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*Multiple District Four*

CALIFORNIA LIONS



Council of Governors  
Organizational Meeting  
August 19-21, 2022  
Irvine, Ca

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Council Chair Karen Crook called the meeting to order

District Governor Craig Durand 4L-4 gave the invocation.

District Governor Farideh Monghate 4-L3 led the Pledge

District Governor Melinda Blaza 4-C6 led "God Bless America"

CC Linda congratulated Karen Crook and passed the gavel to her as the Council Chair for 2022-2023

**INTRODUCTIONS:** CC Karen established protocol

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CC Karen Crook called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint Council of Governors meeting in San Jose. Minutes were not approved. Governors did not receive minutes until they sat down for the meeting and at first glance there were errors and questions.

**LCI UPDATE:** ID Ken Ibarra

ID Ken Ibarra greeted the assembly. Stated that he is a proud member of the Blue Crew.

Some key issues of interest included:

- At the Board of Directors meeting 17 new International Directors were introduced, 5 of them being from the United States.
- LCI is well on the way into the transition of the Salesforce platform and will be technically and user tested to be ready for the 2023- 2024 Lions year.
- He encouraged everyone to attend the 105<sup>th</sup> LCIcon in Boston. There should be more Lions in attendance since travel is much less restricted.
- Kids Sight USA was voted to be an official service program of LCI.
- The Parade of Nations in Montreal had featured California Lions and their song. California, California hey, hey, Bonjour!
- Campaign 100 exceeded their goal of \$300,000,000.
- A dues increase was voted on at the International Convention and was passed the amounts are:

Per billing cycle: effective July 1, 2023, from \$21.50 to \$23.00 = \$3 total,  
effective July 1, 2024, from \$23.00 to 24.00 = \$2 total,  
effective July 1, 2025, \$24.00 to \$25.00 = \$2 total.

ID Ken thanked 4-L4 for hosting the cog and thanked MD4 for allowing him to represent the state. He and Lion Amy have logged 60,000 air miles and will be starting to attend even more conventions starting in Sept.

**STATUS REPORT OF THE FINANCIALS:**

PDG Pat Casey-Gillum

- Thanks, PCC Rob Manning, for stepping up and helping her thru some health issues.
- Sept 23 will be at the MD4 office to set budget
- Zoom meeting will be ongoing, members will be notified when dates are set
- Budget proposal will be presented at the fall meeting

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**GLOBAL ACTION TEAM AREA B LEADER**

PDG Mark Piva

- Mark congratulated the governors on being the best trained governors ever.
- Goals setting is part of the training that he held for the governors.
- Goals for service coordinators were set at 72%.
- Member growth was set for a goal of 814+
- Explained the \$500 GAT award for writing a story about service.

**MD-4 FINANCIAL & OFFICE** Cass Cara, Executive Administrator

- All information is in your blue book. She yields the rest of her time to Lion Becky Stewart

**PEACE POSTER**

- Lion Becky Stewart requested that funds be added to the budget for refreshments for the contest for next year. She also asked that the governors make it possible to make a motion for metal poster easels to be purchased for the contest.
- The theme this year "Leadership with Compassion".
- Poster shipping is very expensive, order early.

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**Motion:**

Purpose: To assist in the display of Peace Posters during COGs and Conventions

Body of Motion: To approve the purchase of easels for the proper and safe display of Peace Poster entries at the cost of approximately \$200.00, from the Governors' discretionary funds.

Motion: District Governor Beverlee Block 4-C2

Second: Falguni Patel 4-A2

**MOTION PASSED**

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**FOUNDATION REPORTS**

**LCIF MD4 Coordinator**

PCC Roger's updates:

- PCC Roger recognized the district coordinators.
- MD 4 once again is at the top of the donations list with California being #14 on the world list of donors.
- 80 model clubs and many still working on it
- Its what you do and what you do for our organization. Money is always going out to our campaigns throughout our world.

**California Lions Foundation**

PCC Bob Stewart President:

- 2 grants per week have been awarded
- Partnering with City of Hope to add funds to up to \$3K per district for diabetes

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- Participate in the new grants being offered.

**Student Speaker Foundation**

PDG President Chris Ohrmund

- Plaque to be presented to Chowchilla High School.
- The winner of the 2022 contest won the area and region contest then went on to be State winner for this year
- Now foundation has its own website. Can get info, purchase merchandise, or donate.
- 6 clubs won the honor of \$7000 collected for student speakers

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To provide liability coverage for the Council Chair and District Governors protecting them from claims which may arise from decisions and actions taken as part of their duties.

Body of motion: To reimburse the District Governors the cost of purchasing the D&O Insurance policy from Great American Insurance at the cost of \$1500, taking the funds from the Governors discretionary funds. To then add as a line item in the budget for the coverage to continue for all future Governors. To also ask the Committee to add this to the by-laws as stated: "The Council of Governors shall, at all times, maintain a D&O Insurance Policy covering the acts of the council, individually and jointly during their term in office."

Motion: District Governor Linda Barbara 4-c3

Second: District Governor Melinda Blaza 4-c6

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To reinstate the Ad Hoc committee California Refresh Committee

Body of Motion: To develop a multi-level Governor team to look at practices of the Districts and Multiple Districts to adopt changes that would enhance the business of Lions in Multiple District 4. This Ad Hoc committee will be in service from August 19, 2022-June 2023

Motion: District Governor Craig Durand 4-I4

Second: District Governor Linda Amerault 4-I5

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**MOTION:**

Purpose: To approve the purchase of Audio/Visual equipment items that were requested by PDG Manny Sanchez for the Multiple District, and to reimburse PDG Manny Sanchez for the purchase of the speakers purchased for this Organizational Council of Governors meeting. The equipment will be stored at the Multiple District Office in Santa Barbara and transported to each COG and Multiple District convention.

Motion: District Governor Amanda Daniels 4-c1

Second: District Governor Beverlee Block 4c-2

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**CC Karen** presented a \$1513.90 check to PDG Manny to reimburse him for the 2 speakers that he purchased for Multiple District 4.

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**Motion:**

Purpose: To provide the Council Treasurer with a computer to use while in their position.

Body of Motion: To purchase a laptop computer with a standard keyboard and the Qbox program that will be used by the Council Treasurer and then passed on to the following Council Treasurer each year. Funds will be taken from the MD4 Administration account

Motion: Amanda Daniels District Governor 4-c1

Second: Linda Barbara District 4-c3.

**Motion passed.**

On further review it was determined that the budget for administration was over budget so the money will come out of the governor's discretionary fund.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Long Range Planning**

- Craig Durand sitting in for Derek Ledda
- Wanting direction and ideas from current governors.
- Wants everyone to buy into his process.

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**Motion:**

Purpose: To fill committee position on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Body of Motion: To appoint Bill Crawford to the Constitution and By-Laws committee.

Motion: District Governor Jay Ruiz 4-L6

Second: District Kalani Jose 4-a3

**Motion Passed**

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**Constitution and By Laws**

PDG Kaz Sato

- Introduce the committee members
- Goal for this year to go thru constitution and bylaws to clarify.
- PCC Logan Reminded all that the new constitution has to be adopted by 60 days after the international board has their meeting. This committee will compare the two.
- Discussed the collection of dues.

**MD4GLT**

PDG Norman McDaniel MD4 Coordinator

- Talked about 2 regional institute classes
- Talked about Faculty Leadership Institute
- Wants to do more training but the districts must take responsibility for training.

**MD4 GMT**

PCC David Radtke. Not present  
Report is in the folder.

**MD4 GST**

Lion Susan Gall

- Presented the LCI dashboard
- Need Leos to report service activities.
- 41% of clubs in California are reporting
- Bringing ideas and information for all members
- Environmental contest is back for the district participation

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**Motion:**

Purpose: To establish an Ad-hoc committee to interview and hire a Bookkeeper for the MD-4 office.

Body of Motion: This Ad-Hoc committee will post, interview, and recommend the hiring of a qualified bookkeeper to handle the reconciliation of the finances and data entry for the Multiple District 4.

Motion: District Governor Amanda Daniels, 4-c1

Second: Jay Ruiz jr., 4-l6

**Motion passed**

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**Motion:**

Purpose: To update the employee Handbook

Body of Motion: To accept the Employee Handbook submitted to Council of Governors June 2021 as the standard for all employees of Multiple District 4 and to update said handbook bi-annually.

Motion: District Governor Linda Barbara 4-c3

Second: District Governor Aggie Vosburg 4-l1

**Motion passed**

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**RECONVENE: Council Chair Karen Crook**

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To fill committee position of Chair to the Specialty Club Committee

Body of motion: To appoint PDG Thelma Batilo as the Specialty Club Committee Chair.

Motion: District Governor Melinda Blaza 4-c6

Second: District Governor Linda Barbara 4-c3

**Passed**

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To re-instate the Ad Hoc Committee for the Youth Protection Policy Committee.

Body of Motion: To re-instate the Ad Hoc Committee for the Youth Protection Policy Committee. So that the policy throughout MD4 will be maintained and kept current with State of California Regulations.

Motion: District Governor Doug Campbell 4-a1

Second: District Governor Tim Luckinbill 4-c5

**Motion Passed**

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**Youth Exchange**

PDG Thelma Batilo for Lion Carrie Guadagnolo

- Introduced committee members
- Oct 1, 2022, zoom 4 topics to consider
- June 5 days for youth camp in 2023
- Need youth to go on outgoing program

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**Marketing Communication**

Lion Jason Laird

- Jason thanked his committee members for being so committed.
- 4 inflatable lions' signs already purchased and are going to purchase 4 more
- Marketing strategies are in place on social media, such as Facebook, Instagram.
- Working with GST Susan Gall and project care information.
- An award in PDG Doug Wights name is being considered.
- Jason is waiting to find out if he is voted 2<sup>nd</sup> vice district governor and if so, he is recommending PDG Tyler Spencer take his position

**International Convention Hospitality**

PDG Esther Lee

- Introduced and thanked the committee
- Pin for Boston is being designed and they are looking for ideas.
- Checking schedule with the Boston Redsox team to see if they will be playing when we are there.
- If there is a fundraiser this year it will go to the Lions Float.
- Wants suggestions for the parade for this year.
- Lighter weight banner being considered because the current one is very heavy to ship

**Student Speaker**

Lion Perry Lynn

- Introduced committee members that are present
- 5 topics were chosen for the governors to decide from
- The governors picked topic, and it was decided that the subject for the speakers contest will be "Social Media: connects us or isolates us?"

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** governors to choose the topic of the 2022-2023 Student Speakers contest.

Body of Motion: For the 2022-2023 Student Speaker Topic "Is social media connecting us or isolating us".

Discussion: Shorten the topic title to "Social Media: Connects us or isolates?"

Amended to: The 2022-2023 topic for the 2022-2023 Student Speaker topic to be, "Social Media: Connects us or Isolates us?"

Motion: District Governor Amanda Daniels 4-c1

Second: District Governor Ray Ruiz Jr. 4-l6

**Motion Passed**

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**MD4 Convention management**

Lion Leland Lee

- Introduced the committee members
- Blue book has reports from San Diego cog
- 28 committees are putting the convention together
- Within the next 2 months will be looking at hotels



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- Remember conventions should be fun.
  - Entertainment is being planned for Friday and Saturday night.
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For one year, IPDG Gabi McKechnie and CT Linda Amerault will have complete and full control of the financial records and prepare the accounts for review by Bartlett, Pringle and Wolff, LLP, CPA firm. Once the books are in order additional training will be provided so that Cass will be able to maintain them in this order.

Motion: District Governor Linda Amerault 4-15

Second: District Governor Linda Barbara 4-c3

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**SPECIAL CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS**

**Hunger & Global Initiative for Health and Wellness**

Lion Elinor Britter, Special Chair

- Zoom meetings are recorded and can be watch anytime
- Guests from many food programs that can help with information
- Instructions how to help get funds for your program without using MD4 funds
- At the cog last year members donated 3000 pounds
- Many missions coming soon. All are welcome to come on missions.
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ID Ken Ibarra asked, "when did the Hgihw become an indorsed project?" CC said she would check and let him know.

**VISION**

PDG Norm MacKenzie, Special Chair

- Ask for Lions to see what the schools need for vision screening
- Let the city that you are doing screening
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades were added to the list this year of those to screen
- Check the website for resources and information.
- Eyes across California in March.
- LCIF will accept request for certificates only from district chair.

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**SPECIALITY CLUB CHAIR**

PDG Thelma Batilo

- Specialty Clubs formerly known as special interest clubs officially changed in 2020.
- Training in Fairfield for specialty clubs.
- 1480 New Specialty Clubs worldwide.
- C-4 top billing for most specialty clubs chartered for the year.

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**OTHER**

**WALK TO CANCEL OUT PARKINGSON'S**

PCC Dave Johnson

- ID Ken and Amy have been on 3 walks then Covid happened.
- April 1<sup>st</sup> is the next walk
- April 1<sup>st</sup> is going to be called Bob Smith Day

**LIONS FLOAT**

PDG Manny Sanchez

- Meetings are on zoom. Reminder that governors are part of the board.
- There are posting on Facebook of the progress of the building of the float.
- Need volunteers to help with float and housekeeping to get discounts for the float entry.
- Merchandise is now available to order.
- Many dignitaries are participating in the float events

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**2023 USA/Canada Forum**

PDG Linda Griffin Wagner, Chair

- They are expecting 2000 Lions in attendance
- The committee will be in Fairfield for early registration and answer questions
- CC Karen gave her a check for \$9000 from the 2020-2022 governors
- Still need volunteers for helping at registration

**FALL COG MEETING**

DG Beverlee Block

- 1<sup>st</sup> day will honor Veterans as it is Nov. 11
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day will be Halloween theme
- Menu will be coming soon
- Dates is Nov. 11-13, 2022
- 1<sup>st</sup> vice district governors attend on the 10<sup>th</sup>

**SCRAPBOOK WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT**

Lion Venetia Young

- Digital winner is 4-c5
- Traditional winner is 4-I5
- Awards will be presented at LCIcon

**BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT OF ORGAINZATIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**CC Karen adjourned the meeting.**

**Submitted by Linda Barbara  
Council Secretary**

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