



DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS®  
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**Agenda, A-15 Cabinet Meeting, Saturday June 21, 2025 at 10:00 am**  
Woodstock Lions Club, Southgate Centre  
191 Old Wellington St. South, Woodstock, ON

1. Call to order: DG Bill Robinson
2. O Canada: Lion Trudy Carter
3. Moment of Silence for Deceased Lions
4. Protocol: FVDG Linda Vinette
5. District Governor's Remarks
6. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda
7. Approval of Minutes of the April 6, 2025 Cabinet Meeting available at:  
<https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetMinutesReports20250405Apr.pdf>
8. Secretary's Report
9. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements as of May 31, 2025
10. Cabinet Reports
11. Committee Reports
  11. 1. Convention Report – Convention Coordinator Garry Ransom
12. New Business
  12. 1. Constitution & Bylaws
  12. 2. Long Range Planning
  12. 3. Effective Speaking Host Committee request
  12. 4. Beer Can Label - Cabinet Endorsement
  12. 5. Awards & Presentations
13. Changeover – DG Bill Robinson – DGE Linda Vinette
14. Remarks — DGE Linda Vinette
15. Upcoming Events
16. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lionism
17. Closing Remarks – DG Bill Robinson
18. Adjournment

## Cabinet Secretary Report

As my first year draws to a close, I reflect on how much I have learned. I was appointed Cabinet Secretary for 2024-2025 and have been re-appointed for 2025-2026. I have become more familiar with the new Portal and its challenges, the A15 website, and its use of many Google features.

Thanks to my Grade 7 teacher, I am obsessed with grammar and spelling. I will correct anyone, even PDGs. Thanks to everyone for their patience while I continue to learn the duties of Cabinet Secretary. I would also like to thank District Administrator Denis Vinnette for his guidance and assistance. I look forward to continuing my education in this position and will fulfill my duties to the best of my ability.

While they say “you’re never too old to learn”, what you actually remember may be something else entirely.

Respectfully,  
Dianna Hewitt  
Cabinet Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT TO CABINET - June 21, 2025

### ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Administration Account has been reconciled to the Bank records as at May 31, 2025.

As at May 31st, two Clubs have outstanding balances totalling \$295 related their 2024-2025 District A-15 & MDA dues.

Subject to a final year end review, the dust has settled on the 2025 District A-15 convention leaving a negative balance in the Convention Fund of \$636.

Any one with unsubmitted expenses should submit them before June 30th.

### TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Accounts have been reconciled to the Bank records as at May 31, 2025.

In May/25 a total of \$800 was paid out to support four speakers attending the MDA Effective Speaking competition. This was in addition to District A-15's February/25 \$1,000 donation to MDA Effective Speaking.

Seventeen 2025-26 Peace poster kits have been purchased at cost of \$382.

Approximately \$3,900 designated for various Camps (e.g. Lion's Camp Dorset, CNIB Lake Joe) and other projects outside of District A-15 will be disbursed to their respective organization by June 30th.

The LCIF \$150,000 US matching grant (approximately \$202,500 CDN) for LFC will directly fund the construction of the Seizure Response Program Classroom and Training Area, a dedicated space designed to provide essential training and support. Disbursement of the matching funds is dependant on the site construction schedule.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Spivey

Cabinet Treasurer



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

## Administration Account - Balance Sheet

As at:	May 31 2025	June 30 2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Kindred</b>		
Kindred Emergency Fund Cash	24,886.49	24,886.49
Kindred Cash	47,577.59	47,066.63
Total Cash in Kindred	72,464.08	71,953.12
Shares in Kindred	25.00	25.00
Total Cash	72,489.08	71,978.12
District Dues Receivable	387.19	(48.01)
Total Current Assets	72,876.27	71,930.11
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>72,876.27</b>	<b>71,930.11</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities		
MDA Dues Payable	-	-
Fines to be donated to LCIF	10.00	10.00
Centennial Project Fund	328.97	328.97
Convention Fund	(636.18)	4,455.79
DGE Partner Travel	941.17	3,600.17
Total Current Liabilities	643.96	8,394.93
Long Term Liabilities		
International Director - Contra	9,100.25	8,782.50
New Club Assessment - Contra	9,155.58	7,249.08
Total Long Term Liabilities	18,255.83	16,031.58
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>18,899.79</b>	<b>24,426.51</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Emergency Reserve Fund	23,000.00	23,000.00
Retained Earnings	24,503.60	21,411.23
Net Income	6,472.88	3,092.37
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>53,976.48</b>	<b>47,503.60</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>72,876.27</b>	<b>71,930.11</b>



# District A-15 Lions Clubs

Profit & Loss - Budget vs. Actual  
Administration Account - July 1 2024 - May 31 2025

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under Budget)
<b>Income</b>			
District Directory	-	-	-
District Dues	10,803.50	10,803.50	-
Interest Earned	36.41	-	36.41
Leadership Development	1,400.00	1,400.00	-
Membership Assessment	1,906.50	1,906.50	-
Pin Sales	10.00	400.00	(390.00)
Leadership Grant from LCI	-	-	-
GAT Grants from LCI and MDA	1,100.00	1,000.00	100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,256.41</b>	<b>15,510.00</b>	<b>(253.59)</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Awards - Cabinet	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Awards - Other	102.74	500.00	(397.26)
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>102.74</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>(1,397.26)</b>
Badges & Patches	717.71	1,200.00	(482.29)
Bank Charges	348.04	250.00	98.04
Cabinet Expense	669.53	1,535.00	(865.47)
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>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>(1,400.00)</b>
District Directories	-	-	-
Global Action Team	2,533.30	2,300.00	233.30
Internet	197.85	375.00	(177.15)
Marketing and Canopy maintenance	2,904.22	300.00	2,604.22
Leadership Seminars	-	500.00	(500.00)
Leadership Institutes	-	450.00	(450.00)
Pins Purchased , District	-	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Postage & Telephone	11.09	200.00	(188.91)
Office Expense	399.05	500.00	(100.95)
USA / Canada Forum	900.00	1,500.00	(600.00)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,783.53</b>	<b>15,510.00</b>	<b>(6,726.47)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>6,472.88</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,472.88</b>



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

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>May 31, 2025</b>	<b>June 30, 2024</b>
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>		
Trust Sight Imprest	5523.38	5523.38
Youth Exchange Imprest	12858.83	12858.83
<b>Total - Youth</b>	12858.83	12858.83
Kindred-Trust Account	222153.80	23629.68
<b>Total Cash</b>	240536.01	42011.89
Trf fm Admin for Interest Income	-64.55	-30.65
<b>Total Cash and Receivable</b>	240471.46	41981.24
Total Current Assets	240471.46	41981.24
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	240471.46	41981.24
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Camp Dorset	1000.00	0.00
Camp Lake Joe	1000.00	0.00
LFC Dog Guides	500.00	0.00
Governor's Choice	500.00	0.00
Ronald McDonald House	161.40	0.00
TBD - District A-15 Convention fines	132.10	0.00
Centennial Project- Gates	1029.20	1820.20
Effective Speaking Acct	614.01	2314.01
Hearing Equipment	803.07	803.07
Diabetes Awareness	1000.00	500.00
<b>Lions Foundation of Canada</b>		
LCIF \$150,000 US Matching Grant	202475.23	0.00
Leash Free Park	1604.86	1604.86
Total Lions Foundation of Canada	204080.09	1604.86
LIONS Quest Contra Account	250.00	5741.78
LIONS Quest Canada	0.00	602.00
Peace Poster	2055.80	1749.53
Vision Screening	2972.94	2972.94
Youth Camp / Y. Ex. Contra Acct	16106.81	15606.81
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	232205.42	33715.20
<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>	240471.46	41981.24
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	240471.46	41981.24

Cabinet Report for June 21st

Here are some of the things I've been up too since the last report to Cabinet.

### **1. Training of Region and Zone Chairs with the GLT and Cabinet Administrator**

Region and Zone Chairs have successfully completed their first set of training, designed to enhance their leadership capabilities and equip them with practical tools to support club growth and service delivery. Key topics included leadership roles, communication, and supporting club officers.

### **2. Submission of Goals to Lions International**

My annual goals have been submitted to Lions International. These goals support the broader mission of Lions Clubs International, with a focus on strengthening membership, empowering leaders, enhancing visibility, and improving engagement at the club and district levels. They are available to view on the Lions Portal

### **3. Completion of New Members Booklet**

A significant milestone achieved this year is the completion of the **New Members Booklet** — one of my stated goals. This resource provides new Lions with a comprehensive introduction to our organization, including our mission, service initiatives, structure, and expectations. It will serve as a valuable onboarding tool for clubs throughout the district.

### **4. Attendance at Multiple District "A" Convention**

I participated in the Multiple District "A" Convention in Port Elgin, where I had the opportunity to engage in leadership development sessions, hear updates from Lions Clubs International, and connect with Lions from across Ontario. It was a valuable event that reaffirmed our shared commitment to service and growth.

### **5. Club Executive Training**

Training of club executives — including Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs — has been delivered at The Wilmot Community Centre with Guest Speakers, Dianne Piggot, PDG Tebo Richards, PDG Jim Rohrbach and DG John Relph thanks to the District Governors Team. These sessions aimed to strengthen club operations, promote effective use of the Lions Portal in the Learning Centre, and encourage sound leadership practices.

### **6. Installation of Club Officers**

I have had the honour of installing club officers for the following Lions Clubs: **Kitchener, Cambridge Highlands, Paris, Guelph Royal City, and St. Jacobs**. I look forward to also participating in the installation ceremonies for **Ayr North Dumfries** and **Paradise** in the near future. These occasions continue to be meaningful moments of recognition and motivation for our incoming leaders.

### **7. Planning of District Governor's Club Visits**

Work is well underway in coordinating the District Governor's official visits to clubs

throughout the year. These visits are key opportunities to celebrate service, encourage leadership, and address club-specific needs.

### **8. Upcoming Events and Representation**

I will be representing our district at the **Lions International Convention in Orlando** this July, as well as attending the **Mission 1.5 Summit in Winnipeg**. Both events will offer important opportunities to gain insight into international strategies and share best practices in membership growth and retention.

The **District Directory** for the coming year is well underway with booking Cabinet Meetings, updating Club information, Scheduling Zone and Region Chair visits and much more.

There's a saying "**Be the energy you want to attract**" and "**Purpose fuels Passion**"

Well, I'm energized and I have a purpose and I'm excited about being your District Governor in the coming month.

I look forward to working with you.

Linda Vinette District Governor Elect

## SVDG Report to Cabinet 2025-06-21

As we near the end of the current Lions year, it's an opportunity to review the year that just about complete and plan ahead for the next year. As a group, I would like to offer my congratulations to DG Bill for directions us on a successful year in A15. We have a positive increase in membership across the district and continue to grow service and awareness of who we are and what we do.

We've laid a solid foundation to continue to grow and strengthen our district and clubs going forward.

I'm proud to have assisted Bill is striving to reach our goals for the year and look forward to continuing this tradition of service as part of DGE Linda's team going forward.

District A15 is continuing in a positive growth pattern moving forward.

Respectfully submitted

Rick

Rick Mallon

2nd Vice District Governor

District A 15

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# DISTRICT A-15 LIONS CLUBS

## Region 9



Cabinet Report for June, 2025

To: District Cabinet, Lions of Region 9

Lions – as this is the final report and final Cabinet meeting for the year, first let me thank everyone for their hard work over the Lions year to serve communities, make lives better and serve where needed. Thank you especially for Lions who have taken on Leadership roles in their Clubs, Zone or District as your experience, guidance and influence help us all become better!

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Cabinet meeting in person as summer travel season starts on June 16 as we are making our way west through Canada. I would like to thank District Governor Bill for asking me to serve on his Cabinet this year. Including the years as LCIF Coordinator, this brings my Cabinet service to 17 years.

A quick recap of some stats for Region 9 to May 31.

MEMBERSHIP – overall, the Region is showing a net INCREASE of 5 members for the year!  
8 Clubs are showing positive growth, 7 have no net change and 6 Clubs are showing a decrease.  
A huge shout-out to FREELTON for membership growth of NINE (9) Lions this year!

LCIF

12 of the 21 Clubs in the Region have made some donation to LCIF this year – THANK YOU.

SERVICE

Over 17,000 volunteer hours have been reported by 12 Clubs. I know there is more activity in the Region – please consider updating your reporting before the end of this year. Show Off a little!

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Oswald, Region Chair  
Region 9

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## Region Chair Report June 2025

This is an exciting time of year when one year of Lions comes to a close and the new year starts in a few days with the incoming officers preparing to take on a new position or continue their present roll within their clubs. It is not only the time to make decisions about what you want to accomplish in 2025/26, but also a time to reflect on everything that you and your fellow Lions accomplished this year through your acts of service and generosity. Together you have made a difference in your communities. Thank you for all your hard work. Please update your executive on the Portal before June 30, 2025 to ensure the information in the Directory is correct so there can be a smooth transition of officers.

Zone Chair Lion Terry (Plattsville) is taking on the responsibilities of 37 Region Chair, Lion Trudy (Stratford) is Zone Chair for 37W and Lion Kevin March (Guelph) is Zone Chair for 37S. Congratulations. A big thank you to these dedicated Lions who have stepped up to serve on Cabinet in the upcoming year.

I have enjoyed serving as Region Chair for the past 2 years and will miss working with the clubs and being a member of the Cabinet. It has been an experience that I would recommend to anyone who feels they may be interested in serving in a leadership roll within Lions.

And lastly, I encourage all Lions to participate in the training that is available to you, whether it be a great day of training provided by A15 Cabinet on June 8, 2025 or the online courses through LCI Learning Centre. The courses are free and available to all Lions.

Have a great year in Lionism

Joyce Townson  
Region Chair 37  
519-372-4662  
[joycetownson@hotmail.com](mailto:joycetownson@hotmail.com)

## Region Chair 51

As this Lion's year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their help in making this a successful year. I am glad to see more in-person meetings as opposed to zoom meetings which were necessary during the pandemic.

I enjoyed attending zone meetings, coordinating joint zone meetings, inducting new members and attending Club Anniversary celebrations. The success of these zone meetings depend on the cooperation and work of many people, and I'm very happy with the participation and attendance we have had. I'd like to thank all of the host clubs this past year.

Kevin March  
Region Chair 51

## Zone Chair 51E Report

Submitted by: Zone Chair 51E – E. George Woodley

June 12, 2025

It turns out that the months of April and May 2025 have been busy ones for most of the clubs in Zone 51E.

- 1). We start with Ariss and Maryhill Lions Club. They are conducting monthly Bottle Drives as well as a Pansy Plant Sale – Spring 2025.
- 2). Belwood & District Lions Club attended the MD”A” Effective Speaking Contest, representing A15. We had four winners go on from our local Effective Speaking Contest held in March 2025, with one of our participants placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Intermediate French category. We held our annual Pike & Walleye Derby at the end of May. We were able to raise \$10,000 to be paid to the Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus, Ontario. Other events included two healthy donations, one to Camp Bellaleo and one to the DogGuides of Canada.
- 3). Elora Lions had a Wine Makers’ Dinner in the month of April 2025.
- 4). Fergus Lions had their annual Home Show during the Spring of 2025.
- 5). Guelph Lions were very busy with the following events, to name a few:
  - a). Feeding the Homeless
  - b). Donations to LCIF; Lions Foundation of Canada; Lions’ Quest; and Camp Dorset.
  - c). Monthly Euchre
  - d). Shelldale Dinner
- 6). Guelph Royal City Lions held monthly Euchre Tournament.
- 7). Marsville Lions were involved in Bottle collections.
- 8). Rockwood & District Lions had their monthly Bottle Drives and a Pancake Breakfast, and most recently picking up and delivering medical equipment.

Lion George, ZC51E, Club 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President, Club Secretary, Belwood & District Lions Club

## GMT – Report to Cabinet

Here we are at the end of another Lions year. Thank you to all those clubs that have embraced new ways of getting New Members into your club. I hope you will continue to try new and different things to capture the attention of your community. Keep your members active, and happy. Involve all your members, do a club assessment to make sure no one is unhappy. Retention is also an important compound to keeping our clubs.

Remember you also have access to the Lions Learn in the Portal. You can take as many courses as you would like. Upgrade your knowledge or refresh what you already know. It might give you some new ways to recruit members.

It has been a pleasure working with you over the last 3 years. I hope to continue working with you as I will be taking on a different role next year as Global Extension. Our clubs need to grow to keep doing the work we are doing. We can also bring in new clubs to work with existing clubs within the communities.

We keep talking about membership, and sometimes it's the same thing over and over. Don't be afraid to try new things and different ways of doing what we do best. "SERVE"

I am still available to serve you when needed. Just reach out!! 😊

Thank you

GMT (Global Membership)

Lion Tracey Robinson

## June 2025 Global Extension Team (GET) Report

The two new district display booths are currently being used by clubs in the district. The large display was used by the Listowel Club Branch at the Listowel Chamber of Commerce trade show. The tabletop display was used by the South Wellington Community Club Branch at a show in Fergus and the Bridgeport Lions Club set up the display for a week at their community centre. Both displays and the canopy can be booked through the district website.

There has been no progress regarding the Hillsburgh Lions Club.

Garry Ransom

Global Extension Team Coordinator

## Convention Report

### Registration

213 registered before the convention

15 Registered during the convention

Total **228** registration

### Meals

Saturday breakfast 83

Saturday lunch 88

Banquet 84

Sunday Breakfast 112

There were donations of \$284 to Lions Home for the Deaf

### Survey

87 people complete the survey. Following is an AI summary of the results

### Summary of Convention Highlights

A strong theme across all responses was **connecting and socializing**: many Lions cherished meeting up with old friends, forging new friendships, and sharing ideas in a relaxed, congenial atmosphere. The **hospitality suites** and **informal gatherings**—particularly Friday night—were repeatedly mentioned for the fun, fellowship, and the chance to get to know fellow Lions better.

**Workshops and Speakers** also stood out. Several respondents praised the opportunity to learn, whether by attending informative sessions, listening to inspirational guest speakers, or hearing awards and presentations. The **international guest** at the banquet, along with other key speakers, left a memorable impression, highlighting the global reach and sense of unity that Lions share.

A number of participants were enthusiastic about the **banquet**, commending both the food and the entertainment. The mention of a **horse-racing theme** and skits added to the fun, with many noting that the planned activities and relaxed vibe made the event more engaging. The **virtual flag parade** was applauded as a modern, interactive touch, and people felt it encouraged creativity among clubs.

Overall, the convention's **fellowship, hospitality, and inspiring agenda** were the principal highlights. Attendees valued opportunities to exchange ideas, celebrate achievements, and honor cherished traditions—especially in a setting that mixed fun activities with heartfelt purpose.

### Conclusion

Overall, the survey indicates that participants had a highly positive view of the registration process and the overall convention experience. Digital solutions are clearly

preferred both for registration and the parade of banners. Feedback on workshops and specific sessions provides actionable insights, such as refining content and addressing logistics like seating and amenities. The unanimous recommendation to attend the convention again underscores the event's general success, while pinpointing areas that, with some adjustments, could further enhance future conventions.

## Financial report

Hotel facilities	\$ 4,068.00
Hotel rooms	\$ 1,619.75
Meals	\$ 9,102.54
Convention guests & speakers	\$ 600.00
Memorial service	\$ 392.15
50/50 Draw	\$ 1,165.25
Convention pins	\$ 516.02
Convention printing	\$ 515.99
Registration supplies	\$ 369.41
Convention Registration refunds	\$ 204.00
Liability insurance	\$ 258.26
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 18,811.37</b>
Registration, Meals, and Pins	\$ 10,050.00
50/50	\$ 2,065.00
Others	\$ 30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 12,145.00</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-\$ 6,666.37</b>
Convention Fund November 2024	\$ 6,151.19
	<b>-\$ 515.18</b>

## LCIF Report to Cabinet June 2025

What would you do if there was a disaster in your area? Do you know who to contact if you need help? LCIF may be your answer!

If you are looking for money to help with a major service project, LCIF may be able to help through grants!

Donations from Clubs and individual members enable LCIF to do this!

This year we were asked if the District could contribute \$37200.00 US to our foundation. When I received this request, I developed a plan to reach this goal to the best of my ability.

I would put out a challenge to our district cabinet and ask each member to donate to LCIF. I also challenged the PDGs to donate to LCIF.

Patti Hill pins were ordered by the District to be given to Lions who gave \$20.00 to LCIF with no receipt required. We still have some for future donations.

I thank those who contributed but there was not 100% support.

The Donations to LCIF by our District as of May 25, 2025, are \$22880.00, 61.5% of the requested amount.

We welcome Peter Oswald to the Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF as the Administrator. This position requires a dedicated person and is very involved so we must be patient with donations.

I look forward to working with the District to reach our goals next Lions year.

The address for making donations to Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF is:

### **Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF**

C/O Peter Oswald  
22 Dundana Avenue  
Dundas, ON L9H 4E6  
Canada

PDG Tony Davidson

District LCIF Coordinator

## REPORT OF THE A15 CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

June 21, 2025

Governor Bill and members of Cabinet.

It has been a quiet year for the Constitution and Bylaws committee (C&BL) but recently an idea came this direction from the District Administrator PDG Denis Vinette. His suggestion, with which we heartily agree, is to re-order the current A-15 Bylaw articles and sections so, as much as possible, they are in conformity with the Standard District Bylaws (SDBL) from Lions International.

As everyone should be aware by now, the SDBL takes precedence over the A-15 C&BL. In most cases the A-15 C&BL contains all the same articles as found in the SBL – just in a totally different order.

The re-ordering will make referring from one document to the other much easier and differences more easily to seen.

The committee proposes, with Cabinet's approval, to take on this job and have it ready to be posted to the A-15 website on or before the summer cabinet meeting.

Since none of the wording will be amended, just the order and numbering of present articles and sections, this is something which does not require a vote at a convention only direction from Cabinet to make it so.

Respectfully submitted

George Patton

C&BL Chair

Report to A15 Cabinet June 20, 2025 by Research & Long Range Planning Committee

Convened by Chair PCC B Carson, a meeting was attended by PDG D Smith, Nominations Chair PCC T Cronin, and C&BL Chair PDDG G Patton

Inasmuch as there have been concerns in the matters addressed below, we once again referred back to the LCI Standard District Constitution and Bylaws (SDC&BL).

Consensus led to our understanding that overly detailed formal requirements in the SDC&BL would doubtless conflict in execution of same given it applies in over 200 countries served. It can be assumed that it is then at the discretion of levels below LCI (i.e.: the sub-district) to 'fine tune' as necessary provided this does not conflict with SDC&BL. The Long-Range Planning Committee has reservations when approaching a too finely detailed statement.

Ask of LRP via District Governor::

Item #1- Will you and your committee look at wording needed to update the A15 policy regarding: Motions from the floor for the office of Second Vice District Governor. It needs to be stated that at the Convention (AGM) at some point on Friday or Saturday that there will be an opportunity to have a motion from the floor put forward for consideration for the office of Second Vice District Governor. This should satisfy the notification component should there be no candidates for the Position of Second Vice District Governor. This will give the nominations committee to verify the legitimacy of the nomination and ample time to produce a ballot for the voting process on Sunday. The main reason for this is that we are not having a cabinet meeting spanning multiple days like in the past. That is not to say we won't go back to multiple day cabinet meetings, but if the policy has the provision we are covered in the future. Kevin Banfield can be of assistance, he has a pretty good idea what we want to accomplish. I would like this to be completed and considered at the June Cabinet meeting. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns with the request or the deadline. Thank you and have a wonderful day Lion Bill Robinson

Response:

In committee we have come to understanding the need for more detailed wording -  
Recommendation: Since the matter in question is in A-15 Bylaws and not Convention Policy, based on input provided by A15 Chair of C&BL's Committee Lion George Patton (who also

sits on R&LRP Committee), the committee would have A15 Cabinet recommend by motion that:

"A-15 Constitution and By-Laws Committee prepare wording for a District A15 By-law amendment &/or replacement that will more succinctly address the process for motions from the floor for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor (in instances where no qualified candidate has come forward in the established manner as prescribed by LCI). The wording would deal with the mandatory qualifications required to be nominated, how these qualifications could be reviewed and accepted by the Nominations Committee before (or at the time of) such a nomination from the floor and wording allowing discretion of the Governor to vary this process in different permutations of the convention agenda.

Note: That although the wording in the SDCB&L does not specify that the mover and seconder of the nomination must be voting delegates, convention business of District A15 serves as the "Annual General Meeting of the Corporation" and is the only Cabinet Meeting of the Lions year where general membership is allowed to formally enter into the documented and recorded business of the corporation and where motions from the floor may be made.

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Asked secondly of LRP:

- Clarification of the below recommendation

Response:

Item #2-

**Recommendation: Some \$ limit or control must be placed on those running the convention for the district. Cabinet needs to determine how this is handled and create specific wording in convention policy in our opinion. Direction of same should be to C&BL Committee.**

**Under Article VII Section 2 of A15 District By-Laws, last amended version and update April 2024, the wording was discussed by R&LRP with consensus that the wording adequately serves the District while allowing Cabinet of the day to work through unforeseen variables.**

**However, it spells out that surplus Convention proceeds must be accounted for**

**appropriately and returned to Cabinet Treasurer thus being accessible to ensuing Cabinets, and available to allocate to future Convention expenses.**

**Perhaps better wording would be: 'control must be placed on those running a convention where the convention is funded in total by the District'.**

**(Direction of same should be to C&BL Committee)**

Respectfully Submitted

PCC Bill Carson, Chair of Research & Long Range Planning Committee

**District A15**  
**LEO Cabinet Report**  
**June 21, 2025**  
**Woodstock, ON**

Governor Bill, Cabinet Officers & Fellow Lions:

Unfortunately, I have nothing new to report since the April meeting.

Yours in Service.

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Lion O.J. Wilura  
District A15  
LEO Chairperson

## **Peace Poster & Essay Contest Final Report**

Submitted by Debbie Nelligan – A15 Chair Peace Poster & Essay Contest for the Visually Impaired

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the peace poster contest this year; we had some new clubs join this year to make for a great competition.

Congratulations to Misha from Thamesford Public School for winning the 2024 Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Peace without Limits". Misha's poster was sponsored by the Thamesford Lions. Her quote about Peace: "To find world peace you must find peace within yourself."

The Contest: Inspires Young People to Showcase Their Talent. Creates memories that will last a lifetime. Imagine more than 600,000 children sharing their visions of peace.

I am looking forward to another year of supporting youth in our communities. The poster/essay kits have been ordered for next year. The theme for the 2025-2026 contest is "**Together as One**".

Interested Clubs can please contact Lion Debbie Nelligan at email [peaceposter@a15lions.org](mailto:peaceposter@a15lions.org) or call 905 870-7709 and I will send out a kit. **Kits are limited, do not be disappointed and order yours early.** Any questions I would be happy to speak to you. See below an overview of the contest.

Lion Debbie Nelligan

A15 Chair – Peace Poster & Essay Contest for the Visually Impaired

### **Are you Interested in supporting youth in the community here is a quick overview of the contest**

- Contact your local school in late June and again in September to meet the timelines, ask to speak with the grade 7 or 8 art teacher and tell them your club will sponsor this event. Give the teacher in charge the information from your kit. This contest is open to children ages 11, 12 & 13.
- Ask your club to sponsor this event possibly with prizes. In your kit is also a flyer for the Essay contest for the visually impaired.
- **Important that the students' artwork is done on the proper size poster paper. Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (do not matt or frame artwork). Full contest rules will be in your kit.**

The posters are due to Lion Debbie Nelligan in early November.

Take the poster entries back to your club so they can vote on the winner, and then arrange pickup of your poster by the deadline. Email for the contest is: [peaceposter@a15lions.org](mailto:peaceposter@a15lions.org)

**Lastly, if your club would like to donate to this great cause, and help support youth in your community, you can send your donations to the treasurer of the A-15 District labelling them donation for A15 Peace Poster Competition**

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

**June 2025**

Governor Bill, Cabinet, Lions:

I wish to thank the District for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Technology Committee Chair and District Webmaster. My goal is to provide assistance in communicating to Lions and Clubs in the District, and to provide a technical resource where possible. I hope I have in some way achieved these goals.

I look forward to finding ways to securely provide the District with information about Cabinet, Committees, and Clubs on the District web site in the coming year.

I would like to mention again that the web site is set up so any committee chairs who are up to the challenge can have control over one or more pages on the site for their committee.

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

# DISTRICT GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER

## Cabinet Report June 2025

### Plan of Action:

Continue with the established quality of the newsletter issues, we realize there is always room for improvement. 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 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, the writer, being a bit of a dinosaur still uses WordPerfect.

Respectfully,  
Lion Bob Pearson, Copetown Lions  
[bulletin@a15lions.org](mailto:bulletin@a15lions.org)  
289-238-8877

*\*As of this date(12th June) we have a member who has expressed an interest in assisting with the newsletter and ultimately taking over as editor. There has been some communications and technology problems, looking forward to having those resolve in the near future.*

### 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.



## June 2025 History Report

I continue to forward monthly club pin stories and other memorabilia to the district.

I made a display of past international service projects by A-15 Clubs, and a service slide presentation, for our District Convention in April.

Thank you for allowing me to share your history, Lion Nancy.

# Clear Print Accessibility Guidelines for Lion Club Members

## Introduction

Welcome to the Lion Club's Clear Print Accessibility Guidelines. These guidelines are designed to help members, especially Secretaries, create clear and accessible print and electronic communications. By following these instructions, you ensure that all correspondence is easy to read and inclusive for everyone, including individuals with vision impairments.

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## 1. Contrast

**Why It Matters:** High contrast between text and background enhances readability, especially for individuals with vision loss.

### Guidelines:

- **Use High-Contrast Color Combinations:**
  - **Preferred:** Black or dark blue text on a white or yellow background.
  - **Alternative:** White or yellow text on a black or dark blue background.

### Example:

- **Good:** Black text on a white background.
  - **Poor:** Light gray text on a white background.
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## 2. Font Style

**Why It Matters:** Simple and standard fonts are easier to read and recognize.

### Guidelines:

- **Choose Standard, Easy-to-Read Fonts:**
  - **Recommended Fonts:** Arial, Verdana, Helvetica, or Times New Roman.
  - **Avoid:** Decorative or overly complex fonts.

### Example:

- **Good:** Arial and Verdana.
  - **Poor:** Script or ornate fonts.
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## 3. Font Size

**Why It Matters:** Larger text improves readability for all, especially those with vision impairments.

**Guidelines:**

- **Use a Large Enough Font Size:**
  - **Recommended Size:** Between 12 and 18 points, depending on the font.
  - **Consider Audience:** Adjust size based on who will be reading the material.

**Example:**

- **Good:** 14-point Arial for body text.
  - **Poor:** 8-point decorative font for important information.
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#### 4. Leading (Line Spacing)

**Why It Matters:** Adequate spacing between lines helps readers follow text more easily.

**Guidelines:**

- **Ensure Sufficient Line Spacing:**
  - **Recommended Leading:** 25% to 30% of the font size.
  - **Adjust for Typeface:** Heavier fonts may require slightly more leading.

**Example:**

- **Good:** Properly spaced lines that prevent overlap.
  - **Poor:** Overlapping lines that make text hard to follow.
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#### 5. Margins and Columns

**Why It Matters:** Organized text layout reduces eye strain and makes content easier to navigate.

**Guidelines:**

- **Use Columns to Structure Text:**
  - **Benefits:** Less eye movement and reduced need for peripheral vision.
- **Set Wide Margins:**
  - **Recommended:** Use wide binding margins or spiral bindings for printed materials.

- **Flat Pages:** Ensure pages lie flat to accommodate vision aids like magnifiers.

**Example:**

- **Good:** Text divided into two or three columns.
  - **Poor:** Single, wide-spanning paragraphs that are difficult to read.
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## 6. Paper Finish

**Why It Matters:** Non-glossy finishes minimize glare, enhancing readability.

**Guidelines:**

- **Choose Matte or Non-Glossy Paper:**
  - **Benefits:** Reduces glare and eye strain.
- **Avoid Distracting Elements:**
  - **Do Not Use:** Watermarks or complex background designs.

**Example:**

- **Good:** Matte-finished paper.
  - **Poor:** Glossy paper with watermarks.
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## 7. Distinctive Colours

**Why It Matters:** Using distinctive colors helps differentiate materials and improves navigation.

**Guidelines:**

- **Incorporate Unique Colors, Sizes, and Shapes:**
  - **Purpose:** Makes covers and materials easily distinguishable.

**Example:**

- **Good:** Color-coded folders or covers.
  - **Poor:** Uniform, monochromatic materials that blend together.
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## 8. Making Photos and Graphics Accessible

**Why It Matters:** Accessible visuals ensure that all members, including those with vision impairments, can understand and engage with the content.

**Guidelines:**

- **Use High-Contrast Images:**
  - Ensure that images have clear distinctions between elements.
- **Provide Alternative Text (Alt Text):**
  - Describe the content and purpose of images and graphics.
- **Simplify Graphics:**
  - Avoid overly complex or cluttered images that can be confusing.
- **Use Large, Clear Graphics:**
  - Ensure that any text within images is legible and appropriately sized.

**Example:**

- **Good:** A bar graph with contrasting colors and descriptive alt text.
- **Poor:** A busy infographic with small text and no description.

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## 9. Electronic Correspondence Considerations

While the above guidelines primarily focus on print, many principles apply to electronic communications as well:

- **Ensure Digital Documents are Accessible:**
    - Use accessible PDF formats.
    - Utilize heading structures for easy navigation.
  - **Optimize for Screen Readers:**
    - Include alt text for all images.
    - Ensure that all links are descriptive.
  - **Maintain High Contrast and Readable Fonts:**
    - Follow the same contrast and font guidelines as for print.
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