



DISTRICT 10 LIONS 2025–2026

Colleen Maki, District Governor

Gary Perala, 1VDG

Chris LeBoeuf, 2VDG

SD10 CONVENTION GENERAL SESSION MINUTES –
MAY 2, 2026
ISLAND CASINO & RESORT

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION – DG COLLEEN MAKI 0907
2. INTRODUCTIONS/REMARKS – DG COLLEEN MAKI
 - a. Welcome members to the general session.
 - b. Celebration of Service– you will be given the opportunity to speak to your group’s service, but please keep it to a 2–3 minute summary.
 - c. Thinking of you cards for Harold Sherman, Jim Decramer, Mike Kobasic, and Ruth Snyder.
 - d. Around 11:15 TV6 will be around to photograph and interview people.
3. REMARKS
 - a. ID Melissa Washburn– Visiting from Carlsbad NM.
 - Heard a lot about D10, but never made it to Michigan. Really like our kindness and craziness. Truly an honor to represent our association.
 - b. Intro Gemma Ferguson– Melissa Washburn’s traveling partner.
 - c. PID Bob Block– hailing from Calumet City Illinois. Enjoying your hospitality. Watch over 30 districts. Our area at –87 members as clubs “clean house.” D10 has been steady. USA has added 113 new clubs for a gain of 1800 new members!
 - d. PID Jenny Ware– Great to be here. Love meeting new members, great to be back with the family. Endorsed to run for Lions International 3rd VP– will start interview process in Hong Kong. Will probably interview again next year in Washington DC. June 7th LCF telethon fundraiser. Global Service Week– Lions travel to other countries to perform service. Last screened 1100 school children and provided eyeglasses to these children.
 - e. Introduction of head table– 2nd VDG Chris LeBoeuf, 1st VDG Gary Perala, Cabinet Secretary Lion Peggy Lindeman, Incoming Cabinet Secretary Janice Frizzell, IPDG Scott Kwarciany.
4. REQUEST FOR MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA – DG COLLEEN MAKI

- a. Motion made by PDG Duane Goltz, seconded by 1VDG Gary Perala.
 - b. Motion Passed.
5. REQUEST FOR MOTION TO ACCEPT RULES AS PRINTED – DG COLLEEN MAKI
- a. Tail Twister– PDG Joe Maki
 - b. Sergeant at Arms– PDG Jack Holsworth
 - c. Motion made by PDG Jim Svinicki, seconded by Lion Chris Smith
6. CREDENTIALS REPORT – PDG Tom Lanaville & PDG Jim Svinicki
- a. 2026– 178 registered, 31 total clubs represented with 25 clubs from D10 represented, 127 Lions from D10 (55 Lions, 71 Delegates and 1 Alternate)
 - b. Motion to approve the Convention Credentials–
 - Motion made by Lion Bill Munsell, seconded by PID Jen Ware.
 - Motion passed.
7. DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT – IPDG Scott Kwarciany (District Treasurer Mike Smock excused)
- a. Proud of Lion Mike Smock for doing an amazing job as treasurer– round of applause.
 - b. Pg3–revenue and expenses through March 31st. Revenue a little lower than last year, but convention is not included yet. But thus far we are within budget.
 - c. Expenses are close. We are operating within the black.
 - d. Balance sheets– go through our revenue. CD’s earning interest. Convention is a revenue neutral event for the district. (Other districts run the convention at a loss.) Mint funds royalties are set up to earn monies that are earmarked for education and training for future leaders in training. \$109,000 in assets overall.
 - e. Budget– numbers are still off due to convention not included yet. Year to date we are tracking along well. Expenses are still showing positive revenue and expect a positive cash flow even after convention.

- f. Membership– After a drop in membership numbers due to cleaning up rosters and deaths, we have been slowly growing and are holding our own.
- g. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report–
 - Motion made by Lion Keats Dormont, seconded by PDG Duane Goltz.
 - Motion passes.
- h. Special Thank you to PDG Scott Kwarciany and Lion Mike Smock for their transparency.

8. 2026–2027 PROPOSED BUDGET – IPDG Scott Kwarciany

- a. 1st VDG Gary Perala and Treasurer Mike Smock put together a proposed budget for 2026–2027. No significant changes with the exception of the technology and garden grants moved to club marketing and promotion.
- b. 1st VDG Gary Perala– People join clubs and thus we need to do a better job of sharing more of our stories as Lions. Thus the marketing and promotion on the budget.
- c. Small deficit of just over \$3000
- d. PID Jenny Ware asked for clarification the deficit.
 - Per 1st VDG Gary– see the bottom 4 lines of the proposed budget.
 - These lines show an Administration Fund of only ¼ of last year’s budget (half of actual), Mint Fund Education and training half of last years, and a slightly lower scholarship fund.
- e. Motion made by PDG Tom Lannaville to accept the proposed budget. Seconded by PID Jenny Ware.
 - Motion passes.

9. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – PDG Jim Svinicki & IPDG Scott Kwarciany

- a. None at this time
- b. Proposed “re-zoning” change brought up at yesterday’s Cabinet Meeting. Now open for discussion throughout the year.

10. 2026–2027 DISTRICT ELECTIONS – PDG Tom Lanaville & PDG Jim Svinicki

- a. Full slate of officers
- b. LMSF Trustee– Tom Lannaville for 2yr position
 - IPDG Scott Kwarciany spoke on his behalf– Tom has been a trustee for many years and committed to the foundation. I fully endorse him.
- c. 2nd Vice District Governor– Daniel LaMarche
 - IPDG Scott Kwarciany spoke on his behalf– knows Dan as an associate member of the club– Member since 1994, president, zone chair, semi-retired.
- d. 1st Vice District Governor– Chris LeBoeuf
 - PDG Jim Svinicki on Chris’s behalf– doing great things at one of the busiest up and coming clubs in the district.
- e. Governor– Gary Perala–
 - Lion Doug Davis on his behalf– Gary is a great friend who is warm, caring and has great ideas for the evolution of the club and the district.
- f. All nominees have been elected.
- g. Motion to destroy ballots– Motion made by PDG Tom Lannaville and seconded by PDG Duane Goltz.
 - Motion passes.
- h. Suggestion for next year is that we do all the candidates on 1 ballot.

11.STATE OF THE DISTRICT – DG Colleen Maki

- a. Delegates–for the brand new delegates in the room, we have nothing of substance to vote on. We don’t always have changes and some years we have 2 or 3. If there is a contested race it is usually the 2nd Vice due to the training that has already gone into the 1st Vice and Governor. It’s been years since we’ve had a contested 2nd vice. Could be important to have you in the future
- b. I consider myself lucky to be surrounded by awesome leaders who take care of their roles in the District.
- c. Peace Poster on display for the district winner from Negaunee Middle School. Negaunee club has honored her. Not a lot of entries. You can get these kits on line and get them out to the schools and get them back so we can have several to vote on and get our younger generation involved.

- d. There were questions on the 7 fraternal clubs that are still all males and we still have one all-female club.
- Some of the all-male clubs are some of the strongest clubs we have. From a percentage the females are catching up to the number of males in the district. Challenge females here to continue to pull in more female members.
 - PID Jenny Ware recalls that back in 1987 women were finally allowed in. 1990 Perkins club wouldn't let a member's daughter in so this daughter started the Brampton club with the first ever all female women's officers.
- e. Educational Sessions this afternoon- encourage you all to attend the education classes at 2.
- Laura Cabarios from Eversight here today to discuss how Eversight restores sight and prevents blindness.
 - Founder of Human Traffic Task Force Stephanie Graef will speak to encourage you to take action in our communities.
 - A.I . for Lions- Janice Frizzell will provide a friendly introduction to artificial intelligence for Lions.
 - Steve Finley- Local Gardening expert that supports our local gardening endeavors, and Seed Library. Wacky gardening techniques.

12.GAT TEAM REPORTS

- a. GLT - PDG Gretchen Preston-
- Plans for upcoming year... Thank you for coming to convention. Fellowship, inspiration, and communications. Need to start considering succession for next year. Concentration on training club officers. Let Gretchen know if a GAT team member needs to come and train new club officers. Looking for club presidents to step up to fill zone chair positions.
- b. GST - PDG Jim Svincki
- Service coordinator- every club should have a service reporter. 100% for last 3 years. 1/3 of clubs still need help. Some clubs need reminders to report it.
 - Club administrators can do this and cover the secretary and treasurer reporting.

- DG Colleen Maki– search your club on LCI and check out your clubs service information. Would you join this club?
- c. GMT/GET – IPDG Scott Kwarciany
- Available to help you navigate the LCI website. If you can't find something, please come ask.
 - Down to 46 clubs (avg is 35 clubs/district), lost 2 (Newberry and Calumet), 1319 (-3) members this year. Avg is 817 members/district. We are the largest district in the state.
 - 3 Leo clubs and our goal is to add another. Vulcan–Norway–Loretto has 56 Leos!
 - Gwinn is one of the largest membership growths with 8. Revitalize, Retain and Retrain. Most members leave for be disgruntled–disrespected, clicks, or bored.
- d. Life Memberships– pay a lump sum now and never pay dues again.
- e. Become an associate member in other clubs (can vote, but cannot be an officer in the other club.) No additional dues.
- f. Encourage new clubs

13. DISTRICT COMMITTEES

- a. All State Band – IDPG Scott Kwarciany–
- Still going to Hong Kong, raffles still for sale– drawn at lunch
- b. Childhood Cancer – Lion Chris Smith
- Tour de Yoop– coming up soon. This is the biggest partnership and fundraiser. July 25– August 2. Rely on clubs along the way for not just food but also for you to support riders as they pass through. Last year over \$100,000. Last 5 years \$430,000 raised and the money stays in the UP.
 - Bruce Labelle scholarships \$1000– one applicant this year.
- c. Diabetes Awareness
- Lion Josh Trader is meeting with partners to build exercise is medicine
- d. Hunger – 2VDG Chris LeBoeuf
- Lion Jackie getting a building to open community kitchen to teach canning and preservation.
- e. LCIF – PDG Jim Svinicki– Has pins at the table. Donations get you a pin and funds towards your Melvin Jones.
- f. Project Kidsight – DG Colleen Maki & Lion Rose Potvin–
- Rose and Colleen– August we do UP state Fair. We have screened 600 kids with volunteers from many of the clubs throughout the UP.

- Partnered with early childhood learning to do Pre-K screenings

14.STATE/DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. Eversight – PDG Gretchen Preston– Lion Laura from Eversight
 - Recover corneas to provide to surgeons
 - 3rd largest cause of blindness– this is curable with transplantation
 - If not usable it goes to research
 - Michigan is a leader in donations
- b. Leader Dogs – PDG Gretchen Preston/Lion Pam Miller
 - Mike Dungay– New Website.
 - New Leaderdog magazine update. Take a copy and read it.
 - Surveys of clients– need more than getting a cane– how do you label meds, how do you know what’s in the fridge or cabinet.
 - How do we stay safe from attacks, muggings– need self defense.
 - Renovation have gone well and is all state of the art. Working on making the updates to the residences at the facilities as well.
 - 125 applications last year. Only guide dog organization with onsite training on how to use a cane.
 - 107 dogs, 109 trained in mobility– each dog \$105.000
 - Call for more puppy raisers
- c. LMSF – IPDG Scott Kwarciany & PDG Tom Lanaville
 - Lion Tom stated that the Hall of Fame is coming up August 2nd with 7 new members to be inducted.
 - Last year was PDG Duane Goltz and PDG Bruce Labelle
- d. All State Band – IPDG Scott Kwarciany
 - Come see me for raffle tickets
- e. Bay Cliff – DG Colleen Maki
 - Supported bay cliff for a long time.
 - New Exec. Director looking forward to working with Lions again.
- f. Great Lakes Recovery
 - New Lions Project–
- g. Northwoods Air Lifeline–
 - Lion Ron– Pilots that fly adults or children to and from one hospital to another at no charge. 2 planes (both currently down) so pilots are flying in their own planes.
 - Vest raffles from yesterday raised \$450 for Northwoods Air Lifeline.
- h. Partridge Creek Farms & Compost – PDG Dan Perkins, Lion Keats Dormont
 - Partridge Family – self provisioning for food with community gardens. Need to increase the number of gardens and grow more food locally.

More nutritious. More community involvement. Farm to table– table back to farm.

i. U.P. Human Trafficking Task Force – Lion Stephanie Graef

- Started prevention initiative– call and we will come and train you.
- Significant global crime second to drug trafficking. Largest growing crime in 188 countries. 50 million worldwide are reported to be trafficked. 1 in 4 are children. 1.4 million Lions stand to fight for this generation.
- Informational class this afternoon.
- Each club has been given an information packet and stickers to place in 3 places (convenience stores, gas station, and restaurant) where traffickers go. Place local help number in these areas where victims can call for help.
- In 2 years, our support has help to make awareness to the level of the United Nations. An author will speak at the US/Canadian forum.

15. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

16. NEW BUSINESS

a. LCI Information – ID Melissa Washburn

- International voting at Hong Kong
 - Constitution area one to lose 2 directors and one appointee on the board.
 - Foundation formed in the US cannot leave US.
 - Service tourism– international and intranational. Rolling out a website in July. Can travel to help other clubs while visiting like-minded people. You are going to have to pay on your own. Organized as a group event.
- July will bring out a Disaster Relief Chair– was going to be mandatory but dropped down to “highly suggestible.” Possibly at a District level. Upcoming in Washington state, Hawaii.)
- 1st and 2nd VDG cannot come from same clubs.
- No district governors from clubs of less than 20 members.
- If not registered with LionsUSA.org– strongly encouraged to register. Provides training resources.

- Service– Not being reported. Need the numbers to work with corporations to get funding and grants.
 - Chris Carloan– Kindness Matters Award had too large of an application and focused on Large clubs– drove thru the board that this needed changed. Club level to District to multiple to LI.
 - Dues increase by \$2 each year over the next/5 years= \$10 increase.
 - Dues are less than Kiwanis and Rotary.
 - Lost 201 years of Legacy with the loss of Newberry and Calumet– challenge you to never ever turn in a charter. It's o.k. to walk away– but you only need 5 to form a branch club. Transfer members to the charter and get 5 local members to stay and keep the Legacy alive. Let them build the new legacy their way.
- b. Leadership Institute – PID Jenny Ware
- Lions of Michigan Leadership Institute– Regional Leadership Inst. Help train lions in presentation skills at your club and district levels.
 - Emerging Lions Leadership– train new lions at the club level November 5–8 (Cannot have been a president yet.) \$350/member– includes food and lodging.
- c. PDG Gretchen Preston– we have funds available as scholarships from the mint funds.

17.CLOSING REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – DG Colleen Maki

- a. PDG Joe Maki– Tail Twister
- \$269– Money to go to – announced this evening.
- b. You get 5 minutes to get to the luncheon

18.REQUEST FOR MOTION TO ADJORN – DG Colleen Maki

- Motion made by PDG Tom Lannaville, seconded by 1st VDG Chris LeBoeuf
- Motion passes.

Sat. May 2nd
 Conventions Business Mtg

Name	Club
Peggy Smedeman	Stewin
Scott Kwarciany	Brue River
GARY PERACA	MAMWLC
Gretchen Preston	Marquette
Tom Canaville	Barle River
Chris Smith	Engsdix/Nauburway
Jim Synicki	Stephenson
Nora W Keller ^{Van Perkins}	Ishpeming
Keats Dormont	Ishpeming
Connie Cullip	St Ignace
Rona Carol Harvick	V-N-L Lions
Joe Hellberg	Gladstone
Maxine Meneghini	VNL
276 Joe Mak	Udke
RD Bob Black + Lion Grenda Block	Cacumet City IA
Tom Woods 2	Bay de Noc
Polly Groos	Bay de Noc
Diane Wolf	Udke
Judie "	Pickleford
Dennis Cole	Barle River
Shelli Murray	Bay De Noc
Tim Murray	BR Lions
Lave Canaville	HOTN Lions
Don & Diane Theoret	Munising
Rae Kötwin	HOTN

Sara Adalo

Misty Van Brocklin

Jenny & Chris West

Bill Munn

Tom Brown

Denise Martin

DON WAGE

Ron Petersen

Connie Westrich

David Westrich

Ronald Bush

STEVE FINLEY

Gama Nyman

Barbara Lucas

Heborah Bengry

Jody Lucette

Marilyn Boyfox

Shirley Hollister

Jeri Hent

Mary Rule

Christa Martin

Chris Boer

Tricia Bowie

Stephanie Fry

Douglas Davis

Fayeah Pohlman

Tom Murray

Trenary

Bay de Noc

BAY DE NOC

BRIMLEY

SAULT STE MARIE

Crystal Falls

STEPHENSON

Stephenson

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Drummond Island

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Drummond Island

Powers - Spalding

Bay de Noc

Chassell

Marguette Arts & Music

Bark River

Bark River