

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
LANSING, MICHIGAN  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Delta Room of the Ramada Inn in Lansing. Governors present were: John Daoud, 11 A1; Ron Holler, 11 A2; Terry Walters, 11 B1; Al Vredberg, 11 B2; Robert Schalow, 11 C1; Kevin Storberg, 11 C2; Keith Cregar, 11 D1; Robert Ryan, 11 D2; Wayne Kreitner, 11 E1; Beverly Bodem, 11 E2; and Don Wojakowski, SD 10. Vice District Governors in attendance were: Linda Tate, 11 A1; Barb Treichel, 11 B1; Don Brown, 11 B2; Fran Osborne, 11 C1; Marion Ramer, 11 C2; Dr. Gary McCray, 11 D1; and Jerry Howard, 11 D2. Also present were: PID Bill Hanel, Council Chair Bob Jenkins, State Treasurer Paul Hemeryck, and Executive Director Mary Brown.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

MOTION – Wayne, seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 2009 Council Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT (Written)** – Karla Roebuck, Chairperson

Committee members expressed frustration with LCI's website because many report functions and tutorials are too long or too complex, and some of the information on the website is not written so beginners understand it. Not everyone has a high speed internet connection, and those with dial-up often can't download lengthy documents.

LCI has developed a tool for clubs to create and maintain websites, called the "E-Clubhouse." It allows non-computer savvy Lions to build a website and add events, photos, links, contact information, etc.

The committee is dedicated to providing basic computer education to Lions Club members so they can complete online reports, access Lions-related information and develop publicity for their club activities.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to accept the written report from the Information Technology Committee. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Paul Hemeryck, State Treasurer

PDG Hemeryck reviewed the financial reports for the four-month period ending October 31, 2009. Revenues and expenses are normal for this time of year, which is not typically a high-activity period. Only one district is in arrears on dues. Dues income is recorded on an accrual basis, which spreads the income over six months instead of recognizing it as income at the time payment is received.

The State Office account shows a \$1,200 loss through the end of October. However, expenses include \$1,100 in depreciation, which is a non-cash expense that does not diminish cash flow.

The Lion Pride Magazine shows a loss through the end of October, but Treasurer Hemeryck explained that revenues don't match up with labor costs. Nine issues are produced annually, while wages are paid monthly; therefore four months of wages are reflected against revenue from just one issue published to date

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (written) – PDG John Johnson, Chairperson**

The committee has not met because the Council has not directed them to look at any particular issues. Several people have raised questions about committee structure due to declining participation at meetings.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to direct the Strategic Planning Committee to study committees to determine whether it is possible to eliminate, consolidate or restructure them. Motion carried (opposed by Vredberg, 11 B2).

**MD 11 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Written) –PDG Bob Sturgis, Chairperson**

The hotel reservation form for Mission Point is available online from the State Office website. Entertainment for Saturday night has been confirmed. The golf outing this year will take place on the hotel's 18-hole putting course. The convention speaker hasn't been confirmed yet. Volunteers are needed to assist with registration, credentials, elections and sergeant-at-arms.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to accept the written report from the MD 11 Convention Committee. Motion carried.

A question was raised about the timing of the Business Session. With a race for endorsement of an ID candidate, is there enough time for delegates to arrive on Mackinac Island and get certified if it is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.?

MOTION – Cregar, seconded, to move the Business Session from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Motion carried.

The Governors were asked to reconsider their decision to wear casual attire at the Saturday Banquet. Several DGs felt that formal attire was important because (a) 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of LCI, Wing Kun Tam is the invited speaker and (b) MD 11 is endorsing a candidate for ID.

MOTION – Ryan, seconded, to have those seated at the head table wear formal attire (white jackets) at the Saturday Banquet. Motion carried (opposed by Walters, B1; Schalow, 11 C1; and Cregar, 11 D1).

MOTION – Ryan, seconded, to have the Governors wear their Council uniforms at the Business Session and the Saturday Breakfast. Motion carried.

The Governors discussed wearing blue shirts instead of white with their Council uniform, but decided to stay with white shirts.

**REVIEW OF COUNCIL GOALS**

The November membership report shows a net loss of 50 members in MD 11 (613 members were dropped and 563 added). Four districts had a net gain and two had a net loss of only one. Clubs are urged to ask members to "bring in their replacement."

**2011 STATE PIN**

One bid (with sample) has been received to date. It is from C.P. Enterprises. Prices are quoted on quantities of 3,000, 4,000 and 5,000.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to order 4,000 pins from C. P. Enterprise if no other bids are received by January 15, 2010. Motion carried.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST**

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to judge district entries in the Environmental Photo Contest at the Michigan Forum in February. Motion carried.

#### **PEACE POSTER CONTEST**

Peace Posters were judged on Friday afternoon. The winning entry was from District 11 B2. It was submitted by Viktorija Ukelis, a student at New Buffalo Middle School. The poster will be forwarded to LCI, where it will compete with entries from around the world

#### **WRITTEN REPORTS**

The Council reviewed written reports from five committees. As they reviewed the report from the Public Relations Chairperson, some of them questioned whether the scrapbook contest was a good use of PR money. Match-grant funding is available from LCI at the district and multiple district level.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to receive the written reports from the All State Band Committee, Leo Committee, Public Relations Committee, White Cane Committee, and Youth Exchange Committee. Motion carried.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to request that communications about the All State Band go out immediately to the Band Committee and the Council of Governors. Motion carried.

#### **MICHIGAN FORUM REPORT (written) – Jim Pettinato, Chairperson**

Plans are nearly complete for the Michigan Forum to be held on February 20, 2010 at the Ramada Inn in Lansing. There will be 16 breakout sessions, with an optional team building session on Friday evening. The visiting International Director will be Richard Sawyer from Arizona.

MOTION – Holler, seconded, to approve the written report from the Michigan Forum Committee. Motion carried.

#### **LIONS QUEST COMMITTEE REPORT (written) – PDG Harry Johnson, Chairperson**

Just one committee member attended the first meeting, which was held at the Lions State Office. None responded to the phone conference in November. Cuts in school budgets could cause funding problems for the Quest program in the future. The Governors suggested that the committee investigate the availability of grant money from LCIF. They asked for information about the average cost of implementing the program at the elementary, middle school and high school level.

MOTION – Vredberg, seconded, to accept the Lions Quest report. Motion carried.

#### **BEAR LAKE CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT (written) – Terry Treppa, Chairperson**

Chairman Treppa's report stated that the camp needs a generator that costs approximately \$10,000. Governor Storberg informed the Council that the cost was incorrectly stated, and it should be \$20,000. District 11 C2 is pledging \$5,300 toward the project. VDG Don Brown advised the Council that he has information about generators that are available for less than \$5,000.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to accept the Bear Lake Camp Committee Report, but to amend the amount listed, changing it from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Motion carried.

**MICHIGAN EYE BANK COMMITTEE REPORT (written)**

PDG Bert Rivette submitted a breakdown by district of committee presentations made on behalf of the “I Joined!” program.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to accept the written report from the MEB Committee. Motion carried.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to adjourn until Saturday morning. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
LANSING, MICHIGAN  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Delta Room of the Ramada Inn in Lansing. Governors present were: John Daoud, 11 A1; Ron Holler, 11 A2; Terry Walters, 11 B1; Al Vredberg, 11 B2; Robert Schalow, 11 C1; Kevin Storberg, 11 C2; Keith Cregar, 11 D1; Robert Ryan, 11 D2; Wayne Kreitner, 11 E1; Beverly Bodem, 11 E2; and Don Wojakowski, SD 10. Vice District Governors in attendance were: Linda Tate, 11 A1; Jim Bone, 11 A2; Barb Treichel, 11 B1; Don Brown, 11 B2; Fran Osborne, 11 C1; Marion Ramer, 11 C2; Dr. Gary McCray, 11 D1; and Jerry Howard, 11 D2. Also present were: PID Bill Hansen; PID Dennis Cobler; PID Bill Hanel; Council Chair Bob Jenkins; and Executive Director Mary Brown.

**MELVIN JONES BIRTHPLACE MEMORIAL**

MOTION – Vredberg, seconded, to make a \$25 donation to the Melvin Jones Birthplace Memorial Service to be held on January 10, 2010. Motion carried.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

CC Bob Jenkins read a letter from PDG John Johnson concerning the dispute resolution procedure. John hopes to hold a phone conference with PIDs Ken Lautzenheiser and Bud Wahl in January.

**LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT – PID Bill Hansen, Chairperson**

Seventy-four Lions participated in this year’s Leadership Institute. Half of them were male and half were female. Attendance was down slightly—possibly a result of the economy or deer hunting season. Classes were less crowded, and there was greater interaction between participants.

Evaluation results were distributed to the Governors. All of the instructors and classes were rated highly (at least 4.3 on a 5 point scale). An optional session on generational issues was conducted this year. Changes will be investigated in response to suggestions made by Institute participants--a lighter lunch, combining classes that are repetitive, changing class length to allow more time for meeting and interacting with other Lions. Many participants felt that too much information was covered in too little time.

LCI has provided financial support for all 11 Leadership Institutes held in Michigan to date. In each of the past several years, they have contributed \$10,000. In return, districts in Michigan have been asked

to show their support by paying a share of the costs. Participants this year were charged \$170, but the actual cost is closer to \$300 per person. Each district was asked to donate \$300, which guarantees that their Vice District Governor may attend at no charge. Six of the ten districts in MD 11 have donated to date.

For several years, there has been discussion about holding a “senior” institute for graduates of the Leadership Institute. Only two people signed up this year, so it was cancelled; but the committee would like to offer it next year. They anticipate 60 people for the regular Leadership Institute and 40 people for the Senior Institute.

#### **LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT – PID Bill Hansen**

Three Michigan Lions are seeking endorsement for the office of International Director next spring, Duane Goltz (SD 10), Linda Bosma (11 B2), and Dr. Gary Anderson (11 C1). MD 11 and SD 10 are separate constitutional entities, so each is entitled to run their own candidate for ID. They can even run at the same time, although it is doubtful that both would be elected to serve concurrently. In the past, SD 10 and MD 11 have supported each other’s candidate; however, cross-endorsement is not a requirement, only a courtesy.

One of the requirements for an ID candidate is that his/her district must have at least 1,250 members at the close of the month during which their endorsement takes place. MD 11 also has a “no endorsement” procedure in place. If the initial vote is “no endorsement,” then there is no candidate.

The cost of an ID campaign is approximately \$15,000. Until a candidate is endorsed at the MD or SD level, these costs are personally paid by him/her or by their club or district. However, none of the campaign funds can come from the activities account—private inurement is illegal. In August, the Council of Governors approved a \$16,000 Liaison budget to run an ID campaign in Sydney, Australia. However, candidates cannot spend money from the Liaison budget until they are officially endorsed and certified.

There is currently \$62,907.85 in the Restricted Fund. Of that amount, \$27,566.21 was put in by MD 11. After the 2004 International Convention in Detroit, leftover funds were pro-rated and distributed to SD 10 (\$3,868.67), MD A (\$19,317.59) and MD 11 (\$27,566.21). The 2004-05 Governors voted to place MD 11’s money in the Restricted Fund. After subtracting the convention money, there is \$35,346.64 in the account that came from dues assessments paid by SD 10 and MD 11 Lions. For the past 6+ years, Lions from both districts have paid 50-cents per member per year. Based on the number of members in MD 11 and SD 10, this equates to 88% from MD 11 and 12% from SD 10.

The Liaison Committee met on November 30 to discuss how to appropriately divide the available campaign funds should an ID candidate be endorsed from both SD 10 and MD 11. During the meeting, PDG Bob Miller suggested discontinuation of the joint financial relationship between SD 10 and MD 11. The committee ultimately approved a motion to recommend allocating 80% of the available \$16,000 campaign budget to MD 11’s endorsed candidate and 20% to SD 10’s endorsed candidate. The split will occur only if multiple candidates from Michigan are endorsed. Each candidate was asked to be prepared to present a detailed budget to the Liaison Committee and the Council of Governors following their endorsement.

Members of the Liaison Committee cannot support a candidate; they must remain neutral and avoid taking sides. The Governors should also remain neutral AS A GROUP. PID Hansen encouraged the DGs to invite the MD 11 candidates to attend their cabinet meetings and conventions. However, it is not appropriate to invite the SD 10 candidate to make campaign appearances in the Lower Peninsula because MD 11 delegates do not vote for him.

The Liaison Committee does not “select” candidates from Michigan—they only decide when the timing is right to present a candidate. With rising campaign costs, they will be very conscious in the future of convention locations, how long it has been since the last Director, the number of spots available and the number of candidates running from other states. The Liaison Committee does not determine the electability of candidates who come forth—this is determined by the person’s Lionistic resume and background.

PID Hansen suggested that Michigan’s Past International Directors get together in late spring or summer (when PID Frenthewey from SD 10 is available) to look at the way Michigan Lions handled campaign funding.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to accept the Liaison Committee report. Motion carried.

#### **PROJECT KIDSIGHT REPORT – Susan Eisenhardt**

The KidSight program is active, but is running short of money and staff needed to keep it going. Over the years, 25,000 to 30,000 children have been screened. The annual budget is approximately \$90,000. The price charged to clubs is \$3.50 per child screened (\$2 if the club buys their own film). Thirty-five cents of that goes toward running an office. Photo reading costs \$1.50. The computer that is used by the organization is out of date, but there is no money for a replacement. Susan performs many screenings herself and operates an office out of her home.

The Head Start program in three counties has asked KidSight to come in to assist them because their funding has been cut. If the economy gets worse, there will be a greater need for the services that Project KidSight provides, but funding for the program isn’t coming in. The greatest support comes from Districts 11 A2, 11 B2 and SD 10, but support is needed from clubs in other districts as well. KidSight has received grants from outside organizations in the past, but they do not have a grant writer.

Too many “unreadable” photos are taken by KidSight volunteers because there isn’t enough training. Susan projected that 50-100 people could be trained in a day to use the photo screener camera if arrangements could be made for the right location, facility and advance notification. Project KidSight will present a session at the Michigan Forum in February to promote and explain their program. Governor Al Vredberg advised Susan that Patrick MacFarland and Bill Kowalski are willing to assist.

#### **SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL AND LEADERSHIP MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

MOTION – Daoud, seconded, to drop the bottom two vote-getters until the correct number is determined, and then to prioritize the nominations. Motion carried.

Four nominees for the Presidential Medal were selected and prioritized. Seven nominees for the Leadership Medal were also ranked in order of preference. These nominations will be sent to PID Hansen for endorsement and submission to International President Eberhard Wirfs. If approved, the medals will be available for presentation at District Conventions next spring.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – Ed Weessies, Chairperson**

There is language in Section 3, Article XI of the MD 11 By-Laws that permits proxy voting; however, it prohibited under LCI's constitution. Because the MD 11 By-Laws cannot be in conflict with LCI, the wording in question had to be removed. In accordance with the MD 11 By-Laws, "In the event of a conflict, the conforming of these By-laws to Lions Clubs International's Constitution and By-Laws shall be automatic." Therefore, the words, "or by a representative duly appointed by the Governor unable to attend in person" have been eliminated as a housekeeping change.

Chairman Weessies explained that a Governor unable to attend could be allowed to participate and vote via conference call if it is provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws. The committee has drafted the necessary language for presentation at MD 11 convention in May. The following amendment is proposed to By-Laws Article XI, Joint Action with Single District 10, Section 3, line 1: Insert the following language, "or by any real-time interactive means of communication by a Governor unable to attend in person." Ed informed the Council that specifics could be placed in the Policy Manual outlining how this procedure would be allowed (i.e., computer, phone, text messaging, etc.).

MOTION – Vredberg, seconded, to approve the Constitution and By-Laws Committee report. Motion carried.

**RETENTION REPORT – PDG Gary Anderson (substituting for Ron Papa, MD 11 Chairperson)**

The goal of the committee is to reduce drops. Retention begins the moment a new member is inducted. It is recommended that each club appoint a 3-person committee with overlapping terms. The first year member is in charge of Orientation; the second year person is in charge of Membership; and the third year member is in charge of Retention. Clubs are also encouraged to hold planning retreats.

PDG Anderson distributed business cards that have information printed on the back about the Lions organization (the Ambassador program). It is an idea that can be used by members throughout the state to promote Lionism.

**GMT REPORT – PID Dennis Cobler**

Numbers are good through November. Four districts show membership gains and three districts have losses of less than 10. Overall, SD 10 has a net gain of 20 and MD 11 has a net loss of 50.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – PDG Al Kelpinski, MD 11 Membership Chairperson**

The committee has established four objectives: (1) Support the goals set by the Council of Governors; (2) Provide assistance to each other; (3) Train and work with Region and Zone Chairs to effectively utilize Club Membership Chairs; and (4) Achieve membership growth each month. The committee has also established a plan of action to help achieve these goals. Ideas include working with the weakest clubs in each district, membership contests, and ongoing membership drives.

**EXTENSION REPORT – PDG Harry Johnson, MD 11 Extension Chair**

Only 24 charter members appear on the November membership report from LCI. With the organization of more clubs, this number will increase. Districts A1, A2, B1, C2 and E1 are currently working on new clubs. District Chairs are asked to keep Harry informed about their extension activities.

Districts are encouraged to work together to bring in LCI's team for an Extension Workshop Blitz. Most districts have individuals who have been trained as Guiding Lions, including one district that has 45.

The "extension module" that was developed last year will be reviewed and condensed by the committee so it can be posted on the State Office website and distributed on CD.

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – PDG Esther LaMothe, MD 11 Leadership Chairperson

The goal of the Leadership Committee is to support the entire MERLO team. They are asked to work with VDGs to help them learn as much as possible about district activities and how their district runs.

MD 11 has been asked by LCI to pilot two new programs this year. Esther is serving as a faculty member for an electronic format called a Webinar. It is an interactive learning format with two instructors who use the Internet and either their phone or computer voice system to communicate with each other and the participants (limited to 20). Lessons are designed by LCI and sent to the faculty and students. A time is set for everyone to log in. The success of this pilot program will be the basis for more electronic instruction at other institutes.

The second pilot is called the "Club Excellence Process." Two Michigan districts have volunteered to participate in the pilot program—A2 and C1. PID Cobler and Esther will conduct a one-day training session in February. Leaders from both districts will be asked to identify 2-3 weak clubs. There will be a pre-test, followed by training. They will return to their districts, assist these clubs with membership, and then conduct a post-test. Results will be shared with LCI in June.

VDG training continues. First VDGs were in attendance at Higgins Lake in November, and a training session for them was held yesterday. Another one will take place in March, with Second VDGs also invited.

**ORIENTATION REPORT** – PDG Clem Ruiz, Chairperson

At their first meeting, the committee reviewed orientation plans currently in use by districts in Michigan. This information will be consolidated and simplified into a uniform, generic outline. Training will be provided for District Orientation Chairs, who will train RCs/ZCs, who will then train Club Orientation Chairs. The goal is to have an Orientation Chairperson in every club.

During the second meeting, the committee reviewed copies of LCI's orientation booklets. They created an outline for a 4-stage orientation program: (1) club, (2) district, (3) MD/State, and (4) International.

At the third meeting, the committee suggested that LCI should have club secretaries report the number of orientations conducted each quarter.

**SELECTION OF S.A. DODGE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Eight nominations were submitted for the S. A. Dodge Distinguished Service Award. Written ballots were cast, and two recipients were chosen. The awards will be presented at the MD 11 Convention on Mackinac Island in May.

**LION PRIDE MAGAZINE REPORT (written)** – Michelle Fields, Editor

As a cost-saving measure, the size of the magazine has been reduced from 14.5" tall to 13.5". This allows the printer to run the magazine on a smaller, less expensive paper size. Another means of

cutting expenses was to reduce the number of pages; this was accomplished by limiting the “District Feature” to a Club of the Month and an editorial from the DG. The Publication Advisory Committee will meet in January to determine whether additional measures are needed, such as decreasing the number of issues printed, increasing advertising rates, or increasing subscription fee.

Michelle has contacted LCI about using the “head of household” mailing list to eliminate duplicate mailings to the same address. She will notify the Governors to let them know when this will take effect.

The last couple issues of the magazine have come out late due to the construction taking place in the State Office. Office computers must be accessed and operated via remote control, which makes it very difficult and time-consuming to lay out pages and color balance photos.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to accept the magazine report. Motion carried.

### **REMODELING OF STATE OFFICE**

Construction is taking longer than expected, and unanticipated problems will probably cause the project to go over budget.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to meet at the State Office on Sunday morning to view the work that has been done to date, and to determine what is needed to complete the project. Motion carried.

### **WRITTEN REPORTS**

When individuals present oral reports to the Council, many of them also distribute written materials. In some cases there are not enough copies for everyone in attendance, only the Governors. In the future, committee chairs who are asked to appear before the Council will be advised to bring enough copies of written materials for everyone.

### **LEADER DOG COMMITTEE REPORT** – PDG Frank Cunningham, Chairperson

Committee members are encouraged to present programs to clubs in their districts (with a goal of at least 10). Club members are invited to visit Leader Dog School to see operations firsthand.

Donations collected during two big Lions’ fundraisers, Big D Night and the Kickoff Dinner, were down slightly from the previous year. In January Frank will send the Governors a 6-month report on donations.

Due to the economic downturn, budget cuts have been implemented at Leader Dog School. These cuts are mainly in the administrative area. Guide dog and mobility training classes are full. Every student who completes the training receives a Trekker GPS unit called the Breeze.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT** – Dennis Lautzenheiser, Chairperson

The headquarters hotel for the Michigan delegation is the Novotel Sydney Darling Harbour. The room rate is \$248 Australian dollars per night. The Governors-Elect will be housed at the Sheraton Four Points, located .6 miles from the Convention Center.

The convention schedule follows the usual pattern, with the parade on Tuesday morning, the International Show on Tuesday evening, and Plenary Sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

morning. The Melvin Jones Luncheon and the Caucus take place on Wednesday afternoon. Voting and installation of the new DGs are scheduled on Friday morning.

Dennis presented parade giveaway ideas, including a bandana, a hat and a tea towel. These items can be ordered from a company in Australia and delivered directly to the hotel. The bandanas are green and gold and cost \$3.50 AUS; and the hats cost \$7.44 AUS. The VDGs were asked for input. Many women don't like to wear hats, so the bandana was considered a better option.

Michigan Night ideas were presented, including (1) Glenswood Homestead (dinner/sheep shearing; Aboriginal demonstrations) @ \$99/US per person; (2) Sydney Harbor Dinner Cruise @ \$115/US per person; and Go Wild (dinner/wildlife experience) @ \$49-\$59/US per person. The Council asked whether Michigan Night had to include a meal. A tour of the Sydney Opera House was suggested (there are numerous luncheon venues nearby).

A pre- and post-convention tour is being offered to the Michigan delegation by New Horizons Tour and Travel. The pre-tour portion goes to Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef, and the post-tour goes to New Zealand. The cost is \$4,325 per person, based on 20 participants. This price does not include registration, hotel, or meals during the convention in Sydney.

MOTION – Storberg, seconded, to approve the international Convention Committee report. Motion carried.

**MICHIGAN EYE BANK COMMITTEE REPORT (via conference call)** – PDG Bert Rivette, Chairperson  
Until recently, the goal of the Eye Bank Committee was to inform Lions and Lioness Club members about the Michigan Eye Bank through club programs. Now they are promoting the donor registry. Eighty-one percent of the clubs in Michigan have been reached through programs on "I Joined!" Phase two of this program will be to promote the donor registry at community events. The committee hopes to set up 10 "Donate Life" events in each district.

MOTION – Kreitner, seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.