

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT "N"

*District N1 New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island
3 border Clubs in Maine U.S.A*

District N2 Nova Scotia



THE N-FORMER



District N3 North Newfoundland & Labrador

District N4 Newfoundland South



CST Penny Pike PDG 2010-2011

Lions Multiple District N Spring Convention

St. John's Friday May 13, 2011

Minutes

MULTIPLE DISTRICT N 2011/2012
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CST Penny Pike PDG 2010-2011

Meeting called to order at 1812 hours.

Greetings brought by CC Len to all members in attendance.

PDG Penny did the Lions invocation, followed by a moment of silence for deceased lions, Lioness, Leo's and peace through out the world.

Members in attendance DG Frank Bonnell, DGE Bill Dunne, VDG1 Shane Budgell, PCC Tim Hoban, PCC Sonny Bonnell, PDG Rheel Cormier, PID Jim Sherry, Jeannie Howse, PID Patti Hill, PID Len Giffen, Lion Susan Sangster, PDG Boyd Sangster, DG George Mitton, DG Lewis Fifield, CC Len Mooney, PCC Oral Clarke and CCST Penny Pike.

CC Len introduced PID Patti Hill.

PID Patti Hill brought greetings from International and our International President Sid Scruggs.

CC Len asked for someone to accept the agenda as presented. DG Lewis made motion to accept the agenda as presented, DG George seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DG Frank made motion to accept the meeting minutes from Amherst as presented, DG George seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

1. Lions Blind Golf tournament is approved as a district project for District N2. PID Len asked for the approval of sub districts to help sell tickets. It was decided that more information need to be received regarding the lottery license.

2. Notice of Motion #1 – This matter has been endorsed and completed.

International Dress – VDGE1 from N1 will be showing a sample at first council meeting on Sunday.

CST Report

Copies of the meeting minutes were distributed, financial update distributed. CST Penny advised all DG's to have their district CST's see me if they do not have voting delegate cards with them. CST Penny advised everyone that if they had a question regarding the minutes or financial figures they could see her later and she would try to and answer any questions that they might have.

District Updates

N1 – DG George gave highlights of his year as a District Governor. He mentioned that he is in the process of having a club that had folded reactivated. DG George will be the GMT leader for his district next year.

N2 – Absent

N3 – DG Frank gave updates on District N3. He stated that in the last week he installed over 10 new members while doing his club visits. Leo Samantha Bulgin was selected as Leo of the Year at the MDN Leo Convention. DG Frank also mentioned that a leadership training institute was held last weekend at the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp, this training was open to all Lions of MD N, but hosted by N 3 and N 4.

N4 – DG Lewis stated that he has had a good year so far. He is hoping on ending his year on the positive side with a membership increase. DG Lewis wanted to send thanks to Lion Pat Bursey and her team for organizing such a great convention. DG Lewis hoped that everyone enjoys their stay and has a great weekend.

MD Chairperson Updates

Leadership and Training: –training is completed for the 4 DGs E 4 1st VDGs E and 3 2ndVDGs E. The DGs E completed their quiz and all passed. PCC Tim will be completing the grant paperwork once he returns home and have everything forwarded off to International. PCC Tim will be taking care of expense claims and forwarding them onto CCST Penny for approval and payment. PCC Tim would like to thank his trainers PDG Charlie and lion Susan for their help. Also and big thank you to Lion Pat Bursey for helping to organize this training.

Long Range Planning – Absent – Report read and will be posted under Saturday's meeting minutes.

Budget and Auditing – Lion Susan passed out copies of the audit for the year ending June 30, 2010. Questions were asked regarding GMT/GLT being added to budget. Lion Susan stated that there was no direction put forward to do this. She stated the 2ndVDGs E were now added. It was suggested that the figure \$1600 for MD Pins be made \$2400. Lion Susan stated that this would not be a problem as this is only a working document and amounts change. Lion Susan stated that Parking and Taxi's will be added at the most reasonable figured amount.

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Constitution and Bylaws – Lion Rheal stated that he was very pleased with the positive attitude of the current council this year. He is very pleased with the decision on extending the term of a CST within the Multiple District to 2 years and being reviewed in 18 months. The item of concern that he has is the proper descriptions of Multiple District Chairpersons he noted that CC Len started this however, not much response was received.

Lion Rheal put forward 2 notices of motion they were:

Multiple District N

Proposed Notice of motion for 2011-12

(To be sanctioned by Council and voted upon by the delegates)

Under MD Constitution at Article IX – FINANCE, under Section 3, second paragraph, last sentence; after the words “District Governor”, add the following words: “or other signatory officer, as approved by Cabinet.”

Under MD Constitution at Article IX – FINANCE, Section 3; add a third paragraph, as follows: “No two officers authorized as signatories may reside in the same household.”

(Note that even though this is an amendment to our Multiple District Constitution, it will be binding on the operations of the Sub-Districts.)

Motion to approve these amendments was made by DG Lewis and seconded by DG Frank. Motion Carried.

Leo Report

Leo Amanda Stockley, a Charter member of the Conception Bay South Leo Club, has been appointed to the Lions Clubs International Youth Advisory Council, representing Constitutional Area 2 (Canada). She has been invited to participate in the Global Leo Conference, to be held in Seattle, Washington, July 4-6, 2011. Amanda will have the opportunity to attend the Conference on Monday, and also serve as a speaker on the day of the Town Hall meeting (July 6). At the Town Hall meeting, Leos and Lions involved in the program will have an opportunity to ask questions of panel members, as well as provide feedback about the Leo Club Program.

This is an amazing opportunity for Amanda. Not only will she greatly benefit from the experience, but the Leo movement also has much to gain by meeting Amanda, and gaining her ideas and perspectives. Amanda has served as Club Secretary, District N-4 Secretary, District N-4 President and Multiple District N President. She has recently led the first Multiple District N Leo Leadership Conference/Convention which was a most successful event.

Significant financial assistance is required for Amanda and an adult companion to attend the Global Leo Conference.

Estimated expenses are:

Expense	Cost
Airline tickets (2 x \$1376.29)	\$2752.58
Hotel (126.00 x 4)	504 + tax
Registration (for Amanda)	50
Meals (\$50/day, 4 days, x2)	400
Total (approximate)	\$3706.58

Any additional costs, (local transportation, miscellaneous expenses, etc.) will be the responsibility of Amanda and her companion.

I therefore request financial assistance from Multiple District N, to help Amanda make this experience a reality.

Thanks you very much for your attention and consideration.

Lion Susan suggests that we add \$1500 (max) to our budget for this year. These funds will only be distributed should Leo Amanda need the funds once other fundraising events have been held. Leo Amanda will advise in writing the amount needed and forward along to the CST of MD. DG George made motion to accept this suggestion and seconded by DG Lewis. Motion Carried.

With no further matter to discuss meeting adjourned at 1945 hours.

Submitted by
CST PDG Penny Pike

Lions Multiple District N Spring Convention
St. John's Business Session
Saturday May 14, 2011

Meeting was called to order by CC Len at 0910 hours. Welcome to St. John's for the spring convention and hoped that everyone was having a great time.

Welcome and greetings were brought from Convention Chair Lion Pat Bursey.

Lions Invocation was done by PDG Penny followed by a moment of silence for Lions, Lioness, Leos and Peace through out the world.

Break for training and Lions Speakout meeting to continue at 1500 hours.

Meeting brought back to order at 1500.

Head table introductions were completed by CC Len.

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Greetings from PID Patti.

CC Len asked for someone to adopt the agenda as presented. Lion Rheal made motion to adopt agenda seconded by Susan. Motion carried

MD CST Report – Submitted

I have passed out a copy of the approved minutes by council and also an update on our financial status to date for those of you who did not receive it yesterday. Should anyone have any questions on this you can ask me later. If you have not received your delegate card please see the CST of your district or your DG.

This year has been a very interesting year to say the least. I have enjoyed to the fullest being the CST for this great Multiple District. I had a great group of people to work with. I thank you all for your cooperation.

In saying this one of the most difficult tasks was helping to prepare for this great convention. A big thank you to Lion Pat Bursey for everything that she has had to put up with and go through these last couple of months.

A volunteer is a person that actively [takes on a task, responsibility, or project](#) on his or her [own](#) accord without needing to be assigned, ordered, or told to do so. Volunteers are not [paid for the work](#) that they [provide](#).

The CST of your MD is a volunteer, the only one in Canada that does not get paid, also your convention chair is a volunteer. So when you give your reports or even send out an email remember we are volunteers and we have feelings. So don't say anything that you would not want said to you.

A quote from Sherry Anderson goes as follows; Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

Meeting Minutes from Amherst – PID Len made motion to accept meeting minutes as presented seconded by Lion Jerry Billard. Motion Carried.

District Reports

Greeting from the wonderful District of N-3.

This has been a fantastic year as Governor of District N-3. While visiting the Lions and Lioness Clubs I have learned to really appreciate a lot more about Clubs and their activities. Our district currently has 38 Lions Clubs, 11 Lioness Clubs and 1 Leo Club. District N-3 has 925 members but over the last couple of weeks I have been privileged to initiate 10 new members with more to come before June 30th.

Youth services has been a major thrust this year as we have participated in a number of youth oriented programs:

1- A number of Clubs were involved in the Peace Poster Contest. This continues to be a great opportunity for students to show their artistic talents and compete with other students at the club, district and MD levels.

2-Most Clubs were involved with the lions Speak Out contest and all 5 regions had a speaker at the District event. The caliber of speakers seems to improve each year and students will certainly see long term benefits in their future careers. Some Clubs have also started junior speak outs involving younger students. At present, this is only done on the Club level, but I can foresee it going to the Regional and District Levels in the near future.

3-Our District assisted our Leos with registration costs so they could attend a Multiple District Leo Convention. Our Leo numbers are small but they continue to mature as can be seen by the fact that a Leo from N-3 was chosen as MD Leo of the Year for the first time.

4-Lions Quest which has been inactive for a number of years appears to be gaining interest and we were pleased to have Joanne McQuiggan, Executive Director with Lions Quest Canada present a seminar at our District Convention. Local school administrators were invited to Joanne's presentation so we are hoping that they will endorse the program in their schools.

Our 4th District Cabinet Meeting was held at our spring convention in Deer Lake on April 15th to 17th. We were extremely pleased to have had PID Lion Dr. Patti Hill, and her spouse Lion Greg, as guests at our convention. PID Patti and Lion Greg certainly added to the event and the Lions and Lioness in attendance were impressed with how they fitted in and contributed to the success of the weekend. Our convention weekend ended with a Necrology service where we honored the lives and service of 16 Deceased Lions & Lioness.

Last weekend our Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp hosted the MD-N Leadership Institute. This event was co-sponsored with the Lions from District N-4. Attendance at the Institute from our district was a little disappointing but overall the Lions who participated were very pleased with the topics and the presenters. I had the opportunity to drop in on Saturday afternoon and the Lions I talked to enjoyed not only the sessions but also the fellowship. Congratulations to the faculty and the organizers for a job well done. For those who may not know, the Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp, which is also co-sponsored with District N-4, is located in Central Newfoundland.

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Our Camp can accommodate up to 95 Special needs individuals and during the summer months we cater to approximately 1300 Special Needs Campers.

I have had a great year, and have enjoyed working with the other District Governors and the Lions of my District. I thank the Lions of N-3 for their hospitality to Shirley and I as we visited the Clubs. We are "A Beacon of Hope" for the less fortunate. May what we have achieved to date be a mere beginning for much greater things in the future.

Thank You
DG Frank Bonnell
District N 3

DISTRICT N-1

Fellow Lions:

What an amazing convention! I could not have been more pleased by the display of Lionism shown in Moncton this April. Hats off to Lion Dale Carter and his organizing committee, as well as my home club from Rexton, that hosted the event. I would like to share with all of you an excerpt from a letter I received following the convention from PID Ernie Young. He wrote, "I hope that you also recognize how fortunate you are to have such well qualified lions serving your district in the best tradition of Lions service. Please believe me when I say that I have seen many districts that have far less talent than that found in District N-1. The future of the district seems to be well secured."

I would also like to acknowledge Lion Doug Small and his team of presenters, who put on fantastic training sessions for our incoming officers. On that note, I would like to remind all lions clubs of the importance of submitting their PU-101 Officers Reporting Form by May 15, 2011. This must be done in order to receive your on-line passwords from Lions Clubs International, and they are vitally important so that the district has accurate contact information.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all those lions who offered their best wishes during my mother's illness. It continues to be a struggle, but she seems to be improving, and God willing she will be able to leave hospital soon. Thanks so much for your support.

Let's get revved up for Cavalcade, sending a child to camp, and supporting diabetes research has never been so important. The McAdam Lions Club will be hosting Cavalcade NB, and the East Royalty Lions Club will be hosting Cavalcade PEI on 28 May and 11 June, 2011 respectively. I would like to encourage all clubs to

participate, and have a dedicated fund-raising project to support these worthwhile endeavours.

Since we are lions, and know a little something about being busy, the same weekend as Cavalcade NB sees the National Walk Day for the Purina Walk for Dog Guides. Any lion who knows me, knows how I feel about our Lions Foundation of Canada. Let's get those pledge sheets filled out, and support a local walk in your communities. You all know that we do our walk in Rexton in the fall, so set the bar high, and we'll do what we can to match any walk in our great district.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the New Maryland Lions Club, who will be inducting 13 new members on Tuesday the 17th of May. I cannot wait to share this news at the Multiple District Convention in St. John's NL this coming weekend, and I will be trying to make arrangements to be in attendance. Well done in growing our association.

Yours in Lionism,
DG George Mitton

District N4 Governor's Report

My Fellow Lions of Multiple District N, welcome to the Historic City of St. John's and the GREAT DISTRICT of N4. I hope you all have a great weekend. Lion Pat and her committee have been working very hard to make this a success and I am sure you will all enjoy it.

This has been a very exciting year for me and also a very trying year, I have visited many of my Clubs and of course many more to go, however I do anticipate visiting all 53 Clubs in my District.

We started our year with 1223 members, and as of today according to Lions Clubs International we have 1223. My goal this year was to have at least one member per Club, so far we have increased our membership by 76 and have dropped 57 and 19 Lions have passed away. Although LCI is reporting us at 1223, I am happy to report that we have at least 10 new members (maybe more) to be reported this month and at the rate we are going now I envision a plus this year.

I believe our District had a very good year, we did not accomplish everything we set out to do, however the year is not over and maybe we can have some more success in the next month and a half.

District N4 consists of 53 Lions Clubs, 1 Lioness Club and 8 Leo Clubs, and I can honestly say that the Great District of N4 is alive and well. I am sure that the coming Lions year under the Leadership of Lion District Governor Morgan Pardy will be no different.

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Our Sub-District Convention was held in Gander and hosted by the Gambo Lions Club; our guest speaker was PID Lion Gary Fry. The attendance at our Convention was between 280 - 300, and a great time was had by all who attended.

Before I close I want to thank all of the District Governors, Lion George N1, Lion Bobby N2, and Lion Frank N3, for working so well together, to improve our Multiple District, I believe that we all got along well and will leave this year as good friends. I would also like to thank the VDG's and CST's of the four Districts, for an outstanding year. My thanks also go out to CC PDG Len and CCST PDG Penny for their help this past year and keeping us informed.

Remember that Lions are "A Beacon of Hope" and as Lions we are "Lighting the Way through Lionism"

All the best to everyone.
Lewis DG N4

District N – 2 Multiple District N Council of Governors 2010 – 2011 Year End Report

CC Len, CST Penny, District Governors and Fellow Lions

District N-2 consists of 69 Lions Clubs, 1 Branch Club 2 Leo Clubs and 12 Lioness/Lionette Clubs. Membership is still a great concern. We started the year with 1777 members, adding 144 but losing 162 for a minus of 18 members, out of those numbers, we had 29 Lions that have passed away. With all the Public Relations, speeches and presentations on membership growth we are still having a problem recruiting new members. Hopefully we have planted a seed in some minds that will bloom in the near future.

The District conducted 4 Information Sessions in the fall at various locations and they were well attended. Our Leadership Development Team is actively conducting Officers Schools in 4 different areas of the District. With the assistance of PDG Charles Uhlman and his great abilities it is ensured that the Lions attending will be properly instructed on the duties and responsibilities of their respective offices.

All District Committees were very active this year. It was topped off with a great Speakout Contest which was conducted by Lion Nancy Veinot of the New Germany Club. There were 10 speakers representing 10 out of 12 Zones. The District continues to collect Used Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids and Ink Cartridges. Our District also collects

used postage stamps with monies going to Lions Foundation of Canada and Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Peace Poster and Drug Awareness Poster Contests were again successful with the help from our Chairs Lion Alice Nelly and PCST Lionel McCormick. There were approximately 59 posters collected for both contests.

Our closing Convention was held April 29 & 30th in Yarmouth. Special thanks to K/L Fred Graham, PCC Sid Francis and the members of Yarmouth Lions Club for an outstanding Convention. There were approximately 268 Lions representing 53 Clubs. Congratulations are in order for District N-2s District Governor Elect Lion Peter Reid whom I believe will be a great leader and will ensure that Lionism lives on in N-2.

With my Official Visits now complete, I must say it was the most rewarding year of my life. The fellowship and hospitality that I have received has been absolutely amazing. It certainly opened my eyes on the operations of all our Clubs, big and small committed to serve their communities. At times I found it very moving to see them in action serving those in need. I must say I am very proud of my District and the Lions within. But of course this would not have been possible without the assistance of my better half, Lion Sandy.

I would like to thank all of the Committee Chairs, Zone Chairs and all of the Lions of N-2 for the dedication and support to Lionism and their communities. Special thanks to CST Ralph and DGE Peter Reid for their assistance throughout the year.

District Governor Bobby Dean
District N – 2

Multiple District Chairs Reports
Multiple District N
Budget and Audit Annual Report
May 2011

Thank you to the Council and the Committee for their support and contribution as well as to all the Lions who have offered valuable direction and encouragement. Each year has its challenges, and this year was no exception but in the true spirit of Lionism, we have met those challenges as we provide the Lions of Multiple District N the Financial Position and Fund Balances for the Year ended June 30, 2010 and the working Budget for 2010-2011. We have also prepared the Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for the Lions approval.

The Financial Audit, although later than expected, was
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completed. Three items were accrued, a check to Lions Foundation of Canada was lost and had to be reissued and two expense adjustments were required. These items have since cleared in the current year. All records were well detailed and received for Audit except the Closing Bank Statement which was sent via e-mail and was verified with the current Council Secretary Treasurer. It is important that timelines are followed and that expense submissions are submitted in good format in a timely manner. I recommend that a standard presentation format for interim Revenue and Expense statements be developed to provide uniformity.

As per the Strategic Plan that was adopted in Fredericton in May 2010, the Terms of Reference (Job Description) for the Budget and Audit Position was completed and submitted to Council. It was done defining the Committee Roles and responsibilities in detail, with Appendix A – Audit and Appendix B – Budget, defining the Procedural Guidelines.

We have made the recommendation to standardize our Banking operations, thus ending the practice of changing banks each year. We also have recommended that a third signing officer be added to the record each year. This signing officer must be from the sitting Council of Governors and not from the same District as the Council Chair or the Council Secretary Treasurer. The appropriate changes to our legal documents and Banking Resolutions have been developed. If approved by the Lions, I will coordinate and implement this change. We have also recommended that parking and taxi fare be added to covered expenses under the MD N Rules of Audit, with limitations and qualifications.

Communication is a primary key to successful electronic information sharing. Again, we are requesting each District Chair be empowered/required to communicate with the MD Chair during the summer and early fall. As the proposal for the next years budget must be ready for presentation at the Fall Conference, the time for suggestions, proposals, and new ideas is prior to that deadline. This would allow each District an opportunity for an analysis of the impact on their membership and communicate their finding through their District chair to their Vice District Governor and to the MD Chair.

The 1st Vice District Governors Elect have been requested to attend the final Budget and Audit Meeting of the sitting District Governor's Elect in St. John's, May 14, 2011 to start the process for the Fall of 2011. This format has thus far has been amazingly successful. It gives each District Governor a working knowledge of the financial position of Multiple District N. They have

helped develop the budget - their financial road map for their term.

Thank you to the sitting Council, the 1st Vice District Governors, the Chairs of 2010 -11 and to all Lions for their input, cooperation and willingness to "brainstorm" with me as we ensure our Multiple District continues to evolve and remain financially secure.

Respectfully submitted

Lion Susan Sangster, Chair 2008-2011

Motion that the financial statement is approved as circulated, made by DGE Peter Reid and seconded by PID Len Giffen. Motion Carried

Addition to amendments will be the parking costs and taxi fares to and from Airport only when necessary at the maximum cost of \$50 return. Motion made by PCC Tim Hoban and seconded by Lion Jerry Billard. Motion Carried.

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT "N" LIONS
CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
LEADERSHIP & TRAINING CHAIR REPORT
PCC Tim HOBAN
28 MARCH 2011**

GRANTS – I have applied for and received LCI grants for DGE/VDGE training both for 2010 and 2011. Grant for 2010 was turned over to MD CST Penny- 2011 will be sent into LCI at the end of the training and the grant again turned over to the MD CST when received.

N-3 & N-4 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE chaired by PCC Oral CLARK set for the Max Simms Camp is to held on the 6/8 May 2011. There are 41 Lions registered to date N-3= 15 N-4=26. With PCC Oral having medical problems Lion Gerald COOMBS will be taking over. Our thoughts and prayers go out to PCC Oral. Thanks to all involved.

GLT INFRASTRUCTURE – Because of the many changes that have been made by LCI in regards to the elimination of the MERL concept and the adoption of the new GLT program, it has been very difficult to proceed with previously established objectives. Now, having said that, the MD will be ready to go with the new program in June and the whole process will be explained to the general membership during the convention in St. John's in May.

CONVENTION 2011 - Trainers, speakers, and presenters have been determined and committed to the convention in May. I have continued as I started with holding stand alone presentations so that all members could attend. Two presenters for this convention are; 1. Understanding GLT - PID Patti 2. Identity Theft – "B" Division RCMP Commercial Crime.

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DGE & VDGE TRAINING AND EXAMS – This will be delivered commencing on the evening of the 11th to 13th May. The trainers will be PDG Charlie UHLMAN; Lion Susan SANGSTER; and PCC Tim HOBAN.

DISTRICT REPORTS TO MD - I, unfortunately, have to report again, that only one of the sub-districts N-2 has submitted reports to the MD on the education and training conducted in their district. With the establishment of the GLT program I make the following suggestions; DISTRICT GLT CHAIRS BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT GOALS, ACTION PLANS, AND A BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. AT THE END OF THE YEAR IN JUNE, THE CHAIRS WOULD SUBMIT A DETAILED REPORT AS TO WHEN THE TRAINING WAS HELD; HOW MANY ATTENDED; WHO INSTRUCTED; ITEMIZED LIST OF COSTS: ONLY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS REPORT WOULD THE MD-CST RELEASE THE \$700.00 CHEQUE FOR THEIR EXPENCE. I should mention herein that N-2 is doing an excellent job in regards to training/informing its' members and it would pay the other 3 districts to contact and learn from them.

I would at this time like to express my sincere thanks to all the Lions who assisted me in my term as Leadership Training Chair, especially PDG Charlie. It has been an eye opener and it is only when you wear the shoes that you actually realize how much work/commitment/dedication is involved in these positions. With the incoming GLT chairs, I would ask you to not take the position if you are not committed because it is a four (4) year term now and believe me, you are going to have to be totally committed to fulfill the role.

I am not reoffering because that would give me almost 7 years in the position and I cannot commit to that amount of time. With Club membership declining as well as aging, I want to get back to working the grass roots, my home club (North & South Esk). I want to wish all who take the GLT positions "The Very Best" as they say back home on the Miramichi.

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It is of the utmost importance that our incoming DGs E, VDGEs E obtain the training required by LCI as this training is coordinated with that provided by LCI at the International Convention. Their not receiving the training will find them lacking when attending the LCI International convention. The MD has had an excellent track record in this regard and it would be a shame to see it downgraded. The MD "N" Council, should it continue to add items on the Training agenda, taking away from the time required to do the training, then one of two things must be done.

ONE - Increase the time allotted for the training so it can be properly completed, thereby adding additional time and expense to the training.

TWO – Deal with the convention only and leave the training alone.

RECOMMENDATION: The MD "N" find and allocate funding to provide the 2nd VDGEs E training as is provided for the 1stVDGEs E.

PCC Tim HOBAN – LEADERSHIP/TRAINING CHAIR
MD "N"

Motion to approve the report as presented done by DGE Bill Dunne, seconded by Frank Antle. Motion carried.

MD "N" CONVENTION May 2011 St. John's NL LONG RANGE PLANNING REPORT

Since taking on the Chair of Long Range Planning 2 years ago I feel our committee has accomplished a few things thanks mainly to the hard work of the previous chairs and their committees.

The main item (year 1) on our list of things to work on was the Strategic Plan, this item was in it's 7 or 8 th draft and finally we have now got a Strategic Plan in place for our Multiple to work with for the next number of years. The Plan although approved was approved with one item taken out for more work and that had to do with the CST position and how it would be elected or appointed and for what length of term.

At our last Conference we had presented to the Council a "notice of motion "to be voted on at the Convention in St John's NL in May 2011. This item is included in all the information sent out from our CST Penny and I am sure most of you have reviewed it however for those who haven't what we are suggesting is a trial period of a 2 year CST if this works a new motion will be coming forth at a later date to make it part of the Constitution and By Laws. I feel we will certainly have to ensure that we DO review this position after the 2 year trial to ensure that this is what our multiple wants before it becomes part of the constitution and By Laws.

I want to thank my committee for all the input and cooperation they gave me over the last 2 years, I hope the new LRP chair gets the same support.

I also have to thank PDG Rheal Cormier, PDG Charlie Ullman ,PID Len Giffen, and PID Jim Sherry for their

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support and confidence that they have shown me over the past 2 years we have had some disagreements but the one thing that was never in question was that we were all trying to do the "best for the Multiple.

Thanks again it was a pleasure to work with everyone and good luck to the new chair.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Sam

PDG Sam Wells

Long Range Planning Chair

Special note on the report after holding our meeting we have decided that the reviewing of the CST position after 2 years has to be changed to being reviewed after 18 months of the semi-permanent position.

Motion to accept PDG Sam's report was made by PDG Charlie Uhlman and seconded by PCC Rod Wright. Motion Carried.

Sam advised everyone that his term is up and that a new member to be put in his place at the end of the convention. He wished him the best of luck and advised that he would be available if need be.

Long Range Planning

MULTIPLE DISTRICT N

Constitution, By-Laws & Policy Manual Amends for 2010-11
(To be voted upon in St. John's, NL in May 2011)

Constitution

Page 2: Revise index as required. (Housekeeping)

Page 3, Article IV, Section 1; Delete this article and replace it with: section 3 of article V and renumber other sections as required. (Housekeeping)

Page 3, Article V, Section 1; add a new paragraph e), as follows: "e) Anything pertaining to the nomination, election, succession, residence and voting of the Council Secretary-Treasurer is suspended temporarily for a period of two years, from July 1st 2012 to June 30th 2014 and replaced by the following, for a two year trial period:

"That we establish a "pilot project" to create a 2 year position of semi-permanent Council Secretary-Treasurer to be appointed by the MD Council of Governors beginning at the conclusion of the 2012 MD District Convention under the criteria established by Council.

Further that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee prepare the necessary amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual to effect such a change for voting at the 2011 MDN Convention.

Further prior to the conclusion of the "pilot project", Council will seek feedback from the MD committee chairs as to the viability of making the semi-permanent position of CST an established policy for the long term, together with the pertinent terms and conditions. (See Appendix "M" of MDN Policy Manual for details.)" (As proposed by the LRPC and sanctioned by the Business Session at the Fall Conference.)

** Motion made to have a CST semi permanent position for 2 years starting (2012-2014) to take place with a review being completed after 18 months, motion made by PID Len and seconded by PCC Tim Hoban. Motion carried.

** Amendment to the motion to carry out review after 18 months, made by PDG Sam, seconded by PCC Tim Hoban. Amendment carried.

Page 4, Article V, Section 5, first paragraph, last sentence; after the word "meet ", insert the following words: "in the month of August,". (Goal 1, action a) of Strategic Plan)

Page 4, Article V, Section 5, second paragraph; delete this paragraph and replace with the following: "Any other Council meeting or telephone conference call will be called by the Council Chair as deemed necessary". (Housekeeping)

Page 4, Article V, Section 5, after the second paragraph; add a new paragraph as follows: "Council meetings shall be opened to interested Lions, with sufficient seating capacity provided by the Convention Chair to accommodate those wishing to attend. Council may hold private (in camera) meetings when discussing personnel matters or awards and recognitions" (Goal 1, Actions f) and g) of Strat Plan)

Page 5, Article VI, Section 1B, third paragraph, after the word "District"; add the word: "Incoming" and after the word "meeting"; add the words: "immediately following the MD Convention," (Housekeeping)

Page 6, Section 1B, 5th paragraph; remove this existing paragraph and replace with the following paragraph: "All attendees shall pay the registration fee of \$5.00 and such fee shall be included in the purchase of a full hospitality book. Only registered attendees shall be admitted to any session, activity or function of the Conference." (Housekeeping)

Page 8, Article VII, Section 3, 7th paragraph; remove this paragraph and replace with the following paragraph: "All attendees shall pay the registration fee of \$5.00 and such fee shall be included in the purchase of a

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full hospitality book. Only registered attendees shall be admitted to any session, activity or function of the Convention." (Housekeeping)

Page 10, Article VIII, Section 1B C}, first sentence; add the letter "s" to the word Governor. (Housekeeping)

Page 13, Articles IX to XVI inclusive: Move all these financial articles to the By-Laws and renumber other articles as required. (As directed by Council, on recommendation from Budget & Audit Com.)

**Motion made by PDG Charlie to accept the 13 house-keeping items for change under the Constitution section, motion seconded by PDG Sam. Motion carried

Page 14, Article IX, after section 2, add a Banking Section as follows and renumber other Sections as required: "Section 3 BANKING AND SIGNING AUTHORITY

A} BANK

Multiple District N shall appoint an Association Depository at a Canadian bank, as approved by the Council of Governors. This appointment must be confirmed by Resolution of Council, inserted in the annual minutes of Multiple District N, when a change of institution is made.

This appointment of Association Depository will be reviewed every three to five years by Council, in conjunction with the Budget & Audit Committee.

B} BANKING RESOLUTION OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT N

The undersigned, being the Council Secretary Treasurer of the above association, hereby certifies that on the 14 day of May, 2011 the Council of Governors of the Multiple District N adopted the following resolution, which will take effect on July 1st, 2011:

BE IT RESOLVED that Multiple District N opens bank accounts with (name of financial institution) The Bank of Nova Scotia and that the officers of Multiple District N are authorized to take such action as is necessary to open such accounts; that the bank's printed form of resolution is hereby adopted and incorporated into these minutes by reference and shall be placed in the minutes book; that any two (2) of the following Lions shall have signature authority over the accounts:

Council Chair

Council Secretary Treasurer

Member of the Council of Governors
and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded.

Date: _____

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C} Notice to rescind the appointment of the named financial institution must be published as a notice to membership not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convention and confirmed in the Annual minutes of Multiple District N.

D} SIGNING AUTHORITY

The Council of Governors shall approve annually three (3) Council members to sign cheques, who shall be the Council Secretary Treasurer, the Council Chair and one other member of Council who is not from the same District as either the Council Secretary-Treasurer or the Council Chair. The Council Chair, Council Secretary-Treasurer and the other signatory shall not countersign their own reimbursement cheques and no blank cheques shall be pre-signed. The Council Secretary Treasurer shall make the necessary arrangements for signing authority with the bank.

E} TERM

The term of Signing Authority for the three (3) Council members shall commence on July 1 and shall end on June 30 of each Lionistic year." (As recommended by Budget & Audit Com.)

Page 16, Article XIII, Section 3, first sentence; remove the word "of" and replace by the word: "by". (Housekeeping)

Page 16, Article XII and XIII; move these two articles (Sub-District Funds) to page 18 immediately above Article XVII and renumber other articles as required. (Housekeeping. All MD funds will now be bunched together.)

Renumber articles and sections as needed. (Housekeeping)

**Motion made by PCC Rod to accept the change suggested under Banking section motion seconded by Lion Frank Antle. Motion carried

By-Laws

Page 24, Article III, Section 3; following item d), add a new paragraph e), as follows: "The Council Secretary-Treasurer shall present to all Conferences and Conventions and send to the MDN webmaster for posting on website, a comprehensive financial report detailing all expenses including, but not limited to, those of Committee Chairs." and renumber other items as required. (Goal 1, action b) of Strat Plan)

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Page 24, Article III, Section 3, after last paragraph; add the following new paragraph: “g) Attend the first meeting of the Incoming Council to provide continuity.” (Housekeeping)

Page 24, Article III, Section 3, after last paragraph; add the following new paragraph: “h) The Council Secretary-Treasurer is responsible to remit a job description, as established in Appendix “N” of MDN Policy Manual, to all newly appointed/elected MD Chairs.” (Goal 1, action e) of Strat Plan)

Page 27, Article IV, under Chair Responsibilities; after the first paragraph, add a new paragraph as follows: “Each MD Committee Chair is responsible to remit his/her records and information to his/her succeeding Chair.” (See goal 1, action e) of Strat Plan)

Page 27, Article IV, after the paragraph titled Committee members; add the following paragraph, titled Committee Meetings, as follows: “Committee Meetings MD Committee Chairs shall hold meetings of their respective committee as much as feasible at the Multiple District Conventions/Conferences with representatives from all Sub-Districts attending as stipulated in Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws, under Committee members. Convention Chair will reserve meeting rooms as required. All MD Committee meetings shall be opened to all interested Lions, with sufficient seating capacity provided by the Convention Chair to accommodate everyone wishing to attend. All MD Committee Chairs attending the Convention shall attend the first meeting of the incoming Council held immediately after the close of the MD Convention.” (Goal 1, Action d) of Strat Plan)

Page 28, Article IV, Section 1, under Search Committees; remove the letter “s” in the title. (Housekeeping)

Page 28, Article IV, Section 1, under Search Committees; add a second paragraph as follows: “A list of the various MD Committee Chair positions which are to be filled by the Incoming Council at their first meeting must be sent by the Council Secretary-Treasurer, to the District Governors sixty (60) days prior to the MD Convention. Names for such available positions must be submitted by the District Governors or by individual interested Lions, to the Council Secretary-Treasurer ten (10) days prior to the Convention.” (This follows a motion of Council made in Fredericton 2 or 3 years ago and I believe this has been done at times, but not added to our legal documents. Are 60 days and 10 days making sense?)

Page 28, Article IV, Section 1, under Search Committee; add a third paragraph as follows: “Council shall provide for an equal as possible distribution of MD Chairships amongst all the Sub-Districts, provided that qualified and interested

Lions are available.” (Goal 1, Action c) of Strat Plan)

Page 28, Article IV, Section 1, under Expenses, replace the two first paragraphs with the following; “Expenses – No MD Committee Chair, except those indicated hereunder, shall be reimbursed expenses to attend Council meetings, special meetings, Conferences or Conventions unless required in writing by Council to attend. Such notices shall be sent in a timely manner to permit requested Chairs to book their accommodation and transportation in due time.

The Chair of Constitution & By-Laws is expected to attend all meetings of Council and the Business Sessions of the MD. The Chairs of the Budget & Audit and Training & Education Committees are expected to attend the Fall Conference and the MD Convention. The Incoming Chair (Vice Chair) of the Convention Committee is expected to attend the MD Convention.

The above mentioned Chairs shall present either, a report to Council and/or to the business session, a budget, a training session, and carry out their duties as stipulated in the By-Laws and Policy Manual, to be eligible for reimbursement of expenses.

No member of any MD Committee, except the Chair, shall be eligible for expense reimbursement.

Subject to the above paragraphs, the Chairs of the MD will be reimbursed from the various funds as follows: Constitution & By-Laws (Administration Fund), Budget & Audit (Administration), Long Range Planning (Administration), Training & Education (Training Fund), Communications (Administration), Program & Services (Administration) and the Vice Chair of the Conference & Convention Committee (Convention). Expenses of the MD Convention Chair will be covered by the Convention budget and funds.” (This Expenses item is to reflect what has taken place in the past and should continue in the future, if our MD is to be administered adequately. Our MD will not operate properly if the above mentioned Chairs are not in attendance at certain designated functions.)

**Motion made by Lion Susan to accept the suggestion for MD expenses of Committee Chairs seconded by PDG Charlie Uhlman. Motion Carried.

Page 32, Article IV, Section 6, Fellowship & Camaraderie; delete the entire section 6 and renumber articles as needed. (This MD Committee is redundant and should be deleted. No Chair has ever been appointed since this committee has been formed back in 2003 or 2004. This Committee was never activated.)

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Page 34, Article V, Section 2, fourth sentence; after the word “minutes”, add the words: “budgets, financial reports,” (Council made a motion last year that these should be published and posted on the web)

Page 36, Article VIII; Move this article (Fiscal Year) to article IX (Finance) of the Constitution and renumber articles as needed. (Housekeeping)

Renumber articles and sections as needed. (Housekeeping)

**Motion made by PCC Sonny to accept the 13 house-keeping items listed under bylaws as suggested motion seconded by Lion Stewart McDonald, Motion carried

Policy Manual

Page 3; Revise index as needed. (Housekeeping)

Page 4, Item 1. A); replace the word “ninety (90)” by the word: “thirty (30)”. (As directed by Council at their July 2010 meeting)

Page 4, Item 1, add a temporary third paragraph C), as follow; “C) Anything pertaining to the nomination and election of the Council Secretary-Treasurer is suspended temporarily for a period of two years, from July 1st 2012 to June 30th 2014 and replaced by a Semi-Permanent position of Secretary-Treasurer, for a two year trial period, as detailed in Article V of the MDN Constitution and Appendix “M” of the MDN Policy Manual.” (As proposed by the LRPC and sanctioned by the Business Session at the Fall Conference.)

**The Creation of the semi perm Council Sec-Treas position appointed was made by DGE Peter Reid and seconded by PDG Charlie Uhlman. Motion carried.

Page 5, Item 2, after paragraph H); add the following paragraph: “I} To attend the first meeting of the Incoming Council to provide continuity.” (Housekeeping)

Page 6, Item 3. F); replace \$1,000.00 with “\$ 5,000”. (As directed by Council)

Page 6, Item 5; move this item (Multiple District Accounts) to the Finance article in the By-Laws and renumber items as necessary. (As suggested by the Budget & Audit Com and agreed to by Council. This belongs with finance because it's too important to be in the Policy Manual. Housekeeping)

Page 5, Item 4 a), first sentence; re-write as follows: “The Council Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the Budget & Audit Chair, will review...” (Housekeeping)

Page 8, Item 8, Multiple District Dues; move this item to the By-Laws, under Finance, as follows: add to page 36 of the By-Laws, under a new Article IX and renumber items as needed . (As recommended by Budget & Audit and directed by Council. Housekeeping)

Page 9, Item 12, Council Meetings: Remove the entire paragraph and renumber other items as required. (Housekeeping. This is included in Constitution at section 5 of article V).

Page 11, Item 17, Training and Education Committee; delete entire item and replace with the following:

“17. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
The purpose of the Global Leadership development program shall be to create knowledgeable Lions by ensuring all Lions have a reasonable opportunity to obtain the knowledge, skills and information necessary to properly carry out their respective duties and responsibilities by:
Providing adequate training for multiple district officers and chairs;

Making training available to Lions of Multiple District N at an effective cost;

Drafting the necessary documents for training purposes for all level of Lionism within the multiple district;
Providing information on service programs and activities of the multiple district;

GLT COMPOSITION: The Multiple District Global Leadership Development Team shall be comprised of the Multiple District N Global Leadership Coordinator's), the Global Leadership Coordinators of the four sub-districts and up to three other Lions as appointed by council on the recommendation of the chair. Appointments will be for a term of three years.

COMMITTEE MANDATE: The Multiple District N Global Leadership Coordinator's), in consultation with the sub-district Global Leadership Coordinators shall:

i) Organize and conduct the training session for district governors elect and vice district governors elect at the multiple district convention.

ii) Oversee and subsidize, on a yearly basis, according to the procedures included in part 1 of appendix “L” of this policy manual, an APPROVED leadership training program in the sub-districts, conducted by the sub-districts, up to an amount not to exceed seven hundred dollars (\$700) in each sub-district.

iii) Administer the regional and faculty development institutes according to the procedures established in part 2 of appendix “L” of this policy manual;

iv) Draft and periodically revise, training curriculum materials for sub-district training of zone, region and club officers and make these materials available to the sub-districts.

Provide information to the sub-districts pertaining to

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education and training materials and programs available on Lions Clubs International and multiple district web-sites.

Plan and organize meaningful seminars for the fall conference and multiple district convention, as well as training sessions for the sub-district Global Leadership Development Teams.

Provide the Council of Governors, on a yearly basis, with written reports outlining the leadership development and training programs at the multiple district and sub-district levels.

viii) Submit to the Council of Governors, prior to the fall conference of the year previous, an annual budget for leadership development and training at the multiple district and sub-district levels.

ix) Submit applications to Lions Clubs International for the district governor elect and vice district governor elect leadership grant and other grants that may become available for education and training.

x) Ensure district governors and leadership development coordinators are informed of Lions Clubs International's senior and faculty development institutes for Constitutional areas 1 and 2.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING EXPENSES: The following costs in relation to leadership development and training programs shall be covered by Multiple District N.

i) Costs of conducting the training session for district governors and vice district governors elect by the coordinator's), including accommodations and meals for the training period, shall be paid by the multiple district in accordance with the annual budgetary allowance therefore.

ii) Training grants, in the form of partial reimbursement of expenses as stipulated below, shall be made available to those sub districts whose District Governor elect and 1st and 2nd vice district governors elect participate in the district governors and vice district governor training program in accordance with the annual budgetary allowance therefore.

iii) Only the hotel rooms (two nights) and meals, as detailed in the MDN Rules of Audit, will be reimbursed to the Incoming District Governors and Incoming 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors for their days of training. Regular Convention expenses and mileage are not reimbursable by the Multiple District and/or the Training and Education fund. **(As directed and approved by Council in July 2010)**

iv) Costs of conducting the sub district leadership development and training programs by the sub districts shall

be reimbursed by the multiple district up to a maximum of \$700 per Sub-District, provided that such expenses were expanded and the Sub-District submits a request for said funds, detailing activities and expenses, to the Council prior to June 30th each year. Council will have to approve these disbursements in accordance with the annual budgetary allowance thereof, before they are reimbursed." **(As requested by Council, this item 17 has been re-written by PDG Charlie Uhlman and reviewed by PDG Tim Hoban.)**

****Global Leadership Development training to state in policy what LCI requires, motion made by PID Len and seconded by DGE Peter Reid. Motion carried.**

Page 12, Items 18 and 19, Membership and Extension Committees ; delete these two items. **(Not needed, because they are already included in the By-Laws) (Council may note that these workshops were not held for some time now and these items should be reviewed for inclusion or exclusion in the new Training & Educ policy and possibly removed altogether from the By-Laws.)**

Page 12, Item 20 A}, first sentence; after the word "two", add the words "and a maximum of six". **(As suggested by Lion Jerry Billard, Communications Chair)**

Page 12, Item 20, A}, at the end of the paragraph, after the word "Associate" ; add the following word: "Editor" and at the end of the paragraph, add the following: "These Associate Editors will be add hoc members of the MD Communications Committee". **(Goal 2, Action a) of Strat Plan)**

Page 12, Item 20, B}, at the end of the paragraph, add the following: "Every year, the District Governors shall publish in their DG Newsletter a reminder to the Clubs' officers about this activity". **(Goal 2, Action c) of Strat Plan)**

Page 12, Item 20, C); delete this paragraph and re-write as follows: "The Council Chair, Council Secretary-Treasurer, MD Committee Chairs and District Governors shall be responsible to forward their reports, minutes, budgets, financial reports, plans, etc. to the Editor on a continuous basis by the established deadlines for inclusion in the "N-Former" and posting on the Web Site by the Lion Webmaster. The Editor is responsible to forward all received documents to the Webmaster for posting." **(Goal 2, Action b) of Strat Plan)**

Page 12, Item 20, D}, after the word "published"; remove the words "and mailed" and replace with the word: "electronically" and replace number "45" by number: "30". **(Housekeeping)**

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Page 13, Item 20; create a new paragraph "E" as follows: "E} Subject to Item 12 A}, extra editions of the N'Former may be created by the Editor of the N-Former as deemed necessary, published and posted on the MD and Sub-Districts websites." (Goal 2, Action d) of Strat Plan and as suggested by Lion Jerry Billard, Communications Chair)

Page 13, Item 20, create a new paragraph "F" as follows; "F} The deadline for the Editor to receive documents for publication in the N'Former shall be forty five (45) days prior to the Fall Conference and the MD Convention. The deadline for the Editor to receive documents to be published in the extra issues of the N'Former shall be received by the tenth of the months of July, September, November, January, March and May, provided that a publication is being created." (As suggested by Jerry Billard, Communications Chair)

Page 13, Item 20; create a new paragraph "G" as follows: "G} The MD, in conjunction with the Sub-Districts, shall maintain an electronic distribution network that will filter from the Council to the Lions at the Club's level. (Refer to Appendix "K" of this manual for details.)" (Goal 2, Action e) of Strat Plan.)

**MD publications for more issues of the N Former. Motion made by Lion Susan and seconded by PID Jim. Motion carried.

Page 16, under existing Appendix "A", PROTOCOL, after the item COMMENTS; add the following item, titled International Speakers, as follows:

"INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

Our Multiple District is entitled to five (5) speakers in each Lions year, one for each Sub-District (Convention) and one for an MD event (Fall Conference or MD Convention). Our Multiple chooses to have an International speaker for both the Fall Conference and the MD Convention. Therefore, whichever Sub-District hosts the MD Convention is charged with the speaker for the Fall Conference and is not entitled to an official speaker for their Sub-District Convention.

Lions Clubs International is responsible for transportation cost to and from an official event. The host Sub-District or Multiple District is responsible for all local expenses including accommodation costs, meals and local

transportation." (As requested by Council and written by PID Sherry.)

**Motion to accept as published under International Speaker section, motion made by PID Len and seconded by Lion Susan. Motion Carried (Move here) Replace existing Appendix "I" with the following revised Appendix "I":

RULES OF AUDIT GOVERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR MULTIPLE DISTRICT N

1. Total Allowable Expense

The Council Chair, Council Secretary-Treasurer, and Committee Chairs will be allowed qualifying expense reimbursement per the MDN Constitution, By-Laws, Policy Manual and MD Rules of Audit, based on the final budget approved by the Lions of Multiple District N at the preceding Annual Convention.

2. Submission of Claims

a. Claim Forms

Expense claims must be submitted on official forms, as approved by Multiple District N, properly itemized, columns totaled and accompanied by original itemized receipts, cancelled tickets where required. Credit Card vouchers will not be accepted. Airline e-ticket receipts will be accepted when accompanied by the itemized expense coverage.

b. Council Chair's Representative Claim

Expense claims by a Multiple District representative other than the Council Chair must be signed by the Council's Chair and representative. The claims must comply with Rule No. 3.a. below. Reimbursement will be on the same basis as the Council Chair's and payment will be made from the appropriate budget.

c. Deadline

Deadline to submit a claim is not later than 15 days after the event from which the expense occurred. If claims are received more than 30 days or later after the deadline, they will not be considered or allowed.

3. Reimbursable Functions and Events

a. Multiple District Meetings

Qualifying expenses, as written in the MD N Constitution and By-Laws and/or the MD N Policy Manual, may be submitted for reimbursement for attendance to three multiple district functions, providing attendance is required and/or requested (i.e. council meeting, conferences, conventions) not to exceed three days and three nights each. Expenses related to the planning, organization or promotion of district or multiple district functions

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cannot be submitted for reimbursement. All meetings must be held within the multiple district.

4. Transportation

No payment can be made for trips outside the multiple district meetings as specified in rule No. 3.a. above. All travel must be made by the most economical means. Transportation reimbursement is restricted to traveling to and from covered events per 3 (a) only.

a. Automobile

The allowance for automobile is Can\$.20 per kilometer, all inclusive. If an automobile is used for trips within the Multiple District, the total claims cannot exceed the cost of economy airfare. If taxi and/or car rentals are used, reimbursement would only be the Can\$.20 per kilometer, all inclusive. If bridge, ferry or boat travel is used, the cost of the vehicle and passenger will be reimbursed and the cost of a berth to a maximum of the hotel rate of \$59.

b. Railroad

If rail travel is used, first class fare will be reimbursed, and Pullman (roomette) fare will be reimbursed at \$59/night, provided that cancelled tickets are attached to the claim.

c. Airplane – Commercial

If commercial airplane travel is used, maximum reimbursement will be the most economical fare. If the equivalent commercial fare cannot be established, reimbursements will be on the basis of Can \$.20 per kilometer. Cancelled airline tickets or E-ticket, if applicable, itinerary/receipt and proof of payment (cancelled check, paid travel agency receipt or credit card receipt/statement) must be submitted with expense claim. Any other related expenses are not covered.

d. Airplane – Private or Charter

If private or charter airplane is used, maximum reimbursement will be the most economical fare, and subject to prior approval by the Council of governors.

e. Other

Any other methods of transportation are subject to prior approval of the Council of Governors. Submit a detailed explanation.

** Motion made to amend Section 4(a) to include parking & Taxi fares. "Parking rate with receipts being itemized (required) total of \$15 per day up to 3 day convention totaling \$45. Taxi Per Trip receipts itemized (required) \$25 per trip to and from airport, not available when shuttle service is provided. Motion seconded by PCC Rod. Motion carried.

5. Hotel

The actual cost of lodging required during travel related to 3a above but not to exceed Can\$59 per night is allowed,

provided that an original itemized and paid receipted bill from the hotel is attached to the claim and the total driving distance one way exceed 650km. Hotel rates when attending a covered event as a registered delegate of said event in 3a above will be reimbursed at the lowest published convention/conference rate while resident at convention hotel. The name of the expense reimbursement recipient must be included on receipt. No credit card receipts accepted unless an itemized bill is also provided.

6. Meals

The claimant may be reimbursed for the actual cost of meals not to exceed Can\$18.00 per day, provided that individual meals receipts for the day total \$18.00 or more. No alcohol reimbursed. Hospitality books will be covered for CC, CST and MD Chairs, but not for their spouse or companion.

7. Hosting International Guests

Hospitality expenses covered for claimant are limited to \$75.00 per day. The hospitality expenses of the spouse of the claimant may be covered when the spouse is acting in an official capacity as host to the spouse of our International guest as per item 6 above. Hospitality expenses by a Multiple District representative may be covered when acting in an official capacity, subject to the above limitations. The cost of hospitality for our international guests is covered in full.

8. Administration Expenses

Paper, Photocopies, Printing, Postage, Long distance telephone calls, Faxes may be covered for the actual cost providing an itemized receipt is provided to a maximum of the subject budget.

9. Other

Any expenses not specifically mentioned above must be submitted to Council for approval before payment can be made.

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Travel			
	Vehicle - per Km	\$0.20	Not to exceed the most economical airfare
	Bridge –per vehicle	rate	Per published fare Receipts (itemized) required
	Ferry - per vehicle	rate	Per published fare Receipts (itemized) required
	Ferry - per person	rate	Per published fare Receipts (itemized) required
	Ferry - per booth	\$59	Per MD N Rules of Audit -traveling to/from covered events Receipts (itemized) required
	Railway - per person	rate	Per published fare Receipts (itemized) required
	Railway-Pullman	\$59	Per MD N Rules of Audit -traveling to/from covered events
	Airplane - commercial	rate	Economy Class Receipts (itemized) required
	Airplane - Private or Charter		Subject to approval
	Other		Subject to approval
Meals			
	Per Day allowance	\$18	Receipts (itemized) required, no alcohol reimbursed
	Hospitality books		Covered
Hotel			
	Room per night	rate	Per convention/conf approved rate for registered delegate
	Room per night	\$59	For Travel to/from approved Multiple District events
Hospitality	Official MDN host (spouse)	\$75	Per day, with itemized receipt required
	Official MDN host		Per day, with itemized receipts required
Administration	International Guests		Meals covered at full costs
	Printing	At cost	Per Budget allowance (receipts required)
	Postage	cost	Per Budget allowance (receipts required)
	Paper	cost	Per Budget allowance (receipts required)
	Long Distance Telephone and Fax	cost	Per Budget allowance (receipts required)
	Photocopies	cost	Per Budget allowance (receipts required)

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** Motion to accept Rules of Audit as published made by Lion Jerry Billard seconded by Lion Susan Sangster. Motion carried.

** Amending motion made to amend Section 4(a) to include parking & Taxi fares. "Parking rate with receipts being itemized (required) total of \$15 per day up to 3 day convention totaling \$45. Taxi Per Trip receipts itemized (required) \$25 per trip to and from airport, not available when shuttle service is provided. Motion by Lion Susan seconded by PCC Rod. Motion carried.

Page 59; add Appendix "K" titled: "MDN Documents Distribution Chart"

APPENDIX "K"

**9 items of housekeeping to be accepted as presented. This motion was made by PDG Frank Antle and seconded by PCC Sonny. Motion Carried.
Add new Appendix "L", titled; "Training & Education Policy", as follows:

"APPENDIX "L"

Training and Education Policy

PART 1: Regional Leadership and Faculty Development Institutes

Procedures

A) Multiple District N shall provide annual support for these institutes according to the following schedule:

2011	Regional Leadership or Faculty Development	N3 and N4
2012	Regional Leadership or Faculty Development	N1 and N2
2013	Regional Leadership or Faculty Development	N3 and N4
2014	Regional Leadership or Faculty Development	N1 and N2

Continue this rotation in subsequent years.

B) One of the two sub-districts shall serve as the host sub-district. Should it be unfeasible for the specified sub-districts to host an institute in the scheduled year, the other two sub-districts shall be given an opportunity to host the institute. Such an occurrence shall not affect the normally scheduled rotation.

C) By January 1st of the preceding year, the MD N Global Leadership Development Coordinator's(s), in consultation with the council chair and the district governors of the hosting sub districts shall select an institute coordinator.

D) The institute coordinator, in consultation with the multiple district education & training chair, shall be responsible for establishing the dates for the institute, selecting a location and ensuring qualified faculty is identified.

E) Prior to April 30th of the preceding year the MD N Global Leadership Development Coordinator's(s) and institute coordinator shall submit a funding application to Lions Clubs International, including the curriculum, funding arrangements, proposed budget and list of faculty members.

F) It shall be the responsibility of the institute coordinator to either provide, or ensure that a designated individual provides, all curriculum and materials required for the various modules of the institute as specified in the initial funding application to Lions Clubs International.

G) Multiple District "N" shall include an amount of \$1,000 yearly in the budget to support the institute being held that year. The two hosting sub-districts together are expected to match the amount provided by Multiple District N.

H) As required by Lions Clubs International, the multiple district council secretary-treasurer shall establish a special bank account for the specific purpose of the institutes. All revenues designated for the institutes shall be deposited in this account and all expenditures associated with the institute shall be paid from this same account. Any surplus funds in the account shall remain in the account for the next or for future institutes.

I) At the completion of the institute, the coordinator shall file all required reports with Lions Clubs International and shall ensure all necessary materials have been included with the report that must be signed by the council chair and host district governor. A copy of the signed report shall be made available to the council chair, council secretary treasurer, Global Leadership Development Coordinator's(s) and the host district governor.

J) For a spring institute, the institute coordinator, by July 1st of the calendar year in which the institute was held, shall provide a detailed report, along with recommendations, to the council chair, council secretary treasurer and Global Leadership Development Coordinator's(s). Should the institute be held in the fall, the report shall be submitted no later than of December 30th.

PART 2: Procedures to obtain Sub-District Leadership Development and Training Grants

At least two weeks prior to the summer council meeting of the new year, each sub district Global Leadership Development Coordinator's(s) shall submit the following to the multiple district Global Leadership Development Coordinator's(s):

Goals and action plans for the year, including all aspects of sub-district training.

A list of proposed instructors, including their qualifications.

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A preliminary budget showing expenditures and revenue for the program.

B) The MDN Global Leadership Development Coordinator's) shall provide council with a report including the proposed sub district programs.

C) Prior to the disbursement of any grants to the sub-districts by the multiple district council secretary-treasurer, the sub-district Global Leadership Development Coordinator's) shall submit a final report including:

Programs completed, including locations, numbers in attendance and instructors.

Detailed costs for the leadership development program within the sub-district.

D) After receiving the report, the MDN Global Leadership Development Coordinator's) shall request the multiple district council secretary-treasurer to forward a grant to the sub-district. No funds will be distributed unless a final report is submitted to the multiple district Global Leadership Development Coordinator's) and/or council.

E) The MDN Global Leadership Development Coordinator's), prior to /or at the summer meeting of council, shall provide all members of council and the vice district governors with a summary report of the district's training programs." (Council directed this to be done at their summer Council meeting. Policy was drafted by PDG Charles Uhlman and reviewed by the Training & Education Chair, PDG Tim Hoban.)

** Motion to accept this appendix being added was made by PDG Charlie Uhlman and seconded by PCC Rod Wright. Motion carried.

Add new Appendix "M", Position of Semi-Permanent Council Secretary-Treasurer, as follows;

"APPENDIX "M"
Multiple District N

Position of Semi-Permanent Council Secretary-Treasurer
DEESCRPTION OF THE POSITION

This position of semi-permanent Council Secretary-Treasurer shall be:

- a) A two year term on a trial basis, to begin on July 1st 2012.
- b) A non-voting and non-paid position as a member of the Council of Governors.
- c) An appointment/election by the Council.
- d) Reviewed by Council, at the end of the initial two year term, in order to determine if said position will be continued or if the MD will revert back to the one year elected position of Council Secretary-Treasurer, as it existed before this trial.

**Motion made to amend part d for it to state that a review be completed after 18 months instead of the 2 years. Motion made by PDG Sam and seconded by Lion Frank Antle. Motion carried.

e) Eligible for reimbursement of expenses similar to the existing Council Secretary-Treasurer position.

f) Applied for, on the prescribe application form, by interested Lions who will be required to go through a screening/interview process to qualify.

DESIRED SKILLS, ABILITIES and EXPERIENCE (criteria)

The applicants are expected to have experience in as many of the following fields as possible.

- a) Be a Lion in good standing in a Club in good standing.
- b) Have good verbal and written communications skills and have experience with the recording and transcribing of minutes.
- c) Possess a strong work ethic with the ability to get things done.
- d) Have ability to establish and meet deadlines.
- e) Possess good organizational and management skills.
- f) Have demonstrated ability to work closely and harmoniously with other Lions, groups and committees and possess good human resources skills.
- g) Have knowledge about the organization and operation of MDN and its Sub-Districts.
- h) Have the ability to keep records and prepare reports as requested by Council and the requirements of the position.
- i) Have experience in dealing with financial matters in an organization, including book keeping, budgets, expense tracking, investments, projections, etc.
- j) Have attended, or be willing to attend, a senior leadership development institute.
- k) Have broad experience and leadership abilities in the volunteer sector.
- l) Possess, or is willing to acquire, a certain knowledge of the MD legal documents, especially as they pertain to the position of Council Secretary-Treasurer and Council procedures in general.
- m) Must have the time and availability to participate in all MD meetings, Conferences and Conventions.
- n) Must possess computer skills with abilities to work with the e-mail system, financial programs, to prepare and alter documents, as well as save key information on CDs for future reference or use.
- o) Knows, or is willing to learn, the basics of parliamentary procedures.

Process (Timelines) for Selection of a candidate

1. Established "Duties of Position" and "Application Form" to be published in the Fall issue of the N'Former

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and also forwarded to the Sub-District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer to be published in their district newsletter not later than October 30th, 2011.

2. Interested Lions complete an application form and forward it to the Council Chair and Council Secretary-Treasurer by January 15th, 2012.

3. The members of Council or a special committee appointed by Council with at least two members of Council as part of the committee, will review the applications prior to March 1st, 2012 and decide by March 31st, 2012 which applicants will be interviewed.

4. Interviews of applicants shall be held by telephone conference call.

5. Interviews of applicants shall be conducted by April 15th, 2012 and a recommendation submitted to Council by May 1st, 2012.

6. Appointment/election of the Semi-Permanent Council Secretary-Treasurer will take place at the incoming Council of Governors meeting held immediately following the MD Convention in May 2012.

7. The successful candidate will officially start his/her job on July 1st, 2012.

Application Form for the Semi-Permanent Position of Council Secretary-Treasurer

1. Name _____ Name of Partner _____

2. Address _____, _____, _____

3. Name of Lions Club _____ Years in Lions _____

4. Tel. _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

5. Position held in Lionism; Pres Sec Treas Zone Ch Reg Ch VD Gov

Dist Gov Council Ch Council Sec-Treas Cabinet Sec-Treas

MD Committee Ch air List _____, _____

District Committee Chair List _____, _____

Other positions in Lionism: _____

6. Other relevant positions held outside Lionism (work or other):

7. Briefly describe your experiences, abilities or skills in the following fields:

a) Communication:

b) Leadership:

c) Recording and drafting of minutes:

d) Establishing and meeting deadlines:

e) Organization and management:

f) Human resource skills and work with groups:

g) Reporting and record keeping:

h) Finances (bookkeeping, budgeting, etc.):

i) Knowledge of the MD N Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Manual:

j) Computer Skills and programs:

k) Parliamentary procedures:

l) Other relevant skills or experiences:

8. Still working Retired Semi-retired Other Explain:

9. Briefly explain why Council should appoint/elect you to this CST position:

REFERENCES: Please provide the following information regarding people who can be contacted to provide references. Indicate the position the person holds, or held when you worked with him/her:

Name _____

Address : _____

Phone number: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail: _____

Position held: _____

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

FAX Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Position held: _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Applicant

(As sanctioned by the Business Session at the Fall Conference.)

**** Motion to accept the semi permanent CST position adopt as published made by PDG Sam and seconded by PCC Tim. Motion carried.**

Under a new Appendix "O", add the following:

"Appendix "O"

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS:

Service to our Association takes many forms. Lions serve the needs in their communities, serve as leaders of Lions at the club, district and other levels, and serve the overall mission of Lions Clubs through membership efforts, public relations initiatives and other endeavors. The Presidential Award should be considered for Lions who distinguish themselves for their exemplary service by: being personally involved in club activities, being supportive of the programs of Lions Clubs International, being supportive of LCIF and having sponsored at least one new member.

Quality leadership is essential to our association in that it affects membership growth, the service that we provide and the impact that service has on our communities and on the overall quality of the Lions clubs membership experience. The Leadership Award should be considered for Lions who make significant contributions to leadership development and results within our association.

WHO INITIATES, ENDORSES AND SUBMITS THE AWARDS RECOMMENDATIONS?

Recommendations should be initiated by the district governor. The district governor should verify that the president's criteria have been met prior to passing them on to the Lion leader responsible for endorsing the recommendations. The recommendations then need to be endorsed, and then submitted, by the current board member, if there is one. If not, then the most current past international president from the multiple district should endorse and then submit the recommendations. If there isn't one, then the most current past international director should endorse and then submit the recommendations.

There are many Lions who are diligently working to provide hope to those less fortunate in their local communities who have never been recognized for their efforts. A concerted effort should be made to honor those Lions who have not received a presidential or leadership award in the previous five years.

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Every year each District Governor is encouraged to submit one application for each award.

The International President decides how many awards each Multiple District will receive.

Our Multiple District selection process is based on the following formula:

PRESIDENTIAL	LEADERSHIP
2008 N1 N2 N3 N4	N4 N3 N2 N1
2009 N2 N3 N4 N1	N3 N2 N1 N4
2010 N3 N4 N1 N2	N2 N1 N4 N3
2011 N4 N1 N2 N3	N1 N4 N3 N2

The above completes a full cycle after which we would begin the same process beginning in the following year, 2012."

Renumber items and pages as required. (Housekeeping)

** Motion to accept the item under Appendix O. Motion made by Lion Jerry and seconded by Lion Debbie McGinley. Motion carried.

March 24, 2011

PDG Rheel Cormier

Chair of MDN Const & B-Ls Com.

** Motion to accept PDG Rheel's report as submitted made by DGE Peter Reid and seconded by PCC Tim Hoban. Motion carried.

REPORT FROM MD "N" COMMUNICATION CHAIR, LION JERRY BILLARD

The job of Communication Chair this past Lions year has been a great experience for me and I am sure that there is still a lot to learn. I am very proud to be the Editor of the N Former which allows me to see a bigger picture of Lionism within the Multiple District.

My Committee members and myself are doing our very best to get the information out to all the Lions in MD "N", but even when we do it still falls on the Lions that receive it to ensure that it is passed along to every Lion.

My Committee members, one representative from each District in MD N, are a great help to me as they know their District and have the contacts to get information passed on. Lion Susan Sangster who is finishing her 3rd year as the Budget and Audit Chair and the Web Master for MD N has been a great help to me as well and her advice always puts me on the right path. Thanks to Lion Susan D-N1, Lion Calvin Vincent D-N3, & Lion Sam Parsons PDG, D-N4.

The best thing that can happen in MD "N" is to have great communications and the use of the Email, Internet and Blackberries makes this possible and helps to keep

the cost down as well. I know that a lot of Lions do not use the items listed above, but that should not stop you from getting the information. Those of us that are comfortable with the computer must insure that the others receive the information.

Some interesting facts of the MD N Lions Clubs that have web sites up and running:

District N-1: 1 District Web Site and 21 Club Web Sites
 District N-2: 1 District Web Site and 41 Club Web Sites
 District N-3: 1 District Web Site and 2 Club Web Sites
 District N-4: 1 District Web Site and 28 Club Web Sites.

In Canada there are 7 MD Web Sites, 45 District Web Sites and 691 Lions Club Web Sites.

This information is on the LionNet web page at <http://www.lionnet.com>.

This allows me as the Editor of the N Former to see what all the Lions of Canada are doing within their Multiple Districts, Districts and to contact them if necessary.

To date this Lion year I have put in a claim for \$ 97.13 for printer paper and ink. I suggest that for the 2011-2012 Lions year the Communication Budget should be reduced to \$500.00.

Lion Jerry Billard

MD N Communication Chairperson

**Motion to accept report as presented made by Lion Debbie McGinley and seconded by Lion Kevin Tarant. Motion carried.

Youth Services – No report submitted

Leo Report

Multiple District N Convention

St. John's, NL

Sheraton Hotel

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Good afternoon Fellow Lions.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to share with you the Leo Program of Multiple District N.

There are approximately 180 Leos within our four provinces. These young people are working actively in clubs in Kings and Parrsborro (N-2), Twillingate (N-3), and Clarenville, Come By Chance, Conception Bay South, Gambo, Goulds, Marystown, Southwest Arm, Port Union (N-4).

Plans are currently underway to sponsor three new Leo Clubs. I commend the efforts of the Waterford Hospital (N-4), New Minas and Annapolis Royal Lions

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Clubs (N-3) in hoping to realize such a valuable addition to their communities.

April 2-3, 2011 marked a first for Multiple District N. A Leo Leadership Conference/Convention for the Multiple was held at Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre. Approval has been received for a \$2000 US grant for the expenses of this event. Seventeen Leo advisors and 101 Leos attended. The Keynote speaker was Matthew Stryde, a past District N-4 Leo president from the Come By Chance Club. Concurrent sessions were conducted by Leos Emily Pennell, Chris Stoyles, and Amanda Stockley, of CBS, Jonathan Rose of Marystown, and Jason Power of Goulds. Presentation dealt with various aspect of effective leadership.

The executive for the Multiple District was elected:

President: Chris Stoyles (CBS)

Vice-President: Amanda Stockley (CBS)

Secretary: Kimberley Power (Goulds)

Treasurer: Marcus Mulrooney (Come By Chance)

Directors: Jonathan Rose (Marystown)

Lori Blackmore (Clarenville)

Emily Pennell (CBS)

Leo of the Year nominees for Multiple District N were Katie Corbin, of Kings Leo Club (N-2), Samantha Bulgin, of the Twillingate Leo Club (N-3) and Matthew Power, of the Clarenville Leo Club (N-4). Leo Samantha, of N-3, was chosen as Leo of the Year for the Multiple. She has been presented with an annual and a personal plaque, which honour her accomplishments.

The Leos attending the Conference/Convention made donations of \$100 to each of the following: Lion Max Simms Memorial Camp (\$115), Burry Heights Camp and retreat Centre, Canadian Red Cross (Japan Relief), Ronald McDonald House NL, and The Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation. Observing these young people show such enthusiasm for helping others would immediately dispel any negative attitude one may hold towards the teenagers of today's society.

The Leos had an amazing weekend, and returned to their respective community enthused and energized to continue achieving the goals of their clubs.

I must take this opportunity to commend District /Multiple District Leo President Amanda Stockley, from CBS for the excellent job she did in coordinating the event. With the assistance of the members of the District/Multiple District executive, the weekend was a definite success. The Convention was led by a truly amazing team of Leos.

Multiple District President Leo Amanda Stockley has been offered an amazing opportunity. She has been selected as a member of the International Youth Advisory Panel to serve a two year term. She currently represents Canada (Constitutional area 2) on this panel. Leo Amanda has also been invited to attend the Global Leo Conference in Seattle, Washington, to be held in July 2011. Amanda will serve as a panelist at the Leo Club program Advisory Panel Town Hall. With current and anticipated support from Lions and Leo Clubs, District N-4 and Multiple District N, the opportunity is rapidly becoming a reality.

Leo Amanda, from CBS, NL, District N-4, Multiple District N ("our little corner of the world") will be connecting globally with Lions and Leos.!

Leo clubs not only offer valuable experience and opportunity to the youth of our communities, but also bring new ideas and energy to their sponsoring Lions Clubs. As the Leo program grows in the Multiple, we are seeing young adults becoming active Lions. In the CBS Club itself, two of our new Lions (former Charter Leos) are now Leo Advisors for the Club. Goulds Lions Club also has several active Lions who were former Leos. Several more new Lions (former Leos) are anticipated during the upcoming year. The benefits of this growth are immeasurable. Within the Leo Club program lies the future of Lionism.

To all Lions Clubs Multiple District N who have not yet had the honour of working with the youth of your communities, please consider sponsoring a Leo club. I would be most pleased to answer questions and assist in any way I can.

Leos are the best thing that can happen to a Lions Club!

Thank you.

Lion Janine Howse

Leo Chairperson

Multiple District N

Program & Services Chair Report Lions Multiple District N May 2011

The following is the information that I have received from the District appointees with regards to Program & Services (Extension, Retention, Orientation, and Membership) for the 2010-2011 Lionistic year.

District N-1

1st Vice District Governor Gerard Hartigan – Committee Member

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Orientation:

Orientation sessions completed in District N1 this year include one for Zone 11 & 12 given by PCC Rod Wright. This was a full day session presented for all Lions in Zones 11 & 12. The interactive session was a huge success with many positive comments from attending Lions. PDG Boyd Sangster prepared a spaghetti feed for the lunch. The event was organized by Zone Chairs Susan Sangster and Susan Stennick. The materials have been shared with other Clubs and can be adapted for use. Lion Susan Sangster presented an Orientation session at the New Maryland Lions, inviting other clubs to join the session. PDG Claude presented an orientation at the Irishtown Lions based on the program that was developed by PCC Rod Wright. Orientation is important for all Lions as many of the senior Lions took away new information and the new Lions got a good foundation of information as to what their Lions Club is a part of, Lion Clubs International and the work that is being done on a local basis and around the world.

Leadership:

Leadership and training sessions were completed at each of the District N-1 Cabinet Meetings. They were approximately one half hour in length and integrated into the general meeting for all Lions to participate in. These sessions have been a part of the District's Cabinet meetings since 2008 and have been received very well by the Lions of our District. Topics are current and presenters engage the Lions in a learning experience that they can take back to their clubs and expand.

September – Campbellton, Public Relations - Lion Doug Small

District N-1 Cabinet Meetings

September – Campbellton, Public Relations - Lion Doug Small

November – East Royalty, GMT, GLT and MERLOW - Lion Doug Small

February – Simonds, Leadership – PCC Rod Wright

February – Simonds, Orientation – PCC Bev Semple

April – District N-1 Convention & Officers School

President's school PCC Rod Wright (at capacity)

Secretary's school PCST Doug Small (at capacity)

Treasurer's school Lion Susan Sangster

Zone Chair's school PCC Kevin Guiggey

LFC Program review PCC Bev Semple PCC Sonny Bonnell

Membership:

Membership is always a concern and although District N-1 has taken in a number of new LIONS, we are still in the negative for the year overall. Clubs are working hard at recruiting more hands for service and in some areas the challenge is much greater than others. Active Clubs bring in NEW members, as prospective individuals want to

become involved in their community. This goes for growing membership and retaining membership.

Retention:

Retention is a concern as this year we have lost a couple of Lions Clubs and others have been placed on status quo. Mostly, these are very small clubs that have been struggling for a long period of time. Lions have been encouraged to transfer to other Clubs in their area, some Lions have and some have decided that wasn't for them.

District N-1 continues to work to ensure that the LIONS have the information and support they need in order for the Clubs to thrive and grow.

Extension:

District N-1 completed an extension workshop in 2009 with the desire to add new clubs to the District. This has proven to become a continued challenge which the District N-1 Lions are continuing to work on.

District N-2

PDG Peter Wallis – Committee Member – had to step down due to health reasons, information provided by District Chairs.

Extension:

Our Goals for this year are to finish the Lions Year with a net gain in membership and start one (1) new Lions Club. Things were looking good at the beginning of this Lions Year, when we had the potential for one (1) new Branch or Traditional Club. Unfortunately neither opportunity materialized for one reason or another. I have also tried to promote and received some limited interest in forming new Campus Clubs within our

District. I am continuing to pursue these opportunities, but regret that it may be a long drawn out process.

I continue to promote the merits of forming new Lions Clubs at our Zone and District Meetings in the hopes of stimulating some interest, although feedback is good I have still to receive any firm commitments.

I have recently completed the Extension Workshop Training at Lions International, which I found very informative, interesting and motivating.

I think that we may have more success in starting new Clubs in areas which have traditionally not been served by our great organization, if we can convince clubs to not become fixated on the requirement for finding twenty (20) Charter Members. All we need is one or two interested individuals and the commitment by the club to hold an Extension Workshop. The Extension Consultant will then

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show and assist the club in finding the remaining members required forming a new club.

I firmly believe that the formation of new clubs is vital to sustaining the vitality of our organization and to the overall growth of our membership.

District N-3

No Appointee – Committee Member

No Report

District N-4

PDG Kevin Noseworthy – Committee Member

No Report

Respectfully Submitted,

PCC Rod Wright

Program & Services Chair

LCIF Lions Clubs International Foundation

Report to M.D. Convention

St. John's, NL. May 14, 2011

By P.I.D. Len Giffen, M.D. N Coordinator

In spite of my knowing that our LCIF Contributions tend to come in near the end of our Lions year I was concerned when I received the 3rd quarter reports and noted we were well below anticipated levels. I sent a note to sub-district coordinators asking them to make an extra effort to seek help from their clubs.

I recognized that in some instances they would not reach their goal amounts because some had used the actual amounts raised in the final year of CSF II as a baseline for the current year. In an attempt to be fair and realistic I had calculated the ten year average giving for each sub-district as a baseline from which to build for the future.

My original concerns evaporated when I received the updated giving reports on Thursday of this past week and noted the significant increase since sub-district Conventions in all Atlantic Canada.

<u>Sub-District</u>	<u>10 year average</u>	<u>2010-2011 to date</u>
N1	17,512.33	16,058.77
N2	26,701.88	22,729.96
N3	6,511.45	2,807.52
N4	13,914.87	20,650.89

I congratulate and thank all Lions in MD "N" for their continuing support and I am certain that our 10 year average will be exceeded in all areas by year end.

I want to make a special note of the work of P.D.G. Herb Burry and the Lions in N4 who are already well past the 10 year average mark. Herb's work is clearly evident in the fact that two clubs in the district Placentia and Gander have achieved the challenge of becoming 100% contributing member clubs in 2010-2011. Placentia at the Gold Pin level and Gander at the Bronze Level.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program is not only a significant recognition of the humanitarian service of both Lions and non-Lions in our communities but it is also the number one source of funds for our standard grants and emergency grants from which all of our sub-districts have benefited within the past two years.

The question was put to me recently about why some disaster contributions can be MJF eligible while others are not. The fact is that if every disaster were to be made MJF eligible the source of funding for ordinary grant funds would virtually dry up and the ordinary work of our Foundation would be curtailed. It is only in very special circumstances that the Board votes to allow MJ Fellowships to be awarded on designated gifts (ie. The Japan earthquake/tsunami/atomic meltdown disaster).

(NOTE: In my verbal presentation I incorrectly said the Haiti earthquake contributions were also MJF eligible. In fact Haiti earthquake funds were not and I have appended a copy of a letter to P.D.G. Herb from our LCIF office with further explanation on that situation)

Yes, Melvin Jones Fellowships are an important source of funds for the foundation. Since its establishment, Lions in Atlantic Canada have contributed about 3 million U.S. dollars to LCIF and about 1.5 million of that has been via Melvin Jones Fellowships. We currently have 1,348 Melvin Jones Fellows in Atlantic Canada and another \$121,419.98 in installments awaiting names from donors so they can be awarded. (Both individuals and clubs can contribute to the achievement of fellowships over a period of time.)

The breakdown is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>MJF Installments</u>	<u>Current # of MJ Fellows</u>
N1	39,492.41	465
N2	39,425.88	437
N3	13,440.26	133
N4	28,923.14	313
Total	121,419.98	1348

To my knowledge, the only Club in Atlantic Canada where every member is a Melvin Jones Fellow is the Armdale Fairview Rockingham Lions Club in District N2 with a total of 39 MJ Fellows, the top in M.D. "N". I want to challenge other clubs to consider becoming 100% MJF Clubs.

(NOTE: Shortly after issuing this challenge I was advised that the Clarenville Lions Club in District N4 had recently contributed funds to LCIF to make their Club 100% MJF. Thank you and congratulations to the Clarenville Lions.

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Let me reiterate why LCIF is my favourite Charity:

LCIF is rated the # 1 non government organization in the world to partner with. That speaks to the fantastic value and credibility of our organization.

100% of every donation goes to service. All administration and fundraising costs are paid from investment income.

Foundation grants are LCIF directly to Lions Clubs or Districts. There are no (officials) to siphon off funds enroute.

There is full and total accountability back to LCIF. Reports with photos and financial audits are required to complete the grant.

I have attached a copy of a letter to D.G. George Mitton from LCIF acknowledging the final report of the N1 Emergency grant in a previous year. N1 was unable to receive additional grants until this one was accounted for. That restriction has now been lifted.

Looking to the Future

P.I.D. Jack Isaman tells me that all the paperwork is completed and is in the processing stock at Revenue Canada for the issuance of a charitable tax number for our new "Lions of Canada for LCIF Fund". Within this calendar year the file should be finalized so that contributions by individuals and business will be eligible for tax receipts.

Given that the Canadian \$ has now exceeded the US \$ in value, and is expected to remain there for a year or more, this is a good time to contribute to a club and or a personal MJF account. There was a time when it took well over \$1000.00 Canadian for a fellowship. Now a fellowship is well under \$1000.00 Canadian. If you are already a MJF, give one to a deserving family member or friend or become a Progressive MJF.

Consider the Challenge of "Every Member a Contributing Member" program at the \$20, \$50, or \$100 U.S. funds level each year

Set a Goal to achieve the 100% Melvin Jones Fellowship Club status over the next 5 years

In the coming year we will be approaching LCIF for funds to assist in sponsoring the World Blind Golf Tournament.

In addition the Lions of Nova Scotia will be making application for a grant for construction of a Lions Building at Camp Brigadoon. I am sure that other sub-districts will be considering grant applications as well and we never know when disaster will strike our shores in the form of a hurricane. Lets help keep our foundation strong so it will be there for us and others when needed. I will be posting other M.D. Melvin Jones data on our MD website in the coming weeks.

P.S. I have just received word from P.D.G. Bill Dunne that another \$2000.00 has been forwarded from District N3 to push them much closer to their 10 year average.

Thanks to all

Lion Len Giffen, P.I.D.

MD "N" LCIF Coordinator

Fellow Lions

This is the report I was prepared to present in St. John's on May 14th rather than the shortened rushed version that the lack of time necessitated. If you have any questions or comments on the content please contact me and I will respond.

Report of Elections

DG Frank Bonnell made motion that we support DG George Mitton for Council Chairperson 2011-2012. Motion Seconded by DG Bobby Dean. A vote was held and DG George was the successful winner. Congratulations.

DG Lewis Fifield made motion that we support DG Frank Bonnell for Council Secretary Treasurer for 2011- 2012. Motion Seconded by DG Bobby Dean. A vote was held and DG Frank was the successful winner. Congratulations.

Fall Conference –

Host Club is Quispamsis Islandview

Date November 4-6 2011

Host Hotel is Delta Brunswick Saint John

Meet and Greet Friday November 4th 2011at Delta Brunswick Entertainment and refreshments

Additional details to follow

Hotel accommodations \$109.00 Standard and Premium rooms.

Registration information to follow.

Spring Convention –

The convention chair is

Lion David Stroud

17 Trinity Lane

Antigonish NS

B2G 2V8

1-902-863-6038

dstroud@ns.sympatico.ca

The date is the long weekend in May 18 -20 2012

The host club is Antigonish with all events being held at STFX University

More details to be available at next meeting.

Website Report-

Lion Susan reports that she is currently working on a new website for the Multiple District, members only log in soon available, waiting on further direction on what is included this year.

With no further business meeting session adjourned at 1700 hours with a few words from PID Patti.

Respectfully submitted

CST PDG Penny Pike