

**COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY**  
**JULY 23-24, 2021**

DG Anthony Cochran of 20 K1 was elected Vice Council Chair.

The Council selected West Seneca Printing's proposal for the MD 20 magazine, to issue 3 electronic copies (October, January, and June) and one hard convention copy in April.

After a review by the Finance Committee, the Council approved a modification of the proposed 2021-2022 budget. The approved budget showed a net profit of \$4,240. Changes included: an increase in membership, increased attendance at the MD 20 convention, and an increase in the sale of ads in the magazine.

July dues billings are being sent to each district with copies going to the District Governor, presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. There is a chronic problem of clubs who have consistently not paid dues billings in the past. Past due balances are in the amount of \$22,955. Clubs and districts will receive final dues letters in September. District Governors should review the LCI DG Recap Report to identify clubs who are behind with LCI dues and subject to financial suspension.

International President Doug Alexander thanked the MD 20 Lions for their support in his election. He has asked MD 20 to help achieve his goal of one new member per existing member which will make him proud. He announced that the convention in New Delhi has been postponed and that the 2022 convention will be held in Montreal June 24-28, 2022. He is anticipating a very large attendance from MD 20. Additionally, the 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from September 9-11, 2021 and the registration fee will remain at \$320 until August 15<sup>th</sup>.

A change in the International constitution requiring a 60-day notice of endorsement and certification of International Director or officer candidate does not go into effect until July 1, 2022. This means that if MD 20 wishes to endorse a candidate for Interactional Director they can do so at the 2022 MD 20 Convention in Niagara Falls. The qualifications for this endorsement have not changed this year, meaning to be endorsed a candidate will need to be a member of a district with 1250 members and 35 clubs. The MD 20 Policy manual states candidates cannot be on an MD 20 committee. Candidates cannot announce until the Fall MD 20 PDG Meeting - not before, but can begin in their own districts.

The Council endorsed the candidacy of PID A. P. Singh, Multiple District 322, India, for the position of International Third Vice President to be elected at the 2022 convention.

MD 20 Lions Leadership Institute will be held October 21-23 2022 in Binghamton. Institute application packages and Mentor applications were sent to the District Governors and District GLTs. We anticipate a class size of approximately 35 Lions this year. If the number of applications exceeds 35, a wait list will be created for those Lions to attend next year.

Appointments to the Policy Manual Committee were PIDs Rabideau and Cordes, DGs Umreiko and O'Hare and VDG Vora. The committee is planning on meeting August 13<sup>th</sup> at which they will review recommendations from the Long-Range Planning Committee, MD 20 foundations and the descriptions of the Youth and Health services committees.

All the reports from the GLT, GMT, GST and Global Membership Approach committees were reviewed and each chair is available to assist the districts' leadership when asked. All clubs should have orientation of their new members.

A revised MD 20 Montreal International Convention pin was accepted.

LCIF report included the goal of \$300,000 to be raised this year and suggested DGs promote clubs to become model clubs – which is obtained when a club donates the equivalent of \$500 per member.

Lions SEE is back screening at schools. Lions SEE has grants for purchase of eyeglasses - \$500/club and \$1000/district.

PID Brown presented information on Project Diabetes for education and help with the MD 20 Diabetes program. The Council approved submission of an application for MD 20 to request a \$125,000 Core 4 LCIF Grant for the program.

The Council approved the every 3-year formation of an Ad Hoc committee to review and recommend MD 20 convention changes. Each district is asked to name a grass root Lion (not a PDG) who attended the convention in the last 4 years.

The Council appointed Lion Orin Hazlewood of 20 K1 as MD 20 Webmaster.