

Finance and Long Range Planning Committee August 2019 COG Report

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The Finance and Long Range Planning (F&P) met July 27, 2019 with all 7 voting members and 4 ex-officio members and met August 3 with all 7 voting members.

1. F&P recommended approving the 4th quarter financial statement. Approved by the COG (Council of Governors).
2. F&P recommended approving the budgets presented at the August 3rd joint F&P/COG meeting. COG agreed to take no action on \$5400 by the Global Leadership Team for Super Weekend. COG tabled action to move money to reduce the state convention registration. COG approved the remaining budgets.
3. The 2019 RLLI weekend was approved.
4. If the COG does end up approving \$5000+ each year for the Super Weekend, there will likely be a dues increase in about 2 years.
5. COG approved Mulligan, Topy, and Co. to handle the IRS 990 filing and other required documents for 2018-2019.
6. F&P plans to develop and submit an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the 2018-2019 audit, and 2019-2020 review and filings but we need additional time.
7. MD13 Ohio Lions is legally required to have an annual meeting (i.e. the state convention). F&P requests that the COG consider and approve moving \$12,000 from the Promotions fund to the State Events fund and to reduce the cost of the State Convention registration to \$99/person. It is our belief that this may spur additional participation and attendance at the state convention. If a 1-2 year experiment is successful in increasing attendance, a longer term solution could be implemented. As previously mentioned the COG tabled this.
8. F&P identified 2 F&P Lions for an F&P Oversight Subcommittee and the COG identified 2 Governors as well.
9. F&P is looking at changes with the legal council contract and the with the Blue Frog contract.

Additional Topics

1. F&P is considering alternatives to or additions to the Winter Retreat to be held in 2H2020. This may be an F&P lead 5 year planning conference, a training conference to Lions at the club level for GST/GLT/GMT, or perhaps a late-Summer/Fall Conference.
2. F&P is considering communications to the state and district newsletters articles about what financial changes have been made in the past regarding dues, current state, driving forces (membership and inflation), and forecasts. This is communication in preparation to future changes such as a dues increase or longer-term redistricting.
3. F&P considered, but declined to take action upon a proposal to augment the cost of the USA/Canada Forum Midwest Breakfast. At an average cost of \$50/person this is likely contributing to the low MD13 turnout.
4. F&P has a subcommittee developing details on MDS duties over what is listed in the Policy Manual. The idea is to get more details to be understood before any changes ever occur. <Please note: this is not a hint or warning of any type even though the F&P Chair is friends with the MDT, aMDT, and MDS, and has a casual relationship (w 3 children) with the MDS. The MDT and MDS have been in place for 15 years and the aMDT about 10. %100 percent of our district leadership turns over every 4 years and there has been %0 percent turnover in 10. This is merely good planning!>

Yours in Service,

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MD13 Finance and Long Range Planning Chair/OH5 rep