



**MD5 Council Meeting Minutes  
Days Inn – Estevan, SK  
March 21, 2026 – 9:00 AM CST**

**COG Attendance:**

VCC Robyn Tyler, Secretary Lois Reiersen, Treasurer John Emmett,

**State/Provincial Reps:** SK Rep Bernie Kranchynsky, ND Rep Scott Hildre (zoom), SD Rep Ken Wetz

**DGs:** 5SKN Brian Starkell, 5SE Reid Christopherson, 5NE Paula Swanson(zoom), 5SKS Page Newton, 5NW Karen daSilva, and 5SW Darryl Moll

**Absent DGs:**

**1<sup>st</sup> VDGs:** 5SE Jackie Cerkowniak, 5SKS Shelly Carroll, 5NW Jacob Thraillkill(zoom), 5NE Kristi Swenson, 5SW Tim Brown, and 5SKN Randy Braaten

**Absent 1<sup>st</sup> VDGs:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs:** 5SKN Nancy Bonyai, 5SE Meredith Clark, 5NE Bryon Novotny, 5NW Brian Beckers(zoom), 5SW 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Stan Hohn, 5SKS Blair Nixon

**GAT Team:** GET Chair Lynn Grabow, GMT LeeAnn Haisch(zoom), GLT Tim Haight

**Absent GAT:** GST Krisha Ashby

**Committee Chairs:** Canada LCIF Chair Rob Hill, New Voices Chair Crystal Beckman, IT chair Don Morris, CA1 GAT Leader PDG Gail Haight, US LCIF Chair Mark Koller(zoom)

**PIDs:** PID Pat Vannett

**Others in Attendance:** PCC Rick Pockett(zoom), 2VDGE 5SKN Gwen Schreiner(zoom), PDG Jim Vermeersch, PCC Marianne Kramchynsky, CA1 Area Leader PDG Jay Norby, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE 5SKS Maxwell Linklater

**Meeting called to order** at 9:03 AM by CC Robyn Tyler.

**Invocation and National Anthems** – National Anthems were sung by all. DG Reid Christopherson did an invocation

**Introductions** – All attendees introduced themselves.

**Adopt Agenda** – DG Page Newton moved and PCC Ken Wetz seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of review of MD5 convention and youth camp in the same district in the same year. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** – Request for support, letter from Lion Tammy Rockenbach, who is running for ID was circulated.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Lion Lois Reiersen emailed November 15, 2025 minutes. Reid Christopherson moved Brian Starkell seconded to approve November 15, 2025, meeting minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Motion by PDG Bernie Kramchynsky and second by DG Reid Christopherson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer John Emmett reported the treasurer's report covers the period through January 31, 2026 due to computer issues. The negative balance for breakfast and youth camp on the Profit and Loss statement is an error possibly due to miscoding. There are no accounts receivable as all dues are paid. The finance committee made a decision not to charge for meals for the March 2026 council meeting due to the inability to deposit CA cash in the US account. Attendees will not be reimbursed for meals since they weren't charged. Lions that traveled on

Thursday will be reimbursed for meals. 1VDG, 2VDG and 2VDGEs will be reimbursed for expenses for this meeting but DGs are reimbursed from LCI.

The finance committee voted to change banks. MD5 has been banking with US Bank but will be switching to Dacotah Bank that has banks in ND, SD and MN. PCC Ken Wetz moved and DG Karen daSilva seconded the motion to authorize MD5 Council Treasurer John Emmett to open an MD5 Lions bank account at Dacotah Bank in Aberdeen with authorized signatories MD5 Council Treasurer John Emmett and MD5 Council Chair Robyn Tyler. US Bank doesn't accept CA cash, and neither will the Dacotah Bank. There is a fee to deposit CA checks. Motion carried.

It is currently required to have two signatures on MD5 checks so the CC is signing blank checks to facilitate ease in writing checks since CC Robyn Tyler and PCC John Emmett don't live in the same community. The finance committee is proposing one signature on checks when opening the new account at Dacotah Bank. The treasurer will send the CC and finance chair a monthly report to review monthly fund expenditures. PCC Ken Wetz moved and DG Karen daSilva seconded to allow one signature on checks at Dacotah Bank that can be signed by either signatory and any checks written over \$5000 need CC express permission. Another option to consider would be allowing view only access to review expenditures. MD5 currently does not do any electronic banking, and electronic transfers can't be done across the border. The finance committee will explore bill.com, e-transfer, and opening a CA account. Motion carried. Noted that a yearly compilation is completed by MD5s accountant.

**Request for reimbursement at MD5 convention** – Lion Darryl Oster who is the youth camp chair for 2026 requested reimbursement to attend the MD5 convention in Aberdeen. DG Karen daSilva moved and DG Page Newton seconded to approve the standard reimbursement for Lion Darryl Oster to attend the convention in Aberdeen. There are currently twenty-six foreign exchange students registered for the 2026 youth camp which will be held in 5SKN. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### State and Provincial Representatives

**PCC Ken Wetz** Submitted a report for the Leadership and Finance Committees. Discussed evaluating and setting a long-term plan. During Covid funds weren't used so MD5 has money. MD5 internal grants, \$10 per member, will draw down funds but there needs to be a process to determine if the grants worked. This grant is an ongoing grant until MD5 funds are expended down to \$150,000. Suggested evaluating the grant program. Their suggestion is a five-year look at what we are doing down the road and other ways to enhance membership. The internal grant isn't just a marketing grant. It can be used for leadership, membership and service. DGs are required to report how the funds were spent. The Long-Range Planning committee will discuss evaluation of the grant and the long-range plan with GAT involved. Finance will review the funds expended. PCC Ken Wetz moved and DG Brian Starkell seconded the motion to have the grant receipts submitted to the finance committee and forwarded to the treasurer who will share with the Long-Range Planning Committee & GAT. Motion carried.

**GLT** – PCC Tim Haight submitted a report. RLLI starts tomorrow with nineteen registered Lions. There are no Lions from ND. It was suggested that future RLLI and VDG training dates be set ASAP. Tim indicated it is more difficult for him to coordinate if training is held in the states. VDGs prefer not to have their training combined with council meetings. CC Robyn Tyler suggested an ELLI in Pierre SD in April that she and PDG Geraldine Ray will facilitate. DG Page Newton moved and DG Darryl Mohl seconded the motion to hold an ELLI on April 9, 10 and 11, 2027 in Pierre SD. Motion carried. CC Robyn Tyler prefers ELLI to entice newer Lions in the revitalized 5SW district.

DG Brian Starkell moved and DG Page Newton seconded the motion that GLT Tim present VDG training dates at the May council meeting. Motion carried.

2VDGEs are elected in October so training should be scheduled after the elections. Interested VDGs can attend the training even if they are not confirmed. Motion carried. Consider an ELLI in each state and province as a future goal. Tim will explore an ELLI in SK on November 6 – 7, 2026.

**Process to fill a DG vacancy** is different than the process to fill 1VDG and 2VDG vacancies. PID Pat Vannett provided the following information from LCI regarding filling a vacancy.

As an initial matter, a first vice district governor vacancy can be filled by the district throughout the Lions year. Notably, the qualifications for Lions to fill a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor are lower than those typically required of candidates at conventions. For reference, I have outlined this vacancy procedure below. If the office is filled prior to the convention, then the newly appointed first vice district governor would be the only candidate eligible to contest for office of District Governor at the district convention.

### **Vacancy Procedure for Second and First Vice District Governor**

To fill the vacancy of Second and / or First District Governor position please follow the mandatory provisions in the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws, Article II, Section 6 which states:

**Section 6. FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND OTHER VACANCIES.**

Any vacancy in office except that of district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be filled by appointment from the district governor for the unexpired term. In event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor, the district governor shall convene a meeting of the immediate past district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor and all past international officers who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as first or second vice district governor for the remainder of the term. In filling said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the district governor, or if not available, the most recent past district governor who is available, to send out invitations fifteen days (15) in advance of the meeting to attend said meeting and it shall also be their responsibility to preside as chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall convey the results to the international office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of their choice.

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of first or second vice district governor, they must:

1. Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in their single or sub-district.
2. Secure the endorsement of their club or a majority of the clubs in their single district.
3. Have served or will have served at the time they take office as first or second vice district governor:
  1. As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
  2. As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.
  3. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
4. Has not completed a full term or major portion thereof as district governor.

As you can see, if there is a vacancy in the office of second or first vice district governor in order to fill the vacancy the district governor will conduct a special meeting with the immediate past district governor, the first or second vice district governor(if applicable) and all past international officers, which include, Past International Presidents, Past International Directors and Past District Governors, who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. The meeting must be scheduled 15 days in advance. The meeting can be held either virtually or in person. Then all those in attendance of the meeting will be allocated one vote for whom should be the second or first vice district governor.

Any candidate who meets the above qualifications is eligible for consideration for the position.

*Please also let this serve as a reminder that there is new policy effective this year which prevents Lions from the same club serving in the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor.*

At the conclusion of the meeting, but in no event more than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the meeting, the District Governor will need to forward a written report of the voting results to the Legal Division ([legal@lionsclubs.org](mailto:legal@lionsclubs.org)) and the District Administration Division ([districtadministration@lionsclubs.org](mailto:districtadministration@lionsclubs.org)) together with evidence of invitations sent (a copy of the email if done electronically) proving 15 days-notice was provided and attendance at the meeting.

However, if the district cannot or does not want to fill the vacancy in the office of first vice district governor, then they can proceed with the convention with the office vacant.

If there is a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor, leading up to the district convention, the district must still be accepting names from Lions who are seeking to contest for the office of district governor for the 2026-2027 Lions term. If no Lions submit their name prior to convention or if no qualified Lions submit their name prior to convention, then the district can open the floor up at convention for possible nominations. If this occurs, any names nominated from the floor must be immediately vetted by the district nominating committee to ensure that they meet the qualifications.

If no qualified candidates are nominated or if no candidate receives the necessary number of votes at the convention, then at the end of the convention, it is declared that there is an anticipated vacancy in the office of district governor for the 2026-2027 Lions year.

After an anticipated vacancy is declared, the district can proceed with the vacancy filling procedure. I have outlined the full vacancy procedure below for further reference, but as you will see the district will need to hold a special meeting to appoint a district governor. After which, the name and outlined documentation is sent to Lions Clubs International and passed along to the International Board for review and approval.

### **Vacancy Procedure for District Governor**

To fill the vacancy of District Governor position please follow the mandatory provisions in the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws, Article II, Section 5:

Section 5. DISTRICT GOVERNOR VACANCY. In the event of a vacancy in the office of district governor, the same shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws. The immediate past district governor, first and second vice district governors, past district governors, past international directors and past international presidents in the district shall convene at a date, time and place called and determined by the immediate past district governor to select a replacement for recommendation to the International Board of Directors.<sup>11</sup>

It shall be the duty of the immediate past district governor, if they are not available, the most recent past district governor who is available, to send out invitations fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting to attend said meeting.

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of district governor, they must:

- a. Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in their single or sub-district.
- b. Secure the endorsement of their club or a majority of the clubs in their single district.
- c. Have served or will have served at the time they take office as district governor:
  - (i) As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
  - (ii) As a member of the district cabinet for two (2) full terms or major portion thereof.
  - (iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
- d. Has not completed more than a full term as a district governor.

As you can see, when there is a vacancy in the office of district governor, the immediate past district governor must conduct a meeting with the first and second vice district governor (if applicable), and all past international officers, which include, Past International Presidents, Past International Directors and Past District Governors, who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. The meeting must be scheduled 15 days in advance. The meeting can be held either virtually or in person. Then all those in attendance of the meeting will be allocated one vote for whom should be district governor.

Notably, any candidate who meets the above qualifications may contest for the position.

Again, please let this serve as a reminder that there is new policy effective this year which prevents Lions from the same club serving in the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor .

After the special meeting is held, the Lion who lead the meeting must send the following to the Legal Division ([legal@lionsclubs.org](mailto:legal@lionsclubs.org)) as well as District Administration Division ([districtadministration@lionsclubs.org](mailto:districtadministration@lionsclubs.org)):

- d. A copy of the meeting notice.
- e. Signed attendance sheet for the meeting (attendance may be included in the meeting minutes if held virtually)
- f. Minutes of the meeting indicating the district's recommendation for filling the vacancy.
- g. A completed biography for the Lion recommended to be governor.

Please be advised that unlike a first vice district governor vacancy filling which can be approved by the association, a district governor appointment needs to be reviewed and approved by the International Board, which can take some time given their schedules and obligations. Once approved then the appointment will be forwarded to all applicable Lions Clubs International Divisions to allow the Lion to begin with any trainings and the sort.

### **PDG Bernie Kramchynsky – Membership and Service Committees**

**GMT** – PCC LeeAnn Haisch submitted a report. Thanks to the March Madness event between March 1 – 19, MD5 had 30 new members with 5 in 5NE, 8 in 5NW, 2 in 5SE, 1 in 5SW, 6 in SKN, and 8 in SKS.

**GST** – PDG Krishna Ashby – There are 777 activities in MD5 reported on the portal.

**GET** – PDG Lynn Grabow submitted a report. A new club was formed in Underwood ND. The Box Elder SD club is in the process as they are working on two additional members. They plan to charter in April. MD5 needs new clubs but also work on revitalizing the clubs we have. Need positive enthusiastic members to be Guiding Lions to help get new members.

### **PDG Scott Hildre – Constitution and Bylaws**

PDG Rob Hill submitted a report for Chair PDG Kirk Tingum. The proposed changes were emailed to the council team prior to the meeting and attached with the minutes. Rob Hill reviewed the proposed changes in electing the CC and VCC. A suggestion was made to have the VCC sit on the finance committee, which can be outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual rather than the Constitution. If the change is approved at the MD5 business meeting at the convention, a special council meeting can be held to elect a VCC. The changes were partially due to the situation in the 2025/2026 year when no one stepped up to run for council chair so CC Robyn Tyler was elected since she was the VCC as the SD state rep from the state where the 2026 convention was being held. Having the VCC that will become CC the following year will help with continuity in MD5 and allow them to learn prior to becoming the CC. DG Karen daSilva moved and DG Paula Swanson seconded to accept the Constitution and By-Laws and Policies and Procedures changes as presented and bring forth the Constitution and ByLaw changes to the membership. Motion carried. **All district governors need to get the notification of the changes out to their districts as soon as possible.**

**Long Range Planning** – PID Pat Vannett submitted a report. Thank you to PDG Rob Hill and the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. It is suggested that the MD5 C & B and Policies and Procedures Manual be reviewed annually.

**CA1 Report** - PID Pat reported only one LCI Board of Directors position was cut instead of two.

**International Updates/Protocol** – The parade at the

**Hong Kong Convention** – The parade will be held on the last day of the convention. DGEs and CC should discuss attire for the parade and flag transport. PCC John Emmett will order more collapsable poles. VDGE Jackie Cerkowniak has flags and banners and will order what is missing since the shipped package never arrived last year. An Intl dues increase of \$2 per year for five years will be voted on at the convention. The increase is needed due to rising costs. The attendees will discuss apparel for the parade and who is taking the banners at the May meeting.

**Protocol** – PID Pat will meet with the VDGs about the things to keep in mind with convention speakers.

**LCI GAT Area Leaders** – PDG Gail Haight (CAII) and PDG Jay Norby (CA1 Area C) submitted written reports. PDG Jay Norby reported that March Madness is going well. Area C is currently at 287 of the 414 new member goal. District GMTs should be cheerleaders for clubs to get new members.

PDG Gail Haight reported that VDGs district plans are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. DGEs should have their GMT and GLT selected and entered in the portal so they receive announcements. Three districts have these entered. Ensure emails are correct. North of the border 50 clubs and south of the border 62 clubs have not paid dues. Clubs will be placed in financial suspension if dues aren't paid within 120 days which prohibits them from utilizing the insurance and logo among other things.

PID Pat – (CA1) reported that CA1 is plus 901 members. Extension teams are doing great work adding new clubs. Younger people will volunteer for a cause so explore their cause. Inform them about the liability coverage and grant program. The US has 32 new clubs in the works.

**Marketing:** DG Page Newton submitted a report for Chair PDG Kathy Boe.

**LCI Marketing Grant Update** – DG Page Newton reported nine videos have been created that are showing on Facebook and Instagram. Based on postal code, the district marketing chair will figure out where the person who responds to the video is from. That person's information will be forwarded to the district GMT who will determine which club to forward the information to. They are targeting the postal codes where there are currently Lions clubs. The cost was \$15,000. Clubs can apply for the additional matching grant. Page needs to know the names of the district marketing chairs ASAP. Everyone is asked to share these on Facebook. Recommendation is that the district marketing chair post something each week on the page. Three of the videos were shown at the council meeting.

**MD5 Facebook page updates** – CC Robyn asked that the committee change the Facebook administrators and allow multiple administrators. Lions attempting to post on the MD5 page are receiving a message their posts are waiting to be allowed. MD5 Facebook issue was referred to the IT committee.

**IT/Calendar and Website** - PDG Don Morris submitted a report. The committee will attempt to resolve the **Facebook** issue.

**Website** – The committee will review and update the MD5 website which uses E-clubhouse that may undergo upgrades in the future.

The owl camera was used for this meeting focusing on the person speaking. The committee would like to see an owl in each district and will have a cost available by April 15<sup>th</sup>. They will order in the US due to the cost.

**Calendar** – Use zoom suite or google suite for the software. MD5 is not a 501(c)3 but is a 501 (c)4 so doesn't qualify for free google suite. The MD5 equipment isn't in great shape so the committee is looking to get a new projector and other items for a total cost of approximately \$2000. PDG Don Morris will present a proposal at the next meeting. It was suggested that the committee look at Constant Contact for the DGs which is a digital and email marketing platform. PDG Don submitted his letter of interest to continue as the IT chair for the upcoming year.

**LCIF** – PDG Mark Koller and PDG Rob Hill submitted reports. –

Mark Koller – Thanks to DGE Tim Brown who found someone to fill the District 5SW LCIF chair position which was vacant for two years. NDs cash raffle is going on now and SD drew for their raffle today. The goal is to raise \$34 per member. 5NW is at 102% of that goal. Clubs are donating but we need to work on individual donations. \$103,500 raised/donated so far so MD5 still needs to raise \$134,000 to reach the goal.

PDG Rob Hill submitted a written report. CA Lions can no longer receive a tax credit for donations as of March 14<sup>th</sup> which amounts to about 15%. There is \$4 million in grants to be dispersed by Feb.27 or it will go to other organizations.

PDG Rob will have copies of Robert Littlefield's book for purchase at the MD5 convention for \$20 US and \$30 CA with proceeds going to LCIF.

**2026 MD5 Convention** – PCC John Emmett/Lion Katherine Grandstrand – A report was submitted. PCC John reported the convention will be held at the Best Western Aberdeen Hotel in Aberdeen, SD on May 28 – 30 with the theme "Lion and Lions and Lions Oh My". There will be a picnic at Storybook Land on Friday night at a cost of \$20 which is not included in the registration. A copy of the budget is included in the report. He suggested attendees make their room reservations ASAP. The registration is now available electronically and paper on the MD5 website. If registering on the website, there is a 3% fee. Registration is currently at 71. The council meeting will be held at 4:00 PM on Thursday following the summit and a social Thursday evening. ID Dr. Mark Mansell from Ocean Park, WA. will be the guest speaker.

**DG Red Jacket Luncheon** will be held on Saturday from 12 – 1:30. DGs can bring family and/or friends.

**Senior Counselor Luncheon** will be held on Friday 12 – 1. In past years recipients have chosen either a clock or a donation to LCIF in their honor. PDG Eunice Cameron is one of the Senior Counselor recipients for the 25/26 year and she has requested that the donation in her name be given to the Canada Lions Quest. DG Page Newton moved and DG Brian Starkell seconded the motion to approve the donation in PDG Eunice's honor be made to Canada Lions Quest. Motion carried. DG Page Newton will get the information for CA Lions Quest to PCC John Emmett.

**Credentials Committee/State and Provincial Breakfast** – Breakfast is scheduled from 8 – 9:30 on Saturday morning. This is where the states/province will vote on their state/provincial representatives.

**Credential Committee** – The district governors should review the constitution to see what the duties are for the credentials committee. Two individuals are needed to handle the credentials with duties to determine who is eligible to vote, how many delegates each club is entitled to, and ensure the club is in good standing (dues are paid). Clubs are allowed one delegate per ten members. Members need to be notified of the proposed constitution changes prior to the convention so the changes should be included in newsletters and/or sent out to each club ASAP.

**2026 MD5 Grassroots Summit** – PDG Rob Hill – A flyer and agenda were emailed to council which is not finalized. Do not send out the flyer that was emailed as a corrected one will be emailed in the near future. A SWOT is planned. GMA has been around several years and successful in many areas to work on building teams and start working together. ID Dr. Mark Mansell and PDG Jay Norby will be two of the presenters. In the past, MD5 has provided reimbursement for mileage and one night lodging at \$100. Meals are supplied for the summit. Convention registration was also covered in past years. DG Reid Christopherson moved and DG Karen daSilva seconded the motion to reimburse up to seven Lions from each district to attend the summit, allowing the DG to determine who is to be reimbursed for mileage and one night lodging. It was noted that the Internal Grant for leadership development could be used to reimburse attendees. It's important for GAT to attend this summit. Motion carried. Pre-registration is due by May 15<sup>th</sup> to PDG Rob Hill. A new summit flyer will be emailed.

**2026 MD5 International Youth Camp Exchange** – DG Brian Starkell reported for Lion Darryl Oster. The camp will be held by North Battleford, SK on July 12 – 18 with 27 International students registered. PCC Ken Wetz reported there is \$28,000 in an MD5 Youth Exchange reserve account from a fundraiser held several years ago. The funds were to be used to send students to Lions camps overseas. PCC Ken Wetz moved and PDG Scott Hildre seconded the motion to sponsor two youth to attend a foreign youth camp up to \$1500 per youth. Motion carried. **Process for applicants not discussed.**

**New Voices** – Lion Crystal Beckman reported LCI isn't focusing as much on New Voices which was a focus of PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir who was focusing on women in Lions. Districts are still doing New Voices awards. It was intended for newer Lions but sometimes it is presented to Lions sponsoring new growth. The focus isn't just for women. Lion Crystal proposed rolling New Voices into the GMT role. The district GMT would advise the DG about Lions that meet the guidelines for the award. Lion Crystal will email the information to PDG Rob Hill to include New Voices duties in the GMT job description in the MD5 Policy and Procedures Manual. Lion Crystal Dueker was recognized for her work with New Voices over the years.

**2026 Hong Kong MD5 Pin** – PDG Terry McAleese – 1100 pins were ordered @ \$1.34 each. Pins will be distributed to the district governors at the MD5 convention. Option 6 from the email was the winning pin. Thank you to PDG Terry for continuing to handle the MD5 convention pins.

DG Reid Christopherson moved and PDG Bernie Kramchynsky seconded to accept all reports. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**DG Annual Reports due 5/1/2026** – CC Robyn Tyler reminded district governors that end of year reports are due by May 1 and should be emailed to council secretary Lois.

**DG Jackets (2026-27)** – DG Karen daSilva reported that jackets were received and those in attendance tried on for fit.

**Committee Assignments 2026-2027** – CC Robyn Tyler stated committees have been set up to ensure committees are meeting throughout the year. State/Provincial Representatives are the chairs of the committees so are responsible for ensuring the committee is meeting and reporting to the Long-Range Planning committee. A 26/27 committee schedule was circulated to those in attendance to sign up. 1VDGs and 2VDGs that were signed up last year were moved up to DG and 1VDGs on the same committee for the upcoming year for consistency.

**Evaluation Checklists for committee chairs/GAT/Secretary/Treasurer** – CC Robyn Tyler reported that only one evaluation/scorecard was returned. The evaluations are to be completed by the district governors and state/provincial representatives. These are intended to provide feedback to the MD5 treasurer, secretary, GMT,

GST, and GLT. They were emailed out in January and again in February. They are a fillable form and intended to give kudos for a job well done and provide feedback where growth is needed. If it is indicated that improvement is needed, evaluation will be done again at the November meeting and if they don't meet the expectations outlined, they won't be asked to return for the upcoming year. It's important for the CC and VCC to have this on their to-do-list.

**2027 MD5 Convention – ND 5NE** – DG Paula Swanson will work on getting a venue to be presented at the MD5 business meeting in May.

**2028 MD5 Convention – SK 5SKS** – Ideally 5SKS should have a proposal ready for the MD5 business meeting in May in Aberdeen.

**2029 5SW Convention** – Present proposal at the MD5 Convention in Aberdeen if possible so MD5 gets back to having the convention dates/venues set several years in advance.

See the schedule below for future conventions and begin working in your district to get these dates/venues set.

**Letter of Intent for committee and GAT Positions** – CC Robyn Tyler

IT – PDG Don Morris agreed to stay on as IT Coordinator for 26/27 year.

Marketing – PDG Kathy Boe will continue but prefers not to. DG Page Newton agreed to take on the Marketing Committee for the 26/27 year.

GLT PCC Tim Haight – Submitted letter of intent to continue as the GLT Coordinator.

GMT PCC Leeann submitted letter of intent to continue as the GMT Coordinator.

GST PDG Krisha Ashby submitted letter of intent to continue as the GST Coordinator.

GET PDG Lynn Grabow submitted letter of intent to continue as the GET Coordinator.

SK Rep – DG Brian Starkell submitted letter of intent for SK Provincial Rep. Two candidates expressed interest in the SK Provincial Rep position.

SD Rep – DG Reid Christopherson submitted letter of intent for the SD State Rep.

ND Rep – DG Karen daSilva submitted letter of intent for ND State Rep.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Action Items**

**Constitution and Bylaws recommended amendments** – Voted on earlier in the meeting

**Voting for 2026-2027 Council Chair** – CC Robyn Tyler received a timely letter of intent from DG Paula Swanson for the 26/27 MD5 Council of Governors Council Chair position. DG Reid Christopherson moved and DG Brian Starkell seconded the motion to nominate DG Paula Swanson for the 2026/2027 Council Chair. Paper ballots were distributed to district governors, 1VDGs, state/provincial reps, council treasurer, council secretary and CC. PID Pat Vannett and PDG Gail Haight were appointed to count the ballots. DG Paula Swanson was declared the winner.

DG Brian Starkell moved and DG Darryl Mohl seconded the motion to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

**2026 MD5 summit reimbursement guidelines** – Voted on earlier in the meeting.

**Other actions from committee reports** – No further action.

**August and November meeting date, location and venue** –

August – August 15, 2026 – Holiday Inn, Bismarck

November – November 14, 2026 - Zoom

March – March 13, 2027 – Executive committee to discuss the venue and bring to May council meeting

DG Reid Christopherson moved and DG Paula Swanson seconded to adopt meeting schedule as presented.

Motion carried.

**Youth Camp Schedule** – DG Page Newton noted that 5SKS is scheduled to host the MD5 convention and the youth camp in 2028. 5SKN took responsibility for the 2026 youth camp for 5NE so 5NE was moved to the 2028 youth camp for 5SKN. DG Page Newton moved and PDG Bernie Kramchynsky seconded to approve the following schedule for youth camp responsibility. Motion carried.

2027 – 5SE  
2028 – 5NE  
2029 – 5SKS  
2030 – 5SW  
2013 – 5NW

**Closing Comments** – CC Robyn Tyler thanked the council team for a great job well done.

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Future Conventions:

May 28-30, 2026 – MD5 Convention – Aberdeen, SD  
July 3 – 7, 2026 – LCI Convention, Hong Kong China

Future MD5 Council of Governors Meetings:

May 28, 2026 – Aberdeen, SD  
August 15, 2026 – Bismarck Holiday Inn – Bismarck ND  
November 14, 2026 – Zoom  
March 13, 2027 - TBD

Future MD5 Conventions:

May 28 - 30, 2026 - Aberdeen, SD  
2027 ND – 5NE -  
2028 Saskatchewan – SKS -  
2029 SD - 5SW –  
2030 ND 5NW  
2031 SKN

Future International Youth Camps:

2026 – 5SKN  
2027 – 5SE  
2028 – 5NE  
2029 – 5SKS  
2030 – 5SW  
2032 – 5NW

State/Provincial Conventions:

North Dakota State Convention – October 23 – 24, 2026 – Grand Forks, ND  
Saskatchewan Provincial Convention – October 23 – 24, 2026 – Kenosee Lake SK  
South Dakota State Convention – October 2 – 3, 2026 – Rapid City, SD

Respectfully submitted,  
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