



Arkansas Lions MD-7

Council of Governors Meeting

October 7, 2022

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: 1st VDG Toni Shockley, PCC Bill Heaston, PCC Tracy Price, PDG Roy Patterson, PDG Mike Benefield, PDG Carol Allen, PDG Jeff Davis, PDG Phyliss Fry, Betsy Barnes, Phillip Sharp, Tina Sharp, Rita Price, Alfred Blair, Linda Damron, Bill Mattler, Robert Harty, Don Ellis, Ricky Bailey, and PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary. Special Guest: PID Bill Philippi.

The second MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2022-2023 was held on October 7, 2022, at Gardner Memorial Life Center – 104 S. 5th Street, Ozark, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p. 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. CC Young introduced our special guest PID Bill Philippi and the sitting Council of Governors for 2022-23.

The minutes from the Council Meeting, July 16, 2022, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Dean Rowland seconded by Pat Snodgrass to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

DG Dean Rowland, Council Treasurer, presented the MD7 Financial Report as of September 30, 2022. A motion made by DG Travis Burton and seconded by DG Pat Snodgrass to accept the report as presented. Motion approved. A copy will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

PCC Bill Heaston, LCIF Chair, presented the update on the Teleretinal Diabetic Retinopathy Screening, hundreds have been screened at the UAMS Family Medical Centers: Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Batesville, Jonesboro, Helena, Pine Bluff, Magnolia, Texarkana, Little Rock, Rahling Road, & The Longevity Clinic. Screening saves eyesight.

PCC Bill Heaston, updated the status of the Group Home Renovation – World Service for the Blind. Completion is scheduled in early 2023. Countless blind and

visually impaired people with I/DD in Arkansas are waiting for a safe and secure home to learn, live and achieve. Will you help us build that home?

CC Don Young appointed DG Dean Rowland to write a Resolution to increase the MD7 Dues, to present at the 2023 Arkansas Lions State Convention. DG Dean Rowland reported more information will be available soon.

New Business:

A brief discussion on the Mid-Winter Leadership Forum. CC Don Young reminded everyone this event was for training. PDG Mike Benefield reviewed a questionnaire. CC Don Young recommended to table the questionnaire and will hold a joint meeting with the Host Committee and Council of Governors. Recommendation passed.

Earlier suggested session was Round Table Officer's Q & A, Membership, Panel of Unique Fundraising, Panel on Hosting an event. (District, Midwinter Leadership Forum, and State Convention) Lion PDG Mike will invite a motivational guest speaker.

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 coming soon.

PCC Myrna McGee, Global Leadership Coordinator has completed the Zone Chair and Club Officer Training. A training will be schedule for Guiding Lions soon.

PCC Bill Heaston, asked the District Governor's to request the clubs elect a representative for LCIF coordinators.

CC Don Young reminded the DGs the deadline for Peace Poster. November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster to the district governor. December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one district winning to CC Don Young. December 1: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to International Headquarter.

PDG Wanda Green said that the MD7 Annual State Award are due by March 1, 2023. The John Barnett, Jim Fowler and Ed Barry applications are on web site.

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: Mid-Winter Leadership Forum & State Convention – May 21, 2023.

CC Don Young adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Travis Burton. Council Secretary

PDG Wanda Green, State Secretary

Action Items:

1. MD7 Leadership Chair, PCC Myrna McGee to schedule Guiding Lion training.
2. DG Dean Rowland will write a Resolution from the council on a State Dues Increase.
3. Council Chair to schedule meeting with Mid-Winter Host Committee and council.

Council of Governors Meeting – December 14, 2022

Members: CC Don Young, DG 7-L Travis Burton, DG 7-I Dean Rowland, DG 7-O Pat Snodgrass, DG 7-N Bill Johnson

Attendees: State Secretary Wanda Green, PDG Rene Roberts, PDG Roy Patterson

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

Immediately before a Special Committee Meeting, there was a brief Council of Governors meeting to approve the minutes from our meeting on 12-1-2022. The results: Motion by DG 7-N Bill Johnson to approve the minutes of our meeting on 12-1-2022. Second to the motion was made by DG 7-L Travis Burton.

The motions passed 4-0 and the meeting was concluded at 7:10 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Special Committee Chair/Council Meeting December 1, 2022

7-I DG Dean Rowland

Special Committee-Investigate 2023-2024 Dues Increase for MD-7

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

Attendees: All present plus CC Don Young

Meeting on December 1, 2022, Started at 7:02 pm via Zoom.

Part 1.

CC Don Young initiated the first part of the meeting. The Council members were sent documents by email Tuesday night by Mid-Winter Chair, Mike Benefield, to review before this meeting. There was discussion about each of the three documents presented. After discussion, each were presented and voted upon separately. The results are:

a.) Budget – Motion by 7-I DG Dean Rowland to accept the Mid-Winter Forum budget as

presented. Second by 7-N DG Bill Johnson. The motion Passed with three for and one nay vote **by** 7-O DG Pat Snodgrass.

b.) Agenda – Motion by 7-I DG Dean Rowland to accept the agenda for the Mid-Winter Forum as presented. Second by 7-L DG Travis Burton. The motion Passed unanimously.

c.) Registration Page – Motion 7-I DG Dean Rowland to accept the Mid-Winter Forum registration form as presented. Second by 7-N DG Bill Johnson. The motion Passed unanimously.

The motions passed and this part of the meeting was concluded.

Governors suggested a map of the ATU Campus be provided with meeting room(s) marked and parking information provided.

Part 2.

Special Committee Chair DG Dean Rowland led the second part of the meeting. Once this meeting was called to order there was a lot of discussion about how the Multiple District bills for dues, and how much is being billed for each semi-annual billing. Also, questions were brought up as to why an increase is needed. After much debate and discussion, it was agreed that more information is needed before our next meeting on December 14th, by Zoom, at 7:00 pm. Such as:

- 1.) How an increase in dues affects the districts.
- 2.) How should money (increased dues money) be spent along with where it might be needed.
- 3.) Information is needed about how dues increase funds will affect the budget.

Each member will look at their District Budgets along with MD7 Budget to get an idea of how an increase in dues by the MD7 will affect their district and come up with an idea of how to implement an increase in dues if it considered necessary by this committee. Chair DG Dean Rowland will ask State

Secretary Wanda Green to attend the next meeting to help answer questions about dues increase. At this time, the meeting was adjourned, 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Special Committee Chair

7-I DG Dean Rowland

District 7-L-DG Travis Burton

Number of Clubs to Date: 26 Number of Lions to Date: 656 Status Quo Clubs: zero
Problem Clubs:

Net Gain in Membership to Date: 1 Net Losses to Date:

Number of Official Visits Made to Date: two

Dates to Remember in Your District: **District** Convention October 22, 2022, with District Cabinet Meeting included.

Comments: At the end of July the pacemaker lead that feeds the bottom chamber of my heart totally stopped working after 7 & 1/2 years due to scar tissue build up fully surrounding the lead and preventing any signal from passing between the pacemaker & heart. The lead feeding the top chamber is still working. On September 7th I had pacemaker lead revision surgery at St Vincent Infirmary. My lifting & movement restrictions ended today, and normal activities have now resumed.

District 7-I – DG Dean Rowland

District 7-1 has 30 Clubs. There are 587 members as of October 2, 2022. Status Quo Clubs are zero. Problem Clubs are one.

The Net Gain in Membership to Date is +4. We are up in membership to 587 as of October 2. I have visited four clubs to date, and all are doing well.

Comments: One of my first priorities as DG was to begin training for our Zone Chairs of District 7-1. With the help of GLT Myrna McGee, we scheduled trainings for our 8 Zone Chairs. Our first meeting was a Zoom Meet and Greet. This went well with expectations of the upcoming year shared. Training began a few weeks later and all have been trained to date. Plans are to follow up this month to see how things are going. We have found out by a ZC visit that we have a Club in NW Arkansas that is struggling and needs intervention. Bentonville Breakfast has asked that the DG team visit their Haunted House Event in October for a membership drive. The details are

being finalized and will be ready for my next report. Officer trainings followed with a lot participating from 7-1.

At the time of this reports writing, we are less than 1 week from 7-I Convention time. We have a good schedule of events and speakers with PID Bill Phillipi & Vickie of Marysville, KS being the main speaker(s).

District 7-N- DG Bill Johnson

District 7-N has 24 Active Clubs and 1 Leo Club. As of this report most District Lions Clubs are meeting on a regular basis. As of October 2, 2022, District 7-N has 423 members with twelve new members since 7/1/2022. LCI shows 17 Members dropped during this period, but club records show that seven of those were officially dropped prior to 7/1/2022 but not recorded by LCI. Inquiry has been sent to LCI. Without this correction the district has a net loss of five in membership year to date. Discussions have taken place concerning the establishing a Campus Club at the University of Arkansas Little Rock.

Since 7/1/2022 I have visited 8 District 7-N Lions Clubs. It was my pleasure to install officers for six clubs and my honor to induct eleven new members during these visits. Additional club visits are planned for October and November. All club visits went well with good attendance and active discussion concerning the local Lions Club membership recruitment and service to the community.

Training for District Zone Chairs and Club Officers was a priority and thanks to PDG Myrna McGee excellent training sessions were provided across Multiple District 7 via Zoom. District 7-N took full advantage of this training and District GLT Chairperson Betsy Barnes also followed up with club officers who were not available for the group training.

The district 7-N Convention will be held on Saturday, November 12 at the Aloft Hotel in west Little Rock. Registration Forms and Convention Flyer are available. The Convention Keynote Speaker will be International Director Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina from San Antonio, TX. ID TJ and his wife Juanita will arrive Friday, November 11 and be available for an informal meet and greet that evening at 5:30 PM in the Hotel Lounge. Other Convention sessions will be on social media/Public Relations and Global Membership Approach (GMA).

District 7-O – DG Pat Snodgrass

As of this report we have twenty-three active Clubs in 7-O. Most of them are starting to meet, but several are still reluctant to hold public meetings. Causes being from not having space available or members still holding back.

In the visit that PDG Roy Patterson and I have made, the spirit is strong and good. Willing to serve their communities. Several clubs have successful fund raisers and are planning of activities this fall.

23 ACTIVE CLUBS ~511 CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS DOWN 8 from beginning of Lions year 519

District Convention October 15 at Harrisburg, AR.

Visits to several township in the aspiration of starting new clubs. Arkansas State Campus club is getting started, eleven students are currently active in starting club.

Overall attitude or spirit of District is Good. Couple of clubs I dire need of Guiding Lions, of which we are striving to obtain. Zone Chairs have been visiting clubs and support all the information that I have been reporting.

Constitution and By-Laws: PCC Jeremy Kimble

After talking to ID Youney, he recommended that we update our C & B to more align with international. I have informed the district chairs of my intentions and we all are looking over and comparing the C & B's and will meet soon to make recommended changes and send it to the council for approval. With harvest in full swing and the rice festival in planning, and then the conventions, and holidays, it will be the first of the year before we can meet. We will have the changes sent in before the deadline so we can move forward.

Global Leadership Team: PCC Myrna McGee

We have done Zone Chair training and Club Officer Training. Have had many ZCs and Club Officers take advantage of the training. Will send DGs the persons from their individual Districts who took the training.

I have been happy to see the number of District and Club officers who participated in the training, as this is the first time, we have offered MD 7 training for all Lions who desired this training.

Am planning to offer Guiding Lion training soon— this is so important, and I feel we should have many Lions trained whether they plan to be Guiding Lions or not. There is so much information included that all Lions would find helpful in their individual Clubs.

LCIF: PCC Bill Heaston

All the Districts have named their District LCIF Coordinators. In 7-L it is 2VDG Toni Shockey, 7-I PDG Phyliss Fry and 7-O DG Pat Snodgrass. I am the District Coordinator for 7-N and the MD-7 LCIF Coordinator.

Each Lions Club should have appointed their Club LCIF Coordinator to work with their District Coordinators. With the Lions Clubs, District and Multiple District LCIF Coordinators all in place Arkansas can continue the outstanding support to LCIF as we have in previous years.

The LCIF Staff at Lions International will be conducting a two-day training session in Chicago on October 15-16. DG Pat will not be attending because of his District Convention is that same weekend, PDG Phyliss also has another commitment. 2VDG

Toni and I will be attending this two-day training session. We hope to bring back innovative ideas on the promotion of LCIF.

Lions International would like to see all Lion Clubs throughout the Multiple District name a LCIF Club Coordinator to work with their District Coordinators during this Lions Year.

Peace Poster: CC Don Young

Lions' clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.

Newsletter: PDG Jeff Davis

As always, thanks for all your club and district contributors. Because of you, we share our successes with Lions all over Arkansas.

District Governors, it is convention time, and I would encourage you to appoint someone to photograph and report on your conventions for the newsletter. Not only to share the event, but hopefully, by showing and sharing our conventions, we will encourage our fellow members to start taking part in more district and state events.

Finally, I do not have exact publishing dates for our five issues each year. My intention has always to plan issue dates to maximize publicity for upcoming events. Our next issue is planned for mid-November to include district convention reports as well as information and registration forms for January's Mid-Winter Forum and April's State Convention.

Youth Involvement: VDG Bonda Moyer

LCI shows that there are ten active Leo Clubs in MD 7. However, some do not show members. Others show only one member. Your help in determining what Leo Clubs we have that are active would be helpful. Here are the Clubs and the number of Members listed. I realize with a new school year there may need to be added.

Garrett Memorial sponsored by Hope Club – 13

Clubs having one member

DeWitt High School – DeWitt Club

Greene County Tech High School – Paragould Club

Manila – Manila Club

Yerger Middle School – Hope Club

Leo Clubs showing no members

Elkins Community Outreach – Elkins Club

Harrison – Harrison Club
Jessieville High School – Hot Springs Evening Club
Paragould High School – Paragould Club
Stuttgart High School – Stuttgart Club

I have a list of 172 locations of Youth Camps and Exchanges for the coming year. I you have youth interested in being a part of an exchange contact me for a location in which you student might be interested. I hope we can encourage both sending and receiving students this year. Now is the time to start recruiting for the summer. Also, students in the southern hemisphere often come to the United States on their summer break which might be January – February.

I am attaching a letter from the YCE chairperson in Belgium. He speaks well about the value of the YCE program.

Convid-19? Was Covid-19 a threat or an opportunity?

There is no doubt about it, the pandemic had a serious impact on the life of millions of people Not on the ones who died, but on all their family members and friends who had to cope with the loss of a loved ones. But it is also an opportunity for all those youngsters being the ones who will determine the future of our planet.

When you participate in the YCE-program of Lions, you have the opportunity to meet families in this world and discuss with them on how they see the evolution. And, even better, you will meet youngsters from all over the world in the camp that is organized in every YCE-program.

With them you can exchange ideas on what is needed for us, as human race, to cope with the challenges that are ahead of us. There is no better way for you if you are concerned about the future, to meet people from all over the world and understand what their opinions and visions are.

We all are influenced strongly by the environment we live in, but the duty we have is to step out and listen and understand what the vision is from other people, with other cultures and other viewpoints.

The YCE-programs offers you the opportunity to meet families living in completely other circumstances and to meet youngsters from all over the world. Grab this opportunity and the possibility to be a significant individual in the process of change we need so necessary.

Paul Berghmans – LC Mechelen - Belgium

State Office: PDG Wanda Green

MD7 Annual State Awards ~ Please honor someone in your district for the MD7 Awards. These are due by March 1, 2023. John H. Barnett, Jim Fowler, and Ed Barry. These applications are in web site. All district dues are paid.