

**82nd ANNUAL CONVENTION
SINGLE DISTRICT 10 - LIONS OF MICHIGAN
MUNISING, MICHIGAN
APRIL 30, MAY 1, 2, 2004**



**MIX & MEET
APRIL 30, 2004 - 6:00 p.m.
American Legion, Munising, Michigan**



**BUSINESS SESSION
MAY 1, 2004 - 9:00 a.m.
Munising High School**

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Vice District Governor Harold Schermer. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, dignitaries and guests were introduced.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT - Bill Whippen, PDG

1. **Order of Business:** Except as herein otherwise provided, the “Order of Business” shall be in the order given in the Business Session Agenda, a copy of which has been furnished each certified delegate and alternate.
2. **Deviation from the “Order of Business”:** Deviation from the “Order of Business” as adopted by the convention shall occur only when authorized by proper motion approved by a majority of the delegates duly assembled.
3. **First “Order of Business”:** The first “Order of Business” shall be the report of the Credentials Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Credentials Committee shall have certified the number of delegates and alternates registered at the convention.
4. **Second “Order of Business”:** The second “Order of Business” shall be the report of the Rules Committee. No other business shall be transacted until the Rules shall have been adopted.

CREDENTIALS REPORT – Charles Nicklas

The preliminary report of the Credentials Committee shows 99 delegates certified for the convention.

MOTION – Nicklas, seconded, to accept the Credentials Report. Motion carried.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT (continued) – Bill Whippen, PDG

5. **Parliamentary Procedure:** Except where otherwise herein provided, the “Newly Revised Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order” shall govern matters of Parliamentary Procedure.
6. **Quorum:** A quorum for any duly scheduled meeting shall consist one more than half of the registered delegates certified to the Convention by the Credentials Committee and present at such meetings.
7. **Resolutions:** All proposed resolutions, except amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, shall be presented to the Convention by the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws under the conditions prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

8. **Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws:**
 - A. **Amendments:** Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be presented to the Convention by the Chair of the Constitution and By-Laws under the conditions prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
 - B. **Discussion:** Except as authorized by the Chair, discussion shall be limited to one principal speaker for and one principal speaker against, and three additional speakers each, pro and con. All discussion on any one amendment shall be limited to fourteen (14) minutes.
 - C. **Voting:** Any vote pertaining to amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, or resolutions requiring a vote, shall be by show of hands, except where otherwise required by the Constitution and By-Laws of District 10 and Lions International.
9. **Limitations on Speakers:**
 - D. **Subjects Before the Convention:** Each speaker discussing any matter, including proposed amendments or resolutions requiring a vote, shall be limited to three (3) minutes. An additional three (3) minutes shall be granted by the Chair without objection from the delegates.
 - E. **Presentations:** Presentations shall be limited to the time allowed by the presiding officer.
10. **Duties of the Sergeants-At-Arms:** The Sergeants-At-Arms are authorized to enforce the rules herein set forth.
11. **Call for Nominations:** The Call for Nominations shall be made three times before a motion to close nominations is in order.
12. **Suspension of the Rules:** Suspension of the Rules may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates assembled.

MOTION – Whippen, seconded, to adopt the Rules. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION – Decremer, seconded, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, Past International Director Dennis Cobler has made a decision to become a candidate for the office of Second Vice President of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and

WHEREAS, the Lions of District 10 have had a long association with Lion Cobler, going back to 1987-88 when he served as Governor of District 11 C1 at the same time as our own Lion Jim Olson was Governor of 10A and Lion Charlie Lundmark was Governor of 10B, and

WHEREAS, the delegates here assembled in Munising, Michigan at the 82nd Annual Convention of Single District 10 declare that Past International Director Dennis Cobler is eminently qualified for the office of Second Vice President and has our full support in this endeavor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lions of SD 10 support the candidacy of Past International Director Dennis Cobler for Second International Vice President.

MOTION – Olson, Whippen, to adopt the resolution of support for PID Dennis Cobler's candidacy for Second Vice President. Motion carried.

PID Cobler thanked the delegates for their support. He felt honored to received 100% support from the Lions of his home state.

COMMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL GUEST

International Director David Roberts urged the Michigan Lions to show their support for PID Dennis Cobler's candidacy by attending the 2004, 2005, and 2006 International Conventions in Detroit/Windsor, Hong Kong, and New Orleans.

The International Board is evaluating the way they receive bids to host International Conventions. Instead of waiting for bids from districts and/or cities, the Board will choose potential locations and request proposals.

A new "10-member rule" will be instituted by LCI, starting in July of 2004. Clubs with 10 members or fewer will have one year to bring their membership up to at least 10 or they will automatically be placed on Status Quo. ID Roberts reported that there are 320 clubs in the world that have 3 or fewer members.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

Lion LaBelle reviewed the financial reports for the 10-month period between July 1, 2003 and April 30, 2004. Income totaled \$100,860.68, with expenses of \$98,517.38—for a net of \$2,343.30. Both the income and expense totals included a \$75,000 Core 4 Grant from LCIF for Teaching Family Homes.

MOTION – Hanford, seconded, to receive the financial report. Motion carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET – Bruce LaBelle, SD 10 Treasurer

Lion LaBelle reviewed the proposed budget for 2004-2005, totaling \$23,450.00. The budget is based on 2,068 members @ \$10.15 annually.

PDG George Kelly suggested that the allocation for hosting the SD 10 Convention be increased from \$750 to \$1,000 to entice more clubs to host it.

MOTION – Munsell, seconded, to approve the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – Bill Whippen, PDG, Chair

Proposed Amendment #1

Article V – District Convention

Section 1. An annual convention of this District shall be held each year prior to the International Convention at a place selected by a previous annual convention of this District. ~~The first full weekend prior to Mother's Day in May of each year, in which Mother's Day does not occur,~~ shall be the date of the District Convention. Changes to this date can be made by the seated Governor and the voting members of the Cabinet.

If adopted, the Section shall read as follows:

Section 1. An annual convention of this District shall be held each year prior to the International Convention at a place selected by a previous annual convention of this District. **The weekend prior to Mother's day shall be the date of the District Convention.** Changes to this date can be made by the seated Governor and the voting members of the Cabinet.

MOTION – made and seconded, to approve the proposed amendment.

Discussion: PDG Sara Doubledee pointed out that many of the Upper Peninsula cities that have hosted the convention in the past would be unable to do so now due to conflicts with college/university graduations being held on the proposed weekend. PDG Whippen explained that language was also included to allow the District Governor and the Cabinet to change the date.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment #2

Proposed Amendment to Article II of the By-laws, by action of the Cabinet:

Section 2. VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Under the direction and supervision of the District Governor, the Vice District Governor shall offer assistance as required, and shall have oversight responsibility over the activities of the Extension and Membership Development Committees and shall sit as the Chairperson of any Cabinet Meeting in the absence of the District Governor. **The Vice District Governor shall be expected to attend the USA/Canada Forum during the term of his or her office. The District shall reimburse reasonable expenses according to the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International.**

MOTION – Kelly, Andrews, to approve the proposed amendment. Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment #3

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws:

It is proposed that all committees in Single District 10 be listed by name, under Standing Committees or Other Committees, in the Constitution and By-Laws of Single District 10. It is further proposed that language currently in the Constitution and By-Laws that provides descriptions of all committees, including duties, manner of selection and/or functions be removed and incorporated into the Single District 10 Policy Manual.

MOTION – Hanford, LaRue, to approve the proposed amendment. Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment #4

Proposed Amendment – It is proposed that wherever the words “District 10” appear in the Constitution and By-Laws, they shall be taken to mean **Single** District 10. This will be accomplished through adoption of the following proposals:

1. In the title page, insert the word “SINGLE” before “DISTRICT” as shown:
SINGLE DISTRICT 10
2. The title of the Constitution section on page 2 shall be rewritten to read as follows:
**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
SINGLE DISTRICT 10
UPPER PENINSULA, STATE OF MICHIGAN**
3. The title of the By-Laws section on page 7 shall be rewritten to read as follows:
**BY-LAWS OF SINGLE DISTRICT 10
UPPER PENINSULA, STATE OF MICHIGAN**
4. A section shall be added to the Definitions section of the Constitution as follows:
“District” – This term, wherever it appears in this document, refers to the official name of our District, which is “Single District 10.”

MOTION – Andrews, Trombley, to approve the proposed amendment. Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment #5

Proposed Amendment – To conform with the change approved by Lions International, amend by By-Laws, Article I, Section 3, as follows:

The election for ~~each~~ the office of **District Governor and Vice District Governor** shall be by secret written ballot **with the Vice District Governor candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting**. The candidate receiving the largest number of vote cast shall be declared elected. In case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

MOTION – Klaus, Chaltry, to approve the proposed amendment. Motion carried.

PDG Whippen explained that the amendment was mandated by Lions International. A written ballot is required even if there is only one candidate. It allows the delegates to refuse that candidate.

R. G. Barnum, Campaign Manager for PID Dennis Cobler, explained that a dues increase would not be requested to finance his campaign for 2nd Vice President. A special raffle will be conducted, with winning tickets based on Lotto numbers. Drawings will last 10 weeks, with 30 chances to win. Tickets cost \$10 each, and only Lions may purchase them. The first drawing is scheduled for the second weekend in October.

PROJECT KID SIGHT – Lisa Tann, Executive Director

Project Kid Sight is the new name for the program formerly identified as Photo Screeners, and it targets children under the age of 5. A special camera takes photos of their eyes, which are read by a qualified individual to detect signs of eye disorders. Research shows that 5% of children between 6 months and 5 years have a serious vision problem, yet most children in this age group have never had their eyes tested. By the time children enter school or do have their eyes tested, it is harder and costlier to provide treatment.

Lions can assist by volunteering to be trained in the proper use of the camera and by setting up screenings at local nursery schools and day care centers. To date, 450 doctors have indicated their willingness to treat children who are not covered by insurance when vision problems are detected.

PDG Jenny Ware explained that a Core 4 Grant was obtained from LCIF on behalf of the Lions of Michigan. This is a “match funds” grant, and the Lions are required to raise \$50,000 to “match” the \$200,000 received from LCIF. To date, however, SD 10 has not contributed any money to Project Kid Sight. Their share (1/11 of the \$50,000 matching funds) is \$4,550—an average of \$75 per club. If SD 10 chooses *not* to support the grant, but wants to have their own screening program, it will cost \$3,250 for the Photoscreener camera alone, and there are additional costs for film, training, reading of photographs, travel costs for those who provide the screenings, and annual operating costs. Participation in the grant is much more cost-effective and will provide assistance in areas that need the screenings but cannot afford it.

MOTION – Nicklas, Hanford, to approve participation in the program, as endorsed by the Cabinet. Motion carried.

WELCOME HOME REPORT – PDG Rose Olson

Cost-cutting measures and increased donations have extended the home’s “life” by at least five years. Welcome Home is collaborating with Sunset Association to build a new facility as part of a retirement campus. The Welcome Home name and identity will not change, and it will continue to have its own Board of Directors. They are currently seeking outside funding and starting a capital campaign.

The auction at the Mix & Meet on Friday night raised \$754.00 for Welcome Home.

BAY CLIFF REPORT – Tracee Charbeneau and Tim Bennett

Bay Cliff Camp is in its 70th year of operation. It is located on 170 acres near Big Bay. It has served over 11,000 kids—nearly all of them from the Upper Peninsula. The camp helps handicapped youngsters to build self-esteem.

This year's big push has been a capital campaign. Bay Cliff facilities have to be upgraded to meet ADA requirements. The camp also needs to be winterized so it can be used year-round, which will also provide opportunities for campers to participate in winter sports. There are seven housing units and 18 other buildings onsite. Renovation costs are estimated at \$7.2 million. After five months, \$2.4 million has been pledged to date.

Bay Cliff would like to have the SD 10 Lion take on the cost of one building as a district project. The L'Anse Lions the Rapid River Lions have already pledged funds toward the project.

MOTION – Klaus, Decremer, to endorse the project. Motion carried.

June 22, 2004 is "Lions Day" at Bay Cliff. Lions Club members are invited to visit the camp that day.

LIONS OF MICHIGAN SERVICE FOUNDATION REPORT – Richard Maguire, President

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. PDG Maguire expressed thanks to the SD 10 Trustees, Bill Munsell and Mike Kobasic. The goal of the Foundation is to help people in Michigan with unmet needs. They plan to raise \$80,000 this year for grants.

Major fund-raisers for the LMSF are the mint program and the sweepstakes. The prices of raffle tickets increased from \$5 to \$10 this year to help raise additional funds for grants.

OMEGA HOUSE – Lois Berg

Omega House is conducting a capital campaign to build a hospice house in Copper Country. It is a 6-room facility. The staff will give psychological and spiritual assistance to dying patients. Why should Lions Clubs outside that area support Omega House? Because it's not just for area residents. They can take others when there is a vacancy. Many people in the UP don't have the money for home care, and Omega House can help them. A total of \$845,000 has been raised to date, with \$240,000 to go.

At last year's convention, the Lions of SD 10 voted to raise \$25,000 as part of a 50/50 match grant from LCIF. This money was to be used to pay for furnishings and medical equipment. A total of \$7,500 has been raised to date, which means \$17,500 still has to be raised by August in order to qualify for the grant.

DIABETES REPORT – Dwight Seger, PDG

Education and awareness are the main focus of the Diabetes Committee. Their goal is to make people aware of the need for dilated eye exams and increase the number by 10%. How can Lions help? They can attend "Legislative Day" in Lansing on May 19th. They can contact the Diabetes Outreach Network for information—every county has at least one individual providing diabetes education. They can provide transportation to individuals who need eye care but can't drive.

The Diabetes Committee would like to develop a camp for children, ages 4-12, with diabetes. The goal is to hold it at Bay Cliff Camp, but it is currently not accredited by ADA.

MAGAZINE REPORT – Jack Holzworth, Editor

Jack Holzworth will retire as Magazine Editor at the end of the year, and Larry Belanger of the Bark River Lions Club will take over. He has been on the Magazine Committee for the past two years, and is ready and able to step in. Lion Larry plans to develop a “writing team” for each region in SD 10.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS REPORT – Duke Snyder

There are three offices to fill, with written ballots to be cast for all three. The first office is District Governor. There is one candidate, Harold Schermer from the Wells Lions Club. The other offices are Vice District Governor and Trustee for the Lions Service Foundation. There is one nominee for Trustee—Marv Shimp from the Marquette Lions. No nominations were received for Vice District Governor.

MOTION – Brown, Hanford, to proceed with voting. Motion carried.

The first written ballot, for the office of LMSF Trustee, was collected from the delegates present.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice District Governor. PDG Wallen Godlewski nominated Dick Johnsen of the Wells Lions Club. The Chair called three times for additional nominations.

MOTION – Andrews, Chaltry, to close nominations for Vice District Governor. Motion carried.

The second written ballot, for the office of Vice District Governor, was collected from the delegates present. This was followed by the third ballot, for the office of District Governor.

Election results were announced: Marv Shimp was elected Trustee of the Lions of Michigan Service Foundation. Richard Johnsen was elected Vice District Governor, and Harold Schermer was elected District Governor. Officer patches were presented to VDGE Johnsen and DGE Schermer.

MOTION – Olson, Klaus, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

VDGE Richard Johnsen and DGE Harold Schermer gave acceptance speeches.

LEADERSHIP REPORT – Jim Decremer, PDG

Officer training sessions will be held at various locations on May 14, 19 and June 12, 19, 2004. They will start at 7:00 p.m.

UP Lions Fun Day will be held October 2, 2004, on the campus of Teaching Family Homes. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. General sessions are scheduled between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and between 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Lunch and a tour of the grounds are scheduled between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT – Loyst Trombley, PDG

The International Convention will be held in Detroit/Windsor on July 5-9, 2004. There are 440 people from Michigan registered to date. Only 11 people from SD 10 are registered.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. The Michigan delegation will march last in the parade. Marchers are required to wear white slacks, white shoes, and the new blue Michigan shirt (the one with the black collar). Hats and patches will be provided to all marchers. Private buses will transport the Michigan delegation from their hotel (the Crowne Plaza Airport) to Comerica Park, where the parade will begin. Buses leave the hotel at 9:30 a.m.

The Lions of Michigan All State Band will march in the parade with the Michigan delegation. They will also perform in concert on Monday afternoon at Greenfield Village.

2004 HOST COMMITTEE REPORT – John Walker, PID

Volunteers are still needed to assist with arrangements for the 2004 Convention. The greatest needs are for workers at the booth at Cobo Hall, the parade, and sergeants at arms. Everyone who works at least four hours receives a free convention shirt.

Convention souvenirs are available for purchase. Merchandise includes pins, shirts, hats, and mugs.

NORTHWOODS AIR LIFELINE – George Kelly

Northwoods Air Lifeline continues its mission of transporting patients at no charge. They average 2-3 flights per week. Nine pilots and eight aircraft are currently involved. The pilots are dedicated volunteers who, in most cases, use their own airplanes. The only thing they are reimbursed for is the fuel they use.

There is a continuing need for financial support to help pay for the cost of fuel. To date, 27 Lions and Lioness Clubs have sent in donations.

The new airplane that was purchased is not doing the job that was anticipated. Fuel and insurance issues make it too expensive to operate. It is up for sale and will be replaced with a smaller single-engine, all-weather aircraft.

LEADER DOG REPORT – Carlos Galluser

Thanks were extended to the Lions of SD 10 for their continued support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. The new dormitory facility is now up and running. Tours will be available during the International Convention in July, by appointment only.

RETENTION REPORT – PDG Jim and Rose Olson

Membership retention is an ongoing struggle. PDG Jim and Rose had packets of information available for each Lions Club to pick up.

FUTURE SD 10 CONVENTIONS

Next year's convention will be co-hosted by the Iron Mountain-Kingsford and the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Clubs. The date is April 29, 30, May 1, 2005. Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Comfort Inn and the Timbers Motor Lodge. The theme for the weekend will be South Pacific/Tropical Luau

No bids were submitted for the 2006 convention. It was noted that clubs don't have to have meeting facilities in their own community. They can host it in a nearby community that has adequate meeting facilities and hotels.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – Dwight Seger, PDG

Last year two \$500 scholarships and two \$1,000 scholarships were given out. Additional funding is needed from clubs because current donations and interest on the account are not enough to cover the \$3,000 in annual scholarships. The current balance in the Scholarship Fund is \$46,612.49. Clubs were urged to support the program with annual contributions.

ALL STATE BAND REPORT – Jenny Ware, PDG

The band has 108 students this year. They will travel to the International Convention in Detroit in July, followed by a side-trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Michigan Lions are proud to have the band

represent them in the parade and as they perform in concert at other locations, including the veteran's hospital.

This year's goal was to raise \$4,000 from SD 10 to help pay for administrative costs, such as music, equipment, rehearsals, and staff. A total of \$1,605 has been received to date.

After 26 successful years, the band has seen many of its graduates become Lions and outstanding leaders in their careers and communities.

TEACHING FAMILY HOMES REPORT

The LICF grant money has helped to get the construction and renovation of the new campus underway. The roof has been repaired and asbestos removal is complete. TFH is accepting bids on renovation of the main building. Clubs will have an opportunity to participate in a work-bee on the property. Lions can help with trash removal, roofing, tree trimming, and light carpentry.

TFH currently serves 32 youth in residential group home care, 34 in foster care, and 28 families in counseling, Families First, and parent education classes. Every county in the Upper Peninsula is represented.

Three fundraisers for TFH are planned this summer: Tee-off for TFH, a golf tournament and benefit at Red Fox Run on June 12th. Kayak Attack – Two kayak raffles with kayaks built by staff and youth; proceeds to support the vocational center on the new campus. Tour Da UP – An annual event which is scheduled to leave Marquette with stops in Republic, Iron Mountain, and Gwinn from August 1-5; many Lions have helped in the past by providing meals for bikers, items for raffles, and sponsorships.

Meeting adjourned.



PARTNERS LUNCHEON
May 1, 2004 – 12:00 noon
Moose Lodge, Munising, Michigan



AWARDS LUNCH
May 1, 2004 - 12:00 noon
American Legion, Munising, Michigan

Lion Joe Baczkowski presented an award to Michelle Hunt, winner of SD 10's Peace Poster Contest. An International Activities Award was then presented to Joe Baczkowski. Governor's Appreciation Certificates were presented to Bob St. Peter and Marv Shimp. Zone Chairman Awards went to Wally Hanford, Leo Labre, Richard Johnsen, Roland Rinquist, Bob St. Peter, Ruth Synder. PID John Walker presented the International President's Leadership Medal to PDG Jack Holzworth and PDG Jenny Ware.

An honorary "Bridge Builder" certificate was given to ID Dave Roberts. Club Presidents and Secretaries were asked to stand and be recognized for their excellent work over the past year. Rapid River was named the "Club of the Year." Special recognition went to four clubs for their outstanding newsletters: Days River, Drummond Island, Escanaba, and Marquette. Special recognition went to the Stephenson Lions Club and the Rapid River Lions Club for publicizing their works in local newspapers.

Recognition was given to Lions who have sponsored one or more new members this year. The convention's Traveling Trophy was accepted by the Drummond Island Lions.

Lion Hub Perrault from the Munising Lions Club delivered a very moving address detailing his involvement with the March of Dimes.



GOVERNORS BANQUET
May 1, 2004 – 6:15 p.m.
American Legion, Munising, Michigan

A number of awards were presented during the banquet. The district's highest recognition, the Ralph M. Sheehan Award, was presented to Lion Bob Larson, founder of Northwoods Air Lifeline. The SD 10 Distinguished Lion Award went to PDG Bill Whippen from the Munising Lions Club. International President's Certificates were awarded to Lion Joe Baczkowski of the Marquette Lions and Mike Kobasic from the Escanaba Lions.

ID Dave Roberts from Sun City, Arizona was the featured speaker. He brought good weather through the "power of the cactus." His address focused on membership and retention. He noted that SD 10 has a very low attrition rate—only 10-11%. Arizona had 19% attrition, which they have improved to 14% this year. SD 10 was one of the few districts in the US that had a net increase in membership last year. He emphasized the need to develop innovative way to get more people into clubs in order to accomplish what need to be done in the community and in the district.



NECROLOGY & BRUNCH
May 2, 2004
American Legion, Munising, Michigan

PDG Don Myers and PDG Bob St. Peter conducted the memorial service. Bagpiper James Law performed "Amazing Grace". The memorial roll call was read, and oak seedlings were distributed in honor of each of the Lions and Lionesses who passed away during the past year.

The convention concluded with brunch and distribution of door prizes. Thanks were expressed to the Munising Lions and Lioness Clubs for hosting the convention.



The following written reports are included as part of the minutes of this convention:

- Lions of Michigan All State Band Report
- Northwoods Air Lifeline Report
- Lions Scholarship Program Report
- Teaching Family Homes Report
- SD 10 Financial Report and Proposed Budget

