

Multiple District 4, California, Lions Clubs International  
Council of Governors

Summarized Minutes

June 9-11, 2023

June Joint Council of Governors Meeting  
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San Diego, California

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

*Multiple District Four*  
CALIFORNIA LIONS



Council of Governors  
June Joint Meeting 2023  
San Diego ,Ca

Council Chair Karen Crook called the meeting to order.

District Governor Beverlee Block gave the invocation.

District Governor Melinda Blaza led the Pledge.

All District Governors led "God Bless America."

**WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS:** CC Karen established protocol.

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**State of MD4:** CC Karen Crook

- Update on personnel and training of new employees
- The remodeling and cleanup of the office in Santa Barbara
- The financials are being reviewed by the accounting firm Bartlett, Pringle and Wolfe.
- Executive committee will be in Santa Barbara for education and orientation of new employee (s).( For Motions, please refer to pages 6-10 of these minutes.)

**Lions International Report**

ID Ken Ibarra

- Report attached to end of minutes.

**LCIF**

PCC Roger Powell

- Of course, Giving is Good.
- MD4 is the most successful multiple in the US.
- MD4 is the 13<sup>th</sup> most successful district in the world.

**CLF**

PCC Bob Stewart

- All 15 districts have received multiple grants this year.
- Diabetes -10 grants. Lions and Leos Hunger - 3 grants. Emergency - 4 grants. Matching - 18 grants.
- Lions & Leos fight against hunger extended through Oct. 2023

**Student Speaker Foundation**

PDG Chris Ohrmund

- Donations from districts for the last 11 months ended May 21 and are \$81,455.
- We continue to offer the AI Ohrmund Supporter Award.
- The fellowships continue to be a very meaningful way to honor lions and others.
- The supporter patch continues to be a great way to support the foundation.

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**Lions Float, Inc.**

PDG Manny Sanchez

- Theme for 2023-2024 float is, Celebrating the World of Music: Universal Language
- Float is being marketed even more than before.
- Cost for parade is \$127 K this year, up from \$125 last year.

**GLOBAL ACTION TEAM AREA B LEADER**

PDG Mark Piva

- 2542 new Lions in area B
- Growth is continuing.
- 60% of Districts have shown positive growth.
- Almost time to apply for marketing grant.
- 2023-2027 Institute schedule coming in May.

**GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM**

PDG Norm McDaniel

- No Report Given

**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM**

PCC David Radtke

- MD is currently plus 373 members however, negative growth for the month of May.
- The year over year trending in the multiple is trending the same basic pattern as the past few years.

**GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM**

Kathy McCracken for Susan Gall

- Goal of reporting service was 80% and reached in May.
- Project Care kept clubs focused on a common service goal.
- While Service activities were up in numbers, people served numbers went down a little.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

PDG Pat Casey-Gillum

- With the help of many Lions the Council of Governors completed the mission to create a budget for 2023-2024.
- Meeting with the governors was very productive and came up with an agreeable budget, which was passed at Convention as required by bylaws.

### **Constitution and Bylaws Report**

PDG Kaz Sato

- Thanked the council and committee for their efforts this year
- Thanked the council for all the hard work this year so far.
- Michael Perryman from the Calimesa Breakfast Lions called a Point of Order in reference to the club's support of PCC Rob Manning's Dispute Resolution filing. It was stated that the club was not in support of the actions taken by PCC Manning.

### **MD4 Convention Management Report**

Leland Lee

- Thanked members of the committee.
- Next year convention will be in Riverside.
- Host for next years convention will be district L5, host, DG Hank Trueba.

### **International Convention**

PDG Esther Lee

- The 105th LCI Convention is in Boston Convention and Exposition Center.
- Venue for the dinner caucus for MD4 is the Boston Marriott Copley Place.
- Cost for the dinner is \$101.00 but Lions are being charged \$75.

***Recess***

***Reconvene - 9am***

### **USA/Canada Forum (Hosted by MD4)**

PDG Linda Griffin

- Planning moving ahead well
- Asking for video testimonials and leadership stories to be posted for marketing

### **Student Speaker Committee**

Lion Perry Lynn

- All 15 Districts completed their contests by deadline of May 8. All area contests completed.
- No budget figures were presented at this time.
- Final Contest Results presented.

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**Vision Report**

PDG Norm McKenzie

- Wants districts to know to contact him for different vision opportunities.
- Mentioned the availability of VSP certificates.

**Hunger Report**

Lion Eleanor Britter

- Contact Eleanor for food needs from a warehouse located in Pleasanton.
- Over 4 million pounds of food delivered in the name of CA Lions.

**Global Health & Wellness**

Lion Eleanor Britter

- 3 items to note this quarter are free medical & eye clinic in San Francisco, renovation of San Mateo free clinic to include eye & dental services and arrangements with 8 CA clubs to assist with health fairs.

**Robert G. Smith Walk to Cancel out Parkinson's.**

Lion Vicki Smith

- Walk was very successful and well attending
- Thanked all those assisted and participated.

**August Organizational COG hosted by District 4-A2**

DGE Christy Kroell

- Located at the Wyndham in Visalia.
- Flyer's for the COG have been handed out.
- Registration links are available on the website.

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**MOTIONS**

**Motion**

Purpose: To accept the Minutes from the Mid-Winter Council of Governors meeting.

Body of motion: I move to approve the minutes of the mid-winter cog of Feb 2023 presented by DG Linda Barbara.

Motion made by Linda Amerault

Motion seconded by Tim Luckinbill

No discussion

Motion passed.

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**Motion**

Purpose: To accept the MD4 financial report

**Body of Motion:** I move to approve the MD4 Financial report.

Motion made by Linda Barbara

Motion seconded by Aggie Vosburg

No discussion

Motion passed.

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**Motion**

**Purpose:** Rewrite of Section 4.2 Per Capita Tax

**Body of Motion:** I move to accept the rewrite of Section 4.2 of the Constitution and Bylaws by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This is under the advice and direction of the LCI Legal Department.

Motion made by Linda Amerault

Motion Seconded by Aggie Vosburg

No discussion

Motion passed.

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**Motion**

**Purpose:** To transition the Ad-Hoc Committee Youth Protection Program into a committee under the 'Other Committee' heading.

**Body of Motion:** I move to ask the Constitution and Bylaws committee to place the Youth Protection Program Committee on the ballot in February 2024 to transition it into a committee under the 'Other Committee' heading and to end its Ad-Hoc status. This committee shall be manned by a representative from each Multiple District area.

Motion made by Falguni Patel

Motion Seconded by Jacky Lu

No discussion

Motion passed.

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**MOTIONS (continued)**

**Motion**

**Purpose:** To transition the Ad Hoc Committee CalRefresh into a committee under the 'Other Committee' heading.

**Body of Motion:** I move to ask the Constitution and Bylaws committee to place the CalRefresh Committee on the ballot in February 2024 to transition it into a committee under the 'Other Committee' heading and to end its Ad Hoc status. This committee shall be manned by 3-District Governors, 3-1st Vice District Governors and 3-2nd Vice District Governors all selected by each individual Council.

Motion made by Mandi Daniels

Motion seconded by Craig Durand

No discussion

Motion Passed

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To clarify what is written in the Policy & Procedures Manual, Standing Committee Page 8, Chapter 3.2b. Interim appointees, in accordance with the Bylaws, are not eligible to serve as chair of a Standing Committee during the first year of appointment.

**Body of Motion:** I move that when a person fills a position due to vacancy for whatever reason, that person will fulfill the vacancy tenure. Except when the vacancy places them in the Chair position. At that time the senior members move up and the new member fills the 4th Year position.

Motion made by Melinda Blaza

Motion seconded by Jacky Lu

No Discussion

Motion Passed

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**MOTIONS (continued)**

**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To approve the dissolving of District 4-L1.

**Body of motion:** I move to approve the dissolving of District 4-L1 and transferring the clubs to:

**4-A2** - California City Host, Ridgecrest and Tehachapi Lions Clubs

**4-A3** - Palmdale, LA Mid-Valley and Castaic Lions Clubs

**4-L2** - Crescenta Valley, Glendale Northeast Glendale, LA Envision, LA Host, LA Los Feliz, LA Morality and Northridge Lions Clubs

**4-L3** - LA Little Tokyo, LA Griffin Park and Burbank Noon Lions Clubs

**4-L5** - Boron Lions Club

**District 46 Nevada** - Bishop, Independence, Lone Pine and Mammoth Lakes Lions Clubs

**The Mojave Lions Club to join with Crescenta Valley Lions Club. North Hollywood LC turned in their charter.**

Motion made by Falguni Patel

Motion seconded by Aggie Vosburg

No discussion

Motion Passed

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To define the Bi-Monthly Governors meetings.

**Body of Motion:** I move to have the bi-monthly Governors meetings to be planning and organizing meetings where the minutes are kept for Governor review only. No final decision is to be made during these meetings unless it is an emergency. All planning and organizing will be presented at the next Council of Governors meeting for decision and vote of the Council.

Motion made by Mandi Daniels

Motion seconded by Linda Barbara

No discussion

Motion Passed

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To ensure the check and balance system is maintained with the MD4 bank accounts and a high level of accountability in operations.

**Body of Motion:** I move that the MD4 Bookkeeper will no issue any checks or payments of any kind without first providing a detailed ledger to the Council Chair and Council Treasurer for their approval. This record of authorization will be kept on file in the MD4 office.

Motion made by Linda Amerault

Motion seconded by Kalani Jose

No Discussion

Motion Passed



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**MOTIONS (continued)**

**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To schedule the Council of Governors meetings and convention for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

**Body of Motion:** I move to approve the following districts to hold the Council of Governors Meetings and Convention in the following areas:

August Organizational - 4-A2 Christy Kroell - August 3-6, 2023 - Wyndham, Visalia, CA

Fall - 4-L4 Drew Sasser - October 27-29, 2023 - Virtual

Mid-Winter/MD4 Convention - 4-L5 Hank Trueba - February 21-25, 2024, Mission Inn, Riverside, CA

June Joint - 4-C5 Zenny Yagen - June 13-16, 2024 - Hilton, Sacramento, CA

Motion made by Kalani Jose

Motion seconded by Melinda Blaza

No Discussion

Motion Passed

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To investigate and create a Preventable Blindness Program

**Body of Motion:** I move to grant permission for PCC Bob Stewart to move forward in the investigation and research of establishing a Preventable Blindness Program within Multiple District Four.

Motion made by Craig Durant

Motion seconded by Jacky Lu

No Discussion

Motion Passed

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**Motion:**

**Purpose:** Adoption of the Youth Protection Policy as amended.

**Body of Motion:** I move that the amended Youth Protection Policy (YPP) be adopted as it is written and approved by the Youth Protection Policy Ad Hoc Committee of Multiple District Four.

**Reasoning:** In the absence of state law guiding youth services organizations in protecting the youth we work with; the Council of Governors approved a YPP in May 2020. In the interim, AB 506 (Gonzalez), adding Business and Professions Code sections 18975 et.seq., was passed by the California legislature taking effect on January 1, 2022. The YPP has been amended to comply with state law. A vote to approve will enact the amended YPP so that we will comply with state law and provide for the safety of the youth we work with and service.

Motion made by Doug Campbell

Motion seconded by Craig Durand

No Discussion

Motion Passed

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**MOTIONS (continued)**

**Motion:**

**Purpose:** To fill open positions on the Committees of MD4.

**Body of Motion:** I move that the selected people will be placed on the following committees:

Budget & Finance - PDG Sue Kerr  
Convention Management - Venetia Young  
Long Range Planning - PCC Denny Grotrian and PDG Jose Nichols  
Student Speaker - Mary Ann Novak  
Youth Exchange - PDG Dr. Jun Valera  
Youth Protection - Area 2 Vacant  
Constitution & Bylaws - PDG James Lee  
International Convention - PDG Gary Wong  
Marketing - Liz Steves  
Youth Outreach - PDG Jamie Hart  
Diabetes Special Chair - Lidia Petrov-Jones  
Peace Poster/Essay Special Chair - Diane Quinlan  
GMT - PDG Juanita Nichols  
GLT - PDG Manny Sanchez  
GST - IPDG Linda Barbara

Motion made by John Hui

Motion seconded by Farideh Monghate

No Discussion

Motion Passed



Lions Clubs International Report  
MD4 California Joint Council of Governors Meeting  
June 10, 2023

Dear Fellow Lions of MD4 California:

It is great to be back in San Diego. Thank you to District Governor Jay Ruiz and the Lions of District 4-L6 for organizing and hosting the Joint Meeting of the Council of Governors. We look forward to celebrating our leaders for their dedication and diligence this past year – I know it's been both challenging and arduous. We welcome our incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors and offer our support as they begin their journey. We also look forward to another strong contingent in Boston, site of the 105<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention and installing our incoming District Governors.

Since we last met in San Jose for the MD4 Convention, Lion Amy and I have been to beautiful Ireland to attend the Board meeting in Belfast and experience service projects in Dublin. We returned home to attend eight conventions in nine weekends (thank goodness for Easter) and spent a few days in Washington D.C. for Lions Day on Capitol Hill.

As mentioned, the Board of Directors met in March in Belfast, Northern Ireland hosted by District 133. The meetings and events were held in the historic Culloden Estate. It should be noted that International President Brian Sheehan is fourth generation Irish from the County of Cork, Ireland.

As the Chairperson of the Technology Committee, I am proud to report that the transition of the LCI accounts and reporting system to the Salesforce infrastructure, named Lion Portal, has been successful. The new information platform will replace MyLCI, MyLion and Insights. The expected launch date has been moved numerous times and will now be no earlier than late August of 2023, due to ongoing challenges with translation of many of the 13 languages currently in use. Surveys are ongoing and the User Group program has been productive. LCI staff are currently developing videos and presentations to introduce users to Lion Portal prior to launch.

In other notable LCI Committee reports and decisions:

- 1) Constitution & Bylaws: The key resolutions are included in the Amendments to be voted on in Boston – listed below.
- 2) Convention Committee: *Rescinded the selection of New Delhi as a convention site for 2029.* I included this item because LCI has invited California to consider hosting a convention in 2029 or 2030.
- 3) District & Club Service Committee: 1) *Revised the Club Excellence Award, requiring a net membership increase and a minimum donation to LCIF.* 2) *Revised the District Excellence Award requiring a net membership increase or the chartering of a new club or branch.*
- 4) Marketing Committee: *“Reviewed the Tournament of Roses Parade proposal and approved US\$60,000 to fund the program. In addition, the committee recommended the Lions Float Committee work with MD4 to apply for a US\$15,000 marketing grant for additional support.”*

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2023 International Convention:



- A resolution to remove the minimum district requirements from the international director qualifications. Removal of this requirement will permit qualified candidates from any district, including transitional and provisional districts, to contest for the office, provided all other qualifications are met.
- A resolution to create a distinct membership category for members paying discounted dues as a result of any discount program offered by the association. Creation of a new category will prevent members paying discounted dues from increasing a club's total delegate entitlement at a district, multiple district or international convention.
- A resolution to update the duties of district officers. Amendment of the duties will align with a focus on membership growth and leadership development moving forward.

In addition to the proposed amendments, the delegates will vote to elect Dr. Patti Hill of Canada for International President, Fabricio Oliveira of Brazil for International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, A.P. Singh of India for International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and PID Mark Lyon of Connecticut for International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. CAI will elect six international directors.

LCIF: I always defer the news to our MD Coordinator PCC Roger Powell, but I cannot help but express my pride and thanks to our California Lions for again leading CAI in LCIF donations, especially after the conclusion of a successful Campaign 100. Thank you for everyone's hard work and generosity.

I want to thank the Lions who are involved with planning the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Reno, NV next September. Thank you to Chairperson PDG Linda Griffin and the members of the Host Committee. I look forward to actively joining the Committee.

It has been a magnificent year serving with the Board under IP Brian Sheehan, whether it's participating in the Rose Parade, Mardi Gras or the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Belfast, or sitting in on meetings to better our association, there has always been enthusiasm and promise. It is the right way to emerge from the pandemic, full of energy and momentum for the months and years to come.

Lion Amy and I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on the Board these past two years. We have attended over 30 district and state conventions in North America, logged over 200,000 air miles and made countless friends along the way. We couldn't have imagined such a special journey - two years of priceless memories.

Once again, I would like to thank the Lions of MD4 California for your ongoing support and friendship as Lion Amy and I conclude this journey - it has been amazing and unforgettable - I cannot overstate the pride I have felt being your International Director.

Please never forget my support and availability to each of you - and as much as I have represented the Lions of the world and will transition into a Past International Director, I am first a California Lion, and I am proud to serve together with each of you.

**Lion Ken Ibarra**  
International Director 2021-2023  
Lions International