



14. Cabinet Reports: Motion to receive Cabinet Reports by SVDG Paul Anstett, seconded by FVDG Rick Mallon. Carried.

15. Committee Reports: Motion to receive Committee Reports by ZC9 South Mary Rumble, seconded by SVDG Paul Anstett. Carried.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee has asked that Cabinet accept their report (as opposed to receiving) so that the proposed changes can be placed in the resolution before voting delegates at the 2026 A15 Convention. Motion to accept Constitution & Bylaws Committee Report by ZC37 West Trudy Carter, seconded by ZC9C Neil Stephenson. Carried.

Verbal Committee Reports by PDG Doug Smith, Nominations (see Appendix B); Peter Oswald, 2026 Convention Report (see Appendix C); . Motion to receive verbal Committee Reports by IPDG Bill Robinson, seconded by SVDG Paul Anstett.

16. Old Business: none

17. Awards and Recognitions: chevrons awarded to several Lions by DG Linda Vinette.

18. Anything for the Good & Welfare of Lionism:

50/50 Draw won by PDG Diane Smith. The \$155.00 will be forwarded to POGO as the Childhood Cancer charity of Diane's choice.

Lion Neil Hoogendorn suggested that awards be handed out in a more timely manner (i.e. in the same Lions year). DG Linda Vinette pointed out that LCI is very slow in sending them out. He also recommended that LCI give out pins rather than chevrons for 30, 40, and 50 years as a Lion. It was suggested that the individual clubs could be responsible for that.

19. Motion to adjourn by ZC9C Neil Stephenson.

## Appendix A

### What It Means to Be a Lion – District A-15

Fellow Lions,

As we come together for our January Cabinet meeting, I want us to pause and truly **celebrate** what it means to be a Lion—and to be proud of the incredible work we do in District A-15.

Being a Lion means service with purpose. Every project, every fundraiser, every act of kindness strengthens our communities and reminds us why Lions serve. We don't just talk about making a difference—we do it.

We should be **proud and celebrate** our growth. District A-15 is currently **1,318 members strong**, up from **1,292 at this time last year**. That growth tells a powerful story: people see the good Lions do and want to be part of it. Every new member strengthens our reach and our impact.

We should also be **proud and celebrate** our generosity. This year, **District A-15 made donations to LCIF of \$31,052.25 US total**. Our Goal is \$36,662 US. That means all we need is \$5,610 US to reach our goal. Through LCIF, our compassion reaches far beyond our local communities and touches lives around the world. That is something worth **celebrating**.

We are also making progress in how we tell our story. Currently, **57% of our 56 clubs are reporting their service activities**, and our District goal is **75%**. Do you know what that means... All we need is 10 more clubs. Reporting allows us to showcase the amazing work already happening across our clubs—and together, we will reach that goal.

Being a Lion also means leadership, fellowship, and teamwork. It means supporting one another, mentoring future leaders, and standing shoulder to shoulder in service. When we work together as one District, our impact is greater and our bonds are stronger.

**So, Lions, let's celebrate who we are.  
Let's be proud of what we do.**

## **Appendix B**

### **JANUARY 2026 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

Nominations received and confirmed all criteria items have been satisfied.

Nomination for District Governor – 1VDG Lion Rick Mallon

Nomination for 1VDG – 2VDG Lion Paul Anstett

Nomination for 2VDG – None Received

Nomination for RC 51 – ZC51 West Lion George Woodley

As of January 1, 2026, Nominations for all Zone Chairs and Region Chairs are being accepted. Please use the Nomination Form that is on the District Website ([a15lions.org](http://a15lions.org)). Use of any other form will be returned to the applicant.

It is important that we have elected Zone and Region Chairs as these positions keep the Cabinet informed of activities, questions from our clubs, and assist in formulating Administrative Workshops for clubs and members.

Past Leaders of our District have been asked to assist in promoting emerging leaders.

For those that are considering – Hospitality suites are encouraged but are fully optional. Maybe Zones can host a suite highlighting their activities and successes thus far this year.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Doug Smith

Nominations Chair

## Appendix C

Peter Oswald: 2026 Convention Promotion

Our District Convention this year is in Brantford April 17, 18, & 19. We are celebrating 50 years of District A15, our Golden Anniversary in the District. That means we're going to have a party. It's going to take 3 days, so a 3-day convention starting Friday night with the opening ceremonies and lots of fun and a little bit of hospitality so if there's anybody running for office or just anybody who wants to put on a party for some other people and need some hospitality space, we can help you out. Saturday will be our Cabinet Meeting start, luncheon, with community excursions possible in the afternoon, a great banquet in the evening, and we are planning to have a casino to raise some funds for some Lions' charities in the evening. A lot of fun there. We'll wrap up on Sunday with the voting, the Memorial Service, and the final portion of the Cabinet Meeting, so we need to know today. On the tables I have put a couple of copies of our paper registration form and there's no way you cannot find an easy way to do this. For the folks who love paper and cheques we'll do a manual. If you flip it over, on the other side, there's a QR code there for digitally enhanced people that can do e-transfers online or pay by credit card. I have about 20 registrations in so there's lots of room for more. Early registration deadline is March 15. That's not tomorrow but it's going to sneak up on us quickly. Rooms at the Brantford Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre are also on hold until March 15. For \$129 (*plus taxes*) a night, you get the room plus you're going to get breakfast for two people next morning so if you stay for both nights, you're going to get breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning. It's a great deal. We have early registration so if you register by then you'll get a little bit of free money to work with at the Casino on Saturday night, so consider that. The other thing I just wanted to mention as well is that there's going to be some raffle tickets for sale. Quite a few of the clubs have got those out already. There are a few clubs I have to personally visit, two or three yet. So, for the next few weeks between club meetings, Zone Meetings, and Joint Zone Meetings, you're going to see more about the raffle and you're going to see more about the details of the convention as they are fleshed out. We really want to see a good party, a good turnout for the weekend. We're looking forward to hosting a great time, seeing a little bit more of that fellowship, maybe even leading into some new leadership in our District. I think that will be an opportunity for us to really learn and remember what we've done over the past 50 years and to get ourselves in good shape for the next 50 years, So stay tuned. Come and see us in Brantford on the weekend and you're going to get to know it (*the hotel*) so well that you'll be able to come back next year and do it all over again, but we'll talk about that in a little while.

Thanks very much.

**Appendix D**  
**LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMPS & EXCHANGE PROGRAM –**  
**SUMMER OF 2026**

“Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) have programs all around the world and is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.

By providing an avenue for global fellowship, the YCE program aims to help youth initiate, grow and maintain international relationships promoting cultural education and international peace.”

- 1). A life-changing cultural experience.
- 2). Youth go overseas or come here from abroad.
- 3). Types: Exchanges: Ages 15 - 21.
  - More than 190 possible countries.
  - 4 - 6 weeks with host families.
  - Experience family life overseas.

Camps:       Ages 16 – 22. Youth from many countries.  
More than 100 Lions camps in ~ 39 countries.  
1 - 2 weeks long. Usually in July/August.  
Usually includes a family stay of 1-4 weeks.  
Activities: Tours, sports, presentations, etc.

Participants must be sponsored by a local Lions Club.

Most sponsor clubs will assist with costs, but it is not required.

Main costs are airfare and camp fees (some camps only).

Application forms from local club, District Contacts or website.

For more information: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), “Our Impact”, “Our Service”, “Ways We Serve”, “Our Global Causes”, “Youth”, Youth Camps & Exchange Program:

Please be aware that we here in District A15 are partnering with the Lions Clubs from District A9. We will be providing help in event planning, sharing food preparation at the camp and housing of the youth.

## Appendix E

### Effective Speaking 2026 Report

I was asked to report on the status of Effective Speaking. I had sent out emails to all clubs in A-15 on October 21, 2025, that petitioned each club to "*consider hosting your own local competition and contributing financially to support the ability of winning competitors to compete both at the District Competition, and potentially the Multi-District Competition.*" I further explained how to recruit local schools by including a letter that Belwood Lions sends to schools in our region, a letter for parents for schools to forward for interested students, an overview of personnel and their corresponding roles needed to host a local competition, and a 'potential budget needed' to host the event. I also requested that \$150 be sent to the District treasurer to help support a District competition that would be held on Saturday, Mar 28, 2026, at the Centre Wellington District High School.

I heard back from a number of clubs indicating that they would send the \$150 to the District treasurer, and some indicated that they were considering reviving their local competition. I have booked the rooms at the high school for the Belwood Lions Effective Speaking Competition on Saturday, Mar 7, 2026, and the District competition on Saturday, Mar 28, 2026. I have not heard anything further pertaining to their clubs' intentions to participate, nor about the amount of money actually sent to the District treasurer.

As for the Belwood competition, it will be held as I have five schools that will be attending, and possibly two more that may attend. I asked our local schools to provide the name of their students who will be attending our competition no later than February 20, 2026. I am in the process of recruiting the personnel that we will need for our competition.

As for the District Competition, I need to know if any club other than ours will be hosting an Effective Speaking Competition and then will be sending their winners to the District Competition. If Belwood is the only club that will be hosting their own competition, then I feel that the **District Competition will need to be cancelled** this year and the winners from the Belwood Competition sent forward to the MDA competition as has been done in the last two years. If I get confirmation from other clubs that they will be sending student presenters to the District competitions, then I will 'recruit' personnel needed for that event and procure the supplies that will be needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Nancy Woodley,

Chair, Belwood Lions and District A-15 Effective Speaking Competitions

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