

# **MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49**

**Council of Governors** 



# Alaska, USA Yukon Territory, Northwest Territory, British Columbia, Canada

Council Meeting February 13, 2021 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:34am. CC Burns thanked everyone for joining the meeting by Zoom and in person before the 49B Cabinet Meeting in Fairbanks. CC Burns welcomed Lions from Canada and PID Al Hedstrom.

PID Quinn – Welcome and Good Morning. He wished us all a great and productive meeting.

CST Rixie took roll call. CC Burns, DG Lane, and DG Cochrane all present. CC Burns has a quorum.

Lions present via Zoom or in person were PID Quinn, PID Hedstrom, Lion Quinn, IPCC Marcinkowski, Lion Marcinkowski, 1VDG Blattner, Lion Doering, PDG West, PDG Morse, Lion Morse, PCC Cummings, PDG Vasquez, PDG Webb, IPDG Sproat, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verall, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Youngblood, Lion Helgeson, Lion Stoll, Lion Orange-Posma, PCC Rixie, PID Myers, Lion Posma, PDG Bellows, Lion Lane, PDG Mock, IPDG Gerein & PCC Brown.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Verall asked if anyone has received an email from the Alaska Charitable Gaming Alliance requesting support against new gaming regulations? Without much response from those present it was decided to add this to new business for the 4<sup>th</sup> COG Meeting and to attach a copy of the email/letter to these minutes.

DG Lane made a motion to approve the agenda. DG Cochrane seconded. Motion passed.

DG Cochrane made a motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> COG minutes as presented. DG Lane seconded. Motion passed.

DG Cochrane made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. DG Lane seconded. Motion passed. DG Cochrane made a motion to accept the budget. DG Lane seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Multiple District Business**

#### Old Business:

 MD Shirts – PDG Rixie reported that she received 3 orders since the last meeting. PDG Rixie recommended that we place an order for 25 shirts and advertise that we have them to sell. PDG Lane made a motion to order 25 shirts. DG Cochrane seconded. Motion passed.

DG Cochrane asked what the status was on MD Scarves. PCC Marcinkowski reported that it was dropped but can check into the Canadian Outlet again and have more information at the next meeting. DG Cochrane would like to work with PCC Marcinkowski with her outlet to compare. This will be added to the next agenda.

- AK Gaming Closed item.
- Unified Goals for Multiple District CC Burns is worried that we are losing so many lions when we need them to be serving our communities. The whole Multiple District is available to help the Governor's and the Clubs. Please do not hesitate to call.
- MD Goals from DGs –DG Lane is pushing NAMI. 49B is hosting anew member orientation after the cabinet meeting today. In March we are having a St. Baldrick's team to support Pediatric Cancer. In April, a Diabetes Awareness walk is being planned. DG Cochrane has three status quo clubs. Chugiak, Kenai Centennial Savvy and Anchorage Latino. She recommends that Chugiak and Kenai Centennial be closed, and Anchorage Latino possibly stay. Lion Orange-Posma gave an update with Latino's property and club being in the Mountain View area, that the Community Land Trust may accept the lot and bldg. (may have been damaged in Earthquake).
- **MD Training** PCC Marcinkowski has pushed for clubs to think "outside the box" to conduct training and reminded everyone that he is available by zoom or in person for local training. He has been working with the Convention committee to plan the Convention training.
- Multiple District Meeting Dates for Calendar The 4<sup>th</sup> COG Meeting will be during Convention in Fairbanks on May 21, 2021.
- LCI Convention 2021 Parade Dress/Uniform Moot as International Convention is now virtual. The link to register is https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/lcicon.
- Marketing Matching Grant Nothing was done, and we are now past the deadline.
   PID Quinn suggested we move forward and fill out the grant and send it in to see if there are funds still available and move forward with this. CC Burns, DG Lane and PID Quinn will work on this.
- Endorse Fabricio Oliveira for 3<sup>rd</sup> IVP CST Rixie reported that she never sent the letter to be signed. She will do this and asked that each sign and mail to LCI directly.
- Electronic Voting approach and how to add to policy manual After discussion DG Cochrane made a motion that PCC Rixie set up Electronic Voting for MD Convention in Fairbanks like he did last year. DG Lane seconded. Motion passed.

#### New Business:

#### **Committee Reports or Comments**

Audit	Lion Donna Bellows – closed
Constitution & By Laws	PCC Mike Brown – nothing has been received.
Convention 2021	PDG Juanita Webb – A Draft Agenda was
	presented and accepted. The Registration
	Packet will be out by the end of February.

Diabetes/Pediatric Cancer	PDG Dana Mock – excused – no report
Environmental	Lion Larry Helgeson – no report.
	DG Cochrane reported on Haines and Tuluksak
	PID Quinn asked that DG Cochrane send a
	response to PIP Preston on the status of Haines
	relief and what Lions did for it.
Global Leadership - expires 2023	PCC Ski Marcinkowski – Institutes are ongoing
	Lots of virtual trainings available. All clubs/Lior
	can utilize online training at the LCI webpage.
Global Membership/NAMI - expires 2023	PDG Dottie Vasquez – PID Hedstrom gave a
	NAMI presentation. PDG Vasquez is available t
	club for a program night.
Global Service – expires 2023	PDG Jim Roderiques – no report
LCI International Convention - Montreal	PID Lewis Quinn – LCI has cancelled the in-
	person convention. The link to register is
	https://lcicon.lionsclubs.org/lcicon.
LCIF – expires 2021	PCC Dennis Cummings – PCC Cummings meets
	monthly with the LCIF Region Chair. Campaigr
	100 is extended through 2023. PCC Cummings
	having problems getting ahold of District LCIF
	Chairs. Melvin Jones and regular donations are
	down since last year. DG's, please promote LCI
	donations at club visits.
Legal Advisor	PCC Dennis Cummings – nothing to report.
Leo Advisor – expires 2021	Lion Arceli Carreon – no report
Leo Chair	LEO Still need to choose a LEO
	for this position.
Lions Quest	PID Lewis Quinn – Department of Education fo
	the State of Alaska has asked for a presentation
	The Lions Quest program has received suppor
	from the DEA. DG Lane stated that with the
	Fairbanks NorthStar Borough getting a new
	Superintendent it would be a new opportunity
	get School Board support and be added to nev
	goals of the School District.
Long Range Planning	PCC Mike Brown – VDG Verall was extremely
	impressed with the MD's long-range plan and
	that both districts need to keep moving forwar
	to implement and accomplish these goals. PD
	Morse stated that she and PDG Smalley's goal
	were based on the long-range plan document
MD49 Pin	PDG Dodie Rixie – PDG Rixie asked for 20-21
	Motocross pin orders. District A is ordering 12
	regular and 125 prestige pins. District B is
	ordering 52 regular and 70 prestige pins.

New Voices	Lion Gayle Quinn – excused
Nominations & Elections	PCC Dennis Cummings – Nothing rec'd. as of this meeting. CC letters are due April 5 <sup>th</sup> .
USA/Canada Forum	PCC Dennis Cummings – Des Moines Sept 9-11. Clubs should be doing fundraisers to send 1 or 2 of their lions for training. Registration is available online.
Vision	PDG Esther West – Screening has been challenging. Schools are starting to let us in. We will go through May since it was a late start. Noticing lots of referrals. PDG West has 50 VSP Certificates if anyone needs some for referrals.
Future Convention Reports:	2020-2021 Fairbanks – PDG Juanita Webb 2021-2022 Anchorage – PDG Karen Burns 2022-2023 Fairbanks – PDG Jim Roderiques

2023-2024 Anchorage – PDG Dottie Vasquez 2024-2025 Fairbanks - \_\_\_\_\_

#### Round the table requests/questions/comments:

- IPDG Sproat was asked to present a letter that was sent to District A PDG's, LCI and CC Burns in regard to asking DG Cochrane to be removed or step down. DG Lane wondered why this was being brought up since it was a District A issue, and we were running short on time. PDG Bellows wanted to know what the process is when this occurs. IPDG Sproat shared the Dispute Resolution Process.
- PCC Marcinkowski asked that we add Considering Going to 1 District at the 4<sup>th</sup> COG meeting. Add to New Business.
- DG Cochrane sent the Bethel Winter House Report to be shared with the Multiple District.

#### LCI Conventions:

- 2021 Montreal, Canada June 25-29
- 2022 New Dehli, India July 1-5
- 2023 Boston, Masschusetts July 7-11
- 2024 Melbourne, Australia June 21–25
- 2025 Mexico City, Mexico July 4-8

#### USA/Canada Forums:

- 2021 -Des Moines, Iowa September 9-11
- 2022 Calgary, Alberta Canada September 15-17
- 2023 Reno, Nevada September 14-16



**Closing comments** – CC Burns thanked everyone for a productive meeting and looks forward to our "Unconventional Convention" in May!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 am.

### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS BUDGET 2020-2021

Account		US\$			M	embers
1782414-General Checking	\$	18,667.79				<u>Estimate</u>
1782414-Money Market Reserve	\$	24,019.67		49A		1200
1782414- GL/GM	\$	34,731.95		49B		750
1804417-MD Convention	\$	5,100.70				1950
1804417-LEOS Savings	\$	1,507.59				29-Jan-21
	-			49A		1148
** Balances as of 7/1/2020			•	49B		732
						1880
		Budget		Actual		Delta
General Reserve		0		0		0
Income						
MD Tax (1950X2)	\$	3,900.00	\$	1,934.00	\$	1,966.00
MD Tax - LCI Promotion (1950X1.00)	\$	1,950.00	\$	967.00	\$	983.00
Bank Interest	\$	25.00	\$	50.60	\$	(25.60)
MD49 Pins (750X2.00)	\$	1,500.00	\$	404.00	\$	1,096.00
LCI GMT Funds	\$	600.00			\$	600.00
Uncatagorized Income	\$	2,000.00			\$	2,000.00
Total Funds Available	\$	9,975.00	\$	3,355.60	\$	6,619.40
Espenses						
Travel						
Council Chair	\$	1,250.00			\$	1,250.00
Secretary-Treasurer	\$	1,000.00			\$	1,000.00
Operating					\$	-
Convention Gifts	\$	750.00			\$	750.00
MD49 Pins (750X2.00)	\$	1,500.00			\$	1,500.00
Office Expense/Supplies	\$	150.00			\$	150.00
Printing/Repro	\$	150.00			\$	150.00
LCI GMT Funds	\$	600.00			\$	600.00
IPCC Convention - Montreal	\$	1,750.00			\$	1,750.00
LCI Promotion (1950X1.00)	\$	1,950.00			\$	1,950.00
Reserve Funds - Tax Prep	\$	750.00	\$	250.00	\$	500.00
Undesignated - COG Approval	\$	125.00			\$	125.00
Total Expenses	\$	9,975.00	\$	250.00	\$	9,725.00
Net Income	\$	-	\$	3,105.60	\$	3,105.60

# 2020 - 2021 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49 SHIRT ORDER FORM

Please complete the following and submit this form and your pre-payment check to:

	QTY:	\$
Shirt Size	Qty ordered:	\$
Shirt Size	Qty ordered:	\$
Email: \$65.00 per shirt Small, medium, large x-large and xx-large \$70.00 per shirt xxx-large and up.		WILLTIPLS DISTRICT 43
Mailing Address:		
Club:	Name:	
	make check out to MD49 Lie	ons
	dodie1968@yahoo.com	
	Salcha, AK 99714 907-347-2257	
	MD49 CST Dodie Rix 5631 Old Valdez Trail	

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mailed or Delivered:

#### Fwd: The Alaska Charitable Gaming Alliance

From: Bert Verrall (lionbert.44@gmail.com)To: dodie1968@yahoo.comDate: Saturday, February 13, 2021, 10:06 AM AKST

this is the letter my club received concerning the opening of State of Alaska gaming. Perhaps to be discussed at the next Council of Governers meeting

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Matthew Beck** <<u>mattbeck@mtaonline.net</u>> Date: Thu, Feb 11, 2021 at 5:08 PM Subject: The Alaska Charitable Gaming Alliance To: <<u>lionbert.44@gmail.com</u>>

#### Dear Bert,

I'm reaching out to you, hoping you are the correct contact person for the Palmer Lions Club. If there is someone else I should contact, please let me know.

This is a friendly note to introduce myself and let you know to expect my call in the near future. You are also welcome to reach out to me in the meantime if that works better for you.

I'm a research contractor with Optima Public Relations working with the Alaska Charitable Gaming Alliance (ACGA) and John & Sandra Powers.

The ACGA supports and protects the charitable gaming industry in Alaska. Therefore, the alliance is opposed to gambling expansion efforts being proposed by Governor Dunleavy's office. New gambling efforts like casinos, sports betting, online gambling and video lottery terminals are all thought to be a threat to charitable gaming and would likely decimate the industry that so many organizations rely upon to raise financial support.

I am contacting organizations to create an updated database of contact information. I will also be inquiring about each organization's interest in receiving occasional email updates from the ACGA. Finally, I'll be inviting each organization to join the ACGA in a letter campaign to state legislators opposing expansion of gambling in Alaska.

I look forward to talking together soon.

Sincerely,

Matthew

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#### Re: Bethel Winter Shelter Update

From: Anny Cochrane (anny.cochrane@gmail.com)

To: dodie1968@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, February 15, 2021, 10:10 AM AKST

# Thank you! Sorry this is typed on my phone and has some capitalization issues.

# Update

Three clubs to be cancelled by LCI

49 A	37577	ANCHORAGE LATINOS	\$1,257.75
49 A	64741	CHUGIAK	\$591.25
49 A	130098	Kenai Centennial Savvy	\$436.25

Chugiak- major conflict with a few clubs, pdg Hal when he was in office held a meeting with the club to offer assistance and met with the club to put them back I attended the meeting to assist as well. The goal of the meeting was to resolve issues and confirm district support, prior to the meeting the club lacked fellow club support and former district leadership including PDG's stepped in to offer try to offer assistance and created multiple barriers for the club to get back on track by tearing the club down and intentionally creating barriers for the club. This is the best option to allow the club to be cancelled as the club has not been able to provide the minutes where they desolved the club.

Kenai Centenial Savvy- This club had major support from district leadership and local clubs. Unfortunately the his group of volunteers had the heart of a lions club but lacked the internal leadership. The members self identified as being disabled and disclosed the funds they lived on were received from Social Security Disability. The members struggled to pay dues each year they have been serving and the primary leader of the club has moved on to a new chapter in life. No minutes for desolving this club have been able to be provided so a cancellation is best.

Anchorage Latinos- I have been working with this club and have some opportunities that this club may benefit from. A majority of the clubs members are an extended family unit, this club has traditionally provided food security. Multiple family illnesses and a death have really forced this club to struggle. The club has been difficult to communicate with. The club has a heart for serving and I met with 3 organizations that provide hunger relief and they are interested in providing assistance to allow the Latinos to distribute food if they are willing. I have two funding agencies willing to assist the Anchorage Latinos in funding operations to return to the ability to provide food security. I have a volunteer grant writer in anchorage that will assist the club in document preparation free of charge for these to agencies. I think the Anchorage Latinos will have the support may be able to turn the club around, if they have the drive we can save them.

- On December 2nd 2020 there was a catastrophic landslide in Haines. Haines- District 49 a jumped in right away to assist with Haines I met with the emergency operations center multiple times. I met with Dg Lane a few times as well to provide updates and to work collaboratively if needed. The Redcross had stepped up and provided all food and were delivering and water and essential supplies with the help of the local American legion post 12 providing the distribution site and the volunteers. The Salvation Army stepped up to provide food relief. Initially we had found a possible area to serve and had worked with LCI to receive authorization to submit a recovery grant to fund fuel for debris removal. On December 2 Governor Dunleavy activated the national guard to assist with the community recovery and communicated and also had the assistance of the coast guard. On December 5th Govorner Dunleavy made a disaster declaration. This declaration ment there were no needs for infrastructure or emergency supplies that would meet any LCI grant.
- In January 16 the village of Tuluksak had the laundry and water supply destroyed in the village. 0 Immediate relief was in the form of water being sourced from the river and sanitized. This gained National attention with news media. The media was not presenting all the information and District 49a was participating in the steak holder updates. Other major partners were participating as well the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. The Regional Hospital (YKHC)was involved immediately as the health and safety of the village falls under the scope of this provider. The tribal government was involved, the tribal consortium was involved. The bureau of Indian Affairs was involved and the Office of environmental health and engineering (EPA) has an office in Bethel and was immediately assisting as they have an active water lab in Bethel that services the YK Delta region. Just some background and a 50,000 foot overview. Water is graded on 3 levels. 1is there anything that can harm you? 2- color 3- taste. No doubt the emergency water was not desirable in taste or color. The response was a less than desired slow pace as the smaller aircraft that Servicea the area was grounded due to weather, travel was initially limited to nearby villages and covid lockdowns and approvals of the tribal government. Bottle water was offered from the lions clubs, the regional hospital did not accept the offer of bottled water as the ice road was passable after the storm cleared. When air travel returned planes were limited on cargo and immediate needs were being met. On Feb 8 governed Dunleavy signed a disaster declaration and this allowed the agencies that had been providing services to be eligible for reimbursement from the state government. There is no need for Lions Club assistance at this time.

On Sat, Feb 13, 2021 at 10:52 AM Dorothy Rixie <<u>dodie1968@yahoo.com</u>> wrote:

DG Anny,

Great! Thank you for sharing this.

Do you have copies of the disaster reports you shared?

Dodie

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 13, 2021, at 8:21 AM, Anny Cochrane <a href="mailto:anny.cochrane@gmail.com">anny.cochrane@gmail.com</a>> wrote:

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> <BWH 2019-2020 Full Data Report.pdf>



October 15, 2020

Nominations Lions Clubs International 300 W 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842

It is with great pleasure the Multiple District 49 Council of Governors come forward and endorse Past International Director Fabricio Oliveira, of Catolé do Rocha, Brazil, as a candidate for the position of Lions Club International Third Vice President, to be elected at the 2021 International convention in Singapore.

We believe PID Oliveira holds true to Helen Keller's charge for Lions to be the Knights of Blinds, and will do everything possible to lead Lions Clubs International through the journey of hastening the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided; while promoting the LCI mission throughout the world.

Sincerely,

Karen Burns Council Chairman 7136 Waterfall Dr Eagle River, AK 99577 C: (907) 242-1129 E: kburnsak58@gmail.com

Anny Cochrane Governor, District 49A

CC: PID Oliveira PID Buster Hall PID Jeremiah Myers PID Quinn Karen Lane Governor, District 49B



## Fabricio Oliveira PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Fabrício Oliveira of Catolé do Rocha, Brazil, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 89th International Convention, held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2006.

Past Director Fabrício is a businessman, with a Post-Graduate Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), and a Degree in Administration. A member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club since 1985, Past Director Fabrício has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, council chairperson and district governor. Additionally, he has served as district LCIF chair, SightFirst committee chair, leadership development chair, multiple district DGE seminar coordinator and chair of the district Lions Foundation. Past Director Fabrício also served as District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader.

In recognition of his service to the association he has received numerous awards, including the 100% Club President Award, an Extension Award for organizing nine new Lions clubs, the District Governor Excellence Award, seventeen International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Paradigm Award, nine Leadership Awards, ten International President's Awards, International Director Recognition Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association to its members. He has also received a Key Award for helping induct thirty new Lions members, an Extension Certificate for sponsoring five new Leo clubs, Global Vision Medal for his SightFirst efforts and a LCIF Helping Hands Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Fabrício is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He previously served as the Secretary of Industry and Commerce of the State of Paraiba and an administration council chairperson of several companies, as director of the National Confederation of Shopkeepers, chair of the Federation of Shopkeepers of the State of Paraiba, chair of the Chamber of Shopkeepers of Catolé do Rocha and chair of Manoel Vitoriano de Freitas Foundation supporting institution of the Children's Hospital Erninia Evangelista.

Past Director Fabrício and his wife, Amariles, also a member of the Catolé do Rocha Lions Club and Melvin Jones Fellow, have three children and a granddaughter.

# I AM BUT ONE LION, TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE

# Long Range Planning Report



# Talkeetna, Alaska

# June 2016



Vision without action is merely a dream

## A HISTORY OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 49

#### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

MD49 History published 3/1987 by PIDs Bill Russell & Bud Sweet, updated by PCC Howard Rixie 4/2013

Lionism was first introduced to Alaska in 1928, when Seattle Lions came and sponsored the first club in Juneau. Due to the depression, World War II and distance, the sponsoring club could not give them the support and attention needed. After three years the club folded in 1931.

#### Alaska



Alaska is state in the <u>United States</u>, situated in the northwest extremity of the <u>North American continent</u>, with the international boundary with <u>Canada</u> to the east, the <u>Arctic</u> <u>Ocean</u> to the north, and the <u>Pacific Ocean</u> to the west and south, with <u>Russia</u> further west across the <u>Bering Strait</u>. Alaska is the <u>largest state</u> in the <u>United States</u> by area, the <u>4th least populous</u> and the <u>least densely populated</u> of the <u>50</u> <u>United States</u>. Approximately half of Alaska's 731,449<sup>[4]</sup> residents-live within the <u>Anchorage metropolitan</u>

#### <u>area</u>.

The name "Alaska" (Аляска) was already introduced in the <u>Russian colonial period</u>, when it was used only for the <u>peninsula</u> and is derived from the <u>Aleut</u> *alaxsxaq*, meaning "the mainland" or, more literally, "the object towards which the action of the sea is directed".<sup>[7]</sup> It is also known as <u>Alyeska</u>, the "great land", an Aleut word derived from the same root

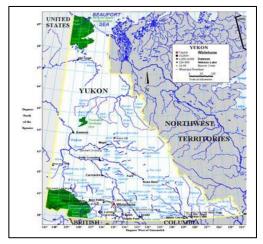
Alaska has a longer coastline than all the other U.S. states combined.<sup>[8]</sup> It is the only non-<u>contiguous</u> U.S. state on continental North America; about 500 miles (800 km) of <u>British Columbia</u> (Canada) separates Alaska from <u>Washington state</u>. Alaska is thus an <u>exclave</u> of the United States, possibly the largest exclave in the world. It is technically part of the <u>continental U.S.</u>, but is often not included in colloquial use; Alaska is not part of the contiguous U.S., often called <u>"the Lower 48"</u>.<sup>[9]</sup> The capital city, <u>Juneau</u>, is situated on the mainland of the North American continent, but is not connected by road to the rest of the North American highway system.

The state is bordered by the <u>Yukon Territory</u> and <u>British Columbia</u> in Canada, to the east, the <u>Gulf of</u> <u>Alaska</u> and the Pacific Ocean to the south, the <u>Bering Sea</u>, <u>Bering Strait</u>, and <u>Chukchi Sea</u> to the west and the Arctic Ocean to the north. Alaska's territorial waters touch Russia's territorial waters in the Bering Strait, as the Russian <u>Big Diomede Island</u> and Alaskan <u>Little Diomede Island</u> are only 3 miles (4.8 km) apart. With the extension of the <u>Aleutian Islands</u> into the eastern hemisphere, it is technically both the westernmost and easternmost state in the United States, as well as also being the northernmost.

Alaska is the largest state in the United States in land area at 586,412 square miles (1,518,800 km<sup>2</sup>), over twice the size of Texas, the next largest state. Alaska is larger than all but 18 sovereign countries. Counting territorial waters, Alaska is larger than the combined area of the next three largest states: Texas, California, and <u>Montana</u>. It is also larger than the combined area of the 22 smallest U.S. states.

In 1944-45, Alaska separated from District 19 to become District 49 (provisional). In 1944 the Seattle Lions came back and sponsored the Anchorage Club, followed in rapid order by Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchikan. A club was organized in Sitka in 1948, followed by Spenard and Mt McKinley in 1950. In 1950-51, the Yukon Territories, Canada became a part of District 49. District 49 officially became an international district in 1951 when the Whitehorse Club was chartered in Canada. In that same year the Douglas Club joined the district.

#### Yukon



Yukon<sup>[3]</sup> is the westernmost and smallest of Canada's three federal territories.

The territory was created from the rump of the Hudson's Bay Company's North-Western Territory in 1898. Receiving royal assent on March 27, 2002, the federal government modernized the Yukon Act to confirm "Yukon", rather than "Yukon Territory", as the current usage standard.<sup>[3]</sup> Though officially bilingual (English and French), the Yukon Government also recognizes First Nations languages.

At 5,959 m (19,551 ft), Yukon's Mount Logan, in Kluane National Park and Reserve, is the highest mountain in Canada and the second-highest of North America (after

Denali in the U.S. state of Alaska). The territory's climate is Arctic in the north (north of Old Crow), subarctic in the central region, between north of Whitehorse and Old Crow, and has a humid continental climate in the far south, south of Whitehorse and in areas close to the BC border.

The territory is the approximate shape of a right triangle, bordering the U.S. state of Alaska to the west for 1,210 km (752 mi) mostly along longitude 141° W, the Northwest Territories to the east and British Columbia to the south.<sup>[4]</sup>Its northern coast is on the <u>Beaufort Sea</u>. Its ragged eastern boundary mostly follows the divide between the Yukon Basin and the Mackenzie River drainage basin to the east in the Mackenzie mountains. Whitehorse is the territorial capital.

Canada's highest point, Mount Logan (5,959 m/19,551 ft), is in the territory's southwest. Mount Logan and a large part of the Yukon's southwest are in Kluane National Park and Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Other national parks include Ivvavik National Park and Vuntut National Park in the north.

The capital, Whitehorse, is also the largest city, with about two-thirds of the population; the second largest is <u>Dawson City</u> (pop. 1,327), which was the capital until 1952.

Growth was rapid over the next few years with the chartering of Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Delta, North Pole, Fairbanks College, and Mountainview in Anchorage. District 49 was still a "Provisional" district, district with twenty (20) clubs and one thousand (1,000).

The LCI challenge was met in 1959-60. Don Berry was the first elected District Governor as a fully fledged International District. Watson Lake in Canada and Valdez Alaska were chartered in 1960. Eight years of rapid growth followed and by 1968, fifty-two (52) clubs had been chartered.

with Lions Clubs International appointing our district governor. LCI challenged us to become a full fledge

## **British Columbia Stikine Region**



The **Stikine Region** (pron.: /stə'ki:n/) is an unincorporated area in northwesternmost <u>British Columbia</u>, <u>Canada</u> and is the only area in B.C. not in a regional district. The Stikine Region was left unincorporated following legislation that established the province's <u>regional districts</u> in 1968 and is not classified as a regional district,<sup>[1]</sup> and contains no municipal governments which normally constitute the majority of seats on the boards of regional districts. There is only one local planning area, the <u>Atlin</u> Community Planning Area, which was combined in 2009 with the Atlin

Community Improvement District to provide fire, landfill, water, streetlighting, sidewalks and advisory land use services. All other services not provided privately are administered directly by various provincial government ministries. The area around **Dease Lake**, formerly in the Stikine Region, is now within the boundaries of the <u>Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine</u>.

The Stikine Region has a total population of 1,352 (2004 est.) including 282 First Nations persons, most from the <u>Taku Tlingit</u> of <u>Atlin</u> and <u>Teslin</u>, <u>British Columbia</u>, and some reserves of the <u>Kaska Dena Council</u> (reserves and band governments are outside the jurisdiction of the provincial government and of the Stikine Region as an administrative body). The <u>2006 census</u> count was 1,109 persons. It has an area of 132,496.2 sq. kilometers (51,157.07 sq mi). Its 1 person per 100 km<sup>2</sup> makes it the least densely inhabited census division in British Columbia and least densely inhabited <u>census division</u> in <u>Canada</u>.

Most of the Stikine Region, the boundaries of which reflect modern-era administrative realities, is composed of areas not part of the historical *or* geographical Stikine *Country* and the related *Stikine Mining District* but which *were* part of the Stikine Territory. These were the <u>Atlin District</u> and some of the <u>Cassiar Mining Districts</u>, as well as some of the <u>Liard</u> basin, plus the basin of the <u>Tatshenshini-Alsekin</u> the "BC Panhandle" west of Skagway and north of <u>Alaska</u>'s <u>Glacier Bay National Park</u>.

Growth continued through the '60s until it became apparent, with the vast distance and time involved, one district governor could not give the needed service to the District.



Inuvik Region, Northwest Territories

The Inuvik Region in relations to the Northwest Territories.

The **Inuvik Region** is one of five <u>administrative regions</u> in the <u>Northwest</u> <u>Territories</u>. The region consists of eight communities with the regional office situated in <u>Inuvik</u>. Most of the communities are in the <u>Beaufort</u> <u>Sea</u> area and are a mixture of <u>Inuit (Inuvialuit</u>) and <u>First Nations (mostly</u> <u>Gwich'in</u>).

The Inuvik Region administrative entity includes the following

—	Community name <sup>[2]</sup>	Population <sup>[5]</sup>	Community name <sup>[2]</sup>	Population <sup>[5]</sup>
	Aklavik	594	Sachs Harbour	122
	Fort McPherson	761	Tsiigehtchic	175
	Inuvik	3,484	<u>Tuktoyaktuk</u>	870

Community name <sup>[2]</sup>	Population <sup>[5]</sup>	Community name <sup>[2]</sup>	Population <sup>[5]</sup>
Paulatuk	294	<u>Ulukhaktok</u>	398

LCI issued a challenge that if we had seventy (70) clubs and two thousand (2,000) members, we could become a multiple district (w/ 35 clubs per district).

We met the challenge in 1970. The new organization was to become Multiple District 49, with two subdistricts 49A and 49B, with each having their own Governors and other officers to serve their District.

In 1970-71, District 49 divided into **District 49-A (Aurora)**; which is comprised of that portion of Alaska, south of the 62<sup>nd</sup> parallel (Susitna River, near Trapper Creek), to include the "Southeast" and west through the Aleutian Islands. This geographic area represents approximately 229,727 square miles and currently approximately 575,049 Residents. It was comprised of 35 clubs and 1069 members; and

**District 49-B (Borealis)** comprised of the remaining portions of Alaska, Yukon Territory, the northern portion of Northwest Territories (shared with MD37) and the northern portion of British Columbia (shared, with MD19). This geographic area represents approximately 1,092,920 square miles and currently approximately 184,498 Residents. It was initially comprised of 38 clubs and 1068 members. The manner in which the split was made was primarily based on an even split of members and clubs. In turn **Multiple District 49** was formed with its Council of Governors to govern the body.



MD49 pinnacle in terms of total clubs was in 1986-87 with 99 Lions Clubs, with 2,732 members; and in 2003-04 in terms of membership with 3,038 members in 86 Lions Clubs.

Era	D49A		C	049B	M	049
	Clubs	Mbrs	Clubs	Mbrs	Clubs	Mbrs
1940s	4		1		5	
1950s	8		6		14	
1960s	49		21		49	722
1970s					73	2495
1971	<mark>35</mark>	<mark>1069</mark>	<mark>38</mark>	<mark>1068</mark>	73	2137
1980s	36	1214	38	1027	74	2241
1990s	39	1260	42	1139	81	2399
2000s	44	1680	40	1290	84	2970
2004	46	1661	40	1377	86	3038
2010s	42	1570	34	1109	76	2679
2012	40	1511	34	979	74	2490

Throughout our Lions history in MD49, we have enjoyed periods of steady growth, however we were not immune to the affects of the economy, industry changes, and population booms.

Major events which have impacted the club and membership dynamics of MD49 include:

- Post WW II fostered a new world and mobilized the populations and spurred the baby boom
- Alaska became a state in 1959 and opened the gateway to the last frontier homesteads, by way of the WWII constructed Alaska-Canada Highway
- From the early 1900s mining has always been a factor in population surges, but gold mining dwindled by the beginning of our MD49 history; Silver mining experienced a surge in the 60-70s, but was negatively impacted in the 80s. This impacted the Canadian clubs especially.
- In the late 70s, the Alaska Native Settlement Act, created native corporations which eventually became a main source for serving native community needs by the 90s
- In the 70s, Alaska also enjoyed the boom with the construction of the oil pipeline; after completing its construction in the 80s, migrant workers either left the state or went where the jobs were, primarily the Anchorage-Mat-Su Valley.
- In 1987, women were openly invited to be part of the Lions, and many of the existing Lioness Clubs converted to Lions Clubs; as well as an overall increase in women membership. MD49 leads LCI with nearly 41% women members.
- The 70s & 80s brought a new sense of independence and free spirited lifestyles in the western cultures. This impacted the basic family unit. The number of single parent homes became the prevailing norm; which narrowed the amount of "free" time available for community service activities
- The 80s & 90s, amongst the .com and techno-geeks fostered a thirst for wanting/getting instant information/pleasure, while adapting to a need for two-person incomes in each home.
- Going into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, there is a renewed focus on the family and a desire to contribute to the community. This has impacted our average age, 47 in contrast to the Lower 48's 60+
- Generation X/Y are completely connected to the social media and left untapped. They, like many others, struggle with the idea of going to meetings...
- The economy continues to fuel the conflict between the desire to be a community volunteer and paying dues to do so. We see decreases in membership during periods of recession, i.e., late 70s, early 80s, mid 90s and 2008-09, 2011
- In our beginning, our Lions organizational was more a fraternal oriented organization doing community service. As of late, we are no longer fraternal and are more community service centric.

In the 90s, LCI imposed a new standard for a full fledged district, raising the bar to 1,250 members across 35 clubs. The new threshold is presumably based on an average administrative cost of a district.

Over the course of D49B's history, the district has struggled under the new standard; primarily because the district demographics were changing at the same time, namely due to the oil pipeline completion and the down turn of silvering mining communities. Another factor is tied to the limited pool of district governors willing and financially able to serve over 1M sq miles.

At the same time D49A experienced a major shift in population in the Anchorage-Mat-Su Valley. The growth was relatively very fast and changed the character and way of life in the area. With so much attention given to the Anchorage-Mat-Su Valley area, the outlying areas have had to compete for the district's attention and support, i.e., the last new club outside the area was Valdez in 2000, which was cancelled a year later.

From an administrative perspective, a couple of MD49's challenges are:

- Vast geographic area 1.3 million square miles, with 288 communities, most of which are rural native bush communities. Putting a Lions Club in a bush community drives a tremendous cost for the club and district officials to feel as and be a viable part of the association.
- Bush community Lions Clubs expect their fair share of the District Governor's attention, namely a club visit not coming or sending a substitute is a slap in the face. This creates a death spiral in terms of maintaining clubs in good standing.
- Leadership is the be all end all! How well MD49 thrives is directly proportionate to the availability, support and use of vibrant leaders. Members react positively to a deliberate vision that comes with structured actions. In contrast, members/clubs begin to wander from the association's focus, purpose and ethics, without it. They also avoid multiple district and district activities when conflict prevails, i.e., amongst its past and present leaders, perceived politics, etc.
- Our pool of leaders have dwindled over recent years, partly because we have reduced the number of intermediate leaders, i.e., region chairs. Lions seeking Region Chair positions get a chance to experience the election process, building their self confidence, as well as an opportunity to experience a greater span of responsibility, but not quite as large and involved as a district governor. Region Chairs have not been employed in either district since ~2002-03.

To put things in perspective, over the period of 1953 to the present MD49 has had the following successes and failures in terms of club extension and membership growth/losses:

District	New Clubs	Dropped Clubs	Reorg Clubs	Charter Mbrs	New Mbrs	Renstated Mbrs	Transfer Mbrs	Total Mbrs Added	Total Drop Mbrs
MD49	189	135	44	4,710	18,678	913	922	25,223	24,919
D49A	131	64	20	3,014	9,811	568	537	13,962	13,022
D49B	124	66	22	1,696	8,340	331	359	10,694	11,226

Do we exist to serve LCI or our communities? That is a question which challenges us every day. As you look at our history, every time we have been challenged by LCI we embraced and met the challenge; and immediately paid the price with significant losses in clubs and members the following year. The losses foster political baggage district leaders have to overcome, of which flash in the pan successes and failures spur consternation, and adversely impact the dynamics of potential future leaders. In essence we have fostered mediocrity, and the leaders we want, want no part of that or the excessive scrutiny of past leaders frowning upon them.

In 2011, MD49 recognized the crux of our underlining issues stemmed from our deficit in leadership, not membership or club numbers. To that end, the MD embraced a 19 page policy which set out a series of leadership activities which would not only change the leadership culture in MD49, but increase the pool of willing leaders with the required skill set we need. It was agreed, it would take anywhere from 3-5 years to fully transition to this new way of doing business. However, there has been significant

resistance to change, compounded by the brewing idea of redistricting, which has impeded many elements from being implemented.

One key element to the new leadership culture is the MD49 Lions Leadership Academy, piloted in 2012 in Fairbanks with 27 graduates; with the second scheduled for February 2013 in Anchorage, with 32 students. This has been the one significant success from the new leadership policy. Every graduate has walked away having a life changing experience, that has had positive impact in their profession, personal life and as a Lion.

**Past Dignitaries:** Over the span of our history, we have been honored to have six Lions serve as International Director: Don Berry – 1965-67; Ray Marley – 1977-79; Wm "Bill" Russell – 1985-87; Leon "Bud" Sweet – 1991-93; Buster Hall – 2000-02; Dr. Jeremiah Myers – 2008-10; and Lewis Quinn – 2015 - 2017.

# LONG RANGE PLAN

# Who are we?

Multiple District 49 Lions of Lions Clubs International;

## What is our composition?

Comprised of sub-districts 49A (Aurora) and 49B (Borealis)

# Why do we exist?

TO SERVE: To develop leaders, provide opportunities for service to support our communities; providing vision assistance programs, achieving fulfillment and camaraderie for our families & friends

# What do we value?

A quality Lions family, united with visible service through camaraderie, integrity and dependability in our community.

## What are our greatest Strengths?

- 1 Members' commitment & loyalty
- 2 We are friendly and welcoming
- **3** We engage 30s & 40s year old
- 4 Clubs working together on common projects
- 5 Leaders empowering vs dictating
- 6 Camaraderie- using to motivate service
- 7 Diversity on age & knowledge
- 8 Reliability We will be there!
- 9 Have the need to Serve

## What are our greatest Areas Needing Improvement Impacting Our Purpose?

- **1** Quantity over quantity (anything)
- 2 Change resistance to
- **3** Leadership responsibility not knowing
- 4 Non-productive district meetings
- 5 Lack of leaders
- 6 Lack of focus on technologies & social medias
- 7 Overall age of Lions

- 8 Lack of teaching/mentoring younger Lions
- **9** Too much bureaucracy

# What are our greatest Opportunities that advance our purpose?

- 1 Become better leaders
- 2 Attract younger people
- **3** Merge the gap between "old" & "millennials"
- 4 Consistent Recognition Program
- 5 More engagement of youth
- 6 Build pool of qualified leaders
- 7 Partnership between "specialty" & "traditional" clubs
- 8 Promote Leadership Development
- 9 Promote importance of Lions Oath, Ethics & Values

### What are our greatest Threats to our Purpose?

- **1** Awareness of "Lionism"
- 2 Lack of leaders pool
- **3** Expensive to volunteer
- 4 Assuming all clubs are alike
- **5** Sheer size of MD geography
- 6 Fear of Change PDGs
- 7 Lack of community understanding
- 8 Lack of trust & transparency
- **9** Lack of knowledge How District & MD work

# What Are Our Three Most Important Long Term Goals And Their Supporting Short Term Goals?

LONG RANGE GOALS (3-5 YEARS)	SHORT RANGE GOALS (1-2 YEARS)
	a. Create a roadmap that helps identify leaders and a structure to fully develop them.
<b>#1. Create an abundant pool of fully developed leaders</b>	<ul> <li>b. Create a plan/listing the identified Lions interested in leading, including a suggested guideline to solicit &amp; educate them</li> </ul>
	c. Establish a Mentoring Guiding Lion Plan

LONG RANGE GOALS (3-5 YEARS)	SHORT RANGE GOALS (1-2 YEARS)
#2. Build strong, independent clubs with knowledgeable Lion, with less repeat officers	<ul> <li>a. Increase new member #s with proper orientation &amp; training: membership event to bring in new members, i.e., open house to interest them in your club activities</li> <li>b. Create interest &amp; passion with Whats in it for me (WIFM): sponsor needs to get to know new member and introduce to club &amp; club needs to involve member to fulfill their needs</li> <li>c. Expose membership to leadership training and responsibilities: Mentor needs to personally invite new member to club meetings, mentor club will pay for participation as needed to club/district events &amp; MD49 convention for 1 year; Follow-up and answer questions Ask new member for project ideas; acknowledge involvement</li> </ul>

#3. Build a progressive, flexible multiple district with vision and self-sustaining relevance.	a. Cooperate outside our individual comfort zone with use of modern communications for the greater good of the district, club, MD health & future		
	b. Bridge generation gap by embracing 2-way mentorship training in MD49		
<b>0</b>	c. Successful collaboration is only achievable with commitment to working with outside entities interest		

# Who are our champions?

Focus	Champion (Chair)	Committee
<ol> <li>Create a roadmap that helps identify leaders and a structure to fully develop them.</li> </ol>	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion
1b. Create a plan/listing the identified Lions interested in leading, including a suggested guideline to solicit & educate them	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion
1c. Establish a mentoring Guiding Lion Plan	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion

<ul> <li>2a. Increase new member #s with proper orientation &amp; training: membership event to bring in new members, i.e., open house to interest them in your club activities</li> <li>2b. Create interest &amp; passion with What's in it for me (WIFM): sponsor needs to get to know new member and introduce to club &amp; club needs to involve member to fulfill their needs</li> </ul>	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion D49A Lion D49B Lion
2c. Expose membership to leadership training and responsibilities: Mentor needs to personally invite new member to club meetings, mentor club will pay for participation as needed to club/district events & MD49 convention for 1 year; Follow-up and answer questions Ask new member for project ideas; acknowledge involvement	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion
3a. Cooperate outside our individual comfort zone with use of modern communications for the greater good of the district, club, MD health & future	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion
3b. Bridge generation gap by embracing 2- way mentorship training in MD49	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion
3c. Successful collaboration is only achievable with commitment to working with outside entities interest	MD	D49A Lion D49B Lion

# How will we measure progress?

Goal	S	tatu	IS	Issues				Top-3 Action Items This Quarter	Key Needs & Resources	
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1a. Create a		-						-		
roadmap that helps										
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structure to fully										
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identified Lions										
interested in leading,										
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Lion Plan										
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them in your club										
activities										
2b. Create interest &										
passion with What's										
in it for me (WIFM):										
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club needs to involve										
member to fulfill										
their needs										
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membership to										
leadership training										
and responsibilities:										
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personally invite new										
member to club										
meetings, mentor										
club will pay for										
participation as			1							
needed to club/										
district events &										
MD49 convention for										
1 year; Follow-up										
and answer questions	1		1		1					

Ask new member for project ideas; acknowledge involvement						
3a. Cooperate outside our individual comfort zone with use of modern communications for the greater good of the district, club, MD health & future						
3b. Bridge generation gap by embracing 2-way mentorship training in MD49						
3c. Successful collaboration is only achievable with commitment to working with outside entities interest						

Status: A= Ahead of scheduleO= On TrackB= Behind scheduleIssues: O= No problems1= Minor concern or irritant2= This is an issue!3= Immediate attention required

# Roadmap – Way ahead

MD49 Council of Governors' Action Items	Target Completion Date
Recruit/assign MD Champions	
Recruit/assign committee members from each district	
Review/update Goals & Objectives Against SMART construct	
Committees develop action plans	
Committees transfer quarterly actions to Long Range Report Card	
Unveil plan two Lions in both districts	
Both District revisit their long range planning efforts – make theirs	
congruent with MD49	
Unveil district specific plans	
Institutionalize planning elements into district & multiple district	
budgets, meetings and forums	
Plan for an bi-annual (2 years) revalidation of focus & energy	

## How Did We Get Here?

In order to get the Multiple District Long Range Planning jump started, a one-day retreat was conducted in June 2016



## **Purpose:**

Build a singular focus that fuels universal Lions success across Multiple District 49

# Facilitator:

PCC Howard Rixie

# **Participants:**

ID Lewis Quinn, CC Diana Cummings, DG Mike Brown, 2VDG Jeanne Morse, 2VDG Cory Bellows, PCC Dennis Cummings, PCC Ev Burke, PDG Juanita Webb, PDG Bill Baker, PDG Cindy Beardsley, Lion Gayle Quinn, PDG Esther West, PDG John Regan, PDG Dodie Rixie, PDG Rick Webb, Lion Leanne Regan, Lion Aaron Morse



This team dedicated their time and energy to plotting a path for the Lions of Multiple District 49 of Alaska-Canada to build long lasting success across every district, region, zone, club and Lions member.

As a matter of staging this retreat participants were broken into three groups of Lions they were representing

Leader	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)
ID Lewis Quinn, CC Diana	PCC Dennis Cummings, PCC Ev	DG Mike Brown, 2VDG Cory
Cummings, 2VDG Jeanne	Burke, PDG Juanita Webb, PDG	Bellows, PDG Dodie Rixie, PDG
Morse, PDG Esther West, PDG	Bill Baker, PDG Cindy Beardsley,	Rick Webb, Lion Leanne Regan,
John Regan	Lion Gayle Quinn	Lion Aaron Morse

In lieu of representing themselves, each participant were also asked to name a Lion they would identify with throughout the retreat. They were not allowed to represent themselves or anyone else in the room. These Lions included:

Leader	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)

To help solidify the focus, Lions were asked to answer 6 core questions

1. How would your Mayor or community leaders measure the Lions success or						
	failure?					
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 yrs)	Lion (for 5 to 8 yrs)				
<ul> <li>The worst day in Alaska is better than the best day in the outside</li> <li>Lions are the reason for that</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visablity in community work</li> <li>Active historically</li> <li>Dependability/organized</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cost to tax payers</li> <li>Community participation</li> <li>Benefits to</li> <li>Relationship building</li> <li>Not active partner with what community needs or wants vs club ideas</li> <li>Divides community support</li> </ul>				

2. No matter what occurs here today – what is it about MD49 we must protect, sustain, or prevent the loss of?						
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 yrs)				
<ul> <li>Members</li> <li>Integrity</li> <li>Respect of all Lions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Membership/flexibility</li> <li>Camaraderie</li> <li>Leadership/opportunity</li> <li>Loyalty</li> <li>Insurance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Loss of membership</li> <li>Ethics/Integrity</li> <li>New committed members</li> <li>Brand</li> <li>Loyalty/Relationship</li> <li>Fun</li> <li>Momentum</li> <li>Tigers/enthusasum after convention/mtgs</li> <li>Espirit de corps</li> </ul>				

3. What is it about the Lions that makes them different than the other service organizations?								
Leader Response	Leader Response Lion (for 1 to 3 years) Lion (for 5 to 8 yrs)							
<ul> <li>We don't blow our own horn</li> <li>Best kept secret</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Economics</li> <li>Local</li> <li>Varied projects</li> <li>Viability "Yellow vests"</li> <li>Vision related</li> <li>Includes younger generation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Easy in/by invite</li> <li>Worker bees</li> <li>Sexy vests</li> <li>Worlds best kept secret</li> <li>Largest/furthest reaching</li> <li>Community need driven</li> <li>Not media driven</li> <li>Diversity</li> <li>Specialty within org</li> </ul>						

4. What event/action would make you quit Lions?						
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 yrs)				
<ul> <li>Politics overshadow our code of ethics</li> <li>We don't make a difference anymore</li> <li>Loss of respect between members</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Felt like being ignored</li> <li>Unneeded</li> <li>Family conflict</li> <li>Club integrity (leadership)</li> <li>Conflict within club</li> <li>Loss of insurance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Moving &amp; no club available</li> <li>Loss of integrity</li> <li>Cooperation failure</li> <li>Became anti-youth</li> <li>Acceptance of paper Lions</li> <li>Check writing vs project driven</li> <li>Time commitment</li> <li>Death</li> </ul>				

5. What is the greatest attribute that lure's a person to become a Lion?			
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 yrs)	
<ul> <li>Need to give back, because Lions have impacted their lives</li> <li>Seeing community need the Lion can respond to</li> <li>Non-political</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Satisfaction of serving community</li> <li>Family serving together</li> <li>Something to do in retirement</li> <li>"That feeling" of serving the community</li> <li>When I found out there more to being a Lion than racing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gold sexy vest</li> <li>Ability to magnify your outreach</li> <li>Recognition</li> <li>Serving community</li> <li>Fun/off road (hobby fulfillment)</li> <li>Brand partnership to achieve club need</li> <li>Insurance</li> <li>Diversity</li> </ul>	

6. What does it mean to be a Lion?			
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 yrs)	
<ul> <li>We Serve Family atmosphere</li> <li>Camaraderie, sense of fulfillment</li> <li>Opportunity to give to people that can't give back</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I belong &amp; I serve</li> <li>Being part of something bigger than myself</li> <li>Seeing satisfaction in te eyes of someone you have helped</li> <li>Satisfaction &amp; dedication</li> <li>I'm finding that out</li> <li>1.4 million friends</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Something bigger than ourselves</li> <li>Civic responsibility</li> <li>Personal sacrifice for greater good</li> <li>Pride</li> <li>Commitment</li> <li>Honor</li> <li>Extended family</li> <li>Legitimacy, safe, recognized</li> <li>Make a difference</li> </ul>	

This portion of the exercise allowed participants to define who are and what we stand for. They were able to identify:

# Who are we? What is our composition? Why do we exist? What do we value?

Prior to the retreat, we asked each PDG/DG to respond to 9 questions; along with asking two Lions to also respond. This represented the seasoned leader, a new Lion (2-3 years) and a mid-term Lion (5-8 years). The following represents the response from the participants, as well as other PDGs not able to attend the retreat.

1. What makes our Lions Clubs successful			
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)	
<ul> <li>Camaraderie</li> <li>Projects that are fun, rewarding and happen without too much time expended</li> <li>Communication with members and regular meetings. Letting new members chair projects keeps them interested. Mentoring is paramount.</li> <li>The people who really want to serve and not just be bump on a log</li> <li>Good project chairs.</li> <li>Recognition</li> <li>Training and Enthusiasm</li> <li>Clubs either have good team leaders or extremely supportive community but most important they have chosen the "needed" project for the area. Hit the nail on the he's so to speak.</li> <li>Dedicated community members</li> <li>Conducting a retreat and sticking with the outcome.</li> <li>Teamwork.</li> <li>Common Goals of serving our community.</li> <li>Our club is successful because no two members share the same mind. Each are unique in the way they approach a problem.</li> <li>Working together as the water project shows.</li> <li>Community projects using active participation from all members</li> <li>Unity of force</li> </ul>	people, providing clean water, eye-screening, training dogs for	<ul> <li>First this depends on each individual clubs over all goals. Which can also change with each club's presidency. That being said goals can be guided by each clubs Constitution. Once this is determined Leadership has to guide the club in accordance with the goals set keeping in mind the strengths and weakness of each member of the club. Leadership has to have the maturity to understand what ever project the club takes on, is the talent there to be successful to achieve the goals stated in the project. Lastly Leadership HAS to remember most people within the organization are there to volunteer and just want to help their community, consequently the commitment level by each individual will vary.</li> <li>Communication. Participation. Love.</li> <li>Thoughtfulness. Consistency.</li> <li>Effective, productive community projects</li> <li>Diversity of knowledge and experience</li> <li>Mix of "youth" and "experience"</li> <li>Community support</li> <li>Teamwork, commitment, fun</li> <li>In my opinion, what makes our Lions Club successful is having a membership that is motivated to participate, to work for the development of Lions programs locally, and to maintain a sense of community. This last item seems to be the heart of Lionism, and is manifested through direct service and support to our community.</li> </ul>	

		<ul> <li>Commitment from individuals, teamwork and a common bond.</li> <li>Club support from the district level.</li> <li>Gaming</li> <li>Good Leadership</li> <li>Teamwork</li> <li>Participation &amp; positive</li> </ul>
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2. What's important to those Lions we serve			
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)	
<ul> <li>A feeling of belonging</li> <li>To do something good for others less fortunate and it makes us feel worthwhile doing this.</li> <li>Making them feel a part of the team and working together for the good of the community. It just makes you feel good to help someone in need.</li> <li>Training, Help when needed, serving our communities, recognition for a job well done</li> <li>Establish partnerships with established nonprofits if our missions mesh.</li> <li>A feeling of accomplishment in bettering our community.</li> <li>That we listen, recognize their abilities and input, and support projects they lead.</li> <li>Serving their community</li> <li>Communication and feeling needed.</li> <li>The end result</li> <li>We serve not only Lions but communities.</li> <li>The most important thing to our Lions is the opportunity to do something that can help someone in need.</li> <li>Most I have talked to agree and feel that there are many areas where similar projects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community service, having family experiences outdoors, being a part of something that is bigger than us</li> <li>It's a calling without limits, life is giving and serving, the more you serve the more you are blessed. Whether it's proving fresh water or helping individuals obtain prescription lens. Serving improves life for humanity as a unit. Uplifting others with burdens and attempting to reduce life's pressures in variable situations. Providing service and good deeds in turn builds our character and uplifts our own spirits to see others' lives improve.</li> <li>Youth. Mental Health.</li> <li>Genuineness</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Doing good deeds for others</li> <li>Help with vision screening, blood bank, Northwood School project</li> <li>Unity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This can only be defined by each member (survey) For me I want to know what ever endeavor we do be it raising funds are contributing time: it actually meets the end need of the individual, group or community we are trying to help.</li> <li>Work with Alaska school boards to allow sight screening in all schools.</li> <li>Making each member feel valued and useful</li> <li>Conservation of effort—easier projects attract more workers</li> <li>Firm goals and transparency</li> <li>Reliability knowing we WILL be there.</li> <li>I would say success, or achievement of goals, would be important to fellow Lions. Also, an engaging atmosphere in which to socialize.</li> <li>Recognition, sense of ownership and accomplishment.</li> <li>Success of our projects to the community</li> <li>Good feeling of serving our community</li> <li>Support &amp; encouragement</li> </ul>	

•	can be taken on between clubs and districts. This is an individual thing – everyone is different	
•	Did not understand question	
•	District leadership being positive even when we don't	
	agree	

3. How well do our Lions serve their communities – what service			
opportunities are we missing			
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)	
<ul> <li>We do well, for what we do. We all need to look at our communities to do a better job though. Each community has different needs.</li> <li>There are some clubs that have a good strong core program that there members do and can support.</li> <li>What service opportunities are we missing Many clubs need to do an evaluation but that is A HARD SELL., ALTHOUGH WE NO THEY NEED IT AND CLUB ASSESSMENTS.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I think we do a great job serving our community given the time constraints that we face. It is hard to keep both the off road and the community service going.</li> <li>Sustainability is the future in terms of Water, Food, and Shelter. Teaching and training members for long term wellbeing. These efforts will require collaborations with other agencies or nonprofit organizations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This question requires me having a vast amount of knowledge as to what Lions are doing in the community. That being said The groups I am familiar with seem to be doing well. But note I do not know what all clubs are doing. Captain Cook could do a better job of finding projects and then doing them Poorly. Training efforts need to be improved or redirected to new subjects such as "telling our story locally, district wide,</li> </ul>	
• I believe our club serves the community very well. Yes there are missed opportunities. Again, we have to be aware of what is happening by attending meeting of other groups or	<ul> <li>Grant that supports direction of suitability; for example - Engineers researching water treatment options. Scholarship for UAF Lions Club</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>nationally and internationally.</li> <li>NPLC does great work in the community of North Pole</li> <li>More services are needed for the handicapped or infirmed population</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>forums.</li> <li>Extremely well - what service opportunities are we missing – partnering with other organizations such as the Toastmasters – bringing in new members and reciprocating by joining their club as well</li> <li>Training should include basics of reporting impact results of projects.</li> <li>More partnerships with other organizations.</li> <li>In some areas we serve very</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>where lions members select a standout student-member to receive scholarship.</li> <li>Encourage each club to host exchange student that is a club member whether in the nation or internationally.</li> <li>Didn't know there were districts and multiple districts. District wide joint projects.</li> <li>Quite well, we are very involved</li> <li>We seem to perform a good variety of services. Not sure of microd enparturities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Opportunities missed in all communities that do not have Lions Clubs</li> <li>We can always do more by helping non themed specific clubs.</li> <li>Some very well, other not at all, suggest a district wide focused goal and work together as a collective team to build relationships and momentum</li> <li>My observation is that Lions serve well. Visibility is good in the community. Not sure L can</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>In some areas we serve very well, in the areas we don't we lose our members/clubs. We</li> </ul>		serve well. Visibility is good in the community. Not sure I ca identify missed opportunities	

	are missing disability	• Do not know of anything	Do not know what areas are
	opportunities. Fundraising is	being missed.	being served. Cannot respond
	greatly needed due to budget	<ul> <li>We coordinate well together</li> </ul>	to what is missing.
	cuts star wide and federally.	wherever we are needed	<ul> <li>Each club seems to have their</li> </ul>
	There is a housing crisis for low	• Very well, we have a hand in a	own agenda instead of
	income/disabled, mental	lot of community services.	working together as a team.
	health is in great disrepair, we	Don't think we're missing	• We meet the needs as we are
	have huge drug issues in our	anything. Yahoo!	made aware of.
	community. Our nonprofits are		Scholarships
	struggling to survive.		Kodiak Lions pretty much
•	Great of what we know and		have it all covered
	pride doesn't prevent		We serve our communities
	recipients from accepting help		very well. We are involved in a
	with		lot of everything
•	I feel we need more Lions		
	Information for our newer		
	members. Lots of turnover in		
	our club the last year.		
•	We do a good job with our		
	currents		
•	Projects but need to expand by		
	forming		
•	New partnerships for funding		
	and support.		
•	As our club is made aware of a		
	need, our club attempts to		
	meet the need.		
•	Lions could engage the youth in		
	a more wide reaching way,		
	touch more lives outside of just		
	eye screening.		
•	Needs more imagination than		
	mine		
•	In Whitehorse very well 4		
	active clubs		
•	Very diverse and inclusive of		
	many opportunities		
•	Diverse services keep clubs		
	able to involve more volunteers		

4. How well do our districts and multiple district serve our Lions' needs			
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	ars) Lion (for 5 to 8 years)	
<ul> <li>Weak in leadership training. Need to get to club level to start a leadership development program. Cannot wait until president</li> <li>To a great degree, we do well but need the ground people, like zone chairs and such to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The support seems good with different people from the district attending out club functions. I have not seen other support so I can't comment on it.</li> <li>By communicating with individual members and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Same as above</li> <li>Number of members and clubs.</li> <li>District and MD are responsive to club and Lions' needs, but the assistance must be requested.</li> </ul>	

work harder. Trying to get them to do a good job starts with who you pick in the first place. That's what's hard.

- Given the geographic challenges in our area, I believe that we sometimes are failing. We need to ensure that when a new project is presented, support that member and look into new ideas. Don't keep doing the same thing all the time.
- The ball has been dropped • more than once... Some clubs need help, but do not know who to turn too, new clubs should have Guiding Lions for at least a 2 year time frame, TRAINING! Other clubs seem to think they do not have to follow the Constitution and By-Laws; especially since they have not been held accountable for their actions... Like not having meetings, not allowing District or Zone to visit... Paying bills on time, filing mandatory paperwork in a timely manner...namely by the 20th of the month.
- Number of members and number of clubs.
- I believe we are doing a pretty good job in our district, but should continue to reassess the needs.
- District- 49B we seem very disjointed. We are going through transition with great opportunity but I'm not sure if we have the follow through to make it successful.
- Multi Dist- it seems our divide has grown larger.....do we work effectively together to serve our lions? How many years have we talked about this same subject. At some point do people take it serious or just laugh because it's the same thing...

supporting on what there interest service and how the district can help.

- Number of members.
- They provide the framework for our clubs
- I am not sure of how well other districts are doing
- Unknown
- Through member loyalty & membership growth
- Great, they are very accessible to needs

- I believe they provide a strong foundation for "under" clubs to benefit from
- Poorly lack of training and motivation
- Not in a position to evaluate; would need to know what their priorities are.
- Any training sessions I have attended were very basic. Training could be tiered according to member needs. My bad for not attending conventions so I cannot speak to what needs are being served.
- Excellent job on club level but not on District or MD level.
- Not aware that they do.
- On a scale of 1-10, then a 6
- Our district is usually very supportive

• Fair	
<ul> <li>Very poor. Meetings are not</li> </ul>	
productive and do not teach	
anything about Lionism.	
We are missing many	
opportunities to expand by not	
adopting new ideas.	
• To the best of our abilities.	
• Our districts do an okay job, but	
keeping people involved and	
engaged is the main thing we	
need to improve.	
<ul> <li>Reasonably well as shown by</li> </ul>	
the water projects. Only need a	
lead to get everyone excited.	
<ul> <li>As well and as good as the</li> </ul>	
members we elect to serve as	
district officers	
• C+/B-	
Good to hear	

	5. How does the Districts and Multiple District define success			
	Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)		Lion (for 5 to 8 years)
•	Membership, numbers served and man hours of service We like to look at numbers but really know that all clubs need our help to refine and improve. We are not getting them that help	<ul> <li>I would guess in membership growth, but I don't know for sure.</li> <li>To be successful, it takes a thorough understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities of each district</li> </ul>	• - -	I don't believe this has actually been address, however the same principle apply as noted in question one. Membership growth Prosperous clubs Effective and productive
•	In my opinion I believe it is not numbers, but having members who feel great about what they are doing for others. NO loss of clubs for more than a year; NO loss of membership, but gain would be nice By accomplishing or completing our projects Currently numbers. If you don't have successful, happy lions you don't have success. Let's make a Leo a pseudo DG and see what fresh new ideas	<ul> <li>and a detailed plan to ensure the new structure effectively addresses the needs of the clubs. Change can be scary if you are not part of it. Involve the past and future leaders in a positive way to gain their support. Involve the members in the new area to engage and empower them.</li> <li>Not sure, probably our event reporting and club size</li> <li>Not sure</li> <li>By donations made</li> <li>Membership on the rise</li> </ul>	•	community projects Rising memberships and new charters Member & club numbers only Not in a position to comment. Perhaps if I had attended a convention, I would know how success is defined. I would venture to guess member retention is a priority. The leaders are always telling us what our numbers are By the amount donated by clubs Don't know
•	come out. We need new, younger, outside eyes. I don't believe they do		•	Increased or sustained memberships

6. What must our leaders value to advance our Lions Clubs' success			
	Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)
•	Adding to the community and assisting in solving community problems Be able to trigger the normal human responses in Lions that give them that energy to succeed as Lions. Empower the idea of WE SERVE, MENTOR, and above all communicate with your members. Holding everyone who takes a position accountable step up Be the one Lions would like to emulate Strong clubs and zones. We must always value the work of our members and show it. Value our lion's time, abilities, ideas. Value the lions by giving your time to their clubs, events and follow through Need and understand training and support are important because everyone doesn't know everything Empowering instead of dictating.	<ul> <li>It isn't what our leaders need to value, it is how do we get people in their 30's and 40's to engage in the Lion's Club. Potentially a shift to a more family oriented organization?</li> <li>If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.</li> <li>Public Relations.</li> <li>People; recognize that each lion has something different to contribute</li> <li>Must place value on current members.</li> <li>Serving and searching out needs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respect for People and their Time. The best principle is KISS, Keep It Simple Silly. Over all people want to help but we must remember people also think WIFM, What's In It For Me. This could be anything from good feelings of the heart for help someone or a cause, to what personal gain will it achieve for the individual. Each person is different.</li> <li>Good club secretaries. Good reporting of activities.</li> <li>Time and money constraints on individual Lions' members</li> <li>Not everyone wants to "lead"</li> <li>Interior Lions are a different breed of Lionno pun intended</li> <li>Many clubs more focused on local community than on world- wide efforts</li> <li>Realize volunteer hours by the dedicated few of each club are already stretched very thin. Less meetings and more doing.</li> <li>Solid healthy clubs built on an ideal of commitment and service, not a number that</li> </ul>

Stamina and stability and	defines success, rather
visibility.	achievement of goals.
• Each and every member.	<ul> <li>I am impressed that our leaders</li> </ul>
Our leaders need to value	continually value and/or
each person's ideas and	prioritize identifiable needs in
willingness to help the	the community, to which we
organization grow and	can respond with what
succeed.	resources are available to us.
• Less need for power and more	<ul> <li>Communication at the club</li> </ul>
we serve and innovative ideas.	level. Active support of existing
I guess less ego and more and	clubs.
advance our help on serving	<ul> <li>We need to step up and brag.</li> </ul>
and making things better for	Put our Lions out front with
all.	more publicity
Membership	• Value their members.
• Reward & award participation	<ul> <li>Member appreciation</li> </ul>
• Finding new ways to serve;	• The opinions of our members
where there is a need, there is	
a Lion	
Must work harder to get to	
management level	

7. What must our Lions Clubs value to advance our Districts, Multiple District						
	and Lions Clubs International					
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)				
<ul> <li>They need to realize there are resources available to them at District, MD and International to help them in their efforts. Once they realize that they need to tap into those resources more often</li> <li>Wanting to be the one who leads us into the future of Lionism with a very Loud ROAR</li> <li>Outcomes</li> <li>Value our lion's time, abilities, ideas. Value the lions by giving your time to their clubs, events and follow through, and our clubs need to acknowledge we are part of a bigger family. Why do some of our lions and lions clubs not like international? Maybe we need to know that first.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We need to attract younger people</li> <li>If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.</li> <li>Informing communities about Lions and what we do.</li> <li>People, time, diversity (age/intellect)</li> <li>Service to others that are in our location.</li> <li>Grow memberships</li> <li>Willingness to serve</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>same concepts as in questions 1 &amp; 7</li> <li>Community and people impact of projects.</li> <li>Recruiting and retaining quality, service-minded members</li> <li>Volunteering is expensive</li> <li>Leadership responsibilities of Club Officer positions (Zone/Region/Cabinet meetings, MD Conventions)</li> <li>The core mottoWe Serve.</li> <li>Lionism in general, the very ideals and values they took an oath for not the insurance they can get</li> <li>Not in a position to comment.</li> <li>Members must be valued. Discover the motivators. Ask why YOU are a Lion. Build from existing strengths and eliminate weaknesses. Mentor new Lions.</li> <li>The need to serve the community.</li> </ul>				

<ul> <li>Service</li> <li>Knowledge is power. Some Lions don't even know what the big picture is that they've</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We'd have to adopt their goals more. Clubs are content doing what they want.</li> </ul>
joined.	• Volunteerism and the agenda of
<ul> <li>Serve their community's needs.</li> </ul>	the club
• We must value ourselves and	
the communities we serve above all else.	
• Knowing how to get help for	
large projects that are going to become more necessary in	
these hard times. Just needs a little hard work.	
• More active members in the community projects	
• No more 1 "person" clubs or repetition of club officers	
• Keeping the focus on why people volunteer in the first	
place	

8. What are the Districts' and Multiple District's greatest inhibitors to success?				
Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)		
<ul> <li>Lack of adequate leadership at the local level. Which results in a lack of leadership at the higher levels.</li> <li>Too much dead weight – members in name only clubs in name only</li> <li>Assuming all clubs are alike.</li> <li>Not recognizing that each district has a unique culture.</li> <li>Ourselves!</li> <li>Individuality causing non- collaboration</li> <li>Not listening.</li> <li>PDG's Old ways.</li> <li>Afraid of change.</li> <li>The greatest detractor to success is pessimism and self- doubt. If we say something will fail before we try it, it will fail every time.</li> <li>Ourselves. People needing individual recognition.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lack of understanding of outsiders of what we do for the community and the value that we bring it.</li> <li>Trust, Honesty, Transparency, Morale, and Friendship</li> <li>Size of the districts.</li> <li>Bureaucracy</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>Members not committed enough to serve the communities needs</li> <li>Not supportive to fellow Lions at times</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Individuals who think their way is the only to the point where they will not listen to what is good for the group. People who don't want to stand up to individuals in the organization and let them know there is a problem. Plus people in the organization who want to bully there point into existence.</li> <li>Two districts.</li> <li>Qualified pool of future leaders</li> <li>Perception that District and MD are "Governing" bodies, not a larger part of the same organization</li> <li>Unrealistic expectations</li> <li>Complacency and lack of bringing in energy and making sure folks are trained and</li> </ul>		

<ul> <li>Remote locations in small villages or communities</li> </ul>		know what they need to do to be successful
5	•	
Unity at District level, not	•	Not in a position to comment,
fighting, encourages new		except maybe to say generally
leaders		that not prioritizing
• Sheer size of multiple district		adequately or consistently
Must educate on the Lions		may lead to issues. Execution
Code of Ethics		to achieve priority goals may
		suffer if not managed well.
		Don't know.
	•	"Phony" clubs, created to
		meet a self-serving purpose.
		The aging of existing
		members. Allowing new clubs
		to fail.
	•	The size of Alaska
	•	None
	•	Geography & members,
		gossiping & spreading rumors

	9. What changes can bring the greatest impact to our future			
	Leader Response	Lion (for 1 to 3 years)	Lion (for 5 to 8 years)	
•	Membership growth, new member orientation at the local level, with assistance from the District and MD. Combine back into one District, drop all the dead weight, better communication. Form a committee to groom members for 2VDG Better membership GMT support. When you say you will fill a position if you find you are in over your headstep downhelp find your replacement. Do NOT stop doing the job and not let anyone know that you are not going to be able to continue. Publicize our good works. A new fresher face to Lions. Our current Lions open to change, new ideas Effective training and collaboration A visiting calendar and monthly leadership meetings to communicate and find out	<ul> <li>Not sure</li> <li>The future of the Lions is in our Millennials Generation. This generation more likely to listen and follow their friends than to be affected by marketing. The Millennials grew up with computers, and the Internet. Merge the members with old and new generation can have a greatest impact in the future of lions.</li> <li>Communication.</li> <li>I don't have any recommended changes.</li> <li>Need to learn to expand and get members.</li> <li>Encouraging our Leos to become Lions!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Understanding questions 1,7 &amp; 8. Plus, we need to be listen to all Lions in the Multiple district. Note; listening doesn't mean we adhere to all needs as there will be several. Maybe a new concept on how leaderships is placed into position. Just because we did it that way for years doesn't mean it can't change. But most importantly reaching out to Millennials thru a process which they relate too (Social Media). Bringing in new minds brings in new concepts ideas and ways of looking at old and new issues from a new prospective. We have some good people in different areas of the organization, but we also have some people who do not want to move forward with CHANGE. CHANGE is critical for future growth. NOTHING stays the same all the time.</li> <li>Inter-club cooperation through joint projects.</li> </ul>	

each clubs needs then t		-	Incentives for all new members
quarterly cabinet meeti	ings to		(free or reduced 1st year dues)
tie it all together with		-	District work as a "club" on a
training. ( that is used)			project or two through the year
Become a strong single			instead of tasking/challenging a
district.			club to spearhead
Visible yet humble servi		•	Unified vision.
Let our work be seen bu		•	Build the foundation with solid
boasted about. Word of	f		members and clubs, build
mouth can be our great	est		excitement and fun energy to
ally.			keep and attract more
Working together with	but		members, focus on clubs
egos			strengths
• Less number of "founda	ation"	•	Solid planning, prioritizing, and
support LCIF			communicating to members
• Never believed in Self Ir	nterest		seem to be a consistency that, if
clubs, e.g., motorcycles,	,		maintained adequately, can
snowmobiles, etc			transcend the change in
• Focus on technology &	social		personnel in various leader
networking to help get			positions, or other less
message out			predictable changes.
Good Leos programs are	e good	•	There needs to be a balance
investment	-		with holding clubs accountable
Focus on how district ca	an		and bringing them into the fold.
better serve needs of cl	ubs,	•	Combine A & B
not vice versa		•	Participation in the local level
		•	Keeping up with technology
		•	More district involvement at
			the local level
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The responses allowed us to answer the following questions from each group's perspective:

- What things do we do that help strengthen us in achieving our purpose?
- What things do we do that impede us from achieving our purpose and are areas needing improvement?
- What ideas/functions/technologies/activities are there that create an opportunity to improve us in achieving our purpose?
- What ideas/functions/activities are there create barriers that threaten our ability to achieve our purpose in the short or long term?

To put the pre-work into a useable form each group could represent later on in the process they were asked to take the pre-work inputs and put them into a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity & Threat analysis.

<ul> <li>Great – accessible</li> <li>To be successful through understanding</li> <li>\$ Made</li> <li>Membership on therise</li> <li>30s &amp; 40s engage</li> <li>Actions inspire</li> <li>People, recognize</li> <li>Value on current members</li> <li>Serving &amp; searching out needs</li> <li>Attract younger people</li> <li>Dream'n more</li> <li>Millennials modernization</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Encourage our LEOs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Members not committed</li> <li>Not supportive to fellow lions</li> <li>I don't have recommendation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>People, time, diversity</li> <li>Size of district (#s &amp; mileage)</li> <li>Not sure</li> <li>Merging old &amp; millennials</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Need to learn to expand &amp; get members</li> <li>Encourage our LEOs</li> </ul>	
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	Leader (> 8 years)			
Strength	Weakness	Opportunity	Threat	
<ul> <li>Camaraderie</li> <li>Dedicated community members</li> <li>Working together, ie water project</li> <li>End result – communication, feeling needed</li> <li>Similar projects taken by clubs/district</li> <li>A feeling of belonging</li> <li>District leadership being positive even when we don't agree</li> <li>Leaders need to empower vs dictate</li> <li>Leaders should have the stamina, stability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Good project Chairs</li> <li>Training &amp; Enthusasum</li> <li>Conducting retreats &amp; sticking with the out come</li> <li>Teamwork</li> <li>Community projects using active participation from all members</li> <li>Similar projects taken on by clubs/ districts</li> <li>District leadership being positive even when we are in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LEOs</li> <li>Focus on technology &amp; social media</li> <li>Projects that are fun w/o too much time</li> <li>Communications with members</li> <li>Reg meetings – projects &amp; mentoring</li> <li>Training – Enthusiasum</li> <li>Recognition</li> <li>Working together, ie water project</li> <li>Similar projects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Community projects using active participation using all members</li> <li>Similar project on by clubs districts</li> <li>District leadership being positive even when not agreeing</li> <li>Non productive district meetings</li> <li>Reporting, membership activities</li> </ul>	
& visbility • PR	<ul><li>agreement</li><li>Club assessments</li></ul>	taken on by clubs & districts	Lack of leaders	

• LEOs	<ul> <li>Keeping members involved</li> <li>Non-productive district meeting</li> <li>Leadership development</li> <li>New eyes looking inward</li> <li>Availability of resources</li> <li>Lack of leaders</li> <li>Listing PDG old ways – Afraid of change</li> <li>Assuming all clubs are alike</li> <li>PR</li> <li>Focus on Technology &amp; social media</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>District leadership being positive even though we don't agree</li> <li>Partnering with other organizations</li> <li>Missing disability opportunities &amp; fund raising</li> <li>Engage youth</li> <li>Keeping members involved</li> <li>Non productive district meeting</li> <li>Leadership development</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listening; PDG old ways – afraid of change</li> <li>Assuming all clubs are alike</li> <li>Unity at district level not fighting</li> <li>Sheer size of MD</li> <li>GMT/GLT expanded efforts</li> <li>PR</li> </ul>
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StrengthWeaknessOpportunityThreat• Need to serve• Change, mix between youth vs experience• Diversity of knowledge• Lions – believe in ideals & values members• Volunteerism – strength of club• Gaming check writers• Mix of youth/exp• Lions – believe in ideals & values members• Unified vision• Gaming check writers• Mix of youth/exp• Lions – believe in ideals & values members• Unified vision• Gaming check writers• Mix of youth/exp• Lions – believe in ideals & values members• Motivate, inspire, develop• Conservation of effort Less is more areas are being served• School vision screening• Complacency training & motivation• Diversity in age/ knowledge • Community support• Di know whar areas are being served• Feel valued• Balance • Conservation of effort• Diversity in age/ knowledge• Lack of /poor training, motivation• Call wareness• Change • Conservation of effort• Change • Callek• Clubs understand & are meeting community need• Time, \$\$, constraints, i.e conventions• Achieving goals• District support when asked• Member value, motivate• Recognition, sense of ownership• Perception of success of projects/ goals	Lion (5 - 8 years)				
<ul> <li>We serve</li> <li>Volunteerism – strength of club</li> <li>Unified vision</li> <li>Motivate, inspire, develop</li> <li>Embrace change</li> <li>Do know whar areas are being served</li> <li>Do know whar areas are being served</li> <li>Lack of/poor training, motivation</li> <li>Diversity in age/ knowledge</li> <li>Community support</li> <li>Reliability – we WILL be there!</li> <li>Clubs understand &amp; are meeting community need</li> <li>District support when</li> <li>Member value,</li> <li>Mix of youth/exp</li> <li>Good leadership that incorporate teamwork</li> <li>Funraising</li> <li>Funraising</li> <li>Feel valued</li> <li>School vision screening</li> <li>Conservation of effort</li> <li>Conservation of training, motivation</li> <li>Lack of awareness</li> <li>Quantity over conventions</li> <li>Member value,</li> <li>Member value,</li> <li>Member value,</li> </ul>	Strength	Weakness	Opportunity	Threat	
Strength building     awareness	<ul> <li>Need to serve</li> <li>We serve</li> <li>Volunteerism – strength of club</li> <li>Unified vision</li> <li>Motivate, inspire, develop</li> <li>Embrace change</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Thoughtful/consistant</li> <li>Productive</li> <li>Diversity in age/ knowledge</li> <li>Community support</li> <li>Reliability – we WILL be there!</li> <li>Clubs understand &amp; are meeting community need</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Change, mix between youth vs experience</li> <li>Gaming check writers</li> <li>Conservation of effort Less is more</li> <li>Do know whar areas are being served</li> <li>Lack of/poor training, motivation</li> <li>Lack of awareness</li> <li>Quantity over quality</li> <li>Time, \$\$, constraints, i.e conventions</li> <li>Member value, motivate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diversity of knowledge</li> <li>Mix of youth/exp</li> <li>Good leadership that incorporate teamwork</li> <li>Funraising</li> <li>School vision screening</li> <li>Feel valued</li> <li>Conservation of effort</li> <li>Goals &amp; transparency</li> <li>Reliable, We WILL be there!</li> <li>Achieving goals</li> <li>Opportunity to socialize</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lions – believe in ideals &amp; values members swore on oath</li> <li>Complacency</li> <li>Lak of bringing in new energy, training &amp; motivation</li> <li>Balance</li> <li>Free</li> <li>Change</li> <li>Age differientation</li> <li>Leadership</li> <li>Gaming dependence</li> <li>Perception of success of projects/ goals</li> <li>Lack of</li> </ul>	

Rising memberships/	Phony self	Success	• # of members &
new charters	servicing clubs	<ul> <li>Success</li> <li>Warm fuzzy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>difficults &amp; clubs</li> </ul>
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Opinions, respect,	Aged membership	• Giving	
communications	Geography	Support	to comment
	<ul> <li>Technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recruiting/</li> </ul>	(perception)
	<ul> <li>Build a solid</li> </ul>	Retaining quality	<ul> <li>Leadership pool</li> </ul>
	foundation,	service minded	<ul> <li>Expensive to</li> </ul>
	members	members	<mark>volunteer</mark>
	excitement & focus	<ul> <li>Leadership</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Recruiting/</li> </ul>	responsibilities	
	<mark>retaining quality</mark>	<ul> <li>Qualified pool of</li> </ul>	
	<mark>service minded</mark>	leaders	
		<ul> <li>Expectation</li> </ul>	
		• District to work as	
		"one" club on	
		project	
		<ul> <li>Partnerships</li> </ul>	
		between specialty	
		& traditional clubs	
		<ul> <li>MD wide goals to</li> </ul>	
		build relationships	
		& district	
		momentum	
		<ul> <li>Naivevity/ missed</li> </ul>	
		-	
		opportunities	
		Tiered training	
		Better district &	
		MD	
		Broader defense of	
		success	
		Volunteer hours by	
		the few already	
		stretched thin	
		Toot our horn	

Based on our S.W.O.T the group was asked what are their most important long term (> 3 yrs) aspirations. The following represents a prioritized list.

1	Promote leadership development	11
2	Overcome fear of change	10
3	Build strong, knowledgable Lions	7
4	Better manage our size	4
5	Improve/modernize training	4
6	Improve community understanding	4
7	Attract younger Lions	3
8	Promote "basic Lionism"	2
9	Increase club collaboration/partnering	2
10	Accountable/Reliable leaders	1

From the list above the group identified defined what are our most important long term aspirations?

Educate, identify, invest,	Train, define training	Doing new things, reduce
plan, implement, mentor,	strategies, academy	average age, collaboration,
solicit interest	graduates, consistent, stable	digital communications,
	growth, club visits, job	larger #s at events, increased
	descriptions	participation

## This allowed the group to create 3 long term goals:

1. Create an abundant pool of fully developed leaders

- 2. Build strong, independent clubs with knowledgeable Lion, with less repeat officers
- 3. Build a progressive, flexible multiple district with vision and self sustaining relevance.

With the 3 goals in mind, the group was asked what are their most important short term needs to achieve each long term goal?

1. Create an abundant pool of fully developed leaders	2. Build strong, independent clubs with knowledgeable Lion, with less repeat officers	3. Build a progressive, flexible multiple district with vision and self sustaining relevance.
Identify Club, District, MD level projects	New member orientation training team	Empowering members
Solicit interests of individuals	New members	Encourage effort
Provide mechanism/ strategies for funds	Mentor/follow through	Use modern media to communicate
Educate on Responsibilities	Club, district, international training	Relate training to modern needs
Establish a mentoring base	Create interest	Inspire & moderate membership
Formulate a road map plan	What's in it for me (WIFM) passion	Lead by example
Implement plan	Visits from leadership	Identify potential leaders/"tiggers"
	Expose members to leadership training	Community awareness of Lions
		Promote collaboration at all levels

From the list above, the most immediate needs were translated into short-term objectives (objectives) to address over the next 1-2 years?

1. Create an abundant pool of fully developed leaders	2. Build strong, independent clubs with knowledgeable Lion, with less repeat officers	3. Build a progressive, flexible multiple district with vision and self sustaining relevance.
	Increase new member #s	Cooperate outside our
Create a roadmap that helps	with proper orientation &	individual comfort zone with
identify leaders and a	training: membership event	use of modern
structure to fully develop	to bring in new members,	communications for the
them.	i.e., open house to interest	greater good of the district,
	them in your club activities	club, MD health & future
	Create interest & passion	Bridge generation gap by
Create a plan/listing the	with Whats in it for me	embracing 2-way mentorship
identified Lions interested in	(WIFM): sponsor needs to	training in MD49
leading, including a	get to know new member	
	and introduce to club & club	

suggested guideline to solicit & educate them	needs to involve member to fulfill their needs	
Establish a mentoring Guiding Lion Plan	Expose membership to leadership training and responsibilities: Mentor needs to personally invite new member to club meetings, mentor club will pay for participation as needed to club/district events & MD49 convention for 1 year; Follow-up and answer questions Ask new member for project ideas; acknowledge involvement	Successful collaboration is only achievable with commitment to working with outside entities interest

February 13, 2021 MD Pin Report



Hello all,

At todays meeting I need the District Pin Orders so I can place the order and get us back on track. I will have the Football design ready for our 4<sup>th</sup> COG meeting to get ready to send out preorder forms and hopefully get them back by the first COG meeting of 21-22 so WE can have them for Forums and Trading.

I'd hate to see MD Pin trading go to the wayside with world issues right now. I think it would be a great idea to find one of our tech savy Lions to create a history of the pins the districts have in stock and to sell them online. Maybe take a newer Lion that knows technology and older Lion who may not know a lot but can help with sorting, packaging, etc...

A reminder of the series we voted on...

Series of 8 pins

- 1. Racing 18/19
- 2. Baseball 19/20
- 3. Motocross/Motorcycle 20/21
- 4. Football 21/22
- 5. Offroad (cars, wheelers, etc) 22/23
- 6. Hockey 23/24
- 7. Curling 24/25
- 8. Snowmachine/Snowmobile 25/26
- 9. Athletics (College Sports) 26/27

Below is the Motocross design. 2020-2021 and Montreal



Dodie

MD49 Pin Chair