



**Arkansas Lions MD-7  
Council of Governors Meeting  
July 30, 2016**

**Meeting Recap**

**Participants:** Bill Hankins, Council Chair  
John Collier, District Governor 7-L  
Bobby Tucker, District Governor 7-I  
Bill Levins, District Governor 7-O  
Barbara Williams, District Governor 7-N

**Guests:** Don Draper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, PDG Leanna Rich, Tracy Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, PCC Earlene Hankins, PCC Ken Swanson, Myrna McGee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, Phillip Taylor, Art Ritter, PDG, Norine Westerbeck, PDG, Diane Archer, PDG, Patty O'Bannon, Ron Williams, Lynn Williams, James Griffin, PDG, Matt Webber, PCC, Candy Kayce, and PDG Wanda Barnett, State Secretary.

The third MD-7 Council Meeting for fiscal year 2016-2017 was held on July 30, 2016 at the World Services for the Blind, 2811 Fair Park Boulevard, Little Rock, AR 72204. The meeting was called to order at 2:54 pm. by Council Chair Bill Hankins and prayer led by DG Bobby Tucker, and a moment of silence for PDG John Lewis.

CC Hankins welcomed the members of the council and guests.

CC Hankins called upon Lion Davenport for the audit. DG Tucker reported that the audit for 2016 has not been completed at this time.

DG Tucker, Council Treasurer, presented the 2016-17 Budget. He stated that an increase in rental and phone had been modified. A proposed balanced Budget was submitted which calls for expense and income of \$39,132.50. DG Tucker made a motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by DG Collier. Motion approved by unanimous vote. A copy will be filed for audit.

The minutes from the July 12, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by DG Levins and seconded by DG Tucker to approve the minutes as presented. Discussion followed. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

**Old Business:**

Appointment of State Chairs: The District Governors will present a thank you letter to the MD7 Chairs at a later date.

**New Business:**

State Convention 2018: PDG Barnett, reminder the council that we did not have a host for the 2018 State Convention.

**Note: Section 2.** *At the State Convention the Council of Governors shall receive invitations from the Club or Clubs desiring to host the State Convention three years hence. All such invitations so received shall be turned over to the incoming Council Chair whose duty it shall be to investigate the facilities at each proposed site and report at the first meeting of the Council. From this information the site and time of the State*

*Convention three years hence shall be set and arrangements made with the host Club or Clubs for the holding of said Convention.*

*In the event no invitations are received, the Council at its first meeting shall name a committee to secure a site and time for holding the State Convention three years hence.*

### **Committee Reports.**

**State Convention 2017:** DG Collier stated the 99<sup>th</sup> State Convention will be held in Hope, Arkansas at the University of Arkansas Community College – Hempstead Hall on April 28-29, 2017. Each district will be asked to provide food for the Friday evening meal. (District 7-N is planning on chill, beans and cornbread.) Our distinguished guests, Governor Asa Hutchinson and PIP Joe Preston have been invited to attend. The Saturday Evening Banquet has been reinstated to make this a memorable and enjoyable event. A recording artist is being secured for a Friday night concert.

**Camp for the Blind:** PDG Westerbeck reported that camp was held July 17-23, 2016, with 75 camper in attendance and 2 guide dogs.

**Constitutions and By-Laws:** PCC Gunter – No report

**GLT:** PDG Rich, reported the same team is on board for 2016-17. Some districts are trying a different format for officer leadership training. Dates have been set for Vice District Governor training: September 10<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>. PDG Rich made a suggestion that the MD7 Constitutions and Bylaws should reflect that the Vice District Governors be mandatory to attend council meeting.

**GMT:** PCC Swanson, reported that the membership goals for 2016-17 is a plus two with 451 dropped members, and 453 new members. The MD7 membership goal for 2016-17 from LCI is a minus 66. The MD7 new clubs goal for 2016-17 is nine clubs. Our average loss in the last five years is 139 members a year. Our membership loss for 2015-16 was 125 members. PCC Swanson reported two districts have identified locations for new clubs. He reminded the Governors now is the time to work on membership and their goals.

**IT Chair:** PCC Carey – No report

**Leos:** PDG Griffin – A brief discussion on appointing a new chair.

**LCIF:** PCC DeGraff – PCC Swanson stated that MD7 did not make our goal this year.

**Lions Alert:** Lion Ellis – No report

**Lions Quest:** Lion Shockey – No report

**Mid Winter 2017:** PCC Swanson reported that the forum will be held at the Durand Center in Harrison, Arkansas on January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A motion was made by DG Levins and seconded by DG Collier to authorize PCC Swanson to sign a contract. Motion passed. PCC Ken presented the Mid Winter Budget and a motion was made by DG Collier and seconded by DG Tucker to accept the report as presented. Motion passed. PCC Ken asked for suggestions/recommendations for a guest speaker and seminars topics.

**Peace Poster:** DG Collier reported that a letter has been sent out to schools in two districts. The theme for the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is “A Celebration of Peace.”

**PDG Association:** President PCC Swanson reported that the PDG Association will be holding a separate meeting from the annual State Convention. PDG Archer is making arrangements for the meeting.

**MD7 Newsletter Chair:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG McGee asked if the DG's message was going to be on a rotation. DG Collier will provide the first communication. Newsletter materials and correspondence to the editor should be sent electronic form and sent to VDG McGee @ mmcgee610@cox.net.

**Strategic Plan:** PDG Fischer – No report

**Youth Exchange:** PDG Ritter stated that he would take this position and asked the District Governors to appoint a District chair to assist.

DG Collier presented a power point on redistricting for MD7. A discussion was held on redistricting and membership.

Lion Taylor reported that the state convention report has been submitted to the State Office. The 2016 surveys have been given to the 2017 Convention Chair, DG Collier.

**Arkansas Lions State Office:** PDG Barnett, state secretary stated that the 2016-2017 directories are available. The 2017 state pins are in production. The State pin (University of Arkansas) 700 @ \$1.05 pc = \$735.00. The Arkansas Razorback Prestige 400 @ \$3.50 pc = \$1,400.00. A motion was made and seconded to set the cost of the 2017 state pin @ \$2.00 and the Prestige pin @ \$4.00. The council agreed to disperse 15 prestige's and 50 state pins for the incoming 2017-18 District Governors. The annual billing for district dues will be sent next week.

**District Governor's Reports** were given by DG John, Bobby, Bill and Barbara.

A brief discussion was held on the new plan recommended by CC Hankins to conduct council meetings for 2016-17. A motion was made by DG Levins to have the MD7 Chairpersons submit a written report when they report to Council. These reports would assist in making the minutes more accurate.

Only two face to face meeting will be available for each MD7 Chairperson to submit a oral report on a rotation basis. This would not exclude a report that need action by the Council.

The motion was seconded by DG Collier. The motion was approved. CC Hankins asked that only District Governors be allowed to use telephone conferencing whenever they could not attend a face to face Council Meeting. This was approved by Council by a majority vote with DG Tucker sustaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Barbara Williams, Secretary