

Finance and Long-Range Planning Committee(F&P) February 2020 Council of Governors (COG) Report

Action Items

1. There is a perceived conflict of interest between the Sight and Hearing (S&H) Committee and the Sight and Hearing Foundation. This is due to the 7 S&H Committee members also serving as S&H Foundation Trustees. There is also an inequity in meeting reimbursements in that 7 S&H Foundation members are reimbursed for mileage and expenses from MD13 dues. No other foundation has this arrangement. While we believe there is no evidence of a conflict of interest, the perception is concerning enough that we recommend the COG take action.
Possible approaches might be:
 - a. Assign the S&H Committee to determine an approach that eliminates the perceived conflict of interest and mileage issues.
 - b. Appoint Lions that are not on the S&H Foundation to the S&H committee
 - c. Have C&BL develop a May 2022 proposal to eliminate the S&H committee and have clubs send donations directly to various charities
 - d. Have F&P eliminate S&H reimbursements from the State Council fund.
 - e. Some other action that you direct.
2. F&P recommends that subcommittee be formed to develop a per capita dues increase, with a final decision to be made by August 2020. After August 2020, sales and promotion of the increase will proceed until voted upon by the delegates in either May 2021 or May 2022. We recommend that the subcommittee members be 1. F&P Chair (serving as subcommittee chair), the Council Chair, President of the MD13 PDG Association, a current 1st VG and a current 2nd VG.
3. F&P recommends taking up to \$4,000 from the Promotions Fund to support the 100th Anniversary. This is a special occasion and some of us may not be around for the 200th celebration. Does the COG agree?
4. F&P has reviewed and recommends approval of the 2nd quarter financial statements.

5. The LCI C&BL allows MD13 to have up to 3 PDGs sitting on the Council of Governors. Currently the MD13 C&BL allows for 1 (the Council Chair with no voting rights other than to break ties). Having 2 additional PDGs serving on the COG would reduce the transition problems caused by the current 100% turnover of Governors and CC each July. Does this idea have merit?

Informational Items

1. We have received no information regarding the progress of the audit.
2. F&P is going to develop a monthly calendar of events/actions as well as a F&P Policy or Procedures Manual.
3. F&P has decided to not pursue the idea of a Summer/Fall Conference or other event in the first half of the Lion year.
4. In November, F&P requested that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee put a proposal on the May 2020 ballot to allow dues money to be allocated to MD13 Events.
5. Contracts with David Hunter (our legal advisor) and Blue Frog (uniforms and Lion supplier) have been signed. to follow up on possible contract changes. An employee agreement with the MDS has been signed and the yearly MDS assessment has been completed.
6. F&P has had an F&P article in either the state or district newsletter monthly and plan to continue to do so. To date, there has been no negative feedback.
7. The most recent Finance and Long-Range Planning meeting January 17, 2020 with 4 voting members and 6 ex-officio members. F&P met February 1 with 6 voting and 7 ex-officio members.
8. 2020-2021 F&P officers will be Lion VG Judy Young as Secretary, Lion PDG Dave Luttrell as Chair, and Lion PDG Carol Lester as Vice Chair. Lion PDG Judy Smith will serve as Chaplain.

Yours in Service,

Lion PDG Dave Luttrell

MD13 Finance and Long-Range Planning Chair