

Council 2024-25 of Governors Meeting

August 10th, 2024 9AM

August 25th, 2024 7 PM

Zoom

- Call to order—George Suggs, Council Chair
- Pledge of Allegiance—Ana Elliott, DG 31N
- Invocation—Mike Edwards, DG31I
- Approve agenda and appoint parliamentarian—George Suggs, Council Chair
- Recognition of and comments by Past International Officers—George Suggs, Council Chair
- PIP Sid L. Scruggs III Attachment A
- PID Gwen White
- PID Harvey Whitley
- PID Lacy M. Presnell, Jr.
- Council. Chairperson report and International President Video—George Suggs, Council Chair
- MD 31 Financial report—Gary Steele, Council Sec/Tres Attachment B
- Approval of Financial Report—George Suggs, Council Chair
- Governor Reports—2024-25 Council of Governors Attachment C
- New Business
- State Convention Report Attachment D
- 2024-25 Convention report—Loraine Dupree PDG
- Location and Date
- Convention committee approval
- Representation at closed sessions
- Constitution and Bylaws Changes—Dale Dupree, PCC Attach E
- Council Budget—Gary Steele, Council Sec/Tres
- Eye Grant—Carlton Metts, PCC Attach F
- Statewide committee Chair Reports
- MD-31 Global Leadership—Harvey Whitley, PID Attach G
- MD-31 Global Membership—Vincent Schimmoller, PDG

MD-31 Global Service	DeAngelo Jackson, PDG	Attach H
MD-31 Global Extension Chair	Tim Williams, PCC	
Boys and Girls Homes of NC	Mary Lockhart	
Campus Clubs/Leo Clubs	Elizabeth Steele	Attach I
Celebrate Liberty	Nathan Medley, PDG. Harriett Walton	
Constitution and Bylaws	Dale Dupree, PCC	Attach E
Diabetes Awareness	Paulette Gasperson, PCC	Attach J
Guide Dogs/Leader dog	Tom Snively	
Hall Of Fame	Carlton Metts, PCC	Attach K
Technology for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Michelle Myers	Attach L
History	Rhett White	
Information and Technology	John Lynde	
LCIF MD31 Coordinator	Herb Justice, PDG	Attach M
Lions Alert	DeAngelo Jackson, PDG	Attach N
Long Range Planning	Michael Swartz, PCC	
Marketing	Paul Bledsoe, PDG	
Nominations	Paul Silverman, PDG	Attach O
Promotions/ Protocol	Elizabeth Steele	Attach P
State Convention	Lorraine Dupree, PDG	Attach D
Peace Poster	Richard Kirschke	
Approval of Committee Reports	George Suggs, Council Chair	
VIP Fishing Report	Gwen White, PDG	
NCLI Report	Carlton Metts, PCC	
Announcements	George Suggs, CC	
Benediction and Lunch Blessing	Mike Edwards, DG	
Adjournment		

Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm

Council Chair George Suggs called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with District Governor's Anna Elliott (31-N), Mike Edwards (31-I), Judy Keck (31-O) and Dawson Hart (31-L) present. DG Anna Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance and DG Mike Edwards gave the invocation.

Past International President Sid Scruggs III agreed to be the parliamentarian. DG Dawson Hart made a motion that the agenda be approved and DG Anna Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Attachment A

Council Chair George Suggs recognized the International Officers that were present (PIP Sid Scruggs II and PID Harvey Whitley). PIP Sid informed that Council that PID Tony Benbow has been endorsed by the International Board as the endorsed Candidate for International Third Vice President for 2025-2026. He will prepare a letter of Endorsement from MD31 with the Council's approval. DG Mike Edwards made a motion to endorse PID Tony Benbow. DG Dawson Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. PIP Sid will prepare the endorsement that will be sent to LCI Legal, PIP Frank Moore and the Candidate.

Council Chair George gave his quarterly report.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary Steele reported that the quarterly financial report had been approved on August 9, 2024 at the Zoom meeting and there was discussion about charging the Districts for the cost of Domain Names and Web Hosting with the rising cost. Our Information and Technology Chair Lion John Lynde has secured a multiple year subscription to help with the cost. The cost per District is \$106.06 with the exception of District L, who has a hosting contract in place and will be charged &19.56 for the Domain Name. DG Mike Edwards made a motion to charge the Districts the preceding cost. DG Anna Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Attachment B

The Council gave their quarterly reports. Attachment C

DG Dawson Hart made a motion that the minutes of the May 4, 2024 and Aug 9, 2024 meetings be approved. DG Anna Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously,

PDG Laraine Dupree gave the 2024-2025 Convention report and asked that the Council approve a \$1.00 per member advance to cover the administrative costs for the Convention that will be held April 11-13 at the Greensboro Airport Marriott. DG Mike Edwards made a motion to advance \$1.00 per member for administrative cost. DG Judy Keck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. DG Laraine asked that the Convention Committee be allowed to keep the excess funds (\$8,910.27) from last year to help reduce

the meal costs. DG Judy Keck made a motion to allow the excess funds to reduce meal costs. DG Anna Elliott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Attachment C

PIP Sid gave a short rundown of the requirements for Presidential and Leadership medals with some suggestions as to where to look for possible candidates for these awards.

PDG Dale Dupree gave a report and Constitution and By-Laws.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Gary reported that the Budget for 2024-2025 was approved at the August 9 Zoom meeting and will be updated with the changes from today's meeting.

PDG Carlton Metts gave a report on an Eye Grant request for \$200,000. DG Dawson Hart made a motion that we apply for the \$200,000 grant. DG Judy Keck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PID Harvey Whitley gave a report on Global Leadership and asked for approval to charge \$25 per person to attend the RLLI training. The training will be March 20 to 23. DG Mike Edwards made a motion to charge \$25 per person. DG Judy Keck seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PDG Carlie Metts and 1VDG Steve Cline gave a report on Boys and Girls Home of NC.

Lion Elizabeth Steele gave a report on Campus and Leo Club and announced that the State Leo Convention will be Feb 21-23, 2025 at Camp Dogwood.

Council Chair George Suggs reported that PDG Paul Bledsoe will be applying for a Marketing Grant of \$15,000 is approved. DG Mike made a motion to apply for the Grant. DG Dawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Chair Geroge asked for a motion to approve the committee reports. DG Dawson made a motion to approve the reports. DG Mike seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Steele
PCC, MD31
MD Secretary/Treasurer



Resolution of Endorsement

Whereas, Lion Tony Benbow, Past International Director, of Vermont South, Victoria, Australia has been endorsed by the Lions of Multiple District 201, for the office of International Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International, and

Whereas, Past International Director Tony Benbow is an outstanding Lion leader and has demonstrated those qualities befitting of the high office of International Third Vice President; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Council of Governors of Multiple District 31 – North Carolina and the Lions of North Carolina, assembled on August 24, 2024, hereby endorse and express their support for Past International Director Tony Benbow, and encourage the Lions of the world to support and vote for him for International Third Vice President at the 107th International Convention July 4-8, 2025 in Mexico City, Mexico.

George E Suggs

George Suggs, PDG
Council Chair 2024-25
Multiple District 31
North Carolina

Sid L. Scruggs, III
Int'l President 2010-11
Multiple District 31
North Carolina

Gary Steele, PDG
Secretary Treasurer, 2024-25
Multiple District 31
North Carolina

	Billed (Approx)	Term (Years)	Total Annual Cost	Hosting Divisor	Domain	Divisor
InMotionHostin	\$865.00	2	\$432.50			5
GoDaddy	\$352.00	3	\$117.33			6
		Total Annual	\$549.83			
Cost Sharing	Hosting	Domain	Annual Hosting	Annual Domain	Annual Total	
MD Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$86.50	\$19.56	\$106.06	
District 31-L	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	\$19.56	\$19.56	
District 31-I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$86.50	\$19.56	\$106.06	
District 31-O	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$86.50	\$19.56	\$106.06	
District 31-N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$86.50	\$19.56	\$106.06	
District 31-S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$86.50	\$19.56	\$106.06	
		Totals	\$432.50	\$117.33	\$549.83	

NC LIONS STATE COG ACCOUNT #4815

Council Budget

As of: 9/1/2024

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	Budget 24/25	Actual	Budget 25/26
COUNCIL INCOME			
100 Balance forward from 6/30/23	\$38,818.20	\$38,818.20	
105 Council Dues - 4472 @ \$5.50	\$24,596.00	\$9,880.75	
110 District Surety Bond \$64 X 5	\$320.00	\$256.00	
112 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$443.80	\$0.00	
115 Interest Earned	\$200.00	\$369.99	
120 LEO Clubs Income	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	
125 RLLI Income	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	
130 Ad from District Governors \$42.86 X 7	\$300.00	\$0.00	
135 Miscellaneous Income	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
140 LEO Sale of Pins	\$100.00	\$0.00	
145 Refund from State Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL COUNCIL INCOME	\$41,459.80	\$10,506.74	\$0.00
COUNCIL EXPENSES			
200 Annual Audit	\$500.00	\$0.00	
205 Awards, Plaques & Gifts	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
210 Bank Fees	\$50.00	\$0.00	
215 CC & SST Clothing (2 @ \$130)	\$260.00	\$0.00	
220 CC, SST, 1st & 2nd VDG Crest X 17	\$440.00	\$0.00	
225 2nd VDG Clothing 5 @ @130.00)	\$650.00	\$0.00	
230 NCLF Clerical Service & Rent	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
235 Forum Travel for CC	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
240 Council Chair Travel Expense	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	
245 5 District Officers Surety Bond	\$320.00	\$320.00	
250 Hall of Fame Plaques	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
255 In Coming CC International Convention	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	
260 Internet Domains & Web Hosting	\$600.00	\$1,214.72	
265 Leo State Convention	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
270 Meeting Space	\$500.00	\$0.00	
275 Office Supplies Sec/Treas	\$100.00	\$0.00	
280 Peace Poster/Essay Contest	\$600.00	\$0.00	
285 Postage/Printing Sec/Treas	\$200.00	\$0.00	
290 State Sec/Treas Travel Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	

295 State Council Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00
300 Bond for State Sec/Treas	\$298.00	\$298.00
305 Video Conferencing Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
307 Marketing Grant	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
310 RLLI Expense	\$8,400.00	\$0.00

COMMITTEE EXPENSES

315 Boys & Girls Home	\$250.00	\$0.00
316 Constitution & By-Laws	\$250.00	\$0.00
317 Diabetes Awarness	\$750.00	\$0.00
318 E-Sight/Guide Dogs	\$250.00	\$0.00
319 Global Action Team (GAT)	\$250.00	\$0.00
320 Global Leadership Team (GLT)	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
321 Global Membership Team (GMT)	\$250.00	\$0.00
322 Global Service Team (GST)	\$750.00	\$0.00
323 Hall of Fame	\$400.00	\$0.00
324 History	\$250.00	\$0.00
325 Info. Technology/Public Relations	\$600.00	\$0.00
326 Lions Alert	\$250.00	\$0.00
327 LCIF	\$250.00	\$0.00
328 LEO L& Campus Club	\$250.00	\$0.00
329 Nominations	\$250.00	\$0.00
330 State Convention	\$250.00	\$4,472.00
331 State Convention Host	\$250.00	\$0.00
332 Long Range Planning	\$250.00	\$0.00
333 Hospitality Room COG Meeting	\$500.00	\$0.00
334 Ad for COG State Convention	\$300.00	\$0.00
335 Celebrate Liberty	\$250.00	\$0.00
336 NC Lions Council State Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00
337 Marketing	\$250.00	\$0.00
338 Protocol	\$250.00	\$0.00
339 Global Extension	\$250.00	\$0.00
340 Technology for Blind & VIP's	\$250.00	\$0.00

TOTAL COUNCIL EXPENSES

\$44,218.00	\$6,304.72	\$0.00
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NC LIONS PROMOTIONS BUDGET # 4823

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

PROMOTIONS INCOME	Budget 2024-25	ACTUAL	Budget 2025-26
500 Balance brought forward	\$25,220.94	\$25,220.94	
505 Interest Earned	\$200.00	\$61.26	
510 Promotion Dues 4472 X \$.75	\$3,354.00	\$1,796.50	
515 Promotions Reserve Int. Officer Fund \$.25	\$1,118.00	\$0.00	
520 Sale of Clothing	\$5,100.00	\$1,513.33	
525 Sale of NC Trading Pins	\$2,280.00	\$1,700.00	
530 Southeast Breakfast	\$0.00	\$1,042.37	
535 Miscellaneous Income	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	
 TOTAL PROMOTIONS INCOME	 \$15,152.00	 \$6,113.46	 \$0.00
 PROMOTIONS EXPENSES			
600 Audit and Tax Filing	\$275.00	\$0.00	
605 Bank Fees	\$35.00	\$218.54	
610 Office Supplies Printing & Postage	\$125.00	\$0.00	
615 Promotions Chair International Convention	\$3,100.00	\$2,977.28	
620 Promotions Chair Travel Expense	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	
625 Purchase of Clothing	\$4,400.00	\$358.79	
630 Purchase of Trading Pins	\$3,060.00	\$2,590.00	
635 Southeast Breakfast \$65.00 PP	\$0.00	\$1,875.69	
640 Promotions Chair Travel to Forum	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
645 Miscellaneous Expense	\$134.00	\$0.00	
650 CAN Surety Bond	\$229.00	\$229.00	
 TOTAL PROMOTIONS EXPENSES	 \$15,158.00	 \$8,249.30	 \$0.00
 TOTAL PROMOTIONS CHECKING	 \$25,214.94	 \$23,085.10	 \$0.00

Multiple District 31
Financial Report 7/31/2024

	START	CURRENT	
COUNCIL CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4815	\$38,818.20	\$47,123.58	
PROMOTIONS CHECKING ACCOUNT # 4823	\$16,591.11	\$14,394.57	
PROMOTIONS MONEY MARKET # 5714	\$11,094.11	\$11,154.81	
COUNCIL MONEY MARKET # 0757	\$63,191.24	\$63,560.54	\$136,233.50
DIABETES AWARENESS	\$1,200.14	\$1,200.14	
LEO CLUBS	\$212.22	\$212.22	
STATE CONVENTION RESERVE	\$50,352.11	\$50,352.11	
STATE COUNCIL RESERVE	\$3,397.93	\$3,397.93	
LEADERSHIP	\$350.25	\$350.25	
CLELEBRATE LIBERTY	\$7,678.59	\$7,678.59	\$63,191.24
INTEREST EARNED	\$0.00	\$369.30	
Will be split between the 6 sub accounts			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$129,694.66	\$136,233.50	

DISTRICT GOVERNOR**MIKE EDWARDS****POINTS OF****INTEREST****SEPTEMBER 2024****BRIGHTER VISION**

We had a great kick-off meeting on Saturday, August 17 at the American Legion building in Salisbury, NC from 10 till 12. A lot of Lions from different clubs throughout District 31 I. It was a total of 71 enthusiastic Lions with beginning contributions of \$38,040 given on that awesome Saturday. I need all of the Lions in District 31 I to stay focused with Sandy Fraser Thomas (our Brighter Visions Chairman) on our District goal of \$140,000. It is attainable if we are committed to supporting Camp Dogwood.

1.5 MILLION LIONS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Lions Club International gave two exhilarating trainings recently in Chicago, ILL. and Orlando, Fla. to work with team members to improve our plans to increase our presence in all our districts. I believe it all starts with a positive mindset. One of the key takeaways from the LCI meetings was for club members to practice on working on a Lions elevator speech with a partner in the club. In that way everyone would feel at ease when suggesting to a prospected new member that might join the club. Let's everyone have a yearly goal to get two new members per Lions member. You could say the future of your Lions Club is in your hands.

CAMP DOGWOOD TICKETS 2024-2025

The Camp Dogwood Tickets were passed out at the Brighter Visions Kickoff Meeting this past Saturday on August 17, 2024. You can also go on the Camp Dogwood website and purchase your tickets there to, it is so convenient. The grand prize is \$15,000 and smaller cash prizes of \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 during the year but the grand prize will be drawn on June 12, 2025. Every ticket helps fund Camp Dogwood for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

MAKING OUR MARK TOGETHER 2024-2025**Grow To Give More**

As the need for service grows, we need to grow.

Be Stronger Together

Support LCIF to ensure that we're ready to serve.

GET HOOKED ON SERVING

OTHERS **DG Mike Edwards**

Mike

Edwards

District Governor's Report

August 10, 2024

District Goals For 2024-2025

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We will have planned a membership growth of 78 new members at the end of June 30, 2025. The District Governor and Global Action Team Leaders influence the successful implementation of the district's membership 1.5 growth plan. We are collaborating and implementing plans to develop skilled leaders, strengthen membership and expand our district's service.

Build a Team

District Governor = Mike Edwards District 31 I = All club members

Global Leadership = Tim Williams

Global Membership = David Smoot

Global Service = Theresa Matthews

The resources from Lions International

Build a Vision

District 31 I will proactively reach out to each club to show the plan by Lions International of obtaining 1.5 membership growths. By ensuring that our Global Leaders understand their roles and responsibilities, our district will have the opportunity to energize our members and take our clubs to the next level.

Build a Plan

The plan is for all clubs to develop a system with the direction of the district governor to obtain new members for their clubs. Some clubs might have different approaches and some clubs will be the same on their approaches. It might be trying and agreed upon elevator speech, it could be using a service project to recruit somebody at the event. It's going to have to be the one most comfortable for the club and whatever works the best. The district governor will relay every week any success stories that other clubs use themselves.

Build a Success

We know that if we stay focused on our objectives of obtaining our goal of 78 members or better than, we will have a success. It will take commitment from all levels in our club organizations and then a little extra from some individuals. The bottom line is we have got to have a can-do attitude. The district governor will review weekly results and stories that other clubs could try themselves.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Our Goal is to raise awareness of club service impact and attract prospective members, during my district governor term, I commit to work with my team to increase the percentage of Lion and Leo clubs reporting service to 90 %. I will commit to ensuring our GST district coordinator promotes the importance of timely planning and reporting of service.

Action Plan

Theresa Mathews, other Global Leaders, and I will have weekly calls to determine our progress and opportunities. Sometimes it will be reaching out to clubs or me making extra visits to the clubs with opportunities. Also we might take some secretaries to attend a refresher course of opportunities they should think about for their improvement. We are here to help when needed.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Knowledgeable servant-leaders attract new members and inspire a positive member experience for Lions and Leos in our communities. During the first quarter of my district governor term, I commit to work with my team to promote and facilitate training for club officers and zone chairpersons. Our team will ensure 100% of zone chairpersons attend zone chairperson training. Our district will confirm 100% of club officers (president, secretary and treasurer attend club officer training. I commit to ensuring our GLT district coordinator reports completed zone chairperson and club officer training using the Manage Training feature in learn.

LCIF

Increased knowledge of the impact of giving to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) during member orientation raises individual commitments and donations from Lions and Leos. During my district governor term, I commit to work with my team to support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve its fundraising goal and increase our global impact. Our district participation will be 85% which will earn our district a Bronze LCIF Chairperson Medal.

MY PERSONAL GOAL

My personal goal this year is to increase Leo Clubs throughout District 31 I.

District 31-O Report

Aug 25, 2024

July 20th Officer Installation by PIP Sid Sruggs

We have a total of 52 clubs. We have 6 Guiding Lions working with 6 clubs.

District 31-O Gat Goals:

1.GLT: goal 90% Officers trained. currently at 60% with ability to view recording & offering another training this week.

Goal 100% Zone chairs trained and that is accomplished.

Goal to create district content for new members to be utilized. Has been worked on & presently taking to clubs.

2.GMT: Goal to grow by 35 members. This month have 21 new members but 18 dropped members.

3.GET: We will charter 2 new cubs. We have 2 branch clubs. One with 13 members & one with 10 members. Initial planning has started with 2 more clubs.

4.GST: Working on District wide Diabetes day (Sept 28). Many Clubs collecting Dimes for diabetes to send kids to camp. Also, sent out information in Newsletter & email for clubs to nominate for Kindness Matters Award. Have received at least 2 so far.

NCLI Awards: Wm Woolard Partner in Service 8

Stickley 2

Beacon of Hope 5 with 2 progressed to last

step

Ambassadors 4

Melvin Jones 3

Service Activites: Kidsight screening continue

Peace Posters

Diabetes Day Sept 28,2024

White Cane Day Oct 15, 2024

District 31-O contributed over \$20,000 to BV Kickoff on Aug 3, 2024

Well on way to selling Camp Dogwood tickets.

"Triple J" team has started club visits.

Just the beginning; hope to keep up this great start & keep moving forward.

Mid-Winter Convention Jan 24-25,2025 at Marriott Hotel Greensboro, NC

Speaker: ID Carl Carlone

Submitted by: Lion Judy Keck, DG District 31-O

District 31-N Report
25 August 2024

Attachment C

2024-2025 Goals

First and foremost, I would like to express gratitude for serving my district this year as the District Governor. My newly installed cabinet has been properly trained and it's ready for the adventure in front of us. As part of my goals, I pledge to identify 20-30 locations for New Lions and or Leos club with the assistance of our Region and Zone Chair.

Global Leadership Chair has been working hard coordinating leadership training and scheduling monthly training for our district. We started this in June and so far, we average 22 lions each section. Global Services chair has contacted all Zone Chairs to stay in touch and aware of activities they are coordinating. Our Lions Service Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th, from 10-1400(10am-2pm) @ Massey Hill Lions Club, theme is Dimes for Diabetes and services will include blood drive, A1C and blood pressure checks etc. Global Membership has reported that we started the year +1; great job LIONS!!!!

We closed the year strong in Brighter Vision and kept the momentum going through this past weekend we collected over \$19K on our Brighter Vision Kick off.

I am excited about the future for our district and look forward to serving from my heart.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

Respectfully

DG Ana M. Elliott, PHD
District Governor 31-N

2024 State Convention Summary

It has been my joy to serve as your Host State Convention Chair for the past three years and I am excited to share the final report of our 2024 NC Lions Council State Convention.

Our attendance was 367 ... the most we have had and that doesn't count the Leos that attended their state convention that same weekend.

We made donations to Brighter Visions, LCIF, the VIP Fishing Tournament, Greensboro Urban Ministries, and the Crayon Initiative. We also supported our Leos.

PDG Paul Silverman completed the convention audit and all was found to be in order. You have already received that email from him. There were two changes that we had to make after the audit was completed.

The balance in the bank after bills were paid was \$9,111.12 which was verified by our audit. Out of that, we need to return \$350.85 to the Council from the initial \$1.00 per member we received for the convention administration fund. We also received a payment of \$150.00 after the audit for a lost check.

When all of this is adjusted, our profit from the convention is \$8,910.27 which is the current amount in the Convention bank account, verified by PDG Laraine Dupree. We are extremely thankful and pleased with this profit.

On Saturday, I ask that you vote on the proposal for the convention committee to be able retain the \$8,910.27 profit, in the current NC Lions Council State Convention account, for the sole purpose of reducing meal costs for the 2025 State Convention.

Also on Saturday, I ask that you vote to give the 2025 NC Lions Council State Convention Committee \$1.00 per state member, or \$4,472 towards the administrative expenses of the convention, as stipulated in our Policies & Procedures, from the dues collected. This has been done for the past two years and is a huge help to the committee. Any amount left over, will be returned to the Council.

Finally, it is my pleasure to ask you vote to approve PDG Laraine Dupree as your 2025 NC Lions Council Host State Convention Chair. I know she is the perfect person for this position and we all look forward to supporting her in every way possible.

I am sorry that I cannot be with you this weekend but I hope you all know how much you mean to me. I look forward to serving our Lions in new and innovative ways.

Yours in joyful service,
PDG Susie Dailey

Constitution and By-Laws report for August 11, 2024
The Constitution and By-Laws committee is still in the process of reviewing the present District 31 constitution and making sure that the changes from LCI are incorporated into the necessary places. It is not an easy task reviewing and making sure our constitution is accurate and up to date.

LCIF Grant Report
August 25, 2024

The North Carolina Lions Foundation Clinical Eye Research Funds has accumulated approximately \$90,000 and have now received a \$17,500 grant from the AJ Fletcher Foundation, that will put us over the \$100,000 needed for the clinical eye research. Next step is to apply to LCIF for a Grant for Clinical Eye Research in four segments with priorities of one through four. The first priority is Miracles In Sight, Second priority Wake Forest Eye Center, third priority UNC ophthalmology and fourth Duke Eye Center. Each one of to be granted \$50,000 each totaling the \$200,000. This will be equipment for research projects for all four.

After approval we will apply to Lions Club international Foundation for a Matching Grant of \$200,000. This will be LCIF \$100,000 to be matched with the North Carolina Lions Foundation Clinical Eye Research Funds of \$100,000, these funds are coming from the Lions of North Carolina through its Clinical Eye Research goals.

With all this being said, we will need approval from the council of governors to kick it off. So, I will need your vote

PDG Carlton Metts
NCLF

Report to the MD 31 Council
Global Leadership
August 25, 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to once again serve as your MD 31 Global Leadership Team Coordinator (GLT).

A GLT Committee Zoom meeting involving all the District GLT's has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th at 7PM. In addition to sharing our district goals we will also be discussing the following:

- How can we make sure each district sends at least 5 persons to our annual RLLI?
- Setting up a class in each district "So you want to be a District Governor".
- Evaluating our current district officer training methods.
- Evaluating our current District Committee Chair training.

The training dates have been set for the DG training. DGE (FVDG) will take place December 6-8, 2024 and SVDG will take place January 31-February 2, 2025. Training will be held at Camp Dogwood.

Our annual Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is scheduled for March 20-23, 2025 at Camp Dogwood. PDG Barbara Thompson has agreed to serve as our RLLI Coordinator for the event. The cost to attend will be \$25 per participant with the balance being paid through our Council budget item and LCI grant.

Report submitted by:

PID Harvey Whitley, MD 31 GLT Coordinator

MD 31 Global Service Team and Goals

MD 31 – PDG DeAngelo Jackson
District L – Lion Fred Huscher
District I – Theresa Mathews
District O – Lion Jim Boulais
District N – PDG Robert Block
District S – Lion Glenn Day

Goals for the 2024 -2025 Year:

1. Reporting Our Services
 - a. Research problems associated with reporting.
 - b. Map out solution to the problems with reporting.
 - c. Improvement in reporting services for MD 31
2. Kindness Matter Service Award (KMSA) [Kindness Matters Service Award | Lions Clubs International](#)
 - a. Implement MD KMSA Program
 - b. Submit MD31 KMSA to Lions Clubs International
 - c. At Mid-Winter Convention award district level KMSA
3. State-wide Diabetes Stride Walk November 2, 2024 for Greensboro YMCA Pre-Diabetes Program Christmas Dinner
4. Aluminum can collection at Mid-Winter Convention for Childhood Cancer

Leo Report August 25, 2024

I am working hard to continue to grow our Leo program in NC. Now that the students are back in school we will get to work on planning the state convention.

This year we plan to have the Leo State Convention at Camp Dogwood the last full weekend in February (21st to 23rd). We would like your continued support and getting your Leos to the convention.

Our 2024-2025 Leo officers are as follows

President - Adriana Bermudez - Brick City Leo Club

Vice President - Ayesha Mehreen- Brick City Leo Club

Secretary - Analice Elliott - Western Harnet Leo Club

Treasurer - Karen Francoeur - Pisgah Leo

Middle School Rep. - Nadia Nicholson - Guilford County Leo

Lion Elizabeth Steele

Diabetes Awareness

August 10, 2024

I would like to thank Lion Judy Jackson for the job she has done over the last few years with Diabetes Awareness. I would also like to thank DG Ana for starting Dimes for Diabetes. Last year District L sent four kids on Medicaid, one in foster care and the Longview Lions Club sent one for a total of six to Diabetes Camp. I'll be talking to each District Chair to promote Dimes for Diabetes and having diabetes support groups in their District.

I'll be giving each District a poster, so when they are giving a program they can take it with them.

I have been talking to Trudi Amritt, who came to summer camp at Camp Dogwood, she lives in Greensboro and does seminars on diabetes, and hopefully we can arrange for her to give us a seminar at a later date.

Now I'm going to let DG Ana tell about her daughters experience going to diabetes camp and what it means to her

Paulette Gasperson PCC

State Chair Diabetes Awareness

**Hall of Fame Report
August 25, 2024**

I have met with all the District Governors and emailed all Hall of Fame forms. The deadline is December 31, 2024 for all candidate information to be received. The numbers allotted is one Living and one Deceased in each district. I've asked DGs' to lean on the longer serving PDG's so we don't leave out of our more deserving lions.

Criteria for Living is to be a member at least 10 years and/or deceased at least five years.

If you need any assistance, please call me and you District Chair. You all have good representatives in your District Chairs. Thank you for allow me to Serve.

Carlton Metts
HOF Chair

NC Lions Technology Devices for the Visually Impaired and Blind

Committee Report – Activities May through August, 2024

A new Lion's year brings changes to all committees. We embrace the change, say goodbye for now to some of our Lion volunteers who venture to new paths, as we welcome new Lions and VIPs into our committee. We continue to look for and request more volunteers on our committee. More volunteers allow us to reach more VIPs across our state. If you know of interested or willing Lions in your district, please ask them to contact me or someone on our committee.

The launch of eSight Go continues to be delayed. I don't have a date for the expected launch at this time. eSight, due to being purchased by Gentex in Michigan has been going through a learning curve with the new company and new operations. With the new version of the glasses, they have a new screening process that they believe is better and more streamlined. With this new procedure, they don't feel the need to distribute loaners at no cost. They feel everyone should refer potential clients to them for screening. If groups, clinics, or universities are interested in "demo" units they are available for approximately half the retail price. Our contact at eSight, Carolyn Bradley, is making a plea on behalf of our committee for two complimentary "demo" units. As of Friday, August 23rd, Carolyn relayed that she is still working on this task. In the meantime, the Lake Gaston club has agreed to purchase their district chair a "demo" unit if eSight fails to donate them to us. In addition, District S chair, PDG Mark Bateman, has spoken with another club in District S that has agreed to purchase a "demo" unit for the State Chair, in the event we don't receive them from eSight.

The Lake Gaston club has once again budgeted to purchase several eSightGo units to donate to the visually impaired. We think one other club may follow suit.

The WeWalk2 is scheduled to launch within the next month.

Our committee is having a training zoom call with WeWalk this week to learn about the new cane. Several members of our committee attended the NFB National Convention in July which was held in Orlando. We were able to see the WeWalk2, meet the founder of WeWalk, Corsat and his wife, and Joe Alfonzo, our contact with WeWalk. The new version is a more streamlined design, push button commands, updated technology,

water resistant and many more features. The new cane does have a higher price tag. If you have the first version, you have the option to trade in for the new one at a 30% discount. They are keeping the original version in addition to the new one. So you have the option of both versions to purchase. Here again, this company has decided not to hand out "demo" units. At the latest conversation, I believe "demo" units will be \$395. We are still conversing with WeWalk to make them see the positive benefits of donating "demo" canes to our committee. WeWalk has been the conversation piece at all the conventions and fairs our committee has been attending throughout the summer. The Lake Gaston Club has also purchased several WeWalk canes. Members of our committee along with Lake Gaston's committee are in the process of distributing these canes to the visually impaired around the state.

As I mentioned above, our committee has attended the NFB National Convention as attendees. We recently had a vendor table at the State NFB Convention in Charlotte. We had a vendor table at the Governor Morehead Reunion in August. We were present for a morning seminar at several of the sessions at Camp Dogwood this past summer. PDG Mayra McCloud has been setting up as a vendor every other month at a event held by the Police in the Massey Hill area. PDG Mayra also traveled to Georgia to speak to a club. While there discovered the son of a club member is color deficient. They are seeking color deficient corrective glasses to help this young man.

PDG Mayra McCloud has been assisting a young lady in getting biotics for her glasses so she can drive a car again.

On the topic of color deficiency, with the aid of PDG Mayra McCloud, some VAs are now paying for glasses that correct this medical condition. Hopefully we will know more specific details by the next report.

My husband's club recently had a request from a visually impaired gentleman wanting financial help for a pair of RayBan smart glasses. Our committee hadn't heard of them. So we went into fast research mode. As part of my research, I asked a few visually impaired individuals if they knew about the RayBan smart glasses. The visually impaired I polled had mixed reactions. Some were quite positive. Others were unsure because the glasses weren't originally designed for the visually impaired. They were designed more for entertainment purposes.

Finally I had one person who is waiting for Apple's version of the glasses to launch.

My husband's club is waiting for the gentleman to do more research and let them know what he decides. Then the club can

decide how best to assist him.

Lion Sandy North, on our committee, has been part of a Beta test for the last year with a new version of Be My Eyes.

"Grandpa's White Cane children's book" is building steam as we are getting closer to National White Cane Day, which is Tuesday, October 15th. My challenge to all NC Lions clubs is to be in a school on National White Cane Day presenting a program (with a Visually Impaired individual) to our school children about white cane awareness. The "Grandpa's White Cane" book is a great introduction to the topic and will open conversation with the children. Allow your VIP to lead the presentation. If you would like more books or have questions, please feel free to call me. I want to hear your results so I can share information in my next report.

The authors have been so gracious to donate at least 5 cases of the hardback books to our state. One of the cases was lost in the mail and still hasn't been recovered. Their objective is for the books to be donated to schools, libraries and places of instruction to spread awareness about the White Cane.

They are in the process of printing a second edition of the hardcover. It will cost approximately \$20,000. They received a grant to print the first edition. The authors are currently looking for grants but also looking into fundraising for the second edition. For this reason, we now have to "pay as we order" for the books. It is still cheaper to order through me, \$10 for hardbacks and \$5 for paperbacks. Amazon is more expensive and the authors are receiving less of the income. Please keep this mind when requesting books. When you see me gifting books, someone has had to pay for them. My husband and I have purchased 150 paperbacks that we've been gifting. That was our choice and we're happy to do it.

If you know of any grants that might be helpful to this project, please let me know and I'll put you in touch with the authors.

Lastly, several times in this report, I mentioned that my husband and I attended the NFB National Convention in Orlando which was held in July. That was an incredible convention. We spent two days and should have stayed at least one more. I didn't finish making a cycle through all the exhibitors that attended. If you'd like to hear about our trip, please let me know, I love to share. One in particular vendor, I feel might benefit our campers during the summer. It is a traveling museum for the visually impaired. They have giant tactile boards with audio description.

Some of the topics might be historical, like George Washington which was the board they had on display. Another topic might be classical artists, such Leonardo da Vinci. I would like to

discuss with Tammy and the board members about trying this at Camp on a one week trial. We could get feedback from the campers. It is quite costly to rent the exhibits by the week.

They can be shipped or delivered from New York. All kinds of details would have to be determined, but at the very least I would like to open the conversation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Michelle Myers, State Chair

Technology Devices for the Visually Impaired Committee

LCIF REPORT FOR COUNCIL MEETING ON August 10, 2024(Revised)

Our District LCIF coordinators have been working to meet the 2023-2024 goals set by LCIF for each of our districts. These goals were previously given to the 2023-2024 District Governors:

District L:	\$19,656
District I:	\$24,003
District O:	\$28,404
District N:	\$26,001
District S:	<u>\$24,435</u>
Total:	\$122,499

The final report card reveals the following; Also shown is the 2024-2025 Goals for each District

	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>Goals</u>
District L:	\$9,337	
\$21,840		
District I	\$26,294	\$26,660
District O:	\$23,664	\$31,560
District N:	\$ 11,646	\$28,880
District S:	<u>\$27,154</u>	\$27,150

As you can see District's I and S met and surpassed their goal.

We will have two new coordinators approved by LCIF for fiscal year 2024-2025, PCC Terry Cauble in District I and PDG George Holston in District N. I attended the

Strategy session in San Antonio along with our two new coordinators.

The LCIF Committee has not met but we will have a zoom meeting in the near future. I do not feel that we can finalize our goals until we see what changes LCIF

are going to have for this year. At the strategy session we were given each District's

LCIF goals for this year. We will always have our goal of EDUCATING OUR LIONS AS

TO WHAT LCIF IS DOING AND SEEK SUPPORT FOR LCIF.

I want to thank our coordinators for their hard work as well as the Lions and Lions Clubs that supported us with their donations.

LCIF has addressed North Carolina's requests for Disaster assistance in the past and will continue to do so. Just as grants for Disaster Relief are funded by donations, so are all other grants such as Sight, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Leo, Diabetes, and other matching Grants. We need to show better support for LCIF so that they know that North Carolina appreciates the Grants given to us.

We want to thank the clubs and Lions who have made donations to CIF this year and ask that you continue to do so.

REMBER: Service is both doing and giving.

THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

PDG Herbert A. Justice
MD 31 LCIF Coordinator

**Lions Club International
MD 31
Alert Chair Report
August 25, 2024**

In speaking with the districts, NC is unique in that there are three potentially hazardous areas in our state: flooding, earthquakes, and hurricanes.

Again, the goals are:

1. Be Alert. With all the technology we have today we need to be alert to any disastrous situation that's going on throughout North Carolina or surrounding area. As your District Chair, I will stay in tune to potentially hazardous conditions and communicate.
2. Distribution. When a situation does arise, we need to be able to distribute the needed materials to the area in need. Communication would be key here.
3. Disaster Trailer. Develop a standard operating procedure for the trailers within the state; I will be reconnecting with the other two people that had trailers from previous year and see if their dedication is still there.
4. As the situation arise, I will make contact with local hotel to see if NC Lions can negotiate free or low rate for families in need. This will be a short term stay (3-5 days)

PDG DeAngelo Jackson
MD 31 Alert Chair
Walking By Faith

August 2024 Report on Nominations

Attachment O

Candidates for State Council Chairperson for the 2026-2027 Council for current 2nd Vice District Governors should submit their resumes to PDG Paul Silverman by mail at 2 Lacrosse Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 or e-mail to silverman1@prodigy.net no later than Midnight on Monday, September 30th, 2024. Eligible candidates shall be District Governors or Past District Governors who are also members in good standing in their home clubs. Resumes of eligible candidates will be distributed to the 2nd Vice District Governors council for review. Interviews and election of candidates will take place at the second State Council Meeting at Camp Dogwood on November 9th.

Candidates for State Secretary/Treasurer should submit their resumes to me by midnight on Saturday, September 30th, 2024. The candidates for the 2025-2026 council will be interviewed and election held during the second State Council Meeting in November.

Candidates for 2025-2026 State Promotion Chairperson should submit their resume to me by midnight on Saturday, September 30th. Eligible candidates shall be any North Carolina Lion with full membership status who is also a member in good standing of their home club. Resumes of eligible candidates will be distributed to 1st Vice District governors and their Council Chair for review. Interviews and elections shall take place at the second State Council meeting in November.

At the time this report was prepared, I was in receipt of credentials for State Council Chair for 2026-2027. PDG Carlton "Carly" Metts and PDG James Maitland have presented nominating documents for Council Chair. There are no nominations for State Secretary/Treasurer or State Promotion Chairperson for 2025-2026.

Candidates for NCLF positions should provide a notice of intent and verification of membership in good standing from your respective club secretary by April 15th, 2025. This election will be held at the 4th NCLF meeting. I am currently not in receipt of any letters of intent.

Report Respectfully Submitted by PDG Paul Silverman 8/8/2024

Promotions Report
August 25, 2024

Good evening Lions. We had 5 Lions and one Guest registered for events of the International Convention.

- The Parade was nice but a little chilly. We had 4 Lions participate in the parade.
- NC was in charge of the Southeast Breakfast 7 out of 9 states/territories of the southeast (a total of 80 people) were in attendance. Our guarantee was for one hundred people with a 10% variance. We paid for one hundred people but were refunded for 10 people. We paid for an extra 10 people as we had no one from Mississippi and Puerto Rico.
- The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in a week & a half in Louisville KY starting September 5th to 7th. They are planning 80 plus seminars, 4 meals and 4 inspirational speakers.
- On July 4th 2025 we will be headed to Mexico City, Mexico to the 2025 International Convention. The LCICon website addresses concerns or FAQ's (See Print outs).

Lion Elizabeth Steele