



## Arkansas Lions MD-7

### Council of Governors Meeting

January 14, 2023

#### Meeting Recap

**Participants:** Don Young, Council Chair  
Travis Burton District Governor 7-L  
Dean Rowland, District Governor 7-I  
Pat Snodgrass, District Governor 7-O  
Bill Johnson, District Governor 7-N

**Guests:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Toni Shockley, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Russell Bryan, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Bonda Moyer, PDG Roy Patterson, PDG Mike Benefield, Brandy Mullins, PCC Brad Baker, PDG Phylliss Fry, Betsy Barnes, Don Ellis, PDG Rene Roberts and PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary.

The third MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2022-2023 was held on January 14, 2023, at Arkansas Tech University- Rothwell Hall, Russellville, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a. m. by Council Chair Don Young. The invocation was given by DG Pat Snodgrass and pledge led by DG Bill Johnson.

CC Don Young welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked PDG Mike Benefield for outstanding work on the 2023 Mid-Winter Leadership Forum.

The minutes from the Council Meeting, October 7, 2022, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Pat Snodgrass seconded by Dean Rowland approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Dean Rowland, Council Treasurer, presented the MD7 Financial Report as of December 31, 2022. A motion made by DG Bill Johnson and seconded by DG Travis Burton to accept the report as presented. Motion approved. A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

DG Dean Rowland reported that the Special Dues Committee met December 1, and 15, 2022. After a general discussion of how the state budget has been affected by the decline in membership since 2014, the committee decided it was time to begin making recommendations for a due's increase. Attached you will find the changes in the proposed Resolution.

After completing the changes in the proposed Resolution, the committee voted to adopt the attached Resolution document with the proposed dues increases.

DG Rowland presented the Resolution to the 2022-23 Council of Governors. A motion was made by DG Pat Snodgrass seconded by Dean Rowland adopt this resolution for presentation to the delegates at the Arkansas Lions State Convention on April 26, 2023, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

### **New Business:**

A brief discussion on the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum. CC Don Young reminded to attend the breakout session and the two general session on Membership and Fundraising panels.

DG Dean reported that our State Convention Chair was not able to attend the Mid-Winter Forum today. A brief discussion was held on the MD7 Annual State Convention. Save the Date – Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 2023. The convention will be at Hilton Garden Inn, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Registration forms and a Price List for program book Ads will be available soon. Friday night will offer a “Black tie optional;” dinner with local entertainment before and after the meal. The host hotel will be Hilton Garden Inn and Holiday Inn. PCC Don Young announced our state meeting speaker will be PID Bill Phillipi, from Kanas.

A discussion was held on registering for events online. It was recommended to research this for next convention.

DG Travis Burton announced his intentions to run for Council Chair for 2023-2024.

PDG Wanda Green said that the MD7 Annual State Award are due by March 1, 2023. Resolution to be presented to the 2023 convention are due by February 22, 2023. A motion was made by DG Dean Rowland and seconded by DG Pat Snodgrass to donate the pin collection by PID Herman West to World Service for the Blind. Motion Passed

### **Committee Reports/District Governor's Report – attached**

DG Dean Rowland made a motion and seconded by DG Bill Johnson to accept the written reports as presented. Motion passed.

Dates for Council Meeting: State Convention – April 21, 2023.

CC Don Young adjourned the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Travis Burton. Council Secretary

PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary

Action Items:

1. Resolution from Council of Governor to Increase Dues approved to submit to State Office for consideration.
2. PDG Green will present the PID Herman West pin collection to WSB,

***District 7-L-District Governor Travis Burton***

Number of Clubs to Date: 26 Number of Lions to Date: 648 Status Quo Clubs: zero  
Problem Clubs: two

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 0 Net Losses to Date: -7

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: five

Dates to Remember in Your District: Cabinet meeting 2-28-23

Comments: General Health & Welfare of District: moving on after covid. GLT Team will be collaborating with clubs in trouble.

***District 7-I - District Governor Dean Rowland***

Number of Clubs to Date: 30 Number of Lions to Date: 602 Status Quo Clubs: zero  
Problem Clubs: Gentry and Siloam Springs

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 19 Net Losses to Date:

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: twelve

Dates to Remember in Your District: February 16-Cabinet Meeting

Comments: General Health & Welfare of District: Guiding Lion has been assigned to Gentry & Siloam Springs. Goals this year are membership/service reports/officer training/LCIF/Leos

***District 7-O - District Governor Pat Snodgrass***

Number of Clubs to Date: 23 Number of Lions to Date: 493 Status Quo Clubs: zero  
Problem Clubs: Searcy we have added new members

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 0 Net Losses to Date: -26

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: fourteen

Dates to Remember in Your District: Cabinet Meeting 2-21-23 (86 birthday)

Comments: General Health & Welfare of District: Working on Leadership.

***District 7-N - District Governor Bill Johnson***

Number of Clubs to Date: 24 Number of Lions to Date: 430 Status Quo Clubs: zero  
Problem Clubs: Gravel Ridge

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 2 Net Losses to Date:

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: sixteen

Dates to Remember in Your District: Cabinet Meeting 2-18-23, 10:00-12:00

Comments: General Health & Welfare of District: Des Arc Lions sponsored the District and MD7 Peace Poster winner. Congratulations! Ireland Saul

**Global Leadership Team Coordinator: Myrna McGee, PCC**

I will be presenting Guiding Lion Training at the Mid-winter Leadership Forum.

**Global Membership Team Coordinator: Rene Roberts, PDG**

I like to thank the council for the Membership session to be held at the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum.

**Peace Poster: CC Don Young**

District 7-L – Jess Hawkins Lions Club - Giselle Aguilar

District 7-I - Van Buren – Bailey Blackaby

District 7-O - Jonesboro University Height Lions Club - Jianvo Huag

**District 7-N - Dec Arc Lions Club - Ireland Saul**

**State Office: Wanda Green, PDG**

- The Semi-annual dues statements are ready to be mailed.
- Resolutions due in office by 2-22-23.
- MD7 awards application due in office March 1, 2023.

**MD7 Newsletter Editor: Jeff Davis, PDG**

Thanks to the many club reporters and Lion leaders who contributed to our latest newsletter, it was one of the largest and best! We have many loyal club reporters Lion leaders who contribute regularly, but all clubs as well as members and leaders at any level are encouraged to contribute articles and photos, they would like to share with Arkansas Lions.

The next issue is scheduled for late-February and will recap the Mid-Winter Forum and as well as promoting the State Convention. Reminders will be sent out soliciting reports, photos, and articles.

**Youth Exchange: Vice District Governor Bonda Moyer**

Yesterday I received an invitation to attend the North America Lions Youth Exchange Forum in Atlanta, GA, February 22-24. The purpose is to share ideas to improve our Lions Club Youth Exchange programs to and from North America. The schedule looks great and includes meeting with the Atlanta Lions Club and Past International president Jim Ervin will talk about the “Wide World of Lions.” I hope to attend this Forum but have not made a final decision yet.

**LCIF: Bill Heaston, PCC Chair report by Phyllis Fry, PDG**

LCIF Week January 14

Celebrating Melvin Jones 144 th Birthday

Clubs should be recognizing a Lion with a MJ award

**2021-22 LCIF Contributions Report as of November 2022**

**L- \$14,640**

**I-12,111.60**

**O-7,775.**

**N-9,550.**

**Total for MD 7 \$44,076.10 this is down by \$1,456.25**

**Total Members: 2,177**

**L – 654**

**I-583**

**O-519**

**N-421**

**Fund Raising Goal 2022-2023 – MD7 \$55,514**

**Cash Received: - MD7 - \$13,219 - As of 12/19/22:**

**L-\$5338.**

**I-5400**

**O-731.**

**N-1750**

**Per Member Average: MD7 - \$6**

**L-\$8**

**I-9**

**O-1**

**N-4**

**Per Cent to Goal – MD7 24%**

**L- 32%**

**I-36%**

**O-6%**

**N-16%**

# RESOLUTION

## AMENDMENT TO PRESENT FOR MD7 Constitutions & By-Laws Article XIV, Sections 1 & 5 Revenue

**WHEREAS:** Revenues produced for the State Administrative Fund by the current MD7 dues structure have been found by the MD7 Council of Governors to be insufficient to effectively fund MD7 administrative operations and therefore necessitates a semi-annual increase of \$2.00 per member. The change will result in a total annual increase in member dues by \$4.00 per member.

**Be It Therefore Hereby Resolved** that Article XIV; Section 1 be changed to read as below (to correct unclear language) and that Article XIV; Section 5, (a) be changed from \$0.50 to \$1.00; Section 5, (b) be changed from \$0.25 to \$0.75; Section 5, (c) be changed from \$5.25 to \$6.25; Section 5, (d) be deleted (as unneeded) upon adoption of this resolution.

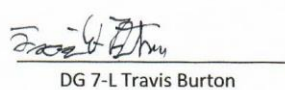
**SECTION 1: The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30, inclusive. Each respective District within MD7 shall levy a minimum semi-annual per capita dues of \$8.00 upon each active member, honorary member, member-at-large, life member and affiliate member. In addition to the minimum set forth above, delegates at the respective annual District Conventions may, by majority vote, approve an amount above the minimum for use in the District Administrative Fund.**

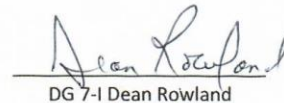
**SECTION 5: Revenue received under Section 5 (a), (b) and (c) of this Article from the semiannual billings based on membership reported as of June 30 and December 31, shall be distributed as follows:**

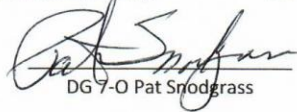
- a) **\$ 1.00 to the State Convention Fund - to be used exclusively for the Arkansas Lions State Convention.**
- b) **\$0.75 to the Mid-Winter Forum Fund - to be used exclusively for the Arkansas Lions Mid-Winter Forum.**
- c) **\$6.25 to the State Administrative Fund.**


This resolution is adopted by the MD7 Council of Governors on the 14th day of January 2023, for presentation to the delegates at the Arkansas Lions State Convention on April 26, 2023, in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

  
Council Chair Don Young

  
DG 7-L Travis Burton

  
DG 7-I Dean Rowland

  
DG 7-O Pat Snodgrass

  
DG 7-N Bill Johnson

## Special Committee Meeting for MD7 Dues Increase Recommendations

December 14, 2022

**Members:** Chair-7-I DG Dean Rowland, PDG 7-L Rene Roberts, PDG 7-O Roy Patterson, DG 7-L Travis Burton, DG 7-O Pat Snodgrass, DG 7-N Bill Johnson

**Attendees:** All Present

**Guests:** CC Don Young, State Secretary Wanda Green

Meeting on December 14, 2022, Started at 7:04 pm via Zoom

**Thank you:** I would like to thank each of the Special Committee members for their time, thoughts, and opinions during our meetings. We all understand the impact this will have on our membership and want them to understand what a hard task this was to complete for the Special Committee members. Also, we would like to thank our visitors for their input. They work tirelessly to make things run as smoothly and efficiently as possible and their help was greatly appreciated.

**Recap:** The Special Committee established by MD7 has met two times in the month of December. The first meeting was held on December 1, 2022, where the groundwork began with much discussion about the history of dues and how they are used in the MD7 budget, and in each district. Our second meeting was held on December 14, 2022. Special guests were CC Don Young and State Secretary Wanda Green.

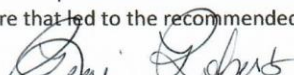
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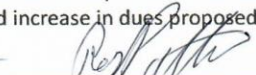
A motion to adopt the proposed **Resolution** to amend the present MD7 Constitution and By-Laws, Article XIV, Sections 1 and 5, Revenue, was made by: PDG 7-L Rene Roberts, 2nd was by DG 7-N Bill Johnson. The vote was 6 in favor and none against. The Proposed Resolution is attached.


With the increase in dues recommended by the Special Committee to the Council of Governors, this concludes the task assigned to the Special Committee which was to study the Arkansas Lion Administration Fund due's structure that led to the recommended increase in dues proposed. Meeting ended at 8:05pm.


Dean Rowland, DG  
Committee Chairperson

  
encl., Resolution docs., Explanation doc.

  
PDG Rene Roberts

  
PDG Roy Patterson

  
DG Travis Burton

  
DG Pat Snodgrass

  
DG Bill Johnson

**Explanation of implementation of Article XIV; Section 5, (a), (b), (c).**

The changes the Special Committee is recommending, equates to a \$4 per year membership increase which is a \$2 increase per member billed semi-annually.

Section 5; (a) goes from \$0.50 to \$1.00 for the State Convention Fund semi-annually

Section 5; (b) goes from \$0.25 to \$0.75 for the Mid-Winter Forum semi-annually

Section 5; (c) goes from \$5.25 to \$6.25 for the State Administrative Fund semi-annually

Section 5 totals went from \$6.00 per <u>semi-annual dues</u>	(a)	0.50	to	1.00
	(b)	0.25		0.75
	(c)	+ 5.25		+ 6.25
	totals	\$6.00	to	\$8.00