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**Minutes, A15 Cabinet Meeting, Wednesday
October 29, 2025, 7:00 pm**

Drumbo Lions Club, Drumbo Agricultural Hall, 42 Centre St., Drumbo ON

1. Welcome from DG Linda Vinette
2. O Canada: ZC51W George Woodley and ZC37W Trudy Carter
3. Land Acknowledgement: SVDG Paul Anstett
4. Moment of Silence: DG Linda Vinette
5. Protocol: FVDG Rick Mallon
6. Grace prior to meal: ZC51E William Belrose
7. Dinner by Drumbo Lions
8. Introduction of Guest Speakers: DG Linda Vinette
9. Guest Speakers:
 - a) DG Louise Agnew and Lion Sharmmila Rajkumar (Committee Chair on Mental Health and Wellness) from District A-2 spoke about the importance of Mental Health and discussed apps and websites available to help with this.
 - b) PDG Tony Davidson spoke about LCIF.
10. Remarks from DG Linda Vinette (*See Appendix A*)
11. Additions/Changes to and Approval of the Agenda. Motion by ZC51W George Woodley, seconded by IPDG Bill Robinson, to accept the agenda. Carried.
12. Motion by ZC37W Trudy Carter, seconded by RC37 Terry McDougall, to receive minutes of previous Cabinet Meeting August 10, 2025, available at: <https://a15lions.org/pages/uploads/Events/CabinetAgenda20250810Aug.pdf>
Carried.
13. Motion by RC51 Kevin March, seconded by ZC51E William Belrose, to receive Secretary's Report. Carried.

14. Motion by ZC51W George Woodley, seconded by IPDG Bill Robinson, to receive the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

15. Motion by ZC9E Colleen Martin, seconded by FVDG Rick Mallon, to receive Cabinet Reports. Carried.

16. Motion by SVDG Paul Anstett, seconded by IPDG Bill Robinson, to receive Committee Reports. Carried.

a) Nominations Chair: PDG Doug Smith submitted his report from the Nominations Committee regarding nominations for District Officers for 2026/27 *(See Appendix B)*

b) Convention Committee 2026: Lion Peter Oswald spoke about the host clubs, the registration process and payment options for District A15's 50th Anniversary Convention in April of 2026. *(Registration is available on the a15lions.org website)*

c) Effective Speaking: ZC51W George Woodley spoke about competing at club, district, and multiple district levels, solicitation letters for schools, and donations thus far from clubs. Effective Speaking Chair Lion Nancy Woodley is asking for a \$150 donation from each club in District A-15.

17. Old Business: Convention Levy. The following was presented by CT Brian Spivey:

"After careful consideration by the District Cabinet and with consultation with Constitution and Bylaws Chair, Past Deputy District Governor George Patton, I move that the Cabinet endorse a resolution to amend the District A15 Bylaws as it relates to the current Convention Levy to be increased from \$1.40 to \$2.00. This increase will be phased in with a \$.30 increase in 2026/27 and a \$.30 increase in 2027/28. If approved, at close of the April 2026 Convention, the bylaws will show a Convention Levy of \$2.00 and will include the phase-in basis of the increase."

Motion to accept by ZC51W George Woodley, seconded by SVDG Paul Anstett. Discussion: According to Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair PDDG George Patton, there has never been an increase. Carried.

18. New Business:

a) 2027 Convention: FVDG Rick Mallon spoke about the host clubs, the hotel, and submitted a formal bid for the 2027 Convention to be held in Brantford at the Best Western Hotel. Motion by ZC51E William Belrose, seconded by RC51 Kevin March, to accept the bid for the 2027 Convention. Carried.

b) Demonstration of Club Digest of upcoming events on our District website by PDG Denis Vinette, which provides all clubs with advance notice of clubs' service, fundraising or other upcoming events.

19. Special Presentations & Awards by DG Linda Vinette.

Award presented to Freelon Lions for 100% growth during Mission 1.5.
Award presented to Paradise & District Lions for extraordinary membership satisfaction efforts during the Lions' year leading to 100% member retention.
Certificate of Appreciation from International President Fabricio Oliveira presented to Woodstock Lions Club in recognition of distinguished achievement and fulfillment of the mission of Lions Club International.
Certificate of Congratulations presented to Drumbo Lions from the International Association of Lions in gratitude, recognizing their 70th Chartered Anniversary.

20. Announcements: MDA Convention in St. Catharines, May 29-31, 2026. The registration form is on the MDA website.

21. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lionism

Recommendation by Lion Neil Hoogendoorn (Marsville Lions) that a pin be presented for 50 years of Lionism instead of a chevron.

22. Closing Remarks: DG Linda Vinette.

23. Next Cabinet Meeting: Wednesday January 21, 2026, 7 pm, Elmira Lions Club

24. Adjournment: motion by ZC51W George Woodley to adjourn.

Appendix A

District Governor's Message – Cabinet Meeting, Oct. 29, 2025

We're almost four months into our Lions year, and I'm proud to report that our membership growth is strong. We've welcomed **30 new members**, bringing our total to **1,310 Lions** — up from **1,299** at this time last year. That may sound like a small number, but every new Lion represents new hands and hearts ready to serve.

A big thank you to the following clubs for leading the way in membership growth: **Belwood and District, Cambridge Highlands, Dundas, Elora, Fergus, Galt Cambridge, Guelph, Innerkip, Linwood, Mosborough Busy Busy, Plattsville, Rockwood, and West Coast.**

Sometimes it's as simple as asking someone to join you for an activity or inviting them to see what Lions is all about. You never know who's waiting for that invitation!

Every club my Governor's Team has visited has shared how important membership growth is to them. And they're right — **the more Lions we have, the more Service we can provide.**

Speaking of service, **45% of our clubs are currently reporting their service activities.** We can do better in this area, and I'm confident we will. Let's make sure that the great work being done across our district is being shared and celebrated.

Under **Leadership**, our **Zone Chair and Region Chair training** is complete, and we're planning **Club Executive Training for May or June in New Hamburg.** Monthly Zoom meetings continue with the **GAT Team, Zone and Region Chairs**, and the **Governor's Team**, and we've held our first virtual meeting with the **District Committees.** Communication is key to keeping our district strong and connected.

I'm pleased to share that our **Membership Grant Application** has been **accepted**, and our goal to **charter one new club** remains on track.

On the **LCIF front**, our clubs have donated **\$14,294.37 USD** so far — a wonderful start, but it represents only **15 of our 56 clubs.** Our district goal for the year is **\$36,662 USD.** I encourage every club to consider a contribution, no matter the size. Together, we can reach that goal and make a global impact.

Thank you for everything you do to support our clubs, our communities, and our fellow Lions. Together, we are making a difference every day.

Appendix B

October 2025 Nominations Committee Report

DG Linda and Members of the A15 Cabinet:

The following is our current report regarding nominations for District Officers 2026/27

It is our objective to have at least one candidate nominated for all District A15 Cabinet Positions for next year. We will be striving to encourage those qualified Lions to take that next step of Lions leadership.

I am asking all past and present Leaders to reach out to those Lions and encourage them to pursue these opportunities.

As of November 1st, 2025, DG Linda, CS Dianna and myself will be accepting nominations for the positions of 2nd District Governor, 1st District Governor and District Governor. Please use the nomination form that is on the District website. Use of any other form will be returned to the applicant.

Thank you, Governor Linda, for giving me the opportunity to serve the Lions of A15.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Doug (I LOVE DOUGIE) Smith