

# Lions Club- District 25-B

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## **It is a New Year!**

Submitted by: DG Ken Krauter

Now, with the holiday season behind us, we have to begin to think of the serious business ahead of our District B. We need to fill the ranks of the five state projects and their Trustees, the Indiana Lions Speech and Hearing Trustees, the Indiana Lions School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Trustees, the Indiana Lions for Leader Dog Trustees, the Indiana Lions Eye and Tissue Bank Trustees, and the Indiana Lions Cancer Control Trustees. Each of our state projects require at least 3 Trustees and some have associates Trustees as well. Club Presidents, this is a great opportunity to encourage your newer members to get involved and become a Trustee of one of the state projects. They will bring back to the club the latest news from the state project which they are a trustee member. They will be a better Lion member from your club. Also, we have to elect a new 2VDG at our District Convention; does your club have a suitable Lion to accept this position? Suitable Lion is a member is one who has already been a zone chair and club president.

Our district has a real need for individuals to help fill District and State leadership positions. We currently have several openings for Zone Chairs, State Project Trustees, and District and State committees. If you have been a club president, you are eligible to be a zone chair. We currently need zone chairs in the northern counties.

This March, at the District Convention, we will be electing trustees for the State Projects. These projects are Leader Dog, Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Eye and Tissue Bank, Speech and Hearing, and Cancer Control. If you have a passion for any of these areas, please consider being a trustee.

Another elected office we need filled is the position of 2nd Vice District Governor.

Committees that need members are Diabetes committee, Law Camp, Peace Poster, Long Range Planning, and Youth Services

The following positions within the district need to be filled for the next year: Law Camp, Emergency Preparedness, Long Range Planning, a Photographer for the district and Diabetes Committee Members.

I hope some of our Lions will step-up and accept one of these positions. This is our district and we should all take part in its operation and leadership.

If you need more information on how to become a zone chair, trustee, 2nd VDG, or committee member, please contact VDG Al Arnold at 260-692-6610 or [pamalarn@centurylink.net](mailto:pamalarn@centurylink.net).

## **Membership & Activity Reporting**

Submitted by: VDG Al Arnold

Membership and Activity reporting is being stressed by Lions Clubs International. It is very important that you file these reports on time. Membership reports are due at midnight on the last day of the month. As of this writing, 42 of 57 clubs are current. There are 15 clubs that are two or more months behind. If you are not current, please get caught up. Reporting is very convenient if done online. Also, if you have issues or need assistance, PDG Kathy Morton can help. She is our District Administrator and can be contacted at 260-344-1339 or [kmorton65@hotmail.com](mailto:kmorton65@hotmail.com).

Service Activity Reports (SAR) are also running behind. These need not be filed monthly but it is recommended that they do. As of this writing, only 23 of 57 clubs have filed an SAR this year. The world-wide rate for all Lions clubs is 47%. We need to improve this reporting. All service projects and fund raisers are activities. You can also submit club meetings as activities. If someone in your club donates blood, volunteers at a food bank, or any other volunteer service,

these can be submitted as a service activity. When a Lion serves others or whether a regular club project or just individually, it can be recorded on the SAR.

So please, if your club is behind on these reports, please submit them as soon as possible. Make it a club New Year's resolution.

### **For Our Club Presidents**

Your objective for this year, as Club President, is to see that your club is a stronger, bigger and better club on June 30, 2016 then it was on July 1, 2015. This won't happen without some goals and a plan. Your top goal for the year should be for your club to earn the "Club Excellence Award". DG Ken's team is here to help you put a plan in place so your club can earn that award.

The components of the "Club Excellence Award" include: meeting regularly, paying your club bills, communicating with your members and community, a donation to the LCIF, utilizing leadership development, working on local service projects, and focusing on membership development.

Some of these tasks will take more planning and effort than others. Especially working on membership development, but PDG Kaylene Souers and her membership team are available to help you put plans in place to grow and develop your membership. Also, having positive attendance at your Zone Meetings will provide you with some tools to accomplish your membership goals.

Another key component is leadership development, which includes taking advantage of the leadership training tools that are available to all Lions. At [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) you will find the "Lions Learning Center" which has an on-line training for club officers among a host of other training opportunities. The district will also offer several officer training sessions later in the year. Leadership Development is the most important ingredient to a strong club and a club that is better able to serve its community.

"The Club Excellence Award" is the key to a successful year. The District Governor's Team will help you earn that award. The award can be found in this month's newsletter or at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) (search "Club Excellence Award")

## **Lions Club Conventions**

### **2016 State Convention**

Submitted by: PDG Marty Juel

The convention is going to be from April 29 – May 1, 2016. The registration forms are available online along with pricing and other information about registering for the convention. Please pay particular attention to the deadlines as stated on those forms:

**Meal costs will INCREASE by \$5 per meal for any registration that is RECEIVED AFTER April 1st.**  
**NO meal reservations will be accepted after April 21st.**

You can download the registration form from the convention website:

<http://indianalionsconvention.org/>

Visit the convention's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ilsc2016/?ref=hl>

(Please LIKE and SHARE the items so your friends will also get new posts as they are made.)

This convention will be unlike many you have attended in the past. The Shipshewana area is truly a destination in itself, and because of its size, everything is very close to the headquarter hotel. And the convention committee has taken every step possible to make sure it will be one of the most affordable conventions. Please do your part to make this a success by sending in your reservations early and avoid any disappointments later.

### **2016 25B District Convention**

Submitted by: VDG Al Arnold

The district convention will be held Saturday, March 19, at the IPFW Holiday Inn in Ft. Wayne. Registration information will be in the February and March newsletter. This year there will be several workshops that you will be able to attend. Topics will include: Everything a New Member Needs to Know About Lions, District and State Leadership Opportunities, and several more workshops. Also, first year Lions and first time attendees of a District Convention may have their registration reimbursed upon attending one of these workshops. Along with the workshops there will be our regular Convention business and elections.

**Please make plans to attend!**

## **USABA Housing Fund** **Raising Success!**

District 25B receives \$100,000.00 Check from LCIF to complete the fund rising part of our USABA project. Thanks for all you have done to make this project a major success.



Cabinet Treasurer Richard Hill and DG Ken Krauter depositing the \$100,000.00 check from LCIF into our account.

## **Random Thoughts**

Submitted by: ZC Roger Cash

As we begin this New Year of 2016, we are entering the last half of the Lion Year 2015-16. Many may say it is time to take it easy, but it is really time to make that second push to the finish line. Some things to be striving for are: membership growth, higher visibility in the community and the election and training of new club and district officers.

The membership growth means we have to ask more individuals to join with us in servicing the community. It also means retaining our current members. I for one try always to carry a card with my club's information I can leave with people plus a membership application. It helps to know what, when and how much money and time is expected of the new member. As to retention we must look at are we doing all we can to meet the expectations of our membership in our service projects.

The next aids in membership growth and that is improving our visibility in the community. This accomplished in a number of ways. One way is to ensure that when you are doing service projects the members wear their Lion vest or other apparel with the Lion logo visible. Pictures and articles about the projects need to be submitted to the local press and, when it is possible, get the press to come out and observe the project. Websites and Facebook pages are another way to raise visibility of the club.

Now, for the hard part: the election and training of Lion officers. LCI provides free on-line training for club and district officers. Plus, training is provided at Zone Meetings, Cabinet Meetings, and State Council Meetings. There is also the Indiana Lions Leadership Forum and the USA/Canada Forum. Over the years I have found the better trained and educated our club members and officers are the more we accomplish and the more we grow.

## **CLUB PRESIDENTS HOLD THE** **KEYS TO OUR SUCCESS**

Our association's energy radiates from each club. So naturally, club presidents are at the heart of our success. They have the power to succeed. They have the power to affect change. They have the power to transform the way we do business. So I am asking club presidents to transform the atmosphere of their club. Transform the club to one in which members feel confident and to one which works in unison with the community it serves, thereby garnering respect. Wouldn't it be wonderful if new members came to us instead of the other way around?

1. Increased value in being a member (better education for new members)
2. Making clubs that members are proud to be in (improving club satisfaction)
3. High quality service projects (relevant to the actual needs of the general community)
4. Serving with family members (because "Ask One" starts at home)
5. More female members and young members (the ideal man to women ratio is 1:1)
6. Being leaders in the community (more leadership training)
7. Thinking outside the box (reform of inefficient practices, customs and policies)

## January Membership Key

Submitted by: PDG Kaylene Souers, GMT

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe this Lions year is half over. How are you doing with meeting your goals for this year? January is the perfect time to both look back at what has been accomplished and forward to make the next six months even better.

Our Leadership has frequently talked about re-evaluating our clubs to make sure we are relevant in the community and meeting needs of those around us. However, we also need to care for our members. Have you noticed decreased attendance at meetings? In the recent *Hoosier Lion*, Council Chair Jeff Schaefer asked a great question. "What can your Club do to keep you as a member?" Our members need to feel the time they spend at meetings is worthwhile and that they are an important part of the club. Take a few minutes to think about what it takes to keep you as a Lion. You may be surprised what you learn.

Many tools are available to look at our clubs including the Healthy Club Toolkit and the Member Satisfaction Survey. But the best tool may be a phrase we've used a lot to promote membership ... **Just Ask!** If you have members that have missed 2 or more meetings in a row, follow up with a phone call to check in. We all need to know that we are missed. It might be a scheduling conflict or illness but it also could be a situation that can be remedied if you know there is a problem.

Let's resolve to make 2016 a year of energized Lions with a renewed passion for service.

## MEMBERSHIP MINUTE SEGMENT 2

Submitted by: Lion Bev Fiandt

This Membership Minute continues to focus on the outcomes of the organizational convention in Dallas, Texas, during October 1917.

An early development was the choice of colors to represent the ideas around which Lions Clubs would be organized. Delegates chose the colors purple and gold. Purple symbolizes Loyalty to

country, friends, and self; with integrity of mind and heart, including courage and dedication to a cause.

Gold stands for purity, sincerity, and generosity in mind, heart, and purse towards ALL Mankind. These colors serve as a banner to all who see it, as well as a reminder to Lions members themselves.

The delegates expressed new found purpose for their progressive organization in a list of six objectives. The Lions Clubs Objects outlines the aims and goals of Lions. It is up to the individual Clubs to use the General Objectives for specific purposes.

These objects are:

- TO CREATE AND FOSTER a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- TO UNITE THE CLUBS in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- TO PROVIDE A FORUM for open discussion of ALL matters; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by Club Members.
- TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, profession, public work, and private endeavors.

To this day Lions are inspired by our symbolic colors and aspire to the objects of Lions Clubs.

## Future Newsletter Articles

Submitted by: Carrie Healey, Newsletter Editor

To submit articles for future newsletters please email them directly to [76healey@gmail.com](mailto:76healey@gmail.com) with your name and title. Make sure you specify which month you would like your article to appear in.



## **LCIF-A Great Opportunity**

Submitted by: PID Dave Fiandt

Would you like a great opportunity to honor the members of your club? This year's State Convention is being held in our district in April/May. The convention will be held in Shipshewana and will feature our International President Dr. Yamada. At the noon luncheon, on Saturday April 30, he will be presenting Melvin Jones Fellowships to any Lion who earns one this Lions year. All your club needs to do is bring the recipient's plaque and pin for presentation and have the recipient attend the luncheon. It can be done as a surprise presentation if so desired.

Any Lion can be honored with a donation of only \$1000 to our Foundation. Information and donations can be made by going to [www.lionclubs.org](http://www.lionclubs.org) and going to the LCIF link. Most clubs in the district already have members who have balances that can be applied to Fellowships; many clubs have unnamed balances that can be applied to any member. Several of these balances exceed \$1000! All of the rest can be completed with an additional donation. These donations can be done on line with plenty of time to receive them prior to the convention. With all of balances available there is no reason why "B" cannot have the most members presented Fellowships by Dr. Yamada. What a great way to honor your members, in a public setting.

The following clubs have members with balances of at least \$100; or have unnamed balances that can be applied to anyone: Albion; Andrews; Angola; Arcola (3); Ashley-Hudson; Auburn (7); Auburn Classic (3); Bippus; Bluffton; Cedar Creek; Churubusco; Clear Lake; Columbia City; Cromwell-Kimmel; Decatur; Central (5); Chapel Ridge; Coliseum; Foster Park; Shoaff Park; Hamilton; Harlan; Heritage; Howe; Hometown; Huntington; Kendallville; Larwill; Ligonier; Monroe; Monroeville; New Haven; Orland, Ossian; Pleasant Lake; Roanoke; Rome City; South Whitley; St. Joe; Stroh; Topeka; Tri Lakes; Union Twp.; Waterloo; Waynedale; Wolcottville; Woodburn and Zanesville. In addition the Sharing Hearts and West Noble Lions clubs have significant balances.

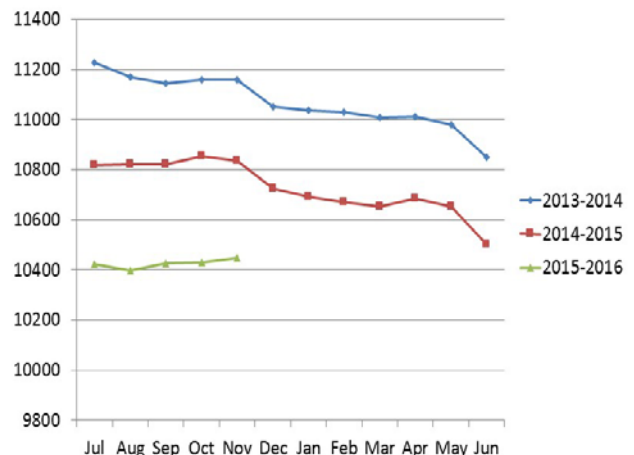
Contact me at [hdfiandt@comcast.net](mailto:hdfiandt@comcast.net) and I can provide you with the names of members with balances and those amounts; along with the "unnamed" balances that can be applied to anyone. Again several of those balances are in excess of \$1000! Let's take advantage of a great opportunity to recognize and honor our members for their contributions!

## **Membership Trends**

Submitted by: Jeff Schafer

It is apparent that all of the efforts are making an impact and have had a change on our membership decline. As you can see by the graph we have compared the past two years. It doesn't appear that you have a large bump in membership over October and November but a steady incline (positive slope for those interested in math terms!). By comparison to the previous years, you're at a - 54 as of November, compared to -94 in 2013-2014 and -14 in 2014-2015. But the important mark is December when there was - 202 in 2013-2014 and -124 in 2014-2015 Lions lost. Our membership and retention issue is like turning an aircraft carrier, it will take some time to complete. However, it seems that we are in the middle of that turn and if we can come out of December somewhere under 100 losses we're half way there!

### ***2014-2016 MD 25 Membership Trend***



## **25 B District Cabinet Meeting Agenda - January 30, 2016**

11:30 AM - PDG MEETING

11:45 AM - Cabinet Meeting

HISTORY CENTER, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne, In.

WELCOME: ZC Linda Garfield & ZC Keith Hanson

Pledge: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al Arnorld

Song: PDG Kaylene Souers

Invocation: Chaplain Gerald Smelser

Introduction of head table: ZC Keith Hanson

IPDG Report: PDG Steve Hanan

Business Meeting Chaired by D.G. Ken Krauter

Call to Order: DG Ken Krauter

Secretary's Report: CS Cheryl Okuly

Treasurer's Report: CT PDG Richard Hill

BREAK FOR SPECIAL MEETING: DG Ken Krauter

Break For Lunch: 12:30

PM: Tail Twister Fred Inniger

Guest Speaker(s): PDG Nick Xinopoulos , Chairman of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, inc

Global Membership Team: PDG Kaylene Souers

Global Leadership Team: PID Dave Fiandt

State Projects (limit to 3 minutes each):

USABA Grant: DG Ken Krauter and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG AL Arnorld

Lions Cancer Control: PDG Richard Hill

Lions Eye and Tissue Bank: PDG Freddy Bolton

Leader Dog: Gerry Ehle

Lions for ISBVI: 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al Arnold

Lions Speech and Hearing: ZC Rev Paul Row

Indiana Lions Foundation: PCC Robert Morton

Lions Centennial Celebration: PCC Robert Morton

Lions R.A.P. : Lion Linda Madden

District Committee Reports (limit to 3 minutes)

Activities: Kenneth Edwards

Audit: 1<sup>st</sup> Al Arnold

Budget and Finance: PCC/PDG Greg Jeffery

Constitution: Karan Harrold

Diabetes: PDG Freddy Bolton

Eye Glass Recycling:

Helping Hands: PDG Jim Wyatt

International Understanding: PCC Greg Jeffrey

Law Camp: PDG Kathy Morton

Leo Clubs: Pat Ehle

LCIF: PID Dave Fiandt

Nomination & Elections: PDG Joseph Frymier

Operation Friendship: Pat Ehle

Resolution/ Rules: PCC Herb Gaff

USA/Canada Forum: DG Ken Krauter

Web Page: Lion Ryan Holt

Public Relations: Lion Pati Krauter

Sight Conservation: PCC Paul Rider

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZONE CHAIRS REPORTS

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Al Arnold Remarks' and DG Ken Krauter Remarks'

TAIL TWISTING and 50/50 Raffle

ADJOURNMENT

### WHO CAN VOTE

Per the District 25-B Lions Club District Constitution (2010). Voting members of the Cabinet shall be composed of the **District Governor**, the first and second Vice District Governors and the **Zone Chairpersons of the District**. All **current 25-B Presidents** will have voting rights when attending the District Governor's Cabinet Meeting. In the absence of the President the current club Secretary in attendance would be granted those voting rights.

The elected and appointed Committee members of the District are ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Cabinet.

## Amendments

Submitted by: PDG Ann Haffner, Chairperson & MD 25 Constitution and By-Laws Committee

District Governors approved the drafting of amendments I, II, III and IV because of changes in the International Constitution and By-Laws at the Honolulu Convention last summer since we are bound to comply with those changes. Amendment V was submitted by the MD 25 Long Range Planning Committee.

Council of Governors will have their Third Council Meeting January 9 and will vote on the proposed amendments at that date.

Please see the proposed amendments below:

### **AMENDMENT**

#### **ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS**

##### **OLD**

Article VI - State Convention

Section 4.

(a) Each club in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one (1) year and one (1) day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month preceding the month during which the convention is held, provided, however, that each such club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. Each club shall be considered in good standing when all ~~accounts are current with~~ the International Association of Lions Clubs and the Lions of Indiana.

##### **NEW**

Article VI - State Convention

Section 4.

(a) Each club in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one (1) year and one (1) day in the club, as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month preceding the month during which the convention is held, provided, however, that each such club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. Each club shall be considered in good standing when all **dues have been paid to** the International Association of Lions Clubs and the Lions of Indiana **fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification.**

##### **EXPLANATION**

This amendment was authorized by the Council of Governors October 31, 2015 since both the International Constitution June 2015 and Standard Multiple District Constitution June 2015 now include the clause "Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, effective July 1, 2016."

### **AMENDMENT II**

#### **ARTICLE VI A OF THE CONSTITUTION TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS**

##### **OLD**

Article VI A – Special State Convention

A special convention of the Lions of Indiana may be held when and as needed for the sole purpose of endorsing a candidate from Indiana for the office of ~~Second~~ Vice President of Lions Clubs International. The convention shall be held at a time and place designated by the State Council of Governors.

##### **NEW**

Article VI A – Special State Convention

A special convention of the Lions of Indiana may be held when and as needed for the sole purpose of endorsing a candidate from Indiana for the office of Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International. The convention shall be held at a time and place designated by the State Council of Governors.

##### **EXPLANATION**

This amendment was authorized by the Council of Governors October 31, 2015 since the International Constitution June 2015 has added that position with the note, "Reinstatement of the position of International Third Vice President is effective beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year."

### **AMENDMENT III**

#### **ARTICLE II OF THE BY-LAWS TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS**

##### **OLD**

## ARTICLE II - Candidates for International Office

### Section 1

(c) The State Nominations and Elections Committee shall review the qualifications of each candidate for Convention endorsement to be a candidate for International ~~Second~~ Vice-President and/or International Director, to determine that such candidate meets the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, before placing the name of the candidate in nomination at the State Convention.

(e) The vote on the question of endorsement of a candidate for International Director or ~~Second~~ Vice-President shall be by secret ballot, unless there shall be only one (1) nominee seeking the same, in which event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed as the Candidate of that State Convention. In the event of a tie vote, of the nominees receiving the highest number of votes, election between them shall be by lot, conducted by the Chairperson of the State Nominations and Elections Committee.

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(c) The State Nominations and Elections Committee shall review the qualifications of each candidate for Convention endorsement to be a candidate for International Third Vice-President and/or International Director, to determine that such candidate meets the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, before placing the name of the candidate in nomination at the State Convention.

(e) The vote on the question of endorsement of a candidate for International Director or Third Vice-President shall be by secret ballot, unless there shall be only one (1) nominee seeking the same, in which event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a plurality of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed as the Candidate of that State Convention. In the event of a tie vote, of the nominees receiving the highest number of votes, election between them shall be by lot, conducted by the Chairperson of the State Nominations and Elections Committee.

### **EXPLANATION**

This amendment was authorized by the Council of Governors October 31, 2015 since the International Constitution June 2015 has added that position with the note, "Reinstatement of the position of International Third Vice President is effective beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year." Districts will no longer be endorsing candidates for Second International Vice President.

### **AMENDMENT IV**

## **ARTICLE II A OF THE BY-LAWS TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS**

### **OLD**

Article II - Procedure for a Special Convention to Endorse a Candidate for International ~~Second~~ Vice President

Section 1. When the State Council of Governors shall determine that there is an opportunity to successfully present a candidate for ~~Second~~ Vice President of Lions International the following procedure will be required:

(a) Within ten days after the afore mentioned determination is made, all Indiana Lions who qualify for the office of ~~Second~~ Vice President of Lions International shall be notified by the Chairperson of the State Council of Governors or a person selected by said Chairperson of the State Council.

(b) Each District shall conduct an investigation to determine if it has a qualified candidate who desires to be considered. If any district has more than one (1) qualified candidate who desires to be considered, the district shall hold a special district convention to select one candidate from the district. Only one candidate may be presented from each district for the office of ~~Second~~ Vice President of Lions International. The candidate shall furnish a statement in writing showing qualifications for the office, as well as a willingness to be nominated and to serve if elected. Each such writing shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to the Nominations and Elections Committee State Chairperson. This submission shall be at least ten days before the date of the Special State Convention.

(c) The State Nominations and Elections Committee shall review the qualifications of each candidate for Convention endorsement to be a candidate for International ~~Second~~ Vice President, to determine that such candidate meets the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs before placing the name of the candidate in nomination at the State Convention.

(d) All qualified candidates for the office of ~~Second~~ Vice President of Lions Clubs International will have their name placed in nomination at the State Convention by the Chairperson of State Nominations and Elections Committee. Each such nominee shall be entitled to one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes in duration.

(e) The vote on the question of endorsement of a candidate for International Director or ~~Second~~ Vice President shall be by secret ballot, unless there shall be only one (1) nominee seeking the same. In that event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a plurality of the votes



shall be declared endorsed as the Candidate of the Lions of Indiana for the office of ~~Second~~ Vice President of Lions International.

Section 2. The procedure at such special convention shall be as follows:

(e) Immediately after the balloting is closed, the Special Convention Election

Committee shall count the ballots and certify the person receiving the most votes for endorsement as the candidate for ~~second~~ Vice President of Lions International to the State Council Chairperson.

#### **NEW**

Article II - Procedure for a Special Convention to Endorse a Candidate for International Third Vice President

Section 1. When the State Council of Governors shall determine that there is an opportunity to successfully present a candidate for Third Vice President of Lions International the following procedure will be required:

(a) Within ten days after the afore mentioned determination is made, all

Indiana Lions who qualify for the office of Third Vice President of Lions International shall be notified by the Chairperson of the State Council of Governors or a person selected by said Chairperson of the State Council.

(b) Each District shall conduct an investigation to determine if it has a qualified candidate who desires to be considered. If any district has more than one (1) qualified candidate who desires to be considered, the district shall hold a special district convention to select one candidate from the district. Only one candidate may be presented from each district for the office of Third Vice President of Lions International. The candidate shall furnish a statement in writing showing qualifications for the office, as well as a willingness to be nominated and to serve if elected. Each such writing shall be submitted by the District Governor to the State Council Chairperson with a copy to the Nominations and Elections Committee State Chairperson. This submission shall be at least ten days before the date of the Special State Convention.

(c) The State Nominations and Elections Committee shall review the qualifications of each candidate for Convention endorsement to be a candidate for International Third Vice President, to determine that such candidate meets the requirements set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs before placing the name of the candidate in nomination at the State Convention.

(d) All qualified candidates for the office of Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International will have their name placed in nomination at the State Convention by the Chairperson of State Nominations and Elections Committee. Each such nominee shall be entitled to one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes in duration.

(e) The vote on the question of endorsement of a candidate for International Director or Third Vice President shall be by secret ballot, unless there shall be only one (1) nominee seeking the same. In that event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a plurality of the votes shall be declared endorsed as the Candidate of the Lions of Indiana for the office of Third Vice President of Lions International.

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(e) Immediately after the balloting is closed, the Special Convention Election

Committee shall count the ballots and certify the person receiving the most votes for endorsement as the candidate for Third Vice President of Lions International to the State Council Chairperson.

#### **EXPLANATION**

This amendment was authorized by the Council of Governors October 31, 2015 since the International Constitution June 2015 has added that position with the note, "Reinstatement of the position of International Third Vice President is effective beginning with the 2016-2017 fiscal year." Districts will no longer be endorsing candidates for Second International Vice President.

#### **AMENDMENT V**

#### **ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS**

#### **OLD**

Article X – Finance and State Funds

Section 4. No funds shall be cumulative except the balances remaining in the State Administration Fund; the International Convention Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$2,000.00, and the International Reserve Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$35,000.00, and the State Convention Fund not to exceed a reserve of ~~\$4,000.00~~ with \$2,000.00 of said funds to be set side solely for the purpose of making payment of deposits to Hotels and/or Convention Centers if required to bind contracting of facilities in the year prior to State Convention. All other remaining balances as of June 30<sup>th</sup> shall revert to the State Administration Fund.

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Article X – Finance and State Funds

Section 4. No funds shall be cumulative except the balances remaining in the State Administration Fund; the International Convention Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$2,000.00; the International Reserve Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$35,000.00; and the State Convention Fund not to exceed a reserve of \$10,000.00 with \$2,000.00 of said fund to be set aside solely for the purpose of making payment of deposits to Hotels and/or Convention Centers if

required to bind contracting of facilities in year prior to State Convention. All other remaining balances as of June 30<sup>th</sup> shall revert to the State Administration Fund.

#### **EXPLANATION**

This amendment was submitted by the Multiple District Long Range Planning Committee because increasing costs that are quoted for State Convention Hotels and Convention Centers, coupled with the decreasing number of Indiana Lions, results in lower revenue to pay costs associated with the State Convention. Any excess funds remaining after all State Convention costs have been paid shall be placed into this reserve fund until the fund reaches \$10,000. After that time, additional funds will be placed in the State Administration fund.

### **We Would Like to Take this Opportunity to Welcome Our New Members**

Albion – *Terry Marker* (transfer)

Ashley Hudson – *Robyn O'Neill* – sponsored by Chloe Gaetz

Auburn – *Daniel Grosjean* – sponsored by Jonathon Nack

Cedar Creek – *David Miller* – sponsored by William Davenport

Cedar Creek – *William Schelm* – sponsored by Carl Alfeld

Ligonier – *William Noell* – sponsored by Jerry Wellman

### **And to Say Goodbye to the Lions Ending Their Service**

Arcola – *PDG Paul Brumbaugh*

Cromwell Kimmel – *Patrick Elliott*

Harlan – *Ronald Phillips*

# Lions In Action



# JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 6:00pm Fort Wayne Central Lions Visit at Main Street Brisco	7	8	9
10	11 6:30pm North End Zone Meeting at Stroh	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 6:30pm Coliseum Lions DG O.V	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Cabinet Meeting at the History Center, Fort Wayne 11:45 PDG Meeting 12:15pm Cabinet Meeting
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*Happy New Year*  
**2016**

Your success and  
 happiness lies in you.  
 Resolve to keep happy,  
 and your joy and you  
 shall form an invincible  
 host against difficulties.

**LION NARESH AGGARWAL**  
 International 2nd Vice President 2015-16

*Naresh Aggarwal*

...Lions are number ONE in the World and will remain to be



# ROLLER SKATING FUNDRAISER

**By the New Haven Lions Club**

**To Benefit:**            The Regional Burn Center at St. Joseph's  
Hospital

**Date:**                   February 13, 2016

**Time:**                   4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

**Cost:**                   ONLY \$5.00 Per Person

**Location:**            Bells Roller Skating Rink  
7009 IN-930  
New Haven, IN 46774





**DG KEN KRAUTER AND ZONES E & F  
INVITE YOU TO A CABINET MEETING**



**When:** January 30, 2016  
**Where:** History Center  
302 E. Berry St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

**Time:** 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Menu:** 2 pc. Chicken buffet, drinks, dessert

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person

Guest Speaker  
**PDG Nick Xinopoulos**  
Chairman of the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Inc.  
**AND**  
**UGLY SWEATER DAY**  
(Prize for Best)

**Deadline for Reservations:** January 22, 2016

Make Checks Payable and Send To : **Fort Wayne Central Lions**  
6125 Midwood Drive  
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Club\_\_\_\_\_

Lion\_\_\_\_\_

Guest/Lion\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 ea. Amount Included \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please bring a door prize to add to the fun!