CLUB SECRETARY TRAINING

DISTRICT 11-BI

SEPTEMBER 2021

CLUB SECRETARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Organize club and board meetings
- Attend all club and board meetings
- Prepare agendas for and record minutes at every meeting
- Keep club records and receive correspondence
- Complete and file all club reports
- Engage as an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone

BEFORE THE MEETING

- Meeting Notices provide members with advance notice of meeting dates/times
- Meeting Agendas work with the president to create meeting agendas
- Correspondence assemble any correspondence to give to appropriate chairpersons or member
- Awards and member kits prepare awards and new member kits if necessary
- Club Roster take attendance at meetings, keep roster up to date in MyLCI

DURING THE MEETING

- Take attendance
- Record meeting minutes
- Gather activity information from members and committee chairpersons
- Ask new members to fill out appropriate forms
- Document any guest speakers, non-Lion visitors, and visiting Lions

AFTER THE MEETING

- Record attendance
- Record awards presented
- Assist treasurer with dues processing upon request
- File/distribute a copy of the meeting minutes after they are approved
- Follow up receive new membership applications from club membership chairperson and present to board for approval (some clubs vote as a whole for approval)

BOARD MEETINGS, PART I

- Coordinate topics to be covered and create the agenda, at the request of the president
- Notify board members and individual committee chairpersons of the meeting's time and location
- Prepare to record the meeting minutes in detail to provide a business history of the club
- Understand that these responsibilities vary from club to club; establish ground rules with the president to avoid confusion

BOARD MEETINGS, PART 2

- Note: Remember that secretaries' responsibilities vary according to regional practices and established club procedures. Adapt these suggestions to fit your club's needs. The 'Your Club, Your Way' guide can help your club determine the kind of meeting that works best for your members.
- For more information, see the "Monthly Tasks" section in the Club Secretary e-Book

RECORDING MINUTES, PART I

Have the outgoing secretary review his/her format for taking minutes with you.

Typically, information to record includes...

- Type of meeting (regular, special, or board)
- Date and place of meeting
- Name of person presiding over meeting
- Whether previous meeting minutes were approved (usually a motion)
- If a motion carries or is lost/denied

RECORDING MINUTES, PART 2

- All points of order and appeals and whether they were sustained or lost
- Time the meeting was called to order and adjourned
- Names of Board members (for board meetings)
- Minutes are meant to record what the club does and NOT what members say during the meeting. Therefore any debate or discussion is considered informal and not recorded, although general points pertinent to passing or turning down a motion might explain why said action was taken.
- Proper terminology and form are important when recording minutes. You can find more information in "Robert's Rules of Order".

CLUB RECORDS

- One of the most important responsibilities of a club secretary is keeping club records. As the secretary, keep the following club files accurate and up to date:
 - The club charter
 - The constitution and by-laws (or use the District constitution and by-laws)
 - The club history
 - The minutes of all club and board of directors' meetings (i.e. minutes show expenditures were authorized)
 - Annual reports of club officers and committees
 - Activity and service reports (coordinate with club service chairperson)
 - Roster of club members

CORRESPONDENCE, PART I

- The secretary receives a lot of information, from Lions Clubs International and other sources, pertaining to training, events, and meetings.
- Correspondence may come electronically or by mail and involve the president, treasurer, committee and/or project chairpersons. Open, read, and distribute in a timely manner.
- Discuss with the president how correspondence will be answered, kept, and reported.

CORRESPONDENCE, PART 2

- In some clubs, the secretary puts out a club newsletter (can be electronic), and submits articles to local news media or on a club online website or Facebook type page (public relations).
- Publicity ideas are available at www.lionsclubs.org.
- Always answer who, what, when, where, and why. If you are not directly
 responsible for these duties, stay in close contact with those who are to
 facilitate communication of club news. This can be a separate job by your
 club Marketing Communications chairperson.

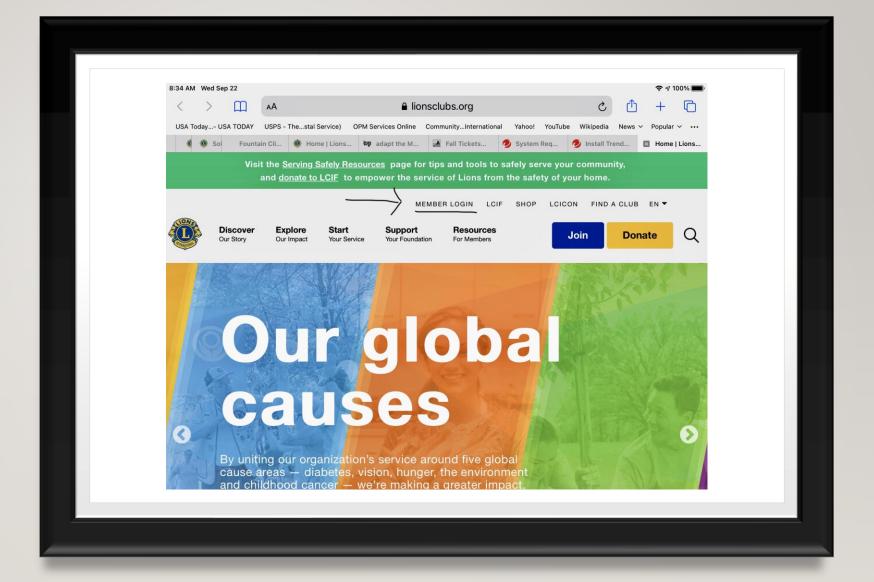
CLUB REPORTS

- It is important to submit accurate and timely reports. Some of the reports for which you are responsible are:
 - Monthly membership report (MyLCI) see Addendum for instructions
 - Club officer report (MyLCI after elections in April) see Addendum
 - Club supplies order (the store/Shop section on <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>) with prior approval of the president, board or club
 - Collaborate with the club service chairperson via meeting minutes or a list to create the service activities report, or record the activities on MyLion as the secretary

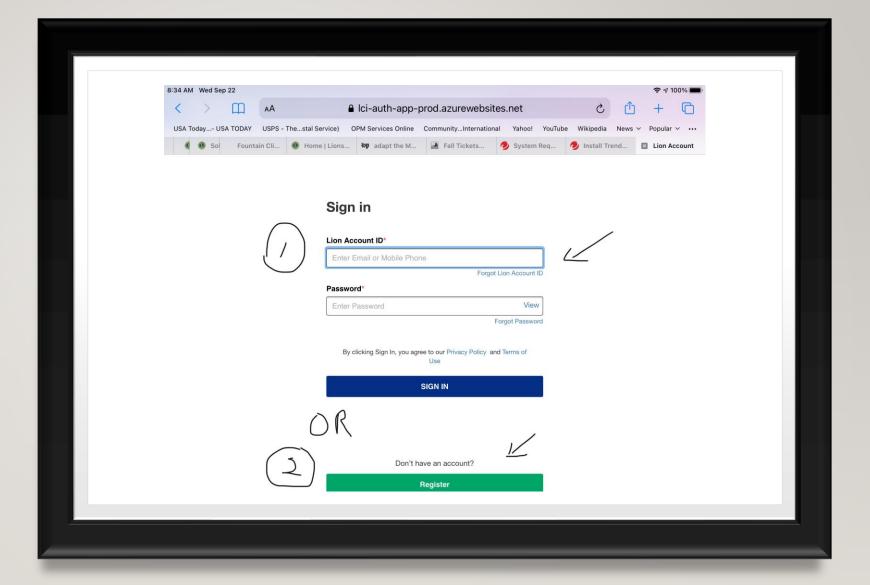
MANAGE MEMBERSHIP AND PRINT REPORTS ON MYLCI

- Use MyLCI to update the roster and download rosters and reports.
- Submit monthly membership (add or drop members, or report "no change for the month" - (see addendum slide)
- View, update and download club information or print membership cards
- Provide treasurer with roster so he/she can invoice membership dues.

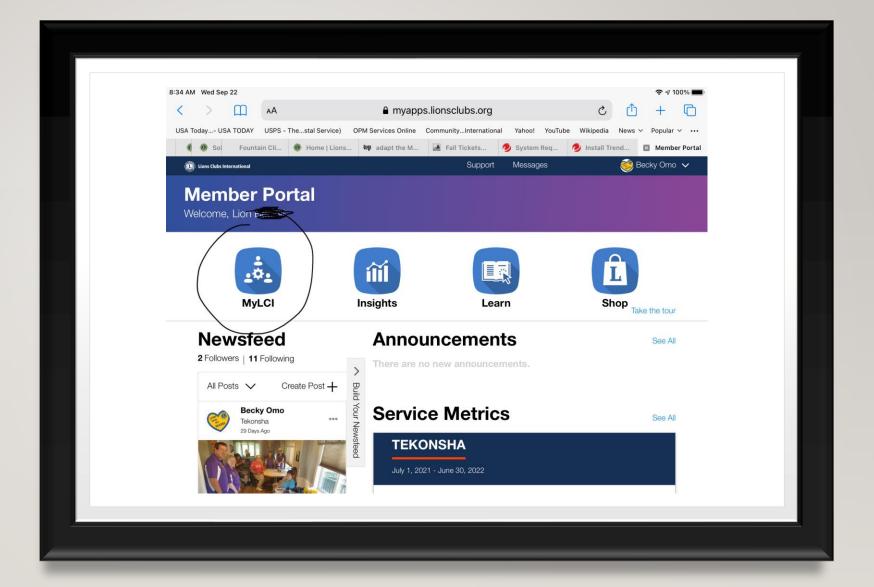
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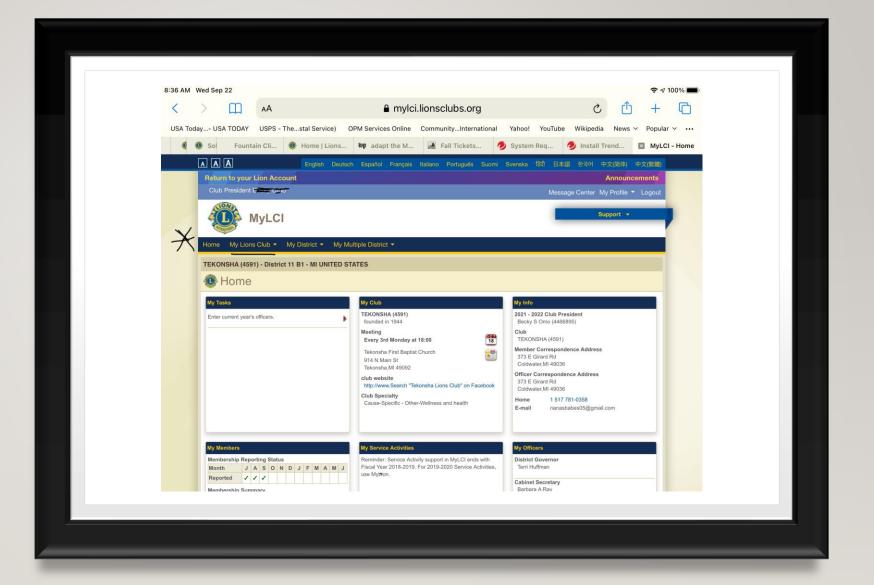
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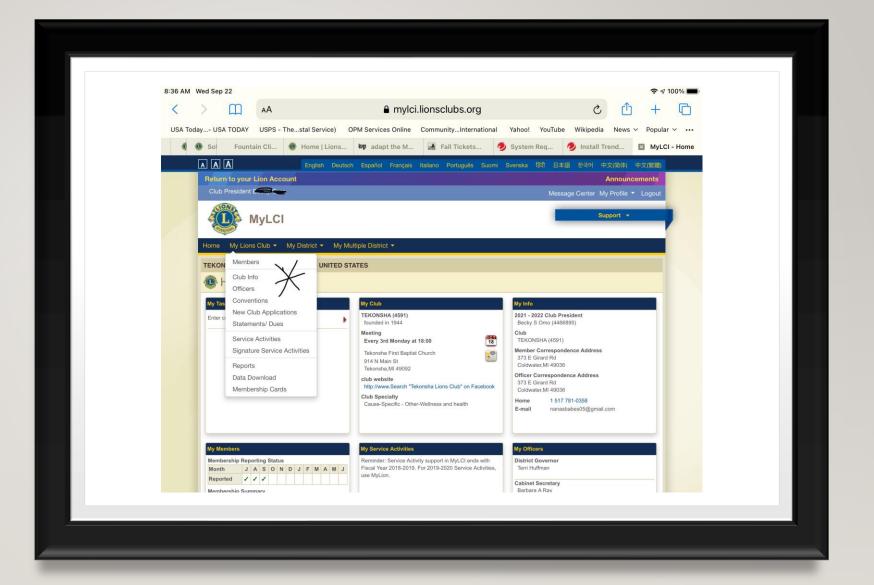
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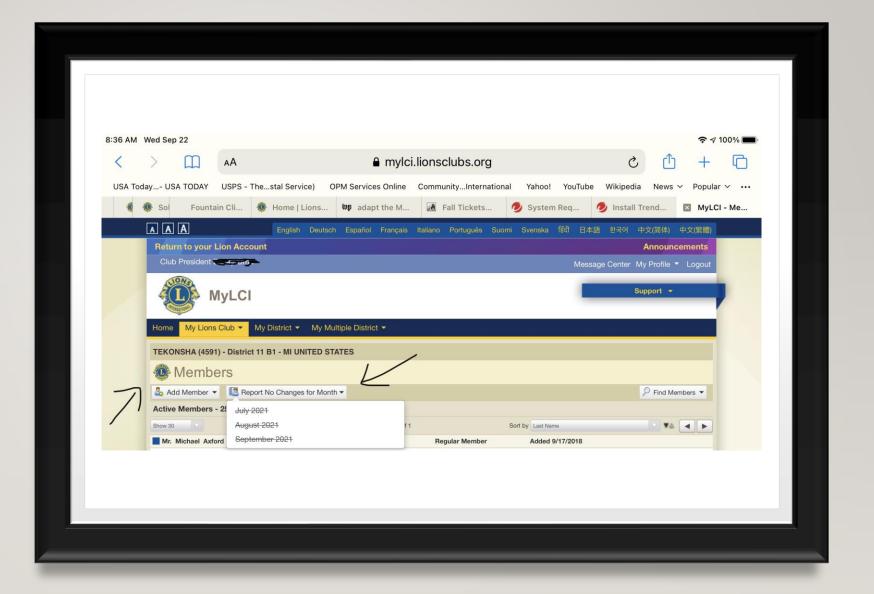
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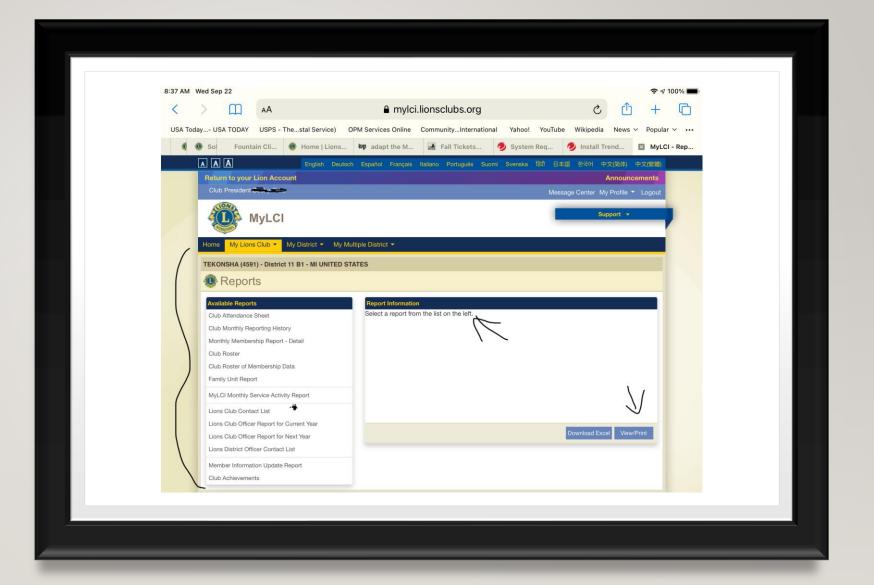
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MYLCI MEMBERSHIP



MYLCI REPORTS



ZONE MEETINGS (DG ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

- Zone Meetings are now called District Governor Advisory Committee
 Meetings
- This committee includes the zone chairperson, club presidents, first vice presidents, and club secretaries within the zone; the club membership or service chairpersons within the zone are optionally included.
- This committee advises the zone chairperson about matters within the zone and makes recommendations on matters affecting all clubs in the District.

ZONE MEETINGS, PART 2

- Work with the zone chairperson on club policies and procedures through any training provided.
- Attend zone meetings, training forums, and the district convention.
- Share best practices about secretarial duties with other secretaries in the zone.
- Promote various club functions and events (officer or new member inductions, awards given, activities/events etc.)
- Prepare and give a report of club activities at zone meetings.
- Assist with preparation if your club hosts a zone meeting.

ZONE MEETINGS, PART 3

- The benefits of attending these meetings:
 - Allows you to exchange ideas regarding programs, projects, fundraising, and membership issues
 - Offers a forum for establishing cooperative relationships between clubs
 - Gives you the opportunity to meet other Lions in your area
- See the "Model District Governor's Advisory Committee Meetings" publication on the LCI website

SUCCESSION PLANNING

- Once you complete your term of office, continue your club's success by planning for an effective transition.
- Review format for taking minutes with incoming secretary.
- Keep the roster up to date when a member's information changes.
- Print the membership reports for the incoming secretary.

PREPARE TO BE SECRETARY

Keeping track of your responsibilities as club secretary can be challenging.

To prepare:

- Attend local club officer training
- Meet with the current secretary to review any outstanding issues
- Create your MyLCI account and review training materials for using it
- Verify officer membership information (address, phone, email) is correct on the club roster in MyLCI (date of birth is required now for all members)
- Work with the club president and treasurer in budget planning and setting up any committees

SUMMARY: DUTIES

Prepare for and attend programs and meetings

Maintain club business records, minutes, and reports

Manage correspondence

SUMMARY: DUTIES...

- Report membership changes on <u>MyLCI</u> (add and drop members timely so the club is not paying dues for someone who is no longer a member due to resignation or not paying dues)
- Report past and future club activities in <u>MyLion</u> (Service project, Fundraiser, Meetings, Donations)
- Correspond with the District requests

SUMMARY: DUTIES....

- Attend zone meetings
- Update member roster on <u>MyLCI</u> prior to dues invoicing (semi-annual or annually)
- Work with treasurer to report any delinquency issues and actions taken to collect funds that are due
- Review completed new membership applications and file in club records

SUMMARY: DUTIES.....

Submit new member information in MyLCI

 Order club supplies and awards through the LCI online store with President's approval

Submit club officer report after elections in April (on <u>MyLCI</u>) – see
 Addendum for instructions

SUMMARY: DUTIES.....

- Receive and distribute information about district, state, and international conventions
- Apply for awards that are printed in the District roster and awards from LCI
- Ensure smooth transition for incoming secretary when your term ends

ADDENDUM: REPORT OFFICERS, PART I

- Log in at lionsclubs.org. Choose MyLCI
- From the "My Lions Club" menu, select "Officers"



ADDENDUM: REPORT OFFICERS, PART 2

Click on the "Select Term" button and choose "Next Year"



ADDENDUM: REPORT OFFICERS, PART 3

• For each of the fields (or at least President, Secretary, and Treasurer), use the "Add Officer" button on the right.



ADDENDUM: REPORT OFFICERS, PART 4

- A dialog box will open. Click the "Select Member" button.
- Click on a club member's name and then click "Save".
- The screen will display a confirmation message.
- Click "Go Back to Officers" at the bottom of the screen.
- Repeat for each of the positions.

ADDENDUM: MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT, PT I

- At lionsclubs.org, choose "Member Login"
- Once logged in, choose "MyLCI"
- Click on the "My Lions Club" menu then select "Members"
- On the "Members" screen, you can easily file the monthly membership report

ADDENDUM: MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT, PT 2

- Add, delete, or update member information
- Or simply report "No Change"



THANK YOU, SECRETARIES!



Q&A

- More help: Complete the <u>Club Secretary Responsibilities</u> and the <u>Club Secretary Learning Path</u> modules in the Lions Learning Center at <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>. The Robert's Rules of Order parliamentary procedure is the final section in that module.
- DISCUSSION
- Q & A