

Multiple District 5 – Business Session #2 Minutes
Saturday May 27, 2023 – 1:30 PM
Spearfish, SD
VCC Geraldine Ray – Presiding Officer

1. **Call to Order @ 1:35 PM by VCC Geraldine Ray**
2. **Introduction of Council, Dignitaries, and Convention Guests-** previously completed by PID Robert Littlefield.
3. **Convention Host Welcome and Updates** – PCC Stan Smith, Convention Chair – no updates to report.
4. **Reports of the Convention Committees**
 - a. **Credentials Committee** – DG Jeanette Bean reported that the committee met and there are 71 certified delegates.
 - b. **Awards Committee** – DG Robyn Tyler reported that the committee didn't meet.
 - c. **Youth Camp and Exchange Committee** – The committee didn't meet but the Youth Camp is set for July in Medora, ND.
 - d. **Resolutions Committee** – DG Jeanette Bean read the 4 resolutions brought forth.

Resolution #1

Whereas, The Multiple District 5 policy provides there be a memorial program conducted annually to honor all Lions & Leo members who have passed away in the year prior, and whereas, the memorial committee has extended to convention attendees of the 2023 Multiple Districts Convention in Spearfish, South Dakota, a superb program in which to honor past members for their service. Therefore, be it resolved that the delegates of the 2023 MD5 Convention wish to extend their gratitude to Chairperson Lion Stan Smith and members of the Memorial Committee for the excellent work done on behalf of the Lions & Leo clubs of MD5.

Motion by PCC Kevin Bean, seconded by PCC Ken Wetz to approve the resolution. Carried.

Resolution #2

Whereas, the Multiple District 5 Constitution and Bylaws provide that there be an annual Multiple District Convention and, Whereas, the 2023 MD5 Convention in Spearfish, South Dakota, was conceived, planned and executed in a professional and enjoyable manner by the members of Spearfish Lions, and Whereas, the city of Spearfish provided superb hospitality and the staff and facilities of The Holiday Inn, Spearfish, South Dakota, provided excellent accommodations, facilities, food, and service to attendees of the 2023 MD5 Convention, be it resolved that the MD5 Convention attendees wish to extend their profound thanks to PCC Stan Smith, PID John Daum, the host committee of Lions from the city of Spearfish and to the staff and management of the Holiday Inn, for the hours of hard work and dedication and bringing Multiple District 5 a most excellent convention in the year 2023.

Motion by DG Alvin Matechuk, seconded by PCC Rick Pockett to approve the resolution. Carried.

Resolution #3

THAT APPRECIATION BE EXTENDED TO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Dr. DIANNE J. PITTS FOR BEING AT THE 2023 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5.

Whereas: International Director Dr. Dianne J. Pitts, from Chappells South Carolina, was elected to serve a two-year-term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Whereas: Director Pitts serves our association with distinction of our Board of Directors.

Whereas: Director Pitts was an educator for 28 years and has twice received recognition as District Teacher of the Year. She is a contributing author to two- text- books and the published author of a three-volume Bible study for middle schoolers. She now uses her knowledge and experience to help Lions as well as other non-profit and charitable organizations with grant writing and presentations.

Whereas: In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including several International President's Awards and International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Director Pitts is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. She has also been recognized as a Progressive Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow.

Whereas: Director Pitts is married to Dr. Joe Pitts, a 50-year Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 that International Director Dianne J. Pitts be commended for her service to Lions Clubs International and for sharing her message with us in South Dakota.

Motion by DG Jeanette Bean, seconded by PDG John Tokarcsik to approve the resolution. Carried.

Resolution #4

THAT APPRECIATION BE EXTENDED TO IMMEDIATE PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DOUGLAS X ALEXANDER FOR ATTENDING THE 2023 MULTIPLE DISTRICTS, IN SPEARFISH SOUTH DAKOTA.

WHEREAS: IMMEDIATE PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, DOUGLAS X ALEXANDER, provided the Multiple District 5 with information handed down from Lions International.

WHEREAS: IPIP Douglas X Alexander presented numerous Melvin Jones Fellow to Lions of the Multiple District 5.

BE IT**RESOLVED**

BY THE LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 that Immediate Past International President be commended for his service to Lions Clubs International and for sharing his message with us in South Dakota.

Motion by DG Jeanette Bean, seconded by DG Scott Hildre to approve the resolution. Carried.

5. Special Appreciation Awards were presented to:

VCC Geraldine Ray, GLT Chair; PDG Rob Hill for his assistance on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and VDG training, GMT Kevin Bean, Youth Camp Judy Beaudry, 2024 Convention Chair Kristin Michels, IT Chair Grant Kahlbaugh, Hunger Chair Dillon Haug, New Voices Chair Crystal Dueker, GST Chair Tammie Richardson, PCC Rick Pockett for his assistance on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, PID Robert Littlefield for his assistance with VDG training, PID Pat Vannett for her assistance with VDG training, PCC Ken Wetz for his assistance with VDG training, 2023 Convention Chair PID John Daum, 2023 Convention Chair Stan Smith, Pin Chair Terry McAleese, Lion Lynn and PID Marvin Chambers for training on protocol.

GAT medals were presented for exemplary service by GAT Leader Gail Haight

5SE – Lion Jackie Cerkowniak – Sioux Fall Siouxland Lions Club

5SW – Lion Geri Drabek – Rapid City Evening Star

5NE – Lion Darrell Costain – Fargo Gateway Lions Club

5NW – Lion Karen daSilva – Bismarck Lions Club

5SKS – Lion Carol Ewles – Saskatoon Millennium Lions Club

Lion Colleen Hakes, Meadow Lake Lions Club

Lion Eric Gerwing, Lake Lenore Lions Club

5SKN – Lion Anne Barnsley, Katepwa Lions Club

Lion Ron Tessier, Eston Lions Club

Lion Heather Vermeersch, Carlyle Lions Club

6. Preview of Upcoming MD5 Convention Sites -

- a. **2024 Convention**– Lion Kristin Michels and other Minot Lions Club Lions reported on the 2024 convention which will be held May 16 – 18, 2024 with a theme of Knights of the Blind. It will be held at the Sleep Inn in Minot. Reduced registration is being offered at this convention and can be done via paper or online with a registration of \$130 now and will increase to \$140 and \$160. \$89 is the room rate at the Sleep Inn. They are considering a Dining in the Dark event on Thursday night.
- b. **2025 Convention** – District 5SKN Representative DG Beryl Bauer reported that there are no details at this time. The preferred date is May 30 – 31 and June 1 to stay away from the US Memorial Day weekend. They are still considering venues. They are considering Dakota Dunes Casino, Saskatoon and other venues in Saskatoon. PDG Rob Hill moved to accept the 5SKN invitation for the 2025 MD5 Convention. Seconded by Lion Paige Newton. Motion carried.
- c. **2026 Convention**– PCC John Emmett from 5SE extended an invitation from the Aberdeen SD Lions to be held at the Ramkota. Options were presented for May 14 – 16, Memorial Day weekend, or May 28 – 30, 2026. A letter from CVB Aberdeen was read. PDG Sherry Fetch moved to accept the District 5SE invitation for the May 14 – 16, 2026 dates. DG Scott Hildre seconded the motion.

PDG Sherry amended her motion to change the date to the May 28 – 30 weekend. DG Scott agreed to the amendment. Amended motion carried.

- d. **2027 Convention**– DG Scott Hildre from 5NE reported the committee is looking at Fargo as the site.
- e. **2028 Convention** – The convention will be held in District 5SKS.

7. Old Business –

- a. **Vote on Proposed Constitution Amendment** – DG Jeanette Bean reported that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommended the proposed change which is clean up on the new State/Provincial Representative change being implemented. The proposed change was published on the website, sent to club presidents and secretaries, and posted on Facebook. PIDs Pat Vannett and Robert Littlefield were named scrutineers for distribution of ballots and tallying votes. Ballots were distributed with the following proposed amendment.

(1) ARTICLE VII - COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. Composition.

The Council of Governors, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall be:

A) The Current District Governors.

B) **Three** immediate Past District Governors and/or Past District Governors from the previous two years, which number cannot exceed one-half of the number of District Governors who shall have been elected by the voting delegates of their respective province or state at the Multiple District Convention meeting of the previous fiscal year.

There shall be at least one (1) immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous two years each from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota. ~~The immediate Past District Governors or Past District Governors from the previous two years shall be their respective State or Provincial representatives. In the event no candidate from a given state or province intends to seek a seat on the Council as State or Provincial Representative, there shall be an “at-large” election to fill said position from the remaining immediate Past District Governors and Past District Governors from the previous two years.~~ The State or Provincial Representatives shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

Voting Results - PID Pat Vannett reported on the results of the amendment vote. Two not voted, 67 in favor and 2 opposed. The amendment passed. PDG Grant Kahlbaugh moved and PCC Kevin Bean seconded the motion to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

- b. **Recognition** - Garnet Davis recognized PID Marvin and Lynn Chambers as foundation building blocks in the MD and the mark they have left on MD5. They will be missed. PID Marvin recognized PIDs Bruce Schwartz and Garnet Davis for helping him and thanked his wife Lynn for accompanying him to all events . He

was an ID 2011 – 2013 and has worked the last six years on supporting Dr. Patti Hill's campaign. He is still willing to help as needed.

8. New Business

a. Provincial/State Representatives Election Results -

(1) North Dakota – DG Jeanette Bean reported that PCC Kevin Bean will be the North Dakota State Representative

(2) Saskatchewan – DG Beryl Bauer reported DG Alvin Matechuk will be the Saskatchewan Provincial Representative

(3) South Dakota – DG Robyn Tyler reported PDG Richard Waits will be the South Dakota State Representative.

Passing of the Gavel – will be done at the banquet.

9. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Lois Reiersen
MD5 Council Secretary