 - b. Motion passed.
- c. District Garden Grants – current & pending
 - i. None pending
 - ii. Issued 1 to Gwinn for \$500
 - iii. In the last 1.5 years \$2123 to 5 clubs
 - iv. Munising, Trenary, Drummond Island, Powers–Spaulding and Gwinn
- d. Budget Amendments– will work with Lion Mike Smock to cover the deficits we may have due to any additional requests for the garden grants. VDG did not go to USA Canada Forum– we may reroute those funds if needed thru a budget amendment.
 - i. Treasurer Mike Smock notes we will be getting additional revenue not in the budget due to the clubs that did not meet the dues waiver.

- e. Treasurer Mike Smock – we are in the filing season for state filing of annual reports and for IRS 990's. 7 clubs have never been incorporated. 6 of the corporation entities have been dissolved due to not sending in their annual reports. 4 clubs have had their tax exemption revoked for not filing 990's (Newberry, Carney Nadeau, Chocoday, Menominee.) Ishpeming got reinstated.
 - i. 990 due November 15th to IRS
 - ii. Incorporation shields the members of the club and allows clubs to hold raffles, etc.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. District Representative needed for Michigan Forum – recommended they have previously attended the Forum
 - i. Josh Trader stepped up–first time D10 put a member on the planning committee. Still highly recommended this person have attended in the past.
 - 1. PID Jenny Ware understands the recommendations, but doesn't feel it's necessary. Service project, learning session, lunch and done.
 - a. Mostly needs to get the information out and participates in the service project.
 - b. IPDG Scott Kwarciany– it's helpful if you have attended. Just don't want our representative to have them feel like they are drowning.
 - c. We have ran this past Julie Myers– not necessary, but helpful.
 - d. 1VDG Gary Perala will consider this and if he does he will take Lion Josh Trader and 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf under his wing
 - i. This should just be the duty of the 1VDG– per Gary
- b. Sign off on Gwinn LCI Grant – LION STEVE FINLEY
 - i. Final report by Steve Finley to be passed on to the LCI grant for Governor to sign off.
 - 1. Lion Steve Finley– with 1VDG Gary Perala's help did "let's seed UP"– shared UP friendly seeds distributed across the UP thru 42

lions clubs. We also sent seed packets to 3 clubs down state.
17,000 seeds in gardens growing food to share.

2. PID Jenny Ware makes motion to accept the report, sign off on it and sent the report to LCIF. Seconded by Secretary Peggy Lindeman. Motion passes.

Lion Steve Finley presented with an official LCI hunger pin.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Multiple District 11 – District 10 History – PID JENNY WARE (See Document at end of meeting minutes.)
 - i. Back ground on the history between D10 and D11 (10 sub districts). In last several years there has been issues with D10 attending the council of governors. D10 went and looked at the history and the facts. Wrote report and sent it in for review by PID's, etc. Paper needs to go to VDG training for annual presentation and training of new VDG's. D10 started in 1919 as the first club in Michigan then Grand rapids 1 months later.
 - ii. Each has own governing bodies and constitutions.
 - iii. They have district, state and joint projects.
 - iv. MD11 council of governors makes decisions affecting D10– then with D10 present it becomes a has joint council of governors.
 - v. Issue is that MD11 language speaks to allowing D10 to have ex-*if*icio rep by Governor only. Giving this person the same rights.
 1. MD11 has the ability to change this.
 - vi. We pay dues to MD11 that pays our executive director and other employees and other funds.
 - vii. Our last increase to the state was 1999–2000.
 - viii. Will send out a copy of the report to everyone.
 - ix. What are the benefits of us unifying.
 1. We would pay more dues for what?
 2. Currently send about \$3400 per year– joint training sessions, pay Lion Wendy Burns to come to our convention and take minutes.
 3. LCI has never requested we merge.
 4. None of the districts downstate are compliant with membership requirements.
 5. GAT team members are now included in reporting to some meetings and cabinets. We need to be careful not to vote on items that do not include D10.

6. D10 leadership has been working hard to improve and keep our relationship open. This has been reflected in the number of Governors that come up and attend our convention.
- b. All State Band Raffle – IPDG SCOTT KWARCANY
 - i. Last year’s raffle sold 100 tickets at \$100 took in \$10,000– paid out and received money back ending up with around \$7000. \$750 to each student.
 - ii. Bark River ran raffle last year because district did not have it in its bylaws to get a raffle– now district may apply for the license.
 1. Do we want to do this again? It’s to Hong Kong.
 2. Sell more tickets for less? It’s hard to sell \$100 tickets. Get families involved and start selling tickets earlier.
 3. Motion to do again by Secretary Peggy Lindeman, seconded by Lion Steve Finley.
 4. IPDG Scott Kwarcany could come up with a plan on how to do the raffle by the first zoom meeting next month.
 5. Motion passed.
 6. PID Jenny Ware will get with IPDG Scott Kwarcany to come up with the plan.
- c. District Committee Written Reports– DG COLLEEN/DISTRICT SECRETARY PEGGY
 - i. Cabinet mtg report– 15 with no reports.
 - ii. Want permission from the cabinet to eliminate reports– line items that we don’t know what they are for or what needs to be reported.
 - iii. Lion’s quest– Lion Judy Racette turned it down. And we don’t have the program.
 - iv. Need to add Human trafficking report to cabinet meeting minutes.

9. GAT TEAM REPORTS

- a. GLT – PDG Gretchen Preston– Report submitted. Next roundtable Nov1 at wells clubhouse for south central area lions. Will be going to Houghton Hancock lions to give Leaderdog presentation to 4 different clubs. Newsletter is in danger as Gretchen writes 90% of the articles and still looking for webmaster to distribute.
- b. GST – PDG Jim Svinicki 40–55 percent of clubs have been reporting.
- c. GMT/GET – IPDG Scott
 - i. GMT=can see who is coming and going. –3 for year with calumet closing. Ended with +15 last year thanks to new club. We’re stable.

- ii. GET– Work to go out into the district to invigorate new clubs or bring back clubs to towns that use to have clubs.
 - 1. Lost Calumet– would have been 100 years old.
 - 2. Potential new club in delta county area. Was an old folded club that are still together doing things– what does it take to get them back.
 - 3. Potential in the Garden area.
 - 4. West end needs help.
 - 5. PID Jenny Ware– Rapid River is struggling. Event coming up.

10. ZONE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Still in need of Zone Chairs and reports from Zone Chairs
 - i. Picked up one in Houghton Hancock– Lion Stephanie Graef
 - ii. Lost Lion Craig Krouth in Sault.
 - iii. Lion Chris Smith wants to be replaced
 - iv. And several other empty chairs.

11. GOVERNOR TEAM COMMENTS – (IPDG, 2ND VDG; 1ST VDG, DG)

- a. IPDG– IPDG is when the work begins.
- b. 2nd – appreciates all the help and happy to host today's event.
- c. 1st– UP Lions Server Foundation has brand new website coming out soon. Lions Virtual and Chat GPT is a great tool, increasing productivity. At Lions Virtual.org.
 - i. New club chartered in May.
 - ii. Tour da yoop raised \$102445 thru 13 clubs.
 - iii. Council mtg in Gaylord. Our chance to rep our voice.
- d. DG–New moving target– 9 pillars of service now.
 - i. Mental health and wellness is an incentive– per PID Jenny Ware

ii. Meaning of pieces of dress attire or when to wear them:

1. Name tags as part of uniform
2. Governor's patch– to stand out and represent our brand with pride. Thus a uniform. Should be proud to wear it.
3. International president pin.
4. Governors pin
5. Sara Doubleddee's pin.
6. Medal– worn to banquets
7. Melvin Jones– multiple stones added for each one earned.
8. Membership pin– for number of members you brought in in quantities of 5 that have stayed at least 1 year.

iii.

12.ADJOURNMENT– 1VDG Gary Perala motions we adjourn, Motion with–drawn. Motion remade following Lion Jackie's proposal. Seconded by Secretary Peggy Lindeman.

13.Jackie grant proposal– PS Lions and Carney Nadeau will be sending in a grant proposal for a kitchen at a community center. Need approval and support from the district.

- a. Hunger infrastructure grant.
- b. PID Jenny Ware motions that the cabinet supports the hunger grant– seconded by 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf. Motion passed.
 - i. Lion Steve Finley– please put a letter together to distribute to all the clubs for their support.
 - ii. Use the international staff to get the grant.
 - iii. Needs signed by DG. 2 Clubs involved.
 - iv. Once approved it will come to the district as a pass thru.

10.11.25 Powers-Spaulding

Name	Club
Peggy Lindeman	GWinn
Jay Rault	HOTN
Rose Potvin	HOTN
Jenny Ware	Bay de Noc
Colleen Maki	Bay de Noc
Jim Swilicki	Steshusen
Scott Kwaczian	Barre River
STEVE FINLEY	COWINN
Tom Wells	Powers MI
Cheryl Rocher	Powers MI
John LaFare	Wilson MI
Mike Bouty	Powers MI
Jaquelin Schaff	Pines, MI
Sarah Fleetwood	Powers, MI
Tom Wells	Powers, MI
Jay Maki	Gladstone
Harry [Signature]	MAmwe
Chris LeBow	Powers-Spaulding

Single District 10 and Multiple District 11 History and Relationship

First club in the State of Michigan formed in Marquette October, 1919. District 10.

Second club in the State formed two weeks later in Grand Rapids. District 11.

Single District 10 (SD10) has a District Governor who oversees the Cabinet. Their governing documents are the Single District Constitution and By-Laws through Lions International and their Policy Manual.

Multiple District 11 (MD11) has a Council Chairperson who oversees the Council of Governors comprised of the 10 Sub-District Governors in MD11. Their governing documents are the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws through Lions International and their Policy Manual.

SD10 has District Projects that have gone through the proper process in the District and have been voted upon by delegates at the SD10 conventions. A District project can be approved at a Cabinet Meeting by a vote of the Cabinet.

MD11 Projects **pages 24-28 MD11 Constitution and By-Laws

MD11 has Multiple District Projects and each **sub-district has District Projects**.

These projects have been approved at the MD11 and sub-district levels via their Constitutions and By-Laws.

State Projects are projects that as stated in the MD11 C&B-Ls, are 501©3 entities and have gone through the approval process by both SD10 and MD11. The State Projects are:

1. All State Band
2. Eversight
3. Leader Dogs
4. Lions of Michigan Service Foundation

The State Committee is comprised of the 11 District Chairs. State Committee Chairperson is elected from the sitting committee.

Joint Projects are projects that have been mutually agreed upon by both SD10 and MD11 and have appointed representatives on the committee(s). The current Joint Projects are the Liaison Committee and the International Convention Committee.

Council of Governors meetings: MD11 holds regularly scheduled Council of Governors meetings. During these meetings items that may affect SD10 may be on the agenda. If this occurs, it is then called a Joint Meeting of the Council of Governors. The Vice District Governors are invited to attend.

MD11 C&B, page 29: ARTICLE XIV Joint Action with Single District 10

Section 1. The Council of Governors of Multiple District 11 is hereby authorized to enter into a joint policy agreement with the Governor of Single District 10, such agreement to be binding for any specified term, or until terminated by agreement or by provisions therein contained.

(This language speaks directly to the MD11 policy manual and having the authority for the council of MD11 to create the "ex-officio" position for the DG of SD10.)

Section 2. Such policy agreement may provide for joint sessions of the Council of Governors of both Multiple District 11 and Single District 10, jointly called by the Governor of Single District 10 and the MD11 Council Chairperson or as determined by joint action at a joint meeting of the Governors.

Items that jointly impact SD10/MD11:

Executive Director

Financial Reports/State Treasurer

State Projects – listed above

Joint Projects – listed above

Conventions:

SD10 has an annual District Convention.

MD11 has an annual Multiple District Convention.

Each Sub-District in MD11 has an annual District Convention.

MD11 Joint Action with SD10:

ARTICLE XIV, Joint Action with Single District 10, Page 29 MD11 Constitution and By-Laws

MD11 Policy Manual, Page 7, CLARIFICATION OF TERMS, paragraph 2:

“In the spirit of cooperation and collegiality with our fellow Lions in Single District 10, which is comprised of the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan; Single District 10’s District Governor is considered an ex-officio member of the Council of Governors of Multiple District 11 and is entitled to all rights and privileges due to the office. Likewise, all Single District 10 Vice Governors are invited to partake in the Leadership Training provided by the Multiple District 11 Global Leadership Team.”

SD Dues paid to MD11, \$2.58 per Member

* \$0.40 to the Lions of Michigan International Convention Fund

This covers expenses of a gathering room and snacks/water at the Lions of Michigan hotel – this hotel is designated by LCI

** \$0.50 to the Liaison Fund

This is used for Lions seeking international positions – International Director, 3VP, 2VP, International President

*** \$1.68 to State Office Administrative cost

Employee wages, expenses, supplies, building costs, etc.