

MINUTES OF THE MD19 WINTER COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS' MEETING

February 7, 2026

Zoom Meeting

The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairperson Steve Brooks at 9:00 am, followed by Introductions of the Council.

The following Lions, Lioness, and Guests were in attendance and signed the Attendance Sheets.

I. Council of Governors

Steve Brooks, Council Chairperson
Wanda Eddy, Vice Council Chairperson
Patty Allen-White, Past Council Chairperson
Peter Anderson, Executive Director
ID Mark Mansell
Teresa Ng, District Governor, 19-L
Steve Sweeney, District Governor, 19-I
September Stokes, District Governor, 19-O
Donna Murr, District Governor, 19-N
Roger Schramm, District Governor, 19-S
Chuck Robinson, PDG 19-I
Beth James, PDG 19-O
Leslie Chasse, PDG 19-N

II. MD19 Committee Chairpersons & Appointees

PDG Steve Staudinger, Bud. & Finan. (temp.) / Elections
PDG Shelley Costello, MD19 2026 Annual Convention
ZC Shelley Staudinger, 2026 International Convention
PCC Patty Allen-White, Contests and Awards
PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Diabetes
Nancy Messmer - Environment
PDG Debbie Bostock, Global Leadership
PDG Beth James, Global Membership
PZC Jocelyn Wan, Global Service
PCC Hal Palmer, Global Marketing
PZC Bill Scholl, Knights of the Blind
Luke Walkup, LEO Liaison
PDG Al Stobbart, LCIF - BC
PID Don Shove, LCIF - US
PCC J.D. Nellor, Parliamentarian / Webmaster

Foundations & Societies

PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth, (for Roger Chevrier) NWLLI

III. Lions, LEOs and Guests

Michele Barrie	Michael Di Maria	ZC Shelley Sweeney
2 nd VDG Michael Cheng	Alison Marshall	PDG Rosemary Richert
Gloria Hardan	2 nd VDG Carolyn O'Dell	PCC Polly Voon
PCC Al Hedstrom	Stephanie O'Dell	1 st VDG Rock White
1 st VDG Cindy Fickett	A.P. Singh	PDG Steven Wong
PDG Michael Livingstone		

MOTION: A motion was made by DG September Stokes, 19-O and seconded by DG Steven Sweeney, 19-I to accept as posted the Minutes of the MD19 Fall Council of Governors' Meeting, held in Penticton, B.C on October 3, 2025. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by District Governor Donna Murr, 19-N and seconded by PDG Beth James, 19-O to correct the Council Agenda list of Consent Reports showing PDG Stephen Staudinger as reporting for the NW Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing. Motion approved.

MOTION: A motion was made by VCC Wanda Eddy and seconded by District Governor Teresa Ng, 19-L accept the Consent Agenda reports as corrected. Motion approved.

International President A.P. Singh spoke for some time to the Council remarking after each current District Governor gave a short talk on their districts plans for growth in terms of membership and new clubs.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

CARE REPORT by PDG Bob Yeoman, Chairperson.

"Donations received this fiscal year for CARE will go to help provide clean water in schools located in Guatemala. Currently Guatemala schools lack the proper infrastructure for preparing meals in the schools. This is also attributed to poor sanitation procedures when it comes to washing hands.

The Council of Governors discussed and voted on the above project for MD19. We need to support the decisions that our leaders make. We currently are in the second year of this two-year project. Let's support CARE and our leaders.

Through the end of December (1st six months of fiscal year) our donations to CARE are \$15,785 compared to \$17,660 for the same period last year. This is a reduction of \$1,895. I feel confident we can make up this

difference by the end of June. Over the years I have seen Lions rise to the occasion to accomplish their goals. I've seen it in planting of trees, serving individuals, *Campaign 100* and more.

Remember a donation of \$500.00 or more in this fiscal year entitles the club to request a Gordon F. Smith Fellowship. Currently there are 16 clubs that have donated \$500.00 or more. Four clubs have donated \$1,000.00 or more.

Thank you to all clubs that are supporting CARE and supporting what our Council of Governors selected as a needy cause."

DIABETES AWARENESS REPORT by PDG Georgia Medwedrich, Chairperson:

"Council Chairperson and Council,

Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases affecting people WORLDWIDE. Around 589 million people over a year old live with **diagnosed** diabetes. This number excludes gestational diabetes. Worldwide at the end of 2024 there were 589 million adults (20-79) living with diabetes. It is projected that by 2050 there will be a rise of 853 million adults living with diabetes. It's also predicted that as of today there are 252 million people living with undiagnosed diabetes, it's time we went out in our communities to bring awareness to everyone so we can slow that down.



I have found over the past few years that getting the word out to our clubs / members regarding diabetes is difficult. I am unable to travel to each club to show off my 'sugar board' which would certainly, be a 'wake me up' for anyone who glances at it. The monthly newsletters have the same old news each month, which I would not be surprised that almost everyone who receives it files it in the round storage bin. So how can I help us get the word out to all our members, I ask you, please send suggestions.

Step Challenge update.

At the challenge's halfway point of fifteen weeks there are 363 participants in our Multiple District taking part in this challenge. As of January 25th, the total number of steps for all is: **262,419,859** steps. The participation fee of \$5.00 per person has been submitted by over half of the group, those that still need to submit can contact me for where to send their cheque."

ELECTIONS REPORT by PDG Stephen Staudinger, Chairperson:

"Two qualified candidates will be seeking the position of Vice Council Chairperson for the fiscal year 2026 - 2027. Both candidates have been certified and are qualified for the position. The two candidates are:

- 1) PDG Steven Wong, Vancouver B.C.
- 2) PDG Michael Livingstone, Okanagan Falls B.C.

The Election will be held at the Annual Convention in Wenatchee WA, May 23-24"

LEO CLUBS REPORT by PZC Linda Deroche, Chairperson:

Council Chairperson and Council,



LEOS continues to be a hot commodity.

We see more involvement of Leos in our Clubs, in our Club Projects and at our Conventions. CONGRATULATIONS LIONS and WAY TO GO! Leos exude enthusiasm and energy. They bring encouragement to Lions who have lost a little of their spunk. Leos make it okay for us Lions to be silly and laugh out loud.

Although it seems my life lately has been rather overwhelming, I'm hoping to get back out there and visit more Clubs, share how amazing Leos are and what value they bring to a Lions Club.

We need to increase the number of Leo Clubs but to do that, we need more Lions Clubs to be open-minded to sponsoring a Leo Club.

I can promise every Lions Club that sponsors a Leo Club, that they will quickly realize the benefits of being open to welcoming Leos. Leos have been known to help with improved mental health, enhanced social health and increased overall happiness. Give Leos a chance, sponsor a Leo Club

LIONS QUEST – B.C. REPORT by PDG Norma Bent, Chairperson:

“Good morning, Council,

Some updates on Lions Quest programs and happening in our MD:

19-1 held a successful Community Social Emotional Learning Workshop online in November. Their 12 Participants from Kamloops YMCA, Boy Scouts and Lions learned the importance of Lions Quest programs for our youth today.

19-0 is applying for a grant to bring Executive Director, Joanne McQuiggan to their convention this spring.

Also hoping to have a table display at the MD Convention in Wenatchee in May.”

MEMORIAL GARDEN REPORT by Wes Reynolds, Chairperson:

“This January was warm and sunny compared to recent years. A cherry blossom was seen. Some planting could be done. There was a chance to get a lot of free wood chips. It appears we will not lose any plants to cold weather. Volunteers are invited to come work in the garden on March 31.”



MD19 FOUNDATION REPORTS

NORTHWEST LERC REPORT by Kirby Kee, President:

“In the early 2000’s, Dr. Bob Pinson, a dedicated Lion and retired optometrist, began thinking about starting an eyeglass recycling center in the Pacific Northwest. Fellow Lions rallied behind him, and in 2004 the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center became one of only 20 LERCs sanctioned by Lions International. It is with deep sorrow that we report that Bob passed away peacefully on February 1st. Our founder may be gone, but his legacy will continue.

The NWLERC is still thriving as we enter the second half of the 2025-26 Lions year. Our treasurer reports we’re in excellent financial shape as we continue to process recycled glasses for missions around the world, thanks to the support we receive from the Lions Clubs of MD19.

The officers and staff are very proud to announce that the NWLERC recently fulfilled a request for glasses for our 400th mission! It’s a great milestone to celebrate and we’re so appreciative of all the volunteers that have made that possible.

We have also welcomed several new key staff members: Ted Wilson, from the Lacey Sunrise Lions Club, as our new QA Manager; and Ken Hash, from the Longview Kelso Earlybird Lions Club, as a new Director for District N.

On January 29th, several of our staff will take part in the annual Kitsap Project Connect in Bremerton, which assists the homeless population with multiple services. It’s one way NWLERC supports local people with eyecare needs; we also provide reading glasses to senior centers.

As for our dedicated volunteers, some Lions Clubs help out on a regular basis, and other clubs schedule special work parties – either way, it’s a great hands-on service project. We’re also getting more community members coming in, and they get to meet and learn about Lions as well.

Due to several instances of illegal dumping on the property, as well as some suspicious people showing up at odd hours, we recently installed a new security camera system to better protect our facility and make sure our volunteers feel safe.

We are so thankful for all the volunteers who work at the NWLERC, everyone who collects and delivers eyeglasses, and the Lions Clubs that provide financial support so that we can continue to uphold our motto 'Saving Lives, One Pair of Eyeglasses at a Time'."

LIONS OF BC HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY REPORT PCC Surinder Gahir, President:

"Council Chairperson Steve and Council Member's, greetings.

Our recycling of Hearing Aids program is going well. The newer digital hearing aids are sorted and sent to Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Centre in Victoria for testing, reprogramming and reuse.

Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society have been providing Hearing Aids to seniors and others that can't afford them; however, requests have slowed down to a trickle. And while our computer system had a meltdown a while ago, we are now up and running, however it is taking a little longer to input all the information.

The Lions of BC Hearing Conservation Society has a great awards program for deserving Lions; The Meade Sutherland Fellowship Award for \$500 and the Society Fellowship Award for \$50.

My friends, we remain deeply grateful for all your help and donations. For more information, please contact me at governor.gahir@gmail.com or Bob Jones at lions.bc.hearing@gmail.com."

MD19 KINGHTS OF THE BLIND REPORT by

"Much has happened since our last report.

It begins with a successful Holiday Broadcast lasting 90 minutes with many of the performers being sight challenged. Now the 2026 broadcast is well on its way, this coming year we hope to have the broadcast 'audio described'.

Members are involved in advocating for the blind or low vision individuals in many ways, from being involved in the WTBBL (Washington Talking Books & Braille Library) day at the Capital to being involved in groups for Transportation and Parks and Rec committees.

There has been a great new way of passive Advocacy, called a 'table topper', which is a trifold attached to one end and stands on a table for folks to read. They will find ways of interacting with not only the persons using a white cane but also low vision individuals with a Guide dog while reading about Lions clubs' info.

Several members are leading Low vision support groups at local Senior Centers. Advocacy has become an important part of our group."

REPORTS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE GIVEN ORALLY

LCIF – BC REPORT by PDG Al Stobbart, Chairperson:

"I attended the LCIF CAII training in Vancouver October 2-4 (same weekend as the CoG meeting in Penticton) and prepared goals and developed strategies along with LCIF District Coordinators for L, I and O.

CAII MD19 has reached 72% of its 2025-2026 donations goal, thanks to the efforts of our District LCIF Coordinators, Lorne Bunyan and Shella Keung in District L and Debbie Bostock in District I.

MD19 for both Canada and US is at 78% of its 2025-26 goal, well ahead of last year at this time.

For Melvin Jones birthday, I attended the MJF Presentation ceremony at Chilliwack Mt. Cheam Lions Hall and along with Lions from a number of clubs, saw PID Allan Hunt recognize one Lion with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, a second Lion with a Progressive MJF and, presented an MJF to non-Lion, local Member of Parliament Mark Strahl for his efforts in the community and for assisting LCI with visits to Parliament in Ottawa promoting Lions.

The LCIF Easter Seal House Room Renovation Matching Grant for US \$18,519 was approved at the January

LCIF Board of Trustees meeting. Thanks to North Surrey and Maple Ridge Lions Clubs of District O and Logan Lake and Enderby and District Lions Clubs of District I for their donations towards this matching grant.”

LCIF – US REPORT by PID Don Shove, Chairperson

“Congratulations to everyone on the significant progress achieved. We are doing very well, and we need to keep up with all your help in supporting our Foundation LCIF. Our District coordinators are hard at work in contacting Lions and Clubs to further the LCIF message.

We contacted Donor Assistance at LCIF about the process of donating \$147 to the 147 Melvin Jones Birthday Pin Campaign. Their response is provided below:

How to Order the 147 Melvin Jones Birthday Pin:

Thank you for your interest in the 147 Melvin Jones Birthday Pin. We understand and apologize for any inconvenience caused by the fact that there is currently no option on the website's donation page to provide notations or special instructions related to this campaign.

To obtain the 147 Melvin Jones Birthday Pin, please follow these steps:

1. Donate \$147 through the lionsclubs.org website as you normally would.
2. Once your donation is complete, you will receive an email containing your donation receipt.
3. Forward that receipt, or a copy of it, donorassistance@lionsclubs.org. In your email, please include a note requesting to be added to the 147 Melvin Jones Birthday Pin Campaign.

After these steps are completed, you will receive the 147 MJF Birthday Pin by the end of the Lions fiscal year.

Sincerely,
Donor Assistance // Donor Services
Lions Clubs International Foundation
+1.630.203.3836 // “

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT by Dr. Nancy Messmer, Chairperson:

“MD19 Environment Team Lions Year 2025-2026

L-Kitty Chiu I-Bernie Jensen O-Mike Contreras N-Fred Ferreira S- _____

Representing five districts, District, Zone and Club Environment Chairpersons work closely with four Lions serving as MD19 Environment Co-Chairpersons. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chairperson Steve Brooks. **We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. and invite interested Lions to join us.** For invitation, write to able@olypen.com. Our team increases in size and scope as we are joined by Lions from throughout our MD and from across the continent.

- For the full Content of the MD19 Environmental Report (which is extensive – 12 pages - and full of great information) please visit the MD19 website using the link below:
<https://lionsmd19.org/downloads/cog-reports/winter-2026/environment.pdf> “

STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT by PCC J.D. Nellor, for PCC John Kirry, Chairperson:

“Action on Filling the Position of the MD19 Office Administrative Assistant

The MD19 Strategic Planning Committee was tasked by Council Chairperson Steve Brooks to initiate urgent discussions regarding the planned June 30, 2026, retirement of MD19 Administrative Assistant Michele Barrie. Michele has served admirably as the MD19 Administrative Assistant for 27 years and filling her position is a pressing matter for the Multiple District.

The Committee Listed here are the Members and Ex-Officio Members of the committee, a broad cross-section of senior leaders from each district in MD19.

PCC John Kirry (Chairperson)
PCC JD Nellor, (Dist. N)
PDG Leslie Smith (Dist. L)
PDG Chuck Robinson (Dist. I)
PDG Joe Haggan (Dist. O)
PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth (Dist. S)

Ex-Officio CC Steve Brooks
VCC Wanda Eddy
PCC Gary Reidel
PCC Patty Allen-White
PDG Brien Patton
ED Peter Anderson
Michele Barrie

Discussion: As reported to the Council of Governors Meeting in Penticton, the Strategic Planning Committee began our deliberations in September 2025, creating a process of finding a suitable replacement for our Administrative Assistant, Michele Barrie. In our deliberations, we focused primarily on creating a comprehensive job description and a thorough job application package. We then reviewed multiple methods to get this job announcement 'out there' into the business community.

Our target for hiring was January / February 2026 to onboard a candidate to work alongside Michele during the very busy months when the District Conventions and MD19 Convention are ramping up and the office workload increases. The job final description and job application was completed in late October and the candidate hiring process moved forward in earnest during the November and December time frame. A big Thank You to PCC Patty Allen-White and VCC Wanda Eddy for doing a great job of finalizing the working text of the documents. We were very pleased to see that by mid-January, we had received nearly 100 inquiries for the job. The screening/hiring team of Executive Director Peter Anderson, Administrative Assistant Michele Barrie and office volunteer Gloria Hardin moved methodically to interview candidates.

We are very pleased to report that LIAM HARRIS, a very highly qualified and motivated candidate, has been selected and has begun training the week of January 26 in the MD19 Office. In mid-January, in anticipation of hiring a replacement for Michele, Executive Director Peter Anderson submitted a Grant Request to the Multiple District 19 Foundation. This grant request was seeking full funding for the new MD19 Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$26,400 covering side-by-side training with Michele through the end of June 2026. We are pleased to inform the Council that the full grant amount was unanimously approved by the Multiple District 19 Foundation on January 26, 2026.

We welcome our new employee-trainee Liam Harris and look forward to meeting him in person. We also thank our current Administrative Assistant Michele Barrie for all her good work on behalf of the Lions of Multiple District 19. She hasn't officially retired yet, and I'm sure we'll have a more proper send-off for Michele as the end of the Lions year approaches. But in the meantime, please add your personal thanks to Michele by coming by the office, or by thanking her at one of the upcoming District Conventions / MD19 Convention, or by simply sending her a note of thanks! Respectfully submitted, PCC John Kirry, Chair Multiple District 19 Strategic Planning Committee."

CONTESTS & AWARDS REPORT by PCC Patty Allen-White, Chairperson:

"There is worth in the MD19 Contests and Awards Program. Contests can encourage clubs to use tools to increase the HEALTH & GROWTH of their Lions Clubs. This is the address you need to check out the following contests: Lionsmd19.org/awards.php (It's the MD19 website!)

A little healthy competition never hurts anyone. It is a catalyst to encourage clubs, zones, and districts to create the best products for showcasing their clubs. Consider the usefulness of the following items when done well:

- Club Brochure – attract new members; inform the public about Lions
- Club Bulletin – keep club members informed
- Business Card – attract new members; make public aware of your club
- Club Website – keep club members informed; attract new members; inform the public
- Visitation Two a Month – It's fun AND you pick up some really great ideas
- Zone Chairperson Newsletter – share ideas amongst the clubs, promote club activities and fundraisers with clubs in the zone and district.

Don't forget that 5 Minute Achievement Speech Contest! The best project ideas are shared in this contest! District Governors and Convention Chairpersons and Contests and Awards Chairpersons, get your clubs

signed up, arrange for the judges before or during your Spring Convention and report your winners to MD19 Office.

It's time to prepare to show the world just how good the clubs and zones are in your district! To compete at the multiple district level, you must be the winner or runner up at the district level.

Now here's a Special One!

'The Club Inspiration Award' is given to a Lions or Leo club, which have accomplished the greatest service to their community, state, province or nation during the previous fiscal year. The winner is determined by the MD19 Contests and Awards Committee and is awarded at the Multiple District annual convention **from clubs nominated by their respective District Governors** on or **before June 30, way before June 30th**. Consideration is given to that of handicap or accomplishment under adverse conditions.

PLEASE NOTE: Because we now hold our MD19 Annual Convention in May, Governors, you must submit your nomination to the MD19 Office by May 1st. That's May Day. That's coming up SOON! Don't miss this opportunity to highlight a small or large club doing BIG SERVICE! Consideration is given to that of a handicap or accomplishment under adverse conditions."

International Director Mark Mansell brought before the council a possible membership growth program for MD19.

'Every Lion Counts. Every Club Matters.'

This program is to recognize individual Lions, clubs, zones, and districts within MD19 that demonstrate positive, sustainable membership growth and sponsorship leadership during the Lions year.

The goal is to encourage membership growth through encouragement, leadership, and service, not pressure or quotas. By celebrating progress at every level—individual, club, zone, and district—MD19 strengthens its capacity to serve communities and fulfill the mission of Lions Clubs International.

Individual Recognition - Top Ten New Member Sponsors

Recognizes the top ten Lions who sponsor the greatest number of new members in each district and for all of MD19 during the Lions year.

Criteria

- Sponsorship verified through Lions Portal records.
- New members only (excluding transfers).

Recognition

- District Top Sponsor lapel pin (for the top ten in each district).
- Recognition at the District Convention.
- MD19 Top Sponsor lapel pin (for the top ten overall across all MD19).
- Public recognition at the MD19 Convention.
- International President's Certificate of Appreciation for top MD19 sponsors.

NOTE: Ties are permitted to ensure all qualifying Lions are recognized.

Club-Level Recognition – Club Growth Excellence Award

Recognizes clubs that achieve net positive membership growth.

Criteria

- Net gain of one or more members during the Lions year.
- Club remains in good standing.
- At least one service activity reported.

Recognition

- MD19 Club Growth banner patch.
- Recognition at the District Convention.
- Recognition at the Multiple District Convention.

Club-Level Recognition - Sustainable Club Excellence Award

Recognizes clubs demonstrating both growth and retention.

Criteria

- Positive net gain of members.
- Retention rate of 80 percent or higher.
- At least two new members sponsored by different Lions.

Recognition

- Premium banner patch.
- District Certificates for the Club President and Membership Chair.
- Highlight in district and MD19 communications.
- Recognition at the District Convention.
- Recognition at the Multiple District Convention.

Zone-Level Recognition - Zone Growth Excellence Award

Recognizes zones that foster a culture of membership growth.

Criteria

- Fifty percent or more of clubs in the zone show positive net growth.
- Zone Chair conducts at least one growth-focused club visit or roundtable.
- No clubs in status quo at the close of the Lions year.

Recognition

- Zone Chair recognition pin.
- Formal recognition at the District Convention.
- Formal recognition at the MD19 Convention.
- Zone featured in district or MD19 communications.

District-Level Recognition - District Growth Excellence Award

Recognizes districts that demonstrate leadership and support for growth.

Criteria

- District achieves positive net membership growth.
- At least one new club, branch, or specialty club is chartered.
- District provides training, mentoring, or structured support related to growth and retention.

Recognition

- District banner streamer.
- Recognition for the District Governor and Membership Team.
- Featured acknowledgment at the MD19 Convention.

Multiple District (MD19) Recognition - MD19 District Growth Champion

Recognizes the top-performing district within MD19 based on balanced growth measures.

Criteria

- Achieves District Growth Excellence Award with the greatest positive net growth percentage.
Recognition
- Permanent MD19 District Growth Champion trophy.
- Recognition during MD19 Convention plenary session."

International Director Mark will work with strategic people and Global Membership Team member PDG Beth James to work out the parameters of getting this program off the ground and be brought back to the Council for approval for acceptance into the MD19 Contests and Awards.

MD19 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

MD19 2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT by PDG Shelley Costello, Chairperson:

"MD19 Spring Conference 2026 is Happening!!

Wenatchee Washington, along the Columbia River.

~ Fruits of Service ~

Convention Hotel-Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel. A skybridge walk to Convention Center. Book now, as Memorial Weekend gets expensive.

Link: <http://coa.st/lionsmd1926> \$145.00 per night. (1-2 ppl)



Friday 8am-4pm DG & Zone Training.

Friday night VIP dinner – invitation only

Everyone else – dinner, music, wine at Pybus Market <https://pybuspublicmarket.org> (We have reserved a winery location, and you go order food from facility on site of your choice, pay, and they deliver to you.)

Saturday Zone Training & DG Meetings 8-11:30 – Convention luncheon kicks off at noon – classes and then **evening** at Circle 5 Winery overlooking Columbia River w/GladSong entertainment. <https://circle5winery.com> (Food & beverages purchased right there, your choice)

Attire: Business Casual, Club Uniforms for Fri/Sat/Sun. Sunday dinner – Business Professional. Bring light jacket for Saturday night at winery, as it 'may' get a little breezy.

If you have any questions, please reach out to PDG Convention Chairperson Shelley Costello by email. Shelan1437@aol.com Registration information is being worked on now and will be available soon."

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION & RELATIONS REPORT by PID Mark Mansell, Chairperson: Oral Report

First off, I want to give a shout out to the Marketing Team, who put forth an original proposal, for which there had been quite a bit of competition for, and although there were adjustments to make on the proposal, the team got together and made the changes quickly and 'muscle' their way back into the pool and obtained \$10,000. I am excited as to how they quickly responded and adjusted their proposal and the results that are happening because of that.

We also have a quality nominee for the LEO Advisory position. Thank you, Steve for putting forth the name for the Leo. I've informed LCI of the name and they will reach out to him and learn if he is able to serve in that capacity. So hopefully we'll have another voice in that Leo conversation.

The other thing I wanted to mention is the district governors touching on the travel costs that they incur throughout their year. International President A.P. Singh went to bat for us and got the reimbursements increased.

I am on the Constitution and By-Laws committee and there's a Youth Protection Program that we are working on, and I believe it will give us greater guidance in how we guide and protect those we serve and those we serve with and to protect our Lions in the process. We've done a lot of work on this during the fall and will again more in March and the goal is to have it ready for the new year.

There are going to be a couple of items on the ballot in Hong Kong. The first will be a \$2 increase that, if passed, will begin in the 2028-29 Lions fiscal year. It will be a 5-year process and at the end, it will be a \$10 increase.

The last item is the realignment of board seats (at Int'l level). We currently have 11 seats in Constitutional Area 1 on the board. There was a measure to reduce that to eight in Orlando and that barely failed and it will be back, but the modification is to go from 11 to nine over a series of several years and CA6 would pick up two. This includes India, which geographically has the largest number of Lions and Leos in our association. That would give them eight and we would have nine and Central and South America would go up one. To make the math work, one of the board positions would become a full-time position, thereby keeping the budget and costs in line with current funding.

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT by PDG Steve Staudinger, Chairperson: Oral Report

The tax return for the year ending 2025 has been completed by the accountants and they are in the process of filing with the IRS. The good news is for the bottom line of that report is that there was a net gain of \$32,000 net income versus the previous year with a loss of \$26,000. Kudos to the MD19 Office for watching their costs and watching their budget for the previous year.

As far as the current budget is concerned, we were projecting a \$9200 loss with this current budget. Right now, after five months of this year we are at a loss of \$500. So, again the staff is doing a good job of monitoring the budget and their expenses.

The MD19 Foundation is going to save the office about \$26,400 for the new administrative assistant, which was not in the budget. The MD19 Foundation has also decided to reimburse any MD19 Lions their registration for the USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Currently we have \$1800 in the budget for the Forum for the Vice Council Chairperson and the 1st Vice District Governors, so that is more savings on the MD19 budget.

The other item I want to bring up is the reimbursements rates for VCC, Zone Chairpersons, 1st and 2nd VDGs it is currently \$.50 per mile and \$75 per hotel night. The IRS guidelines have gone up over the years, and we haven't done anything in that area for a while. Currently the IRS rate is \$.72.5 per mile, and the lodging component is \$107. As an example, the MD19 Foundation updated their reimbursement to \$.60 per mile and \$100 per hotel night. The Council may want to consider doing the same for Rules of Audit purposes.

MOTION: A motion was made by PCC Patty Allen-White and seconded by Vice Council Chairperson Wanda Eddy to increase reimbursements, as shown the MD19 Policy Manual, Chapter 11 Rules of Audit, to \$.60 per mile for Mileage (up from \$.50) and \$100 per night for hotel (up from \$75) and for this to take effect retroactively from January 1, 2026. The Policy Manual will be updated accordingly. Motion approved.

2025-2026 MD19 with DEC 31, 2025 Membership				
MD19 Dues Income @ \$26.60	Projected	Actual	Variance	Notes
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
MD19 Operations Account - 89%	\$ 200,969	\$ 118,702	\$ (82,267)	
District Budgeted 6%	\$ 13,548	\$ 6,937	\$ (6,611)	
MD19 Convention Reserve - 3%	\$ 6,774	\$ 3,975	\$ (2,799)	
MD19 Reserve Account - 1%	\$ 2,258	\$ 1,325	\$ (933)	
MD19 Building Reserve Account - 1%	\$ 2,258	\$ 1,325	\$ (933)	
Total Dues Income (gross)	\$ 225,807	\$ 132,264	\$ (93,543)	
MD19 Other Income	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Annual Convention	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ (3,500)	
Grant Audio Visual Equipment (Foundation)	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ (1,500)	
Border Crossing Editor Grant (Foundation)	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,500	\$ (1,100)	
Grant District & Zone Officer School (MD19 FDN)	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ (9,000)	
Building & Grounds Improvements	\$ 500	\$ 147	\$ (353)	
Building - Memorial Gardens	\$ 600	\$ 250	\$ (350)	
New Club Paraphernalia	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ (250)	
Office Expense Recovered	\$ 200	\$ 33	\$ (167)	
Sales Other	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ (500)	
Uniforms - Sales Income	\$ 1,000	\$ 268	\$ (732)	
Roster	\$ 1,200	\$ 613	\$ (587)	
Bulletin Subscriptions	\$ 100	\$ 47	\$ (53)	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,564	\$ 10	\$ (1,554)	
Fundraising - MD19 General Fund	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ -	
Interest Income	\$ 500	\$ 770	\$ 270	
Property Tax Reimbursement	\$ 4,620	\$ 4,620	\$ -	
Total MD19 Other Income	\$ 28,676	\$ 9,300	\$ (19,376)	
Total MD19 Income	\$ 254,483	\$ 141,564	\$ (112,919)	
Expenses	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
District Ops Accounts				
District L	\$ 3,079	\$ 1,725	\$ (1,354)	
District I	\$ 2,059	\$ 1,420	\$ (639)	

Expenses	Projected	Actual	Variance	
District Ops Accounts - Continued	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
District O	\$ 2,648	\$ 2,069	\$ (579)	
District N	\$ 3,235	\$ 1,719	\$ (1,516)	
District S	\$ 2,528	\$ 1,974	\$ (554)	
Total District Operations Accounts	\$ 13,548	\$ 8,906	\$ (4,642)	
International Convention / Forum / Director	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
CC Elect (Seated VCC)	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400	
Convention Chairperson	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	
Int'l Convention Expense (Hosp. Rm)	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	
VCC to USA / Canada Forum	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	
1st VDG to USA / Canada Forum	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
Total Int'l Convention/Forum/Director	\$ 3,050	\$ -	\$ 3,050	
Capital Outlay	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Office Equipment	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	
Copier Lease Canon	\$ 4,525	\$ 1,337	\$ 3,188	
Total Capital Outlay	\$ 4,725	\$ 1,337	\$ 3,388	
MD19 Convention Expenses	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Annual Convention Reserve - MD19 (3%)	\$ 6,774	\$ 3,975	\$ 2,799	
MD19 Annual Convention	\$ 7,000	\$ 325	\$ 6,675	
Total MD-19 Convention Expenses	\$ 13,774	\$ 4,300	\$ 9,474	
MD-19 General Operations	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Potential Bad Debt (MD19 Dues)	\$ -	\$ 110	\$ (110)	
Credit Card Fees	\$ 150	\$ 70	\$ 80	
Accounting Compilation/Services	\$ 5,200	\$ 2,530	\$ 2,670	
Bank Charges	\$ 150	\$ 326	\$ (176)	
Memorial Garden Expenses (Plants, Soil etc.)	\$ 750	\$ 581	\$ 169	
Building & Grounds (Cleaning & Repairs)	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,313	
Business License / Non-Profit Corporation	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 75	
Maintenance - Auto & Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 137	\$ 863	
New Club Paraphernalia Expense-gong & gavel	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	
Post Office Box Lease Canada	\$ 200	\$ 210	\$ (10)	
Postage	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,211	\$ 1,589	
Printing and Office Supplies	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,879	\$ 1,421	
Printing Roster / Contest & Awards Books	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,646	\$ (146)	
Purchases - Other Sales	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
OTHER EXPENSES	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Purchases - Wearables	\$ 2,000	\$ 920	\$ 1,080	
Computer Programs	\$ 800	\$ 425	\$ 375	
Exchange Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

OTHER EXPENSES	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Utilities	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,340	\$ 4,660	
Total MD-19 Operations - General	\$ 31,675	\$ 17,072	\$ 14,603	
Insurance - Auto/Building	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Auto Insurance	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,906	\$ (156)	
Commercial Package Insurance	\$ 4,100	\$ 3,939	\$ 161	
Total Insurance - Auto/Building	\$ 6,850	\$ 6,845	\$ 5	
Taxes (non-personnel)	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Personal Property Tax	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -	
Building Property Tax	\$ 10,800	\$ 4,684	\$ 6,116	
Total Taxes (non-personnel)	\$ 11,000	\$ 4,884	\$ 6,116	
Personnel - Calendar Year	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Compensation -MD10 Office	\$ 138,000	\$ 79,849	\$ 58,151	
Total Personnel	\$ 138,000	\$ 79,849	\$ 58,151	
Support: Club, Zone and District	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
1st & 2nd Vice Dist. Governors	\$ 900	\$ 617	\$ 283	
Awards & Trophies	\$ 1,000	\$ 210	\$ 790	
MD19 Bulletin	\$ 300	\$ 150	\$ 150	
Council Chairperson Expense	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,382	\$ 2,118	
1st & 2nd Vice Dist. Governors	\$ 1,000	\$ 619	\$ 381	
Council Meeting - Fall	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,675	\$ (675)	
Council Meeting - Winter	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	
Council Meeting - Spring	\$ 3,200	\$ -	\$ 3,200	
Dist. & Zone Officer Training	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Executive Director Expense	\$ 5,500	\$ 3,617	\$ 1,883	
MD19 District Team Expenses	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
LEO liaison for MD19 Convo	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	
Total Club, Zone and District Support	\$ 22,150	\$ 8,270	\$ 13,880	
Telephone	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Telephone	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,556	\$ 744	
Website	\$ 175	\$ -	\$ 175	
Total Telephone and Website	\$ 2,475	\$ 1,556	\$ 919	
Zone Chairpersons	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
Zone Chairperson - Expenses	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,377	\$ 2,623	
Zone Chairperson - MD19 Annual Convention	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500	
Total Zone Chairperson	\$ 11,500	\$ 6,377	\$ 5,123	

Reserve	Projected	Actual	Variance	
	2025-2026	12/31/2025		
ID Candidate Reserve Fund	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
Payable to MD19 Reserve (1%)	\$ 2,258	\$ 1,325	\$ 933	
Payable to Building Reserve (1%)	\$ 2,258	\$ 1,325	\$ 933	
Total Reserve	\$ 5,016	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,366	
Contingency				
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total MD19 Expense	\$ 263,764	\$ 142,046	\$ 121,718	
RECAP				
Total MD19 Expense Budget	\$ 263,764	\$ 142,046	\$ 121,718	
Total MD19 Income Budget	\$ 254,483	\$ 141,564	\$ 112,919	
Net Income/(Loss)	(9,280)	\$ (482)	(8,798)	

2026 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT by ZC Shelley Staudinger, Oral Report:

I'll just remind everyone that the International Convention is in Hong King, July 3-7, 2026. The registration fee is currently \$265 (US). I will ask everyone who has already registered to put their email in the chat box as we are building a roster of participants and as we get closer to Wenatchee, I will be contacting everyone more about the International Convention.

We also would like to take the opportunity to invite our fellow Lions with Chinese and Hong Kong roots to serve as cultural guides while we are there to make it an awesome time for everyone.

The parade has been scheduled for after the closing session.

DISTRICT SUPPORT TEAM REPORTS

LEADERSHIP REPORT by PDG Debbie Bostock, GLT:

“We extend our congratulations to Dr. Brian Scott, who has successfully fulfilled the post-institute facilitation requirement and earned graduate status from the Faculty Development Institute.

Preparations for the seminars on May 22 for incoming District Governors (DGs), Vice District Governors (VDGs), Zone Chairpersons (ZCs), and Global Action Teams (GATs) are progressing smoothly. All facilitators have been confirmed. I kindly request that incoming District Governors provide the names and contact details of their respective Global Action Team members, Zone Chairpersons, and 2nd Vice District Governors for the 2026 and 2027 terms. Upon receipt, seminar information will be distributed to them directly.

Several districts have submitted details regarding seminars hosted for club officers. The District Leadership Chairperson can record this information on the LCI website, ensuring participants receive credit for attendance. If your district's details have not yet been provided, please forward them to me. While I can directly enter Canadian Lions into the system, American Lions must be submitted to LCI for addition.

Additionally, the Northwest Lions Leadership Institute is scheduled to take place in Chilliwack, BC from June 4–7. Registration is available at nwlli.org

The following is a proposal for training club officers in the districts. Presented by PDG Debbie Bostock and PCC Al Hedstrom

Proposal for District Training

As you all know, there is not one perfect training method to reach every Lion in our Multiple. In-person, online, printed material – they all have advantages and disadvantages. The Global Leadership Team does not presume having the perfect answer. But we can expand our training efforts. Therefore, we have established these goals:

- Provide a two-day training session in each district
- Enlist instructors from each district to help with training
- Topics will be club officer and important Lions topics. At a minimum:
 - o President and Vice President
 - o Secretary
 - o Treasurer
 - o Board of Directors
 - o Zone Chairperson
 - o Lions Portal
 - o Lions Virtual
 - o Lions Leadership
- Four to six topics per day
- Provide effective marketing
- Execute in August and September
- Once a budget is created, request grants from the MD19 Lions Foundation and Lions International for costs of both marketing and training.

Each of these items, of course, are currently flexible.

The MD19 Global Leadership Team asks the Council of Governors in general and each District Governor and Vice District Governor specifically to commit to helping secure a venue and necessary logistics to accommodate the training. We also ask each of these Governors to direct the assistance of their district's Global Leadership Team in providing instructors to assist in the effort.

Deadlines:

15 Feb: Assemble a team to develop and execute the plan.

2 March: Each District Governor and District Global Leadership Team contacted for commitment. Add more Lions to develop and execute the plan.

30 March: Detailed plan with budget published.

30 April: Grants requested.

29 May: Venues secured, schedule published.

Until conclusion of the training, provide continuous marketing.

The team currently consists of myself and 'Your Favorite Past Council Chairperson', Al Hedstrom."

MOTION: A motion was made by VCC Wanda Eddy and seconded by District Governor Steve Sweeney, 19-I for the Council to support the district training initiative proposed by GLT Debbie Bostock and PCC Al Hedstrom. Motion approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by PDG Beth James, GMT, Oral Report:

I just want to say from listening to our meeting last night and now today, how exciting it is to meet as a group and how it feeds into our enthusiasm for what we do as Lions and what a difference it makes for this group to meet.

I feel like we do fall down on that in between times and that is something the Multiple GAT team is going to work on, meeting more often so we can help, encourage and support each other. We all start out the year very excitedly with our goals and action plans and as we get separated from each other, and we have life, problems and holidays, things just seem to fall behind. I am hoping, as the Multiple Global Membership Coordinator to get us back on track by meeting and keeping up that enthusiasm.

We are very blessed in our multiple district. We received two membership grants and formulated some detailed action plans. I know that the teams have been promoting the service weeks, whether it was the mental health, the hunger project or the one that is coming up – environmental. And these are all ways in which we, as Lions, internationally can showcase what Lions can do for our communities. Building on that, of course is the marketing grant we've received from LCI, that is helping us promote through social media, especially Facebook.

So, we have these tools in our toolbelt and the more communication and media we have to inform our Lions, the more we can get the information out to others, with what we have available to assist them highlight their club in their areas.

I'm really excited about the Contests and Awards coming up with its friendly competition. Competition is always a really good motivator and for some that is the kind of membership satisfaction that they like. That's the kind of recognition they like and that everyone has a different appreciation language. So, learning about our personal connections and how we like to be appreciated is key towards member satisfaction.

SERVICE REPORT by PZC Jocelyn Wan, GST:

I held a Zoom meeting with District GST Coordinators on September 15, with Council Chairperson Steve also in attendance. We had a productive meeting focusing on strategies to assist clubs with service reporting, particularly those showing 0% reported service. Zone Chairpersons were recognized as key partners in encouraging accurate and consistent reporting.

The table below shows an increase in service reporting, which is encouraging. However, there is still room for improvement. Some clubs have completed service projects but did not report them to the Lion Portal, while others submitted reports at the portal but did not submit them to LCI.

District	Clubs reporting as of Sept 2025 (%)	Clubs reporting as of Jan 22, 2026 (%)
L	42.5	51
I	43	73
O	34.5	59
N	47	55
S	29	47
MD19	49	56

In addition, only 23 clubs participated in the Hunger Initiative Service, which is lower than expected and an area we should continue to encourage and promote.

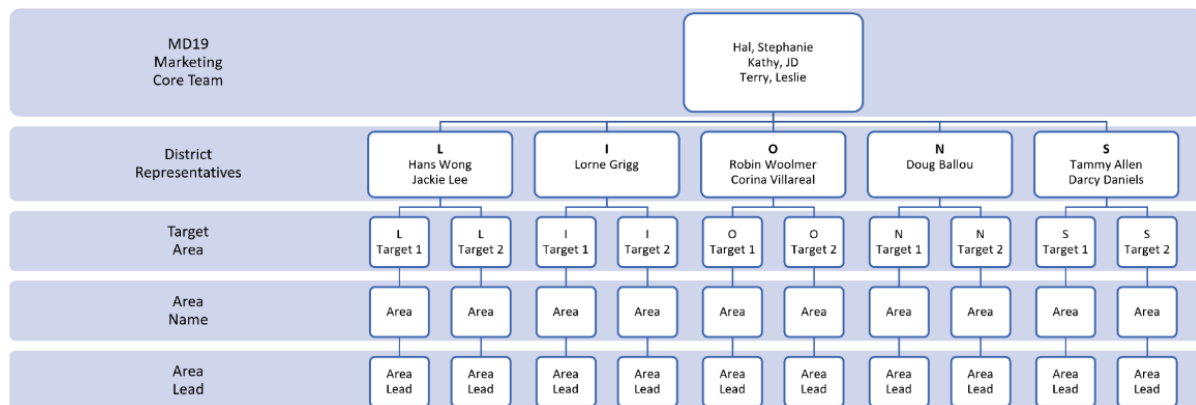
On a positive note, the Council Chairperson will make an announcement at the Council of Governors meeting on February 7 regarding the 2024–2025 **Kindness Matters Service Award**–winning club. The recipient was selected by the LCI Board of Directors Service Activities Committee.

The Kindness Matters Service Award recognizes outstanding service projects that support one of Lions International's global causes and create a meaningful, lasting impact in our communities.

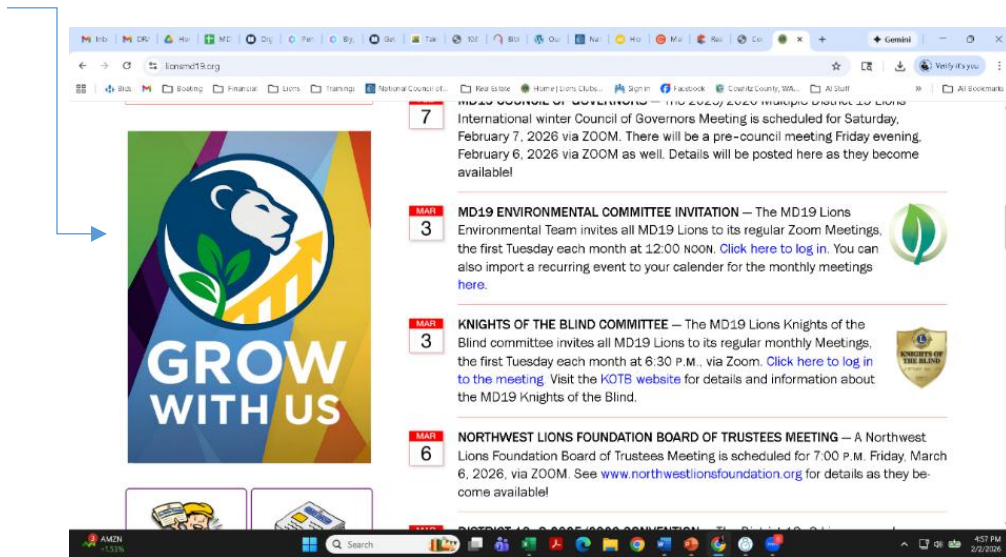
Let's continue to build on our service efforts and look forward to celebrating the fruits of our collective service at the **MD19 Convention in May 2026.**"

MARKETING REPORT by PCC Hal Palmer, Chairperson:

"We have received a \$10,000 LCI grant for a Digital Marketing campaign. We originally intended this for two areas where clubs could be built. \$6,666.67 has been received.



We have held weekly Zoom meetings since early December. And we created a page on the MD 19 Website that looks like this:



MD19 Grow With Us Marketing Initiative

Overview

The MD19 *Grow With Us* Marketing Initiative was launched with a focused strategy aimed at accelerating membership growth and club engagement through coordinated digital marketing. The initial rollout emphasized targeted saturation in selected geographic areas across the five districts.

Original Strategy & Goals

- Identify two target areas per district
- Saturate those areas with consistent, repeated messaging
- Increase community awareness, engagement, and membership interest
- Support clubs with ready-to-use marketing tools and reimbursement opportunities

Current Status

- Adoption within the original target areas has been slower than planned
- Participation has been inconsistent across districts and clubs
- Despite slower uptake, foundational work has continued and matured

January Progress: Team Formation & Capacity Building

During January, substantial time and effort were dedicated to building a strong and sustainable Multiple District framework to support long-term success.

- **Administrative & Coordination Support:** PDG Kathy Crawford was added as Administrator and Coordinator to strengthen organization, improve communication, and keep timelines, meetings, and reporting on track.
- **Website Development**
JD Nellor was brought on board to create and manage the *Grow With Us* website, establishing a centralized hub for campaign materials, tools, and information accessible to districts and clubs.
- **Graphics & Campaign Execution**
Graphics Coordinator Terry Blais continues to perform at a high level, delivering consistent, effective graphics aligned with both monthly campaigns and targeted audience frameworks.

This focused investment in people, systems, and foundational infrastructure has positioned the initiative for scalability and broader adoption.

January Success Story: Poulsbo Lions Club, N-1

One notable January success highlights the effectiveness of consistent participation in the *Grow With Us* framework. The **Poulsbo Lions Club** committed to **daily posting throughout January**, intentionally mixing:

- Service project content
- Community impact posts
- *Grow With Us* recruiting graphics and invitation messaging

Early results from just one month of activity show six new prospective members currently in the pipeline, with a high likelihood of conversion to full membership. This example demonstrates that when clubs consistently combine service storytelling with invitation messaging, the program produces measurable membership momentum in a short timeframe.

Infrastructure Readiness & Scalability

The *Grow With Us* initiative is no longer constrained by tools or capacity:

- Campaign graphics, captions, and messaging are complete and tested
- Processes for onboarding, support, and reimbursement are in place
- Leadership coordination and content delivery systems are established

As a result, the program is now capable of supporting participation by every club across MD19, rather than being limited to specific target areas.

February Strategic Shift

Beginning in February, the initiative will transition from a limited-target strategy to broader engagement by:

- Expanding messaging beyond initial target areas
- Actively engaging district leaders with an invitation to participate
- Positioning *Grow With Us* as a ready-to-use, supported program for all clubs
- Reducing barriers to participation through clarity, simplicity, and shared resources

Next Steps: District-Level Engagement & Ownership

For the initiative to succeed at scale, districts must now invest comparable time and effort into building district-level capacity.

This effort is **not solely a marketing initiative** and is **not limited to marketing and membership**. Effective implementation requires cross-functional leadership and shared ownership.

Each district is asked to:

- **Form a District-Level Grow With Us Team**, including:
 - Marketing Chairperson
 - Membership Chairperson (GMT/GET)
 - Service Chairpersons
 - Zone Chairpersons
 - District Leadership

- **Commit to Regular Meetings and Communication**
District teams should meet regularly to align service, marketing, and membership efforts; discuss progress; and address challenges.
- **Ensure Integrated Collaboration**
 - Service projects create relevance and visibility
 - Marketing amplifies impact
 - Membership converts interest into action
 - Leadership ensures accountability and alignment
- **Actively Drive Club-Level Adoption**
District teams are responsible for communicating expectations, encouraging participation, supporting clubs, and ensuring consistent use of the program tools.

Summary

While early adoption within targeted areas has been slower than anticipated, the *Grow With Us* initiative has reached a critical milestone. The infrastructure is complete, the team is in place, and the program is fully scalable. The Poulsbo Lions Club example demonstrates that consistent participation produces real membership results. Success in the next phase depends on districts matching the Multiple District's commitment—building strong teams, meeting regularly, and treating *Grow With Us* as a shared leadership initiative that integrates service, marketing, and membership into a unified growth strategy.”

OLD BUSINESS

NORTHWEST LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE REPORT by PDG Laura Wintersteen-Arleth for Roger Chevrier, Superintendent, Oral Report:

The NWLLI will be held in Chilliwack, B.C. on June 4-7, 2026. It will be held at the Coast Chilliwack Hotel (same location where our last annual convention was held). Cost for the institute is \$350 (US) or \$375 (CDN). There is available from the MD19 Lions Foundation a grant for \$200. Registration is now open through the website [Northwest Lions Leadership Institute](#) and we already have six members signed up. We are capping the participants at 50.

In 2027, we will be holding the NWLLI in Post Falls. Date is April 29-30.

NEW BUSINESS

2025-2026 PEACE POSTER WINNER: Sarah Munoz, sponsored by the Poulsbo Lions Club, 19N

2025-2026 PEACE ESSAY WINNER: Meka Nordquist, sponsored by the Ft. Vancouver Lions Club, 19N

2024-2025 KINDNESS MATTERS WINNER: Federal Way Lions Club, 19N. Project was for onesies to be given to mothers for their babies.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Peter reminded all that our International Guests for our Annual Convention in Wenatchee will be International First Vice President Mark Lyon and spouse Lynn.

Meeting ended at 12:44 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

District Conventions:

19O	March 20-21	Chilliwack, B.C.
19N	April 10-11	Tacoma, WA
19L	April 10-11	Richmond, B.C.
19S	April 17-19	Coeur d' Alene, ID
19I	April 24-25	Kelowna, B.C.