



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®  
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**Winter District A-15 Cabinet Meeting Agenda**

Lunch: 1:00PM, Meeting 2:00PM, January 27, 2024

Plattsville Evangelical Missionary Church Hall 19 Albert Street E, Plattsville

1. Call to order
2. O Canada
3. Moment of Silence
4. Lions thanks

These Lions embrace the quest we bear,  
We join as friends with food to share.  
Before our meal we stop and pause,  
Giving thanks for this and for our cause.

5. Lunch
6. Protocol
7. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda
8. District Governor's Remarks
9. Presentation: Lion Dawn Raynard, Rockwood and District
10. Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Cabinet Meeting  
*Available at: <https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutes20231115Nov.pdf>*
11. Secretary's Report
12. Treasurer's Report
  - Financial Reports, as at December 31, 2023
13. Cabinet Reports
14. Committee Reports
  - Nominations
  - Convention 2024
15. New Business
  - Motions
    - a) Constitution and Bylaws – George Patton  
Motion to send the resolutions in items one and two of the bylaw report to the next A-15 convention for a vote by the voting delegates.
    - b) LCIF Grant application for LFC  
Motion that District A15 endorses the Lions Foundation of Canada application to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a \$150,000 USD Matching Grant for the new training school.
16. Awards and Recognitions
  - Club Excellence Awards – 2023
17. Good & Welfare
18. Adjournment

VDG Report to Cabinet

January 27, 2024

What a great District we have!! I am so proud to be a Lion! It is amazing to see all the service projects that all the clubs are doing. With meaningful service projects we will have no problem attracting new members to our association. Keep up the great work that you are doing. I have been busy participating in the training that Lions International has set out for the VDGs to take to prepare us for the next Lions year. Now is the time to consider a leadership position at the club level as well as the District level. I am looking for Lions to come forward to represent their Zone for me next year. I am need of Zone Chairs in all regions. Please reach out to me to see what is involved with the position. We have a great team this year and I am looking forward to having a great team next year. We still have a little ways to go to meet our Mission 1.5 Goals. I am confident, with your help we can achieve if not surpass our goal. In closing I want to remind you that the cabinet is here for you with whatever you need and remember to celebrate your service, the more people we get drinking the Lions Kool-aid the better our association will be.

Respectfully submitted.

Bill Robinson

VDG A-15

Report To Cabinet, Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

I'm happy to report that my visits to the many clubs on behalf of the District Governor have been going very well. Promoting service reporting with LCI, International President Dr. Patti Hill's initiatives and our 1.5 Mission are the key points that I'm speaking on. I just completed training at LCI Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Vancouver which I found very informative and enlightening. I truly believe that Service, Membership and Leadership are key to the welfare of our organization. I look forward to continuing my journey in the service of our District and organization.

Based on a quote from John Quincy Adams, I believe that to be a leader I feel that my actions should inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more.

Yours in Service,

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Linda Vinette



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

## Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at:	December 31 2023	June 30 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Kindred</b>		
Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	46,044.79	42,928.44
Total Cash in Kindred	70,931.28	67,814.93
Shares in Kindred	25.00	25.00
Total Cash	70,956.28	67,839.93
District Dues Receivable	5,368.04	(20.80)
Total Current Assets	76,324.32	67,819.13
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>76,324.32</b>	<b>67,819.13</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
MDA Dues Payable	-	-
Fines to be donated to LCIF	10.00	-
Centennial Project Fund	328.97	328.97
Convention Fund	2,637.18	99.58
DGE Partner Travel	3,600.17	3,600.17
Total Current Liabilities	6,576.32	4,028.72
Long Term Liabilities		
International Director - Contra	8,782.50	8,451.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	7,249.08	5,263.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	16,031.58	13,714.58
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>22,607.90</b>	<b>17,743.30</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	21,411.23	21,245.26
Net Income	9,305.19	5,830.57
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>53,716.42</b>	<b>50,075.83</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>76,324.32</b>	<b>67,819.13</b>



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual

Administration Account - July 1 2023 - December 31 2023

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
<b>Income</b>			
District Directory	102.00	200.00	(98.00)
District Dues	11,254.00	11,254.00	-
Interest Earned	17.96	150.00	(132.04)
Leadership Seminar Income	1,425.00	1,425.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,986.00	1,926.00	60.00
Pin Sales	-	400.00	(400.00)
Leadership Grant from LCI	-	500.00	(500.00)
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA	1,000.00	1,685.00	(685.00)
			-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,784.96</b>	<b>17,540.00</b>	<b>(1,755.04)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Awards - Other	-	500.00	(500.00)
<b>Total Awards</b>	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Badges & Patches	434.72	1,200.00	(765.28)
Bank Charges	38.13	100.00	(61.87)
Cabinet Expense	1,677.84	2,900.00	(1,222.16)
Convention Expense	-	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
<b>District Chair Expense</b>			
Comm Chair	-	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
District Chair - Other	-	300.00	(300.00)
<b>Total District Chair Expense</b>	-	1,400.00	(1,400.00)
District Directories	1,293.73	1,300.00	(6.27)
Global Action Team	49.84	1,000.00	(950.16)
Internet	162.15	175.00	(12.85)
Marketing and Canopy maintenance	-	300.00	(300.00)
Leadership Seminars	259.18	500.00	(240.82)
Leadership Institutes	-	450.00	(450.00)
Pins Purchased , District	1,460.23	2,500.00	(1,039.77)
Postage	168.88	100.00	68.88
Office Expense	135.07	1,315.00	(1,179.93)
USA / Canada Forum	800.00	800.00	-
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,479.77</b>	<b>17,540.00</b>	<b>(11,060.23)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,305.19</b>	-	9,305.19



## District A-15 Lions Clubs Trust Accounts - Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>		
Trust Sight Imprest	5523.38	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	14405.44	33718.41
<b>Total - Youth</b>	14405.44	33718.41
Kindred-Trust Account	17823.73	19409.78
<b>Total Cash</b>	37752.55	58651.57
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-20.42	-14.60
<b>Total Cash and Receivable</b>	37732.13	58636.97
Total Current Assets	37732.13	58636.97
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	37732.13	58636.97
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Camp Dorset	0.00	0.00
Camp Lake Joe	0.00	0.00
Centennial Project- Gates	1820.20	1820.20
Effective Speaking Acct	2986.13	3936.13
Hearing Equipment	803.07	803.07
Hearing Conservation	0.00	0.00
LFC Dog Guides	0.00	0.00
LCIF- Disaster Relief	0.00	0.00
LCIF- Campaign 100	0.00	0.00
Diabetes Canada	0.00	0.00
<b>Lions Foundation of Canada</b>		
Leash Free Park	1604.86	1604.86
<b>Total Lions Foundation of Canada</b>	1604.86	1604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	4841.78	4841.78
LIONS Quest Canada	0.00	0.00
Peace Poster	830.30	649.53
Peace Poster MDA	0.00	0.00
Vision Screening	2972.94	3795.58
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	13606.81	32919.78
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	29466.09	50370.93
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
Youth Camp Capital	8266.04	8266.04
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	8266.04	8266.04
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	37732.13	58636.97
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	37732.13	58636.97



## *DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS*

# **Zone 9C**



Cabinet Report for January 27, 2024

To: District Cabinet, Lions of Zone 9C

Happy New Year to all Lions. Since our last Cabinet meeting in November I have completed my Club visit to Freelton & to Waterdown. Thank you to both Clubs for your warm hospitality and I want to recognize Waterdown for an especially good meal. There have been a lot of busy Clubs through the fall with turkey rolls, Christmas events, carol sings, and extra support for organizations that work with those less fortunate to provide a hot meal or a toy for the Christmas season. WELL DONE Lions!

I also attended the seminar on Membership in Cambridge. I know many Clubs have a plan started or in place with a goal to increase membership. Some Clubs, notably Copetown, Dundas & Dundas Lioness as well as Rockton have already inducted new members this year. Others have a prospects 'in the wings'. Keep working your plan or adjusting as needed. Copetown recently hosted a night specifically for potential new members with a strong turnout. The meeting included information on Lions activities & service as well as a little fun. If you would like some help with fine tuning your plan (or sharing ideas that have worked), please drop me a note.

I have a couple Club visits to schedule with a goal to completing these before the end of February. Please also watch for upcoming District events including the convention in Stratford on April 5, 6 & 7.

As always, if you need information or assistance with a Lions program, let me know and I will do my best to get you some help.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Oswald, Zone Chair  
Zone 9C

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## **Cabinet Report for January 27, 2024**

**To: District Cabinet, Lions of Zone 9E**

It has been a wonderful experience going on this journey as a Zone Chairperson for 9E with you all, when I was called upon by DG Gary Ransom to serve in this capacity after our return from the LCI Convention in Boston 2023, I made a contact with my club to know their position on this, and with the lion's spirit of "We Serve" inside me, I gladly accepted the call to service.

However, little do I know that this position will connect and expose me to the service activities and fund raising of our clubs within Zone 9E. I have seen and learned a lot within this short period of time.

I have visited a couple of clubs since the start of the lion's year 2023-2024, and these are: Kitchener – Waterloo Community Spirit, Kitchener Pioneer, Kitchener Oktoberfest, and Bridgeport. Most of these clubs are doing exceptionally well in service projects and fund-raising activities. Though, more still needs to be done, especially in membership.

I have a few other club visits to complete before the end of lion's year 2023-2024, and these clubs are Galt-Cambridge, Breslau and Cambridge Highland which I had already schedule as follows February 6<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, and May 27.

We had our 1<sup>st</sup> Zone 9E breakfast meeting on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge and was hosted by Cambridge Highland. The meeting was well attended with a meal served. Our guest speaker Lion Kevin March (RC 51) covered for Lion Anita the GST coordinator. The focus of the discussion of breakout session was centered on the service activities our clubs are doing and how we can incorporate more services activities that will gear towards attracting new members in our community.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> zone breakfast meeting is coming up on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Kitchener and this will be hosted by Bridgeport Lions club, our special guest will be PDG Lion Tracey, our GMT coordinator. This meeting is promised to be packed with a lot of new insight on how to grow our membership. I look forward to seeing many of you in attendance. The meeting is open all lions, however, we strongly encourage each club membership chair, secretary, and president to be in attendance. Further, information will be circulated by the District Secretary on how to register.

I would like to leave you with one of Melvin Jones' famous quote, which said, and I quote "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." It was upon that principle that our motto "We Serve" emerged. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Thank you.

Yours in Service,

**Kingsley Ojumoola**

Zone Chairperson 9E

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## Zone Chair 9 South Report for January 27 Cabinet Meeting

It has been a pleasure to connect with the 6 Clubs in the Zone 9S and participate in a number of other activities. Here is a summary of the activities with comments:

- November 5, a pre-Cabinet Zoom meeting
- November 8, a Zoom meeting with 1VDG reviewing/updating activities
- November 12, training on Google in Cambridge—excellent training opportunity, enjoyed it very much, it will be very useful
- November 14, ZC visit with the Brantford Club—a small club that is challenged with membership. There is the potential for one new member, but the club is small and is having some challenges with their meeting location (City of Brantford). I have connected with GMT Tracey Robinson to look at options for the Club. I stay in touch with a number of members.
- November 15, participated in the Cabinet meeting in Kitchener. It was a well attended meeting with a full agenda and good participation.
- November 21, regular Paris Club meetings
- November 24, I was not able to attend the Convention 2024 meeting, but was able to prepare some notes about the Convention 2023 experiences, wins and near misses
- November 28, I was to induct a new member in the Brantford Club but the meeting ended up being cancelled and rescheduled to January 9
- November 29, participated in a training program presented by GMT Tracey Robinson. It was an excellent interactive evening. GMT Tracey Robinson has agreed to make a similar presentation at the ZC9S meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 6 in Paris. Notices to the various Clubs have gone out. Meeting plans (microphone, projector, screen, WIFI, meal etc.) are well on their way.
- December 5, ZC visit with the Glen Morris Club—a small but very active club that is picking up some new members. Glen Morris has partnered with the Paris Club in operating the Food Trailer—a win win for both clubs.
- December 13, was scheduled to have a ZC meeting with St George Club but programming conflict prevented it from happening. Hopefully things can be re-arranged for another meeting.
- December 19, Paris had 2 prospective members attend. It was also the evening for packing eyeglasses (1,700 pairs) for shipping to Calgary.
- January 8, represented GLT Jim Sanders at a MDA Zoom meeting.
- January 9, a new member induction with the Brantford Club is planned. Discussion on how the Club and the GMT leader can best interact will be held. Promoting the February 6 meeting in Paris is a key option.
- January 16, a new member induction (David Boyd) in Paris is Scheduled. A number of Chevrons (8) will be presented that evening as well.
- January 21, a pre Cabinet meeting will be held that I plan on attending.

Zone Chair 9 South  
Lion Ken Linington  
January 8, 2024

## Zone Chair 51W Cabinet Meeting Report

Wishing Lions all the best for the new year. After a wonderful and restful holiday season spent with family and friends, I am looking forward to meeting fellow Lions this winter as I continue with my visits.

On Thursday, January 18, 2024 I had the pleasure of inducting Cheryle Baker into the St. Jacobs Lions Club. I appreciate all the help I received from club members as I completed my first Induction Ceremony.

The 51W Zone Meeting, hosted by the Woolwich Community Lions Club, is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024 at the Elmira Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira, ON.

I look forward to visiting the following clubs next month:

- Elmira - Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024
- Linwood & District Lions - Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024

### Around Zone 51W

Zone 51W Lions Clubs are helping chase away the winter blues with fun fundraisers and weekly bingos.

Plan to attend the following events around Zone51W:

- [Atwood Lions Mens Steak Night](#) – January 27, 2024
- Milverton Lions Club Annual Chili Cook Off – February 15, 2024
- [Paradise and District Lions Club Coldest Night of the Year Walk](#) – February 24, 2024
- [Woolwich Community Lions Club Trivia Challenge](#) – February 3, 2024

Let me know if your club is hosting an event or has any news so that I can share the information with the rest of the District Lions Clubs. I am here to support your Lions Clubs so feel free to reach out to me at <mailto:zc51w@a15lions.org>

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others". - Mahatma Gandhi*

*Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, Zone Chair 51W*

## GLT Report for Cabinet

In this current Lions year, there has been unprecedented use of the LCI Learning Online Modules. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, thirty members not including Cabinet have taken seventy nine courses. This compares to less than a dozen last year.

To familiarize myself and also benefit from these world-class offerings, I have chosen twenty two of the seventy courses. To date I have completed eleven. The time for completion ranges from fifteen to forty five minutes. A few on my list will enhance my Lions knowledge. All will have benefits in everyday activities. For example, the courses on Public Speaking, Conflict Resolution and Mentoring have every day application. Please let me know if you wish assistance in getting started.

I would like to recognize Lion Joe Wilder, Rockwood and George Woodley Bellwood who have been accepted to the upcoming Multiple District A, Regional Lions Leadership Institute. It is a two-part interactive training session.

On behalf of the A-15 Global Leadership Team, I would also like to recognize and thank Lion Ken Linington, Zone Chair, 9-South who will represent our District at the Multiple District A Global Leadership Team meeting. GLT representatives from all ten Districts will share their leadership plans. This collective knowledge will assist with enhanced initiatives currently and in the years ahead. Wishing everyone a fulfilling Lions year ahead.

Jim Sanders  
Chair, A-15, Global Leadership Team

## Report to Cabinet

Members of Cabinet, Lions.

Our membership team has done a wonderful job in November with the membership workshop that was held in Cambridge. The weather was a little iffy, but it was a great turn out. If you missed this workshop and would like to join one, you're in luck. We will be presenting a similar workshop at the following upcoming Zone Meetings for 37 W, 9 S, 37 S, and 9 E. Please reach out to those Zone Chairs to get a spot!! They would be glad to have you come out.

If you have any new members in your clubs that would like to know more about our District, Multiple District and Lions International, we have a New Member Orientation coming up on Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Zoom meeting. We would like to encourage all members to join us. If you would like to know more or get the link to join, let me know.

Our membership team is always available to answer any questions or come out to your club to discuss options for membership. We are here to help. We want to see your club grow. 😊

ZC Lion Peter (9C), ZC Lion Kingsley (9E), RC Lion Kevin (51), VDG1 Lion Bill  
And PDG Tracey. We are at your service!!

Respectively submitted.

GMT – Lion Tracey Robinson

District A-15

## GST Coordinator Report

It's official, winter has arrived! As we all stay warm and safe, lets not forget those struggling in these cold conditions.

Many of the Lions clubs in A15 have been busy serving their communities by providing meals, clothing and a helping hand to those in need. Keep up the good work as winter is not done yet. Reminder now is the time to start thinking of a service project for the MDA Kindness Matters contest for 2024 and be sure it's reported in MyLion.

Lions is the best kept secret in our community, but is your club the best kept secret in A15? Reporting on MyLion allows your club to get the recognition you deserve, share ideas and support upcoming events. MYLION: is for ALL Lions members to help keep you informed and connected with other clubs. Continuously building our inter-club relationships, will lend opportunity to new joint projects in our communities; which intern will help build membership. A monthly zoom meeting is available to review / train on MyLion open to all members. Feb date TBA shortly via email. We still have some clubs not reporting, I encourage the Zone Chairs to help assist in reaching out to these clubs.

**Share a service Idea:** Reach out to the local Shelter to provide care packages with socks, mitts, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products etc..

**Don't let homelessness assumptions cloud homelessness solutions! We all need a little help sometimes.**

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Lion Anita Ertel  
District A-15 Service Co-ordinator

January 2024

Report from LCIF Chair

District A15 has been asked to make donations to LCIF in the amount of \$34,632.00 for the 2024 Lions year. The Lions members and Lions Clubs have Donated \$9107.00 so far which represents 26% of our goal.

There have been several personal donations made through the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF which is greatly appreciated by the foundation. A Tax receipt is issued when the donation is made to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF.

I would also ask Lions to consider including the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF in your estate plan.

Yours in Lionism

Tony Davidson

DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER  
Cabinet Report for January 27<sup>th</sup> 2024

Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues, we realize there is always room for improvement. The last report contained a publication schedule it is still valid and is part of the next newsletter. The next issue is under construction, looking for submissions and photos, event advertising is not only allowed but encouraged.

The newsletters are distributed electronically, photo resolution is not quite as important as it is for print versions, however our submissions may find their way into the LION magazine and quality photos are important.

Submissions can be in most formats, PDF's are preferred, but most other platforms can be converted. Contact the bulletin editor if you have questions about file formats. Microsoft Word seems to be the most popular format and that is suitable.

Respectfully,  
Lion Bob Pearson  
Copetown Lions  
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Note: The position as editor for the District Governor's newsletter is not a permanent assignment, if any member might be interested in assuming the job please contact the writer. So far I have received zero replies!

Publishing Schedule:

The plan is to have the Newsletter be distributed the second week of the following months, subject to adjustment where required: October, December, February, April and June

It would be good if we could get your submissions on the first day of the scheduled month, however experience shows this might not be practical in some cases.



## REPORT TO CABINET FROM CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Governor Gary and members of Cabinet;

In conjunction with the recommendations of Long Range Planning to Cabinet at this meeting, several changes to the A-15 bylaws to streamline our document and to keep this document in synchronization with the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws (SDCBL) from Lions International (which document supersedes A-15's document) are required. Might I first suggest that Cabinet direct that the SDCBL be added to the list in 'Publications' on the A-15 website.

Please see background piece attached

### ITEM ONE

Wording to bring our definition of members of cabinet in line with SDCBL is required and is 'Resolution 1' herein.

Resolved that Article 1 Section 1 of the A-15 bylaws be amended after the words "global service team district coordinator" by adding the words: "district global extension team coordinator, district marketing chairperson, global extension team coordinator," and by replacing the words: "shall be non-voting" with "may be".

Resolved that in 'Article III Meetings, item 3 Quorum and Vote', that the word 'Constitution' be deleted and replaced with the word 'Bylaws'.

### ITEM TWO

Year after year our bylaw has had to be amended to reflect changes to the duties of various cabinet members and this year is no exception. Rather than continue this seemingly yearly process the following changes to the A-15 Bylaw are recommended:

Resolved that Article V Section 1 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**. Under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, they shall represent the association in their district. In addition, they shall be the chief administrative officer in their district and shall have direct supervision over the first and second vice district governor, region chairpersons, the zone chairpersons, the cabinet secretary-treasurer and such other cabinet members as may be provided for in this district constitution and by-laws. Their specific responsibilities shall be those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Clubs International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 2 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**. The first vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be the chief administrative assistant and representative of the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited to, those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time)

Resolved that Article V Section 3 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**. The second vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited to, those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 4 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **CABINET SECRETARY-TREASURER**. (or Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer if the position is split) They shall act under the supervision of the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 5 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) DISTRICT COORDINATOR**. Under the supervision of the district governor, the GST district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).



Resolved that Article V Section 6 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** Under the supervision of the district governor, the GMT district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 7 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** Under the supervision of the district governor, the GLT district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 8 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **LCIF DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** Under the supervision of the district governor, the LCIF coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 9 be deleted and replaced with Article V Section 11: **REGION CHAIRPERSON** (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term). The region chairperson subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be the chief administrative officer in their region. Their specific responsibilities should be found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 10 be deleted and replaced with Article V Section 12: **ZONE CHAIRPERSON** (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term). The zone chairperson subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be the chief administrative officer in their region. Their specific responsibilities should be found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 9 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIRPERSON.** Under the supervision of the district governor, the District Marketing Chairperson is a member of the District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that Article V Section 10 be deleted and replaced with the following wording: **GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM COORDINATOR.** Under the supervision of the district governor, the Global Extension Team Coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include those found in the Standard District Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Club International (as amended from time to time).

Resolved that the present Article V Section 11 **Sergeant-at-arms** be renumbered as Section 13

### ITEM THREE

Cabinet should discuss (with input from the nominations and elections chairs) adjusting Convention Policy with regard to candidate nomination/seconding etc. at the convention to bring policy in line with current procedure.

Please note – the numbering system in current policy manual needs correction.

I ask that cabinet move to send the resolutions in items one and two above to the next A-15 convention for a vote by the voting delegates.

Respectfully submitted;

George Patton

Constitution and Bylaws Chair

## BACKGROUND

From LCI Standard District Constitution and Bylaws (SDCBL) [as recently amended]

Article VI Section 2. **DISTRICT CABINET.** The district shall have a district cabinet composed of the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), the zone chairpersons, a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, and such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein. In addition, the district global membership team coordinator, district global leadership team coordinator, global service team coordinator, district global extension team coordinator, district marketing chairperson and LCIF district coordinator ~~shall be non-voting~~ may be members of the district cabinet. Each such cabinet member shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district. In the event a Leo or Leo-Lion is appointed to the position of Leo/Leo-Lion cabinet liaison, the position would serve as a non-voting advisor to the cabinet.

Current A-15 Bylaw

### Article I Section 1 - DISTRICT CABINET

The district shall have a district cabinet composed of the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), the zone chairpersons, a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, and such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein. In addition, the global membership team district coordinator, global leadership team district coordinator, global service team district coordinator and LCIF district coordinator shall be non-voting members of the district cabinet. Each such cabinet member shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

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Article III Meetings 3 Quorum and Vote

The attendance of a majority of the officers of this District shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet meeting. The voting privilege shall be extended to the voting member of the district cabinet as defined in Article 1, Section 1 of the District A-15 Constitution.

The other chairs as described in the SDCBL need to be added to our Article 1 Section 1

As well in Article III Section 1 Quorum and Vote, the word 'Constitution' needs to be changed to 'ByLaw'

### ITEM TWO

Changing the wording of the duties of various cabinet members to make reference to the SDCBL will save having to vote on amendments to our Bylaw anytime there is a change in any of these. At the same time, we can add the additional chair  
-DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIRPERSON

### ITEM THREE

Recognition of Candidates for Office

This is a policy change which cabinet can make at any cabinet meeting: In the Standard Schedule of Events as part of the Convention Policy Manual, I believe there needs to be a change to reflect the actual activities (i.e.: Do we have (need) Nomination and Seconding of candidates for Gov., 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice after the report of the elections chair? Do we have rules for demonstrations or even are they allowed?

## Election and Credentials

We will not be changing to a computer/electronic credentialing for this convention. I have not been able to get things organized in time for this cabinet meeting so we will continue the old way one more time.

I will be available to answer any questions at the Cabinet Meeting.

THom

January 19 2024

To: A15 Cabinet  
From: A15 Nomination Committee  
Subject: Report for the Winter Cabinet Meeting

We are pleased to report that we have candidates for Governor in Bill Robinson and First Vice Governor in Linda Vinette for the 2024/25 lion's year who have met all the requirements for their candidacy

The Nomination Committee has received a Nomination from Richard Mallon of the Dundas Lions Club for the Position of Second Vice District Governor. Lion Richard has met all the requirements.

First Vice Governor Bill Robinson has indicated that he will be utilizing the position of Region Chair for the lion's year 2024/25.

We have NOT received any qualified Nominations for Zone or Region Chair positions.

Nominations will remain Open for Zone Chair, Region Chair and Second Vice Governor until 30 days before the Report of the Nomination Committee to the A15 Convention.

We need our clubs and Cabinet Members to encourage and support Lions to take a leadership role.

I would be pleased to visit any Lion or Lions Club who would like more information on the roles and responsibilities of a position on cabinet.

I am unable to attend the Cabinet meeting but Nomination Committee Member PDG Doug Smith will be there and will should be able to answer any Questions Cabinet may have.

Respectively submitted  
Lion Tim Cronin PCC  
Nomination Chair

## **District A-15 Technology Report**

**January 2024**

Governor Garry, Cabinet, Lions:

A reminder again that the Memorial pages are available to review those Lions who have served and are no longer able to. You will find a small picture of the deceased Lion, and a link to a full obituary on the Lions Forum. If you have a Forum account, feel free to add your own input to any of the Lions honoured there.

The District Convention information and the registration form are now available on the Convention page of the District website. You have the opportunity to register and pay on-line, or download a registration form to email or mail in.

Any Committee Chair has the opportunity to place material on the web site – either ask me (via email preferably) to put it there, or ask for access to your committee's page so you can do it yourself.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Lion Ted Rypma  
District Technology Chair  
<http://a15lions.org/>

## **Leadership - Experience - Opportunity**

Sponsoring a Leo Club allows Lions to mentor and empower young leaders while fostering a commitment to community service. Through involvement with a Leo club, Lions can energize and inspire members and increase the sponsoring club's community exposure, attracting potential members such as young professionals, students, parents, and families. If your Lions Club wants to sponsor a Leo Club there are six steps in organizing one.

### **Step 1: Establish a Framework**

Will the new Leo Club be community or school-based, Alpha (ages 12-18) or Omega (ages 18-30)?

### **Step 2: Identify Potential Leos**

Obtain the names of potential Leos from various sources in your community, friends, and relatives.

### **Step 3: Invite Prospective Leos to an Informational Meeting**

Explain the philosophy of the Leo Club Program and answer questions concerning requirements for Leo Club membership, the relationship to the sponsoring Lions Club and Leo service activities.

### **Step 4: Host a Formation Meeting**

Organize a Leo Club formation meeting to elect Leo Club officers, discuss potential projects, and determine the place and time for club meetings.

### **Step 5: Complete Required Paperwork**

Complete an organizational report with proper signatures. Attach a list with the names of the club's founding members and forward it to the Leo Club Program Department. The entire certification process can take four to six weeks.

### **Step 6: Plan an Installation Ceremony**

Once the Leo Club Organization Report form has been approved, the sponsoring Lions Club should launch the Leo Club with an installation ceremony, presenting the Certificate of Organization and installing Leo Club officers.

## **Leo Club Organization Fee**

The Leo Club organization fee is US\$100 or the national currency equivalent. This one-time fee includes:

- The costs involved in processing the Leo Club Organization Report
- A Certificate of Organization
- A Leo Club officers' kit
- A Leo Club sponsor kit

- Leo lapel pins for each original Leo club member

### **Leo Club Sponsor Levy**

Lions clubs are also billed an annual Leo Club sponsor levy of US\$100 or the national currency equivalent. The levy pays for Leo Club Program materials, mailings, club record maintenance, communications, awards and program resources.

Should your club be interested, please contact me or any of the District Team for more information or a presentation.

Lion O.J. Wilura

## ***CHILDHOOD CANCER CHAIR – LION JANICE FLEMING***

Support for the activities and donations for Childhood Cancer are gaining awareness.

I attended the MDA Zoom Meeting in November for the Childhood Cancer Chairs and we enjoyed an excellent presentation from Campfire Circle outlining their great works at the camps and in the hospital settings.

Rockwood & District Lions are holding a PJSANDPANCAKES event to support POGO on Family Day from 9-12. Watch for details and tickets as this is sure to be an excellent event.

Cambridge Highlands Lions donated to the “Toys For Joy” campaign at the London Ronald McDonald House to help give a little joy to families as they are there to support their child through their cancer journey.

Freelton Lions made a donation to Campfire Circle in memory of Lion Ron Butwick. What a fitting tribute for a long time lion.

Kitchener Waterloo Community Spirit Lions donated to POGO, Kitchener Clinic as a thank you for one of our dinner meeting speakers.

I apologize if I have missed any events/donations and encourage clubs to reach out for speaker ideas and event ideas in support of organizations working in the field of Childhood Cancer.





# District A15 2024 Environmental Photo Contest

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## **Attention: All Clubs in District A15**

We invite each club in the district to submit photos from your club to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving the environment. Each Club in the District can submit 2 photos in each of 2 categories. Clubs are encouraged to run their own competition to determine the photos submitted. The photograph should depict the local environment within the geographical area the Club serves. The photos will be judged at the District A15 Convention in Stratford April 5-7 and the winning photo in each category will be submitted to the MDA Photo Contest for further judging at that Convention in May.  
**Cash prizes at the MDA level.**

**Entry Guidelines: The competition invites photos depicting these two categories -  
1. Our Natural Environment and 2. Lions in Environmental Service.**

1. Our Natural Environment - Plants, Animal Life, Landscape (Urban or Natural), Plant Life or Weather Phenomenon. (no people)
2. Lions in Environment Service - People are allowed in these photos highlighting our service work with the environment. Please include one paragraph explaining the service.

The photos must measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4cm), an original, unaltered black and white or colour printed photo. You can send a digital version of your photo to the email address below and state which category the image should be in and who is the photographer and Club but a hard copy version must be sent in as well to the address below by March 31, 2024 for voting at the 2024 District Conference.

To learn more about the **District Environmental Photo Contest** please contact:

Ellen Horak

DA15 Environment Chair  
Email: [environment@a15lions.org](mailto:environment@a15lions.org)

### **Mailing Address:**

Ellen Horak  
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Glen Morris ON  
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District A15 Lions

January 27, 2023



LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA  
**DOGGUIDES**



# A15 LFC Chair Cabinet Meeting Report

## Dog Guides Update

Travis Forbes joined Dog Guides as the new Manager of Events. He will be overseeing the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides which takes place nationally in May.

There are a number of new volunteer opportunities at Dog Guides from fostering to helping out in the office or providing Dog Guides in training with enrichment and care, there is something for everyone. Visit the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) web page to find more information on ways to help.

Dog Guides enjoyed a puppy boom in the last few months with the birth of 39 future heroes:

- S Litter: Bubbles and Ozzy – 9 puppies – born November 13, 2023
- T Litter: Charlie and Emry – 6 puppies – December 2, 2023
- V Litter: Willow and Emry – 9 puppies – born December 3, 2023
- W Litter: Nuala and Grits – 8 puppies – born December 5, 2023
- Y Litter: Dahlia and Ollie – 7 puppies – born December 16, 2023

## District A15 Support for Dog Guides

It costs \$35,000 to raise, train, and place a Dog Guide, which are provided to qualifying Canadians with medical and physical disabilities at no cost. With no government assistance, the foundation relies on fundraising events and donations from many sources including Lions Clubs.

This was the first year Dog Guide Puppy Calendars sold out due to the increase in Lions Clubs participating in the Green Capes Lions Club fundraising partnership. The program is a great way for Lions Clubs to raise funds for their local community projects. A huge thank you to all the District A15 clubs which ordered calendars this year.

The Woolwich Community Lions Club and Floradale Friends of Dog Guides Lions Branch Club are hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday, February 3, 2024 with proceeds going to support the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Email [wclionstrivia@gmail.com](mailto:wclionstrivia@gmail.com) for more information or to register a team of this fun evening of trivia.

Planning an event and want to have Dog Guide foster puppies attend? Email me at [lfc@a15lions.org](mailto:lfc@a15lions.org) and I can help request foster puppies from Dog Guides to bring puppy love to your event.

## Summary

From guiding their handlers through their daily lives to getting help when it is needed most, Dog Guides play a crucial role in the lives of Canadians with disabilities. Thanks to the generous support from Lions Clubs such as those in District A15, the foundation can continue supporting its volunteers/fosters, staff, and Dog Guide teams as the demand for trained service dogs grows.

*If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together – African Proverb*

*Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bauman, District A15 LFC Chair*

## Lions Quest Report

There has been financial support from a number of Clubs in A-15, and participation in the recent Step Up For Kids Campaign. There are two community presentations being planned for Wellington County working with their Safe Communities program with support from local Lions Clubs. All Club members in the area are invited to attend on either March 23 in Fergus or June 8 in Puslinch although the invitation is community wide, not primarily directed to Lions Clubs.

The purpose of these presentations is to build a group who will be able to support the Mental Health Well Being of Children and Youth throughout Wellington County which is one of the goals of Safe Communities and a consequence of Lions Quest.

Lion Barb Melara

## **Peace Poster/Essay Committee Report** – Submitted by Lion Debbie Nelligan

Thank you to all the clubs that participated in the Peace Poster Contest this year. We had some well-done posters submitted. The winner this year was from Balaclava School in Freelon, Ontario.

Article below

### **Lions International Peace Poster Contest 2023-2024**

The Lions International Peace Poster Contest is an international contest that encourages children, ages 11 to 13, to creatively express what peace means to them. The 2023 – 2024 contest theme is “Dare to Dream”. This contest allows students to share their unique images of peace with others, so that we may all have greater tolerance and international understanding.

The winner from the A15 District this year is Emma Forrest from Balaclava School in Freelon, Ontario. The Copetown Lions sponsored the contest at Balaclava School.

**Emma’s quote about peace: “Without a heart you have no love. Without a mind you have no thoughts. Without effort you have no peace”.**



I look forward to distributing more kits throughout the district next year. If your club would like to donate to the Peace Poster/Essay Contest, please send your donations to our A15 Treasurer.

Lion Debbie Nelligan

## Cabinet Report – January 2024 – Sight Conservation and Screening Report for A15

### Region of Waterloo (ROW) Pilot Program Year 1 – 2022/2023 Vision Screening Program

The ROW screening program was a collaborative effort between the Lions Clubs, Cowan Foundation, local school boards, Region of Waterloo Public Health (ROWPH), and the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science (UWOVS). Funding of this program was through donations from The Cowan Foundation and The Lions Club International Foundation.

Six vision screening teams were developed to accomplish the ROW program. Five teams were comprised of Lions members, community volunteers, and COWAN Foundation staff. One team was comprised of UWOVS students. Vision screening was completed between November 2022 through to April 2023.

Within the Region of Waterloo a total of 4,809 senior kindergarten (SK) were screened resulting in a referral rate of 54 percent (2,606). Largest number of referrals were from the refractor station.

### Region of Waterloo Pilot Program Year 2 – 2023/2024 Vision Screening Program

In October 2023 vision screening within the ROW resumed following the same structure and protocols as the 2022/2023 season. A brief refresher training session was conducted in early October for volunteers, with school screening commencing mid October.

Again there are six vision screening teams conducting weekly screening events. The program should be completed in April 2024 and concludes the Two Year Pilot Program.

As of January 2024 over 4,000 senior kindergarten children have been screened under this program.

Huron Perth Public Health Unit (HPPHU) – The HPPHU and UWOVS have completed initial planning for a Spring screening program across the HPPHU. Over 40 schools will have screening completed. All Lions Clubs within this area (12 clubs) been contacted about developing screening teams. To date Milverton Lions have indicated that they will create a team for this effort. Two more vision teams are required (6 persons each team) to complete this program. The HPPHU and UWOVS will establish the screening procedures and train the Lions members in advance of project kick off.

Wellington Dufferin Guelph Region (WDGR) – The Fergus Lions have contacted the Vision Chair regarding vision screening in the WDGR. The Fergus Lions have a refractor and screening equipment and manpower to conduct screening in this area. The Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit (WDGPHU) was contacted and they indicated that no screening will be undertaken in early 2024 but may resume in the fall of 2024. The Fergus Lions may undertake screening on their own or wait til the Fall and encourage the WDGPHU to move forward with screening activities. A decision on this will be made shortly.

Other –

Lions in District A-15 continue to collect used eyeglasses and submit these for refurbishing and reuse to the Calgary collection center, or the Montreal collection center.

A refractor, vision kit, and a hearing testing unit have been picked up from the Milverton Lions Club. These units have not been in use since 2019. The refractor has been handed over to the UWOVS staff for a software update and maintenance.

The Ontario Blind Golf (OBG) has requested Lions support for their blind golfers and the programs underway in Ontario. Information regarding this request has been forwarded to the A15 Lions clubs and posted on the Sight Conservation and Screening webpage.

The Lake Joesph Mini Bus campaign has fallen way short of its fund raising goal (\$80k). The funds currently raised are around \$6800. The fund raising information for this campaign has been resent to the A15 Lions Clubs for consideration again.

Convention Host report to Cabinet

January 27, 2024

Plans for the convention are well under way. Registration forms can be found at [www.a15lions.org](http://www.a15lions.org) . You have the option to download and fill out the fillable PDF or an online version with the option to pay with your credit card. Space is limited for the luncheon and the banquet, so reserve early to avoid disappointment. Draw tickets will be going out to all the clubs shortly for some awesome prizes. As this is District run convention, we are looking for help with the various activities we have planned as well as input to make this a fun convention. Take advantage of the early bird registration of \$30 prior to March 1. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [convhost@a15lion.org](mailto:convhost@a15lion.org),

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Kurtz & Bill Robinson

Convention Host Chairs