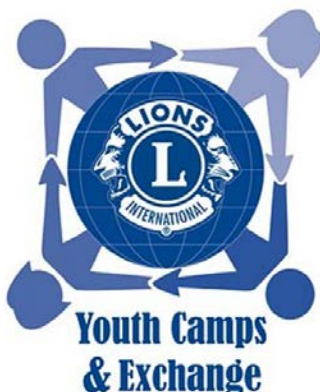




MD33 Massachusetts Lions 2025 State Convention Reports



Agenda-Friday, April 4, 2025

3:00PM - 1st Business Session- (Ballroom 1)

Call to Order: Council Chairperson Colleen Oncay (33A)

Committee Reports:

Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Rules of Order)

PCC Bill Donnellan 33K

Cabinet Secretary – Treasurers’ Report

CST Jean Sherman 33Y

CST Ann Marie Decouteau . 33A

CST Meghan Demonico..... 33N

CST Mike McKenna 33K

CS Martin Middleton 33S

CS Christopher Plonka.....33S

Council Reports

PDG Jeanne Farrow, Council Treasurer (33N)

PDG Margaret Menard, Council Secretary (33K)

Preliminary Registration Report and Credentials Committee

CS Martin Middleton 33S

Remarks

IPID Joyce Middleton MD33

PID L. Doug Sime.....MD33

PIP J. Frank Moore III..... LCI

Agenda-Saturday, April 5, 2025

8:30 - 10:30 - 2nd Business Session-(Nauset 1 & 2)

Call to Order: Council Chairperson Colleen Oncay (33A)

District Governors Report

DG Thom Swift 33Y
DG Denise Andrews..... 33A
DG Mark Alexander..... 33N
DG Diana Faust 33K
DG Michael Middleton..... 33S

Guest Speaker

Ashley Colburn, Blind Competitive Paraclimber

Report of Council of Governors

CC Colleen Oncay 33A

PDG Kathy Dorman, Candidate for ID..... Vermont D45

Committee Reports:

Youth Speech, Lion Paul McElheney (33N)
2025 State Convention Chair, PDG Andy Porter (33K)
2026 State Convention Chair, PCS Joy Doherty (33N)
2027 State Convention Chair, Andy Porter (33K)
Intl. Convention PDG Tony Pecci & Lion Sharon Pecci (33N)
LCIF, IPID Joyce Middleton (33S)
Global Leadership Team, PDG Doreen Martel (33K)
Global Membership/Extension Team, PCC Deb Grassi (33S)
Global Service Team, PDG Dawn Rice-Norton (33K)
M.L.E.R.F. President, PDG Beverly Dillon (33S)
Leo Advisor, Lion Donna Frett (33S)
All State Band, 2nd VDG Kristine Shanahan (33K)
Youth Exchange/Youth Camp, 2nd VDG Jesse Armell (33S)
International Pin Design, PCC Paul Viano (33K)
Information Technology (IT), PDG Doreen Martel (33K)
Constitution & By-Laws, PCC Bill Donnellan (33K)

Remarks: PIP J. Frank Moore III

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Council Chairperson Report State Convention 2025.

Dear Lions and LEOS of Multiple District 33 Massachusetts and our guests,

My goal as Council Chairperson is to assist our District Governors and Council officers in completing their assigned duties with a spirit of camaraderie and passion for serving both those in need and our members, truly echoing our Lions motto, "We Serve".

I believe that we have done so by following our Lions Core Values:

Commitment to Service

The statistics of number and breadth of all service provided by Massachusetts Lions and LEOS in our state are humbling. Our statewide fundraising and personal donations to LCIF, MA Lions Low Vision, and the MA Lions Eye Research Fund speak to our dedication to service.

The call to our clubs and communities to aid those in North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene met with overwhelming support and provided avenues to service in which every Lion could participate. Helping our guest speaker, Ashley, achieve her goal of participating in the World Cup on her way to the Paralympics makes me proud to be a Lion.

Dedication to Excellence

Our Council works together to prepare for productive (and sometimes long) meetings to be sure that all voices are heard, and decisions informed. All members seek and welcome advice from our Past International Directors and former leaders to master procedures and follow protocol. Our Council officers are available at all hours for our Governors, Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurers and candidates.

Appreciation for Diversity

Our Districts are working conscientiously to form new areas of Service and Membership to more closely represent the communities we serve. Our District Governors relish that they come to consensus readily and respectfully though they themselves span in age, gender, professional backgrounds, and Lions experience.

Dynamic Collaboration

Our Global Action Teams meet regularly and report their plans, actions, and concerns at each Council meeting. Statewide Committees are supported and welcomed.

Personal and Professional Integrity

Our Council adheres to the Lions Code of Ethics in being transparent, fair, and accountable while being honest about their knowledge and abilities. Differing viewpoints and apologies are readily given and accepted in a kind and respectful manner.

Spirit of Innovation

Our Districts are constantly generating and testing new ideas for service, fundraising, leadership training and membership growth. I see our next frontier to be in the marketing sphere so that we may increase our humanitarian reach.

To reach my goals of fostering a spirit of friendship, respect, and enabling other's success, I have tried to put into practice all I learned over the past 8 years on my journey from 2nd Vice District Governor to District Governor, Alternate Parliamentarian twice, and through the chairs to Council Chair. Along the way, I have been guided by many fine mentors. It was not until this year, however, that I have I felt the overwhelming richness that mentoring others can bring. I wish this for each of you in your future.

Yours kindly,

Colleen Oncay

Colleen Oncay
Council Chairperson 2024-2025

PDG Jeanne Farrow
2024-2025 MD33 Council Treasurer
MD33 2025 State Convention Report

It has been my pleasure to serve as the MD33 Council Treasurer. I have attended as many Council of Governors meetings as possible and learned a lot about the workings of the Council.

I have deposited dues payments along with monies received from the various committees including All State Band, MD33 State Convention, International Convention Committee, just to name a few.

All bank accounts are reconciled monthly with a treasurer's report provided to the MD33 Council of Governors and the Council Bookkeeper.

All bills have been paid and reimbursements sent out.

I will assist in the transition of the bank accounts, make sure the new signatories are in place and will turn over all records at the end of the fiscal year to our incoming treasurer PDG Margaret Menard.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Jeanne Farrow

2024-2025 MD33 COG Treasurer

MASSACHUSETTS LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 33

COUNCIL SECRETARY REPORT

2024-2025

Dear Lions of MD33,

I have had the privilege and pleasure to serve as the Council Secretary for the Multiple District 33 Lions for the Lionistic year 2024-2025.

As Council Secretary, I have performed the following duties:

- Distributed meeting agenda's and correspondence to the Council.
- Attended all Council meetings (In person & zoom).
- Attended all five Mid-Winter Conferences.
- Kept accurate records of all Council meetings.
- Distributed meeting minutes to the members of the Council and Lions Clubs International.
- Received and recorded all MD33 Dues payments, and then forwarded to the Council Treasurer.
- Maintained and updated the MD33 Committee listing and created a MD33 Council Directory.
- Regularly communicated with fellow Council Officers.
- Maintained Council Secretary Records and dues in the Shared Google Drive.

I am happy and proud to say that I have enjoyed serving as Council Secretary which has given me the ability to grow in this role as well as having the opportunity to serve with all of the members of the Council. I would like to thank my fellow Council Officers, Council Chair Colleen and Council Treasurer Jeanne for all of their support and guidance this year. They have truly made my year a memorable experience.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Lions of MD33. I would also like to personally thank the Lions of Special "K" for giving me the opportunity to serve as the MD33 Council Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in Lionism

PDG Margaret Menard

Council Secretary 2024-2025

MD33 Massachusetts Lions District 33Y District Governors Report for The State Convention in April 2025.

It has been a good year. We have gone to Australia for the International Convention, Louisville for the Lions USA-Canada Forum, New England Lions Council meetings and Training Sessions. We have had advisory and cabinet meetings. We have visited most of the clubs and have scheduled visits with the rest except for 3 clubs.

We have filled most of the committee positions. The committees are active and functioning. We need volunteers to succeed long standing chairs of the Pin Committee and The All State Band. There are other committees that can use volunteers.

We are not meeting our stretch goal for membership but are ahead of the goal set by LCI. We must remember to “Just ASK” friends and associates to join our clubs. It works.

We have not made significant progress toward starting a new club but continue to discuss and identify areas of need and opportunity for success. Some things take time. New club extension is not easy. But it needs to be done. Yes, there are clubs that need help and need to stabilize. A new club, even a small branch club will help to begin a shift toward a Culture of Growth throughout the District.

We hope to exceed our Fund-Raising goals by the state convention in April. We had a stretch goal of 100 attendees at the Mid-Winter and ended with 86 attendees. We are analyzing results from the past two Midwinters and considering ways to improve attendance while lowering expenses. A committee has been formed to research future possibilities.

Reporting on the portal and District Web Site at 39% is below the state levels but ahead of last year despite issues with the Portal. Service reporting is easy on the Portal and that should not be a roadblock, but it seems to be a deterrence. We held a Portal Training Seminar that was about listening to the best practices and getting more clubs on board at this conference. Ample training opportunities exist online as well. Our Service Reporting Goal remains at 75%. All Lions can report service. All Lions should be on the Portal.

The job of Vice and District Governor has been eye opening and fulfilling. I have been in Lions many years but have learned so much more. Learning through Lions leadership programs is fun, a good way to connect to the multiple district and a great way to start moving ahead in the club, zone and district.

We are a small district with only 29 clubs and 745 members but there is a ton of good work being done. It is impressive what some clubs can do without a lot of resources. We have some large and outstanding clubs too. We have a core of club officers and zone chairs who have a great handle on their job. Some are reluctant to move up or on from those duties. Exposure to new officer positions and keeping a flow is important and we need to encourage it at all levels. We worry that moving some folks up could leave some clubs, zones and committees at risk. We need to be aware of that and work hard to find the next generation to fit in these slots. Others are serving in these positions and are giving all they can. They are great mentors and could use a partner to train and move on to other positions while keeping the position they know and hold dear.

We have a need for a Second Vice-District Governor. It's a great position to learn and prepare for advancement. It has been a pleasure having Jean as a Second VDG, Cabinet Secretary. We have a great group of Zone Chairs. Our PDG's are active and supportive.

Looking ahead, my partner in service and 1st VDG is better prepared than I was to lead MD33Y next year. We have some headwinds to deal with and need to be aware of the threats of weak clubs closing or becoming further diminished. The GAT team needs to focus on club rejuvenation and club extension. Four of our 29 clubs are barely functioning, and we have large areas of the district unserved by Lions. We must consider these areas of vulnerability as opportunities. Outside of our District leaders have offered (and in many cases have) to help with these challenges. We welcome their input. Neighbors on our district's borders have had a great deal of success with Specialty Clubs. The true challenge is to create a culture of growth, service and leadership. LCI knows this and is preparing us for the challenges at hand.

In conclusion our metrics are very near the same as a year ago. This may not seem like a lot, but we have been down for many years. We are in the post pandemic time, and now is the time to begin growing again. We must grow clubs, membership, fundraising and leadership so we can do what we do best.

#We serve.

Yours in Lionism and respectfully submitted,

DG Thom Swift

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Dear Lions, Leos and friends,

Where do I even begin? My second term as District Governor has been an incredible journey, filled with memorable experiences and meaningful service. As I near the end of this chapter, I find myself reflecting on the highlights with immense gratitude.

Being installed in person at the International Convention, alongside fellow District Governors from around the world, was an unforgettable experience—one I will cherish forever. To the incredible Lions of District 33-A, I extend my deepest thanks for giving me this opportunity to serve once again.

The year began with a tremendous victory—our District was awarded a **\$10,000 LCIF Humanitarian Award Grant** at the International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. It was a moment of shock and excitement, and I immediately reached out to our GST Chair to share the news. After careful discussions with the cabinet, we identified **The Barton Center** as a worthy recipient. Their need was clear, and with their input, the District decided to purchase **28 iPads** to enhance medical staff's ability to monitor glucose levels for **125 campers 24/7**. This upgrade will significantly improve efficiency and care at the camps, eliminating the need to rely on a stationary monitoring system.

Our District began the year with **1,210 members**, and as of now, we are at **1,203**. While we have experienced some losses, our **GMT and GET Coordinators** are working diligently to increase membership and improve retention. We are currently exploring the **potential for a specialty club**, though discussions are in the early stages. On a bright note, we welcomed a new **Leo Club**, sponsored by our **newest Lions Club—Worcester Lions**. **The Notre Dame Academy Service Leo Club** was chartered on November 12th with **44 enthusiastic members**. Across our District, we now have **nine Leo Clubs with over 400 young leaders**, actively making a difference through service. I am incredibly proud of their efforts and extend heartfelt appreciation to their advisors and our District Leo Advisor for their dedication.

My CST and I have visited **30 of our 45 clubs**, with the remaining visits scheduled. Everywhere we go, we are met with warm welcomes and inspiring service initiatives. Regardless of club size, each embodies our **"We Serve"** motto, making a tangible impact in their communities. Serving side by side with these passionate Lions has been one of my greatest honors. As their District Governor—and biggest cheerleader—I am beyond proud of their dedication.

As a strong advocate for **LCIF**, I have made it a priority to discuss the benefits of donations and **LCIF Impact Grants** during my visitations. One standout example is a small club in our

District that **used an Impact Grant to assist their town's food pantry**. Previously, the pantry was **leasing a 20' storage unit for \$1,700 annually**. With the Impact Grant, they were able to **purchase the unit outright**, freeing up funds for greater community support. The club celebrated this achievement with a **ribbon-cutting event**, attended by local and state legislators, media, volunteers, and club members. It was a proud moment for Lions, showcasing the real impact of our work.

We have successfully held **three Cabinet Meetings** and **three well-attended Advisory Meetings**, hosted by clubs in our District. I extend my gratitude to these clubs for preparing meals and providing meeting space—truly a service in itself!

Currently, we are working on a **District-wide service project with Joslin Camp**, focused on repurposing an old building. The project includes **removing outdated facilities** (urinals, toilets, sinks, and showers) to transform the space into a **single, functional bathroom**. Our **GST Chair** is actively coordinating this effort, and we look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Another initiative, led by our **IPDG**, has resulted in the District securing **four temporary wheelchair ramps**. These are now available for clubs to provide to community members in need, further expanding our service outreach.

As many of you know, I am passionate about **recognition**. Often, Lions give so much without receiving the acknowledgment they deserve. To change that, I launched the **Spotlight** in our **monthly newsletter**, featuring deserving members submitted by their clubs. To date, **eight Lions** have been honored in the Spotlight. At **Midwinter**, we took it a step further by introducing the **"Unsung Champion of Service"** award. This initiative will continue throughout the year, with remaining recipients recognized at our **year-end celebration in June**.

While our **service reporting rate stands at 62%**, I believe we can push closer to **100%**. Accurate reporting helps demonstrate our impact, and I encourage all clubs to make this a priority. Additionally, our **GLT Coordinator** is planning an **Officer Training to be held on May 17th** at the Leicester Senior Center, covering roles such as **President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair**. This training is open to both current and aspiring leaders—an essential step in cultivating future leadership within our District.

Success is a **team effort**, and I am incredibly fortunate to have a **dedicated cabinet, committee chairs, and amazing Lions** across the District. A **special thank you** goes to my **CST, Ann Marie**. She puts her **heart and soul** into this role, always supporting me and assisting Lions across the District. Ann Marie, you are not just an outstanding CST—you are a **dear friend**, and I could not do this without you.

To my **District 33-A Lions**, thank you for entrusting me with this role and for your unwavering support and friendship. As we enter our final months together, let's **finish strong**. Let's continue serving with passion, growing our membership, and making an impact in our communities.

Let's **Make Our Mark—Together!**

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Andrews
District Governor, 33-A

33N District Governor Report

We started our Year in Melbourne Australia. Our Goals this year were simple to help clubs if needed, to promote education in the district. To Visit all Clubs with the Message of make your Mark and the district's 24 – 25 years of Make Opportunities Count.

- Training: We worked with District K on joint training. We did 2 sessions and trained 50 33N members in officer training. We then sent 5 Lions to ELLI Training held by MD33. We also have done Portal training. We are looking and hoping to send Lions to ELLI this Spring.
- LCIF: When visiting clubs, we gave a deeper understanding of it impact it has in the US. And the opportunities clubs can take advantage of in the way of Grants. We also promote the greater need of clubs to support it.
- MLERF for 41 years 33N has been a large supporter of and speak about where the money goes and the success stories of providing seed grants to researchers.
- Speaking to community groups and local public officials about Lions and how they support their communities.

Our District also is proud to support Peace Poster, Youth Speech, Allstate Band, Youth Exchange programs. We go into next year at this time with some rolls not yet filled. Our Goals are to build leadership and that will not happen overnight. With the Past District Governors of 33N and our Past International Directors we will soon have a plan in place

I am very much looking forward to continuing to support the lions of 33N and have enjoyed every minute of what I'm doing this year. I hope that someday others will also step up and see what I see at the Multiple District levels and help share it with others.

At the Club Level we have 1 Club which has Lost all members. And we are currently trying to recruit a new group to take over the Charter. We have several clubs with low Membership and inactivity.

Our Leo's continuing to grow membership at all current clubs. And we have a Cubs Club that is in year 2 and they have a lot of fun.

This year would have not been as good as it has been with the support and the hard work of My Cabinet Secretary Treasure, Meg DeMonico. She has been incredible and has kept me on point. There is not one governor or Past DG that would tell you our Cabinet CST are the hardest working people in the districts.

We have held 2 District Advisories with 2 more Scheduled, we have had 3 Cabinet meetings, we held our 33N Mid-Winter in February. Our Guest was ID Joanne Ogden.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Lions of 33N this year.

Mark Alexander

District Governor 33N

State Convention Report 33K 2025

Diana Faust District Governor

What an amazing Lionistic year we are having! Our Clubs and members across the District have stepped up to serve both their community and the world! You can all be proud. We have many who are working hard to strengthen our district and clubs through training and membership support.

The Lions of 33 K have cleaned and read and sorted 100s of eyeglasses to be sent overseas. Locally Clubs have had community holiday parties, given Holiday food gift baskets, donated Christmas Trees and done eye screenings for the public, clubs continue to award scholarships and so much more for their communities.

CST Mike and I have officially visited three quarters of our clubs and attended many other services and other activities. The district is working on membership growth and has developed a long-term plan. As the 1st of March we have added 105 members but have lost more than we have added. Currently we are at a net negative, the net negative is a little less than the number of Lions we have lost to death since July 1st, 2024. We are actively pursuing a new club and believe to be adding branches soon to a few of our clubs along with active attempts to reconstitute a couple of our clubs. These efforts along with using the best practices for retention we hope will make the district stronger. My goal is to leave this wonderful District on a firm foundation so that it can strengthen our organization.

Thank you to 1VDG Anthony, 2nd VDG Kristine and CST Mike along with those who have stepped up to fill out our cabinet for your continual work to strengthen our District and Lions Club International.

We have much to do for the remaining of the year, encouraging more service, and stronger clubs through training and membership growth... more members = more service=stronger clubs= serving our committee and world better! Lastly, I'm honored to be the District Governor of 33K!

Thank you all for Making your Mark! Have fun and enjoy!

District Governor Diana Faust 33K

Greetings Lions of MD 33! It's hard to believe it's time for another State convention! Coming home from Melbourne in July, the District 33 S Leadership team began our *Voyage Ahead* scheduling visitations, facilitating district-wide events, and attending the many service projects and fundraisers run by the 40+ clubs in our district. From the tip of the hook of our state to the boundaries that abut our neighbors in Rhode Island and the northern Greater Boston area, the Lions of Southeastern Massachusetts have been a busy bunch. Provided in summary are the list of accomplishments, goal progress, and upcoming events for the district:

After debarking the plane back in Boston, our District held a special election to endorse a Lions leader from our home district as a candidate for the high office of 3rd International Vice President: IPID Joyce Middleton. Cabinet Secretary extraordinaire Martin Middleton worked tirelessly to facilitate this endorsement with our new club secretaries and presidents. Between he, our Council Chairperson Colleen, and the other Cabinet Secretaries from across the Multiple District, a historic and unprecedented state-wide election was held in August where the Lions of MD 33 voted unanimously to endorse IPID Joyce. Though we have agreed as a multiple district to support LCI's recommended candidate, PID Tony Benbo from Australia for this coming election, we look forward to seeing IPID Joyce's campaign ramp up in the coming years and this District Governor could not be prouder.

33 S Lions *Made Our Mark* right out of the gate with 2 large events: First, our brand new District Eyemobile was unveiled to the general public in New Bedford and used as a moving billboard as we participated in the annual parade for the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament – a Madeiran festival that draws tens of thousands of people from across the country and the globe into our District for delicious food and religious reflection. PDG Roland Grenier of the New Bedford club was instrumental in getting us into the parade, set up for eye screenings, and promoting Lions overall. We're anticipating repeated participation and publicity with this event in the years to come.

Our second event was a reimagining of an annual staple in our district: The Seaside Walkfest (known for many years as "the canal walk" and for others as the "Blink of an Eye 5K"). In an exciting new venue, Lions were in center view smack dab in the middle of the park with several live bands, delicious food from food trucks, activities, and many info tables for our varying projects and initiatives. The event committee soared to new fundraising heights for Mass. Lions Eye Research Fund, raising over \$24,000! It was truly a triumph.

After this triumph, during the early stages of preparing for our district's staple annual service event Operation Shoebox, Hurricane Helene made landfall and devastated our Lion brothers and sisters in North Carolina. A herculean Multiple District effort was undertaken, spearheaded by our very own IPDG Debby Horner which raised \$17,000 for over 100 tons of raw materials and much-needed supplies across the state. Pairs of Lions transported these goods to the disaster-affected areas in large trucks, including 33 S Lions VDG Steve & PCT Nathan (Truck #2) and IPID Joyce & PDG Martin Middleton (Truck #5)

This high level of extraordinary service led us straight into our District Midwinter Conference in Hyannis, where our Midwinter Conference committee & host clubs (Bridgewater & West Bridgewater) treated our Lions to a spectacular event. Not-Monty Hall hosted a special for-one-night-only episode of *Let's Make a Deal* with a top prize covering the hotel stay for LCI Con in Orlando! Our guest for the weekend, PIP Douglas X. Alexander was the perfect inspiration at the midpoint of our year, inspiring Lions to *Make Their Mark* by *Serving from the Heart*. In addition to his wise message, he participated

alongside us in the great service project opportunities organized by our GST Holly Hill-Batista and GLT Sandy Fife. I would be remiss if I did not highlight and once again thank PCST Debbie Howland, PCST Pat Salvas and PDG Kathy Salem for their support and assistance in making the conference the success and fun time that it was.

Thus far, we've had 3 Cabinet Advisory meetings and will have our fourth (but not final) in April, followed by our Awards advisory in June. On May 10, we'll be utilizing a LCIF District & Community Impact Grant to host our annual district Day of Service. On May 18, the district Tech Summit will take place, including portal training, the reveal of our new District website & an introduction to Zeffy. Last but not least for this round of announcements, take note of our annual club officer training on May 29.

As of the writing of this report, we've raised just under \$70,000 for LCIF and over \$190,000 for MLERF. With 30% of the year left and end-of-year donations still ahead of us, this governor remains confident that we will achieve our goal of \$100,000 for LCIF and \$325,000 for MLERF! We're also well underway in revitalizing clubs in our district with PCC Deb Grassi working to relaunch the Dartmouth club and efforts underway to relaunch a club in the Taunton area.

In conclusion, the year is far from over and we're well on our way to accomplishing what we set out to do this year. It has been a profound privilege to serve as 33 S' District Governor this year. I want to thank my CS Martin Middleton and CT Chris Plonka for their support this year. I'm eternally grateful to my mentor, IPID Joyce Middleton, my partner in service and best friend Kay, and my brother-in-law Odin for keeping me sane and motivated throughout the year. As ever, I charge you my friends: *Voyage Ahead* and keep *Making Your Mark*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Middleton
District Governor, District 33 S
2024 -2025

MD33 Lions State Convention 2025
Report of the 33Y Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Fellow Lions, Leos and Distinguished Guests,

It has been an honor to serve as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for District Governor, Thom Swift.

This year we were able to publish a District Directory for the first time in many years. Thank you goes out from me to everyone who contributed information to complete that project.

This year we also had the privilege of facilitating a LCIF Grant to Goodwill Industries in the amount of \$8,400. This grant assisted in paying expenses to transport goods to food pantries located in the Berkshires.

The Mid-Winter Conference was held at the Sheraton Monarch Place Hotel in Springfield. It was a pleasure to meet Steven Middlemiss, International Director, and his wife LeeAnn who joined us for the weekend. The weekend was a fun and rewarding experience for all who attended. Donations from clubs in the district were received totaling \$42,050.

We are under budget as of this date and the restricted funds accounts are well-funded.

I have really enjoyed meeting so many Lions this year and learning so much about different clubs projects and service activities. It is my hope to see all of you again and be able not to call you just fellow Lions but friends, with a common service goal.

To sum up this year, I have been awed and inspired by the hospitality and generosity of the people and clubs in this district and beyond. This year has truly been a year of eye-opening experiences. Thank you, District Governor Thom, for selecting me to serve as your CST this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Sherman, CST

District 33Y

The International Association of Lions
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Lion Leaders, Fellow Lions, Leos and friends,

As this year has progressed, DG Denise and I have visited almost all of the clubs in our district and I'm looking forward to meeting the Lions of the rest of our awesome clubs as we continue visitations. We have had 3 well attended Advisory meetings. I'd like to thank the Worcester Lions for hosting our first, the Harvard Lions for hosting the second and the Athol Lions for the third. Your clubs did a wonderful job with the planning and facilitating of the events.

My time as CST started out on a very busy note because there had to be a Special Convention and vote when Past International Director Joyce Middleton announced her intention to seek the position of 3rd International President. Delegate counts for each club had to be determined and assignments made. The Convention of all 5 Massachusetts's Districts was held on Aug. 25 at Clara Barton Camp with PID Joyce acquiring the votes needed for her endorsement.

At the same time as the arrangements for the Special Convention were being made, the first half District A and Multiple District dues invoices had to be sent out. I'm happy to report that went smoothly. We are now in the process of collecting the second half dues and only have 3 clubs to go.

Unfortunately, the development of the DistrictA 2024-2025 directory was tricky. Due to the implementation of the new International Lions Portal many clubs had issues reporting their new officers and changes in meeting information in a timely manner. This led to the delay in my updating club information and completion of the directory for the printer. Thank you for your understanding and patience in waiting for distribution. We did end up with some errors so if your club has corrections, please let me know and I will send out the corrected information.

We enjoyed our Country Jamboree Mid-Winter Conference the weekend of February 14-16. It was very well attended. Thank you to members of other districts who join us for the fun and service.

It is my honor to serve as CST to our District Governor Denise and District 33A. Please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

CST Ann Marie Jameson

CST REPORT

STATE CONVENTION

DISTRICT 33N

This year District 33N Lions has been both challenging and rewarding as I served as Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. Despite the challenges we faced, particularly with the loss in leadership from having no 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor, our district's commitment to service and unity remained strong.

Together with Governor Mark, we worked diligently to ensure the district remained active and engaged, hosting District Advisories and fostering open communication across the districts by attending club meetings and events. We also placed a strong emphasis on leadership development within the district, ensuring training for all ELLI and RLLI participants was easily attainable. This enabled us to have a very successful Lions year.

One of the standout moments of the year for me was the Midwinter event, which was wonderful event with guest International Director Joanne Ogden in attendance. The event provided valuable insights and inspiration for all of us, by such things as participating in a service project for Beth's Giving Heart; created by an 18-year-old fellow lion in honor of losing her mother to help those in need.

Additionally, we have also been highly involved with The Movement Family and were able to collect donations to distribute at one of their events. We have also committed to hosting two dinners with them. The Movement Family located in Lawrence Ma is a family that comes together with volunteers to host meals and offer supplies to homeless people once a week.

Again, despite the hurdles, we were able to celebrate numerous successes. Many clubs hosted impactful projects, such as the Woburn Halloween Parade, the Concord service project "Seeing is believing event", The Shoe City "Coats for Kids Drive" the Reading Journey for Sight Road Race"

and the Dunstable Tyngsboro Operation Turkey all of which made significant contributions to their communities.

Additionally, we worked hard to revitalize the eyeglass program out of Lexington after the unfortunate loss of John Lucente from the Lexington Club.

Lastly, I have enjoyed the role as CST thoroughly as I have felt a great deal of accomplishment and success, while learning and collaborating with other fellow lions and under the leadership of Governor Mark Alexander.

Respectfully Submitted by:

CST Meghan DeMonico

Report of District 33K Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Mike McKenna

Dear Fellow Lions,

Wow! What a year so far - traveling in the district with DG Diana. As of today, together, we have attended 33 "Official" Club Visitations. As CST, I have been to every Club Visitation, except one.

We have also attended numerous anniversary events, holiday parties, fundraisers, service projects, and Four (4) Sister Mid-Winters.

DG Diana is doing her best in spreading the word of International President Fabrizio Oliveira in "Making our Mark," along with Mission 1.5. And the clubs are listening.

DG Diana has her special pin, she has been gifting to many of the Lions, at all our Visitations, it is a confirmed water goblet to toast to your passion – such as a tribute to all our global causes: Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, Youth, Disaster Aid and Childhood Cancer.

The Governor and I have traveled 1,468 miles together this Lions year – equivalent to driving from Millis, MA to the Topeka, KS Lions Club - it has been a journey of faith, hope, and love in spreading the great news of Lionism to all the clubs.

We have held three (3) Cabinet Meetings, and three (3) Advisory meetings. We are currently planning our final Cabinet meeting in May, and our final Advisory Meeting on June 9th. And save the date – June 22nd – The Governors Testimonial.

On the District and Multiple District Level - Ninety-five percent of the Clubs have paid first half-dues (45 out of 47); Second half dues: We are still in need of 8 clubs to pay 2nd half dues.

Our Restricted Funds account is well subsidized. We recently provided funding for hearing aids for one of the Clubs. We continue to accept many donations for LCIF, MLERF, and District 33K Programs and Charities.

We had a very successful Mid-Winter with \$186,973.00 in donations, \$95,207.00 to MLERF and \$47,615.00 to LCIF – we hope to reach 100k for 33k with LCIF donations this year.

One more thing, that's important to note: When Helen Keller spoke at the Lions International Convention on June 30, 1925, she addressed the 7,500 Lions in attendance with this important message: "I am your opportunity, clothed in visibility."

And on that day, now quickly approaching 100 years ago, she had faith in the Lions in becoming the Knights of the Blind; she had hope, a great feeling of expectation and desire for the Lions to make a difference in eradicating preventable blindness; and she had love, an intense feeling of deep affection for those in need.

So, - most importantly - what is your opportunity? Think about it – what is your opportunity?

Very simply – My opportunity was to do my very best as your CST. I was made for this! We, as Lions, are all made for these types of opportunities, essentially, we are all structured for great moments of meaningful service - all you need is faith, hope and love, just like Helen Keller had.

Respectively Submitted,

Mike McKenna, CST, District 33K,



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Massachusetts District 33S

Martin Middleton

Cabinet Secretary, 2024-2025

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It has been a great year so far traveling with the District Governor during his theme year of "Voyage Ahead". I have accompanied the District Governor on roughly half of his visitations to clubs. This week marks the end of scheduled visits to clubs, though he continues to attend club service projects and fundraisers.

This has been an extraordinary year, We have had several major changes to deal with this year including administering our clubs using the brand new portal. This has not been without its challenges, however most of the clubs have adapted well. We are all still learning our way around the portal and I ask all club officers to continue to keep open minds and to spend time learning how to do things "the Portal Way".

As Cabinet Secretary I want to personally thank the club presidents and secretaries for passing information on to their club members throughout the year. We have had several important events occur during this year, some of which required action within a very short period of time. I appreciate the clubs being responsive.

Thank you also for filling out your delegate forms and returning them to me. It makes conducting business during this convention much easier.

We still have approximately 1/3 of the year left to "Make our Mark". Please continue to support the District Governor's efforts to grow our existing clubs and expand some new ones. We all know the joy we get from being a part of the Lions family. Let's continue to spread that joy to others.

Martin Middleton

Cabinet Secretary,

Lions District 33S



To the Council and Lions of MD33:

As of March 30, there are 3 clubs with outstanding dues to District S. District 33S donated \$148,259 to MLERF and \$66,288 to LCIF but additional donations continue to be received.

Activities account has increased by \$28,745 and we have dispersed \$5,558.

Administration account maintains a surplus.

Fundraising

- Seaside Walkfest (MLERF):
\$30,296
- Mid-Winter: \$160,012 ○ MLERF:
\$117,962 ○ LCIF: \$13,800 ○
Activities: \$18,900 ○ Hearing
Foundation: \$3,700 ○ MD:
\$2,850 ○ Eye Mobile: \$2,800

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Plonka
Cabinet Treasurer, District 33S



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State Convention MD33 Leadership Committee Report

Council members & fellow Lions,

This year the leadership committee has been in full swing updating our training materials and offering new training opportunities including Guiding Lions training and a session for training trainers.

I am pleased to report that our committee met regularly on the first Sunday of the month and we've had good participation from all Districts, which has made things a lot easier for everyone involved.

Upcoming training sessions are as follows:

Train the Trainer: April 12 and 13th at Carroll Center for the Blind

Who Should Attend: We're asking the DGs and the 1st VDGs to supply us with candidates for this training - the form for doing so may be found here: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/MD33LionsClubs1/CandidatesForTrainTheTrainer>

The ideal person will be someone who is willing to devote time to training on the District and Multiple District level in the future.

It is important to note that as of today (March 20) we only have two people signed up – if the DGs and 1st VDGs could please think about this and recommend people!

ELLI Training - May 2 to 4 at Joslin Diabetes Camp

Who should Attend: Lions of all levels who have never attended ELLI are welcome to attend. We're encouraging DGs and VDGs to make recommendations and please do share this form with your RC/ZC for further recommendations. The link to this training will be found here: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/MD33LionsClubs1/EmergingLionsLeadershipInstituteMay2025>

As of today we have not had anyone register. To make this class a success, we need at least 25 participants.

NOTE: We're asking for the following:

DGs come on Sunday morning so they can see the skits 2nd VDGs and other members of the Leadership Team to assist with setup/meals, etc.

DGE / VDGE / CSTd Training - May 31 to June 1

Who should attend: All incoming DGs, VDGs, CS, CT, or CSTs and anyone who may be interested in learning more about these positions. The form will be forthcoming for registrations

Region/Zone Chair Training - June 14

Who Should Attend: All 2025 - 2026 Region/Zone Chairpersons
DGEs should plan to attend in the afternoon to meet with their RC/ZC
Please note: There will be NO CHARGE to the Region/Zone Chairs attending HOWEVER, each District WILL be asked to reimburse the MD for their portion of the expenses we incur (based on attendance).
Registration form will be forthcoming.

I hope whoever has the pleasure of serving as MD33 Leadership Chair during the 2025 – 2026 Lions year has as much support as I did this year.

I'd like to thank the Council for providing me the opportunity to serve the Lions of MD33 in this capacity. This is such an important committee for the entire MD.

Respectfully Submitted,
PDG Doreen Martel
Holliston Lions Club
District 33K



MD 33 GST REPORT 2024-2025

April 5, 2025

Committee: MD 33 Global Service Team

Chair: PDG Dawn Rice-Norton, 33K

1. Our Members, all terms expire 2025

Y	PCC Dennis Fountain
A	CC Colleen Oncay
N	Lions Karen MacPherson, Linda Rueher
K	Lions Lisa Munn, Tara Spellman
S	Lion Holly Hill-Batista

The 2024-2025 goals put forth by the MD 33 GST committee are as follows:

(those in *italics* are contained within LCI's definition of the role; current performance follows the goal in blue) :

Find a home location for electronic service toolbox/resource area readily available to Lions looking for information and tools to support their service and reporting. We began this project last year and much of the information is collected. We will continue these efforts this year. The tool box will include, but not be limited to:

"Why" of reporting	service planners	service calendar
LCIF grant resources	Collaborating w/LEOs	<i>100 service ideas</i>
"How" of reporting	Lions Portal training	LCIF power point
Specialty Club info	Mission 1.5 info	Advocacy

- ❖ **We continue to gather this information and hope to have it in its home by year's end**



Support our Clubs in their reporting efforts by continuing to take a pro-active, positive approach doing so and monitoring the progress toward this goal on at least a quarterly basis.

- We will support training needs for the new Lion Portal
- We wish to at least maintain our 70% reporting MD-wide.
- ❖ Each District has supported Portal training, though in some the task was taken on by the GLT
- ❖ Reporting currently stands at : Y 45%, A 67%, N 46%, K 57%, S 52% with the MD average at 54% with one quarter yet to go and we remain hopeful of meeting our goal of 70%
- ❖ Reporting on the Portal is extremely easy but this information gets overshadowed in some instances by the change=difficult way of thinking but each District is working hard to remain pro-active and positive

Collaborate with the other GAT members and GMA teams to further our shared objectives and support Mission 1.5

- Support Leadership with reporting/portal training expertise, Service Journey training, etc
- Aid member recruitment efforts by offering service at membership events
- Support a LEO Lion Workshop of some sort
- ❖ While this has not taken place at the MD level this year, each District has intact GAT committees, each of which has developed their own approach to this. During the Growth Workshops offered by Lions of the US and Affiliates via the Lions Virtual platform, attending Districts were tasked with forming a cohesive team to work on establishing a growth mindset. Attendance across the MD was variable, with District 33K leading the MD and having many of this team's plans featured on successive sessions. Some of the Districts held service events that welcomed participation by guests, though the net recruitment effect of this is not yet known



Identify an initiative that can be strengthened by LCIF resource utilization.

- Explore LCIF grants, especially CCGs available to support service efforts
- Support any needs of the proposed MD 33 Vision Screening Program

- ❖ Each District has made some use of CCG funds for projects with more ideas being considered. The MD 33 Vision Screening Program has not yet come to fruition

Support Clubs and Districts conducting advocacy and awareness projects.

Identify at least one advocacy opportunity in our area.

- ❖ The “shining star” for advocacy work in MD 33 continues to be the VIP Lions Club of 33A which continues its efforts to improve services for and understanding of the blind and visually impaired.
- ❖ In each District hunger and the continued post-covid economic needs of local residents continues to rise and each has responded accordingly, with awareness of these needs brought to the forefront on many levels.
- ❖ Also the District Eyemobiles continue to collaborate with various groups to bring much needed screening and vision/health care awareness into their communities.

Help our Districts to move toward positive net membership growth through service.

- Support IP Fabricio’s theme of Make Your Mark
- Offer resources and opportunities for Clubs to participate in service projects to engage current members and attract new, especially diverse, members.
- Support retention and extension through service growth, such as specialty clubs to formed to meet a specific service initiative.
- Encourage service projects that *include LEO participation and development*



- ❖ At least 3 of our 5 Districts have held projects involving both LEOs and Lions.
- ❖ None of our sub-Districts are currently at growth and no new Clubs have yet been formed though discussions in 33K have gone well and a new Club to support the needs of and advocacy for the Blind is developing
- ❖ Despite these situations, each GST Chair has diligently worked in their Districts to encourage opportunities and to provide these resources. Our 3-year retention rate for new Lions is at/above 90%, one of the highest percentages in our CA 1 Area F
- ❖ Despite lower than normal reporting percentages for all but one of our Districts as well as having one full quarter yet to go in this Lionistic year, we have reached 90% of our previous year's people served (799,011 of 891,515) and 83 % of our previous year's service hours (83,042 of 99,788)
- ❖ Our MD strongly supported hurricane relief efforts on NC, with 5 very full trucks of numerous pallets of goods sent to their collections centers. Additionally, several thousand dollars were collected and we continue to support long term relief efforts through this fund. This effort represented well orchestrated collaborative efforts of our Lions and should be a source of pride for all involved.

As demonstrated by the above information, we are certainly on track to have yet another amazing year of service in MD 33. This is the result of the commitment of our committee members and the Lions of Massachusetts who give so generously of their time and effort to improve our communities and the world. Service continues to drive Lion engagement and support local and global Lions' causes. We have improved the lives of so many in the areas of vision, hunger, pediatric cancer, diabetes, mental health, veterans causes, and we have worked to sustain and improve our environment. Local causes continue to receive the bulk of our efforts as we work to make our communities and so the world a better place.



While numbers are the quickest and most concrete measure of impact, they tell little/nothing of the impact itself. Nothing about the positive change made for each recipient-for some life-saving. Local pantries are kept well-stocked as efforts try to keep up with ongoing food insecurity. The homeless, the visually impaired, the hungry, those with diabetes, sick children, our veterans, our elders, the differently abled, promising/well spoken HS students, hard-working special Olympians-all have had their lives improved. If we look just beyond the numbers we find the stories and the connections our Clubs have forged in their communities and it is amazing.

Our MD 33 GST committee members are some of the most empathetic, hard-working, dedicated Lions it has been my pleasure to work alongside. Through my tenure as MD 33 GST I have been continuously both amazed and humbled by our incredibly dedicated and hard-serving Massachusetts Lions. Some people spend their lives wondering if they've made a difference, had an impact in someone's lives during their lifetime. The Lions of MD 33 certainly need not worry on that account!

I am so very proud to be a Lion in Massachusetts where it is we serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

PDG Dawn Rice-Norton, Chair MD 33 GST

2024-2025 Global Membership and Global Extension report

MD 33

MD 33 District Governors once again filled the GMT team with amazing lions. The GET team was created a little later and is slowly gaining steam.

We as a team have had monthly meetings to gain suggestions and solutions from each other. We have attended and become guiding lions to increase our knowledge and learn ways to grow clubs. Finally we have attended growth workshops. Now we work to grow our districts, clubs and add branches this year and plan for the next year. During our last growth session we discussed and reviewed our accomplishments.

District Y has been positive for the first half of the year and is working hard to finish the year positive. The GMT is visiting clubs with the District Governor to work on retention and adding new members. This is a fantastic way of showing how much we care and how much we want to work with clubs.

District A is encouraging twining to grow new friends and discuss ways to work together gaining new members and new ideas. Service projects is also how they are inviting new members.

District N reminds us that they have added more members this year then they had at this time last year and are pushing hard to end the year positive as they had last year. With a few ideas in the fire and lions that have the passion to grow and share how important lions are to the community, we will see growth.

District K has been working with zone chairs to have eye glass washing-membership drives. Thus far they have had two with a total of four planned before year end. An amazing way to introduce Lions to the community and invite volunteers. Take it one step further and market where the eyeglasses go and how many thousands are being helped. District K is also working with Perkins School for the Blind to start a new club. They are also working to start a branch club the Greater Boston Hispanic Club. Sharing stories and growing as we educate each other.

District S is working with clubs one at a time to help rejuvenate, motivate and educate. They are also encouraging having fun such as twining with active clubs, game nights as member drives. Working with the future team to create a branch club.

We are currently at 5853 members and have added 383 members with 499 dropped members. This means that on average we have added almost 2 members per club. If we end with each club one positive we will have 6059 members. With the passion this state has and the work that is being planned along with amazing service projects I can see MD 33 meeting this goal.

Thank-you District Governor for giving me the opportunity to work with these amazing teams.

Respectfully submitted

PCC Deb Grassi

All State Band Committee Mid-Year Report

Committee Members:

District Y: PDG Greg Prentice

District A: Marilyn Holway

District N: Vacant

District K: 2VDG Kristine Shanahan & Bonnie Lieberman

District S: Nathan Garren **Committee Meetings:** Meeting held at District K's midwinter; an update given to each about current applications and needs. Next meeting planned for State Convention for finalization of Band week. In meantime, communication goes out via email and text.

Progress:

Band activity is in full swing between fundraising and selling tickets. I have broken down each project below for update:

ADs: we have received one ad to date. Still reaching out and asking for additional sponsorships from businesses and clubs from all 5 districts

Applications: We have a total of 45 applications, and the band directors have looked over the applications and are making instrument selections. Students will be emailed at the end of March and then Band directors will be reaching out to students introducing and making any instrument changes if necessary. We received 13 applications from District A, all have sponsors, 12 applications from District N, 3 still need club sponsorship, 10 from District K all with sponsors and 10 from District S with 2 still needing sponsors.

Money War: we continue to accept donations from individuals that will be credited to each district. Final donations to be calculated towards district totals can be made at the sales table during State convention. The winning district will receive 10 free concert tickets. Current standings as of March 17th, 2025, are as follows:

District Y (2nd Place) \$156

District A (**1st Place**) \$306

District N (3rd Place) \$154

District K (4th Place) \$116

District S (5th Place) \$28

Tickets: Ticket are on sale at \$10 each. We are selling through Zeffy and have in-person tickets available from committee members and at the sales table.

Next Steps:

We will be emailing schools, parents and clubs to increase ticket sales and sell program book space for shout outs. Program book will be sent for printing based on number of ticket sales with extras for walk ins.

We are currently looking for meal sponsorships for Friday night Pizza and salad and Saturday Lunch subs/sandwiches with chips. An email has gone out to each district with more details and additional ways for clubs that may not have sponsored a student to help and contribute to making this year a success. Waiting to hear from the Council on the status of CORI's as each chaperone will need to complete a CORI check.

Will be renting a truck to transport instruments from school to hotel and then back to school.

Will also be renting bus for transporting students Friday for rehearsal/set up and Saturday for Concert.

May need a police detail, waiting to hear back from Worcester Police.

Gift bags and T-shirts for each student will be ordered in the first week of April.

Committee members are encouraged to sell tickets. The final meeting before the students' arrival is Wednesday April 23 at 6pm. We look forward to seeing everyone at the concert. Doors open at 2pm. The concert starts shortly thereafter.

Thank you

2VDG Kristine Shanahan



Multiple District 33
Constitution and By-Laws Committee
2024-2025

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April 5, 2025

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee worked closely with the Multiple District 33 Council of Governors this year discussing, making suggestions and revising proposals to update the Constitution and By-Laws. We took into consideration their comments and recommendations.

I would like to thank the committee for their dedication this year: PCST Lionel Carbonneau (A); PDG David “Willy” Wilson (N); PCC Ray Moreau (S); and many thanks to PCC Jean M. Wilder (Y) for doing so much to keep us on track and her guidance.

The Committee met five times in person and on Zoom to make recommended changes to seven (7) Articles of the MD33 Lions Constitution and By-Laws. You, as Lions may have read the many changes sent out by the Multiple District 33 Cabinet Secretary Treasurers. Please take into consideration the proposed changes to be voted on at the Saturday morning Business Meeting at the Seacrest Hotel in Falmouth, Massachusetts on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Once again, thank you to the Multiple District 33 Council of Governors, Council Chairperson Colleen Oncay and Parliamentarian PCC Charlie Menard for allowing us to work as a team to make these changes this year.

Yours in Lionism,
Respectfully submitted,
PCC William P. Donnellan (K)
MD 33 CBL Chairperson 2024-2025

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(LIONS INTERNATIONAL)

2025 State Flag Committee Report

This year we successfully moved all flags to the 210 Self Storage on 210 SW Cutoff, Worcester Ma. 01604. This is a 5x10 unit in which shelves were made for the back wall, and carts were made for moveable storage. This unit is on the 3rd floor, climate control, with security. This year the cost will be \$74.00 per month. We started to go through flags checking for damage and upgrading tubes. Tubes are being color coded by painting them:

*Yellow - Lions *Brown – Country *Green – State *Blue-Military

We are asking all clubs and districts to fill out the FLAG REQUEST FORM two weeks in advance of needed dates. Also include contact information. Flags and stands will be ready at the storage areas for time of pickup. Flags must be returned to storage unit after date needed, unless other arrangements have been confirmed by the Flag Committee Chair. Donations may be made for use to the State Flag Fund.

Thank you all for your support and cooperation.

Respectably submitted,

PDG/GLT Curt Jameson

State Flag Chairperson

Lions Club International Convention
PCS Sharon Pecci
PDG Tony Pecci

The International Convention will be held from July 13-17, 2025 in Orlando, Florida. It will be held at the Orange County Convention Center. This year LCI has given people the option of booking their rooms for themselves. Please check the LCI convention website for booking information, especially if you would like to stay somewhere with your friends.

The members of the ICC have been working on their assignments. District Y members, PDG Mary and Chris Brittan, were responsible for receiving and distributing the state pins for sale. New District A ICC members PDG Babe and PDG Cindy Mainini will be in charge of getting out invitations to the caucus and reception. District N members, PDG Tony and Sharon Pecci are chairing the committee this year. District K members PDG Matthew Richardson and VDG Anthony Baliola will be planning the caucus and reception. And finally, District S, PDG Bev Dillon and Ben Ellis are in charge of our parade arrangements.

Our committee met once around Christmas, to share a meal and make plans for the convention.

STATE PINS:

State pins have been sold at all Lions events throughout the State and will be sold at the State Convention. The pins are \$5.00.

INVITATIONS:

As soon as we have a definite total of attendees, the invitations will go out.

CAUCUS and RECEPTION:

Plans are still being made for a fun location located a short walk from the Convention Center. The date is still up in the air, but a decision will be made shortly. Word has it that the chairs of our committee, PDG Tony and Lion Sharon, sampled some margaritas and food at the location and approved.

PARADE:

PDG Bev Dillon and Ben Ellis have secured our place in the parade. We will be marching as the United States, alphabetically by state. IPID Joyce Middleton will be marching with Massachusetts.

As chairs of the ICC, it is our job to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible at the convention and to have as many answers to whatever questions come up.

See you in Orlando!

Respectfully submitted,
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International Convention Committee Chairs
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State Convention Report 2025 IT Committee

Because the IT committee was so proactive over the last few years, we have had little to deal with this year outside of keeping the MD33 website updated which DG Middleton has done a fantastic job with.

We have expanded the use of the Congito forms to include some clubs across the multiple, we have more information on the MD33 GDrive and we have paid forward the GDrive account so that we're not being billed every month.

While we did try to get all of the MD33 websites on the same payment schedule, it does appear that we have missed one of them (Youth Exchange) and that will be addressed before the end of March.

Going forward, the IT committee should encourage the DGs to share with their Lions Clubs how useful the GDrive function is for maintaining Club records in a secure location. Since the GDrive is free to use, this is a great way to maintain records including taxes, secretary reports, treasurer reports, and Club event templates.

IT committee should work in conjunction with the Leadership Committee to continue offering training on how to use this valuable tool.

It has been a pleasure serving on this committee over the last five years and we have accomplished a lot of great things that will benefit the Lions of MD33.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Martel
Holliston Lions Club
District 33K



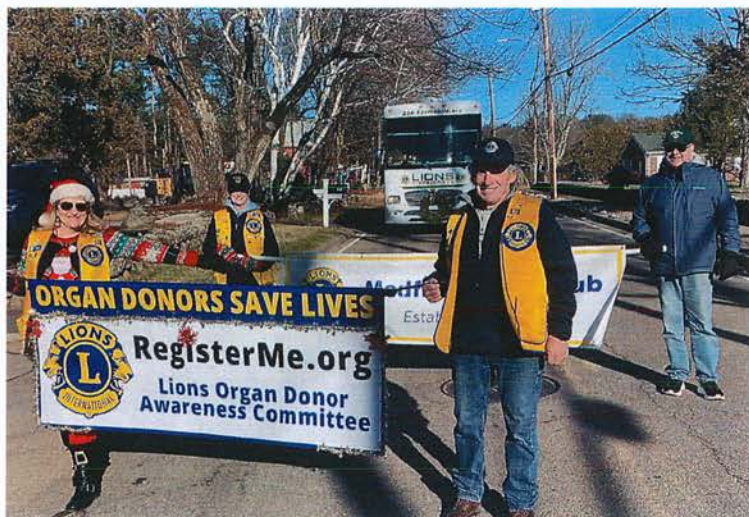
The Lions Organ Donation Awareness Committee (known as the acronym LODA) has a goal of educating and assisting people with registering as an Organ and Tissue donor. A major part of this work is to dispel myths surrounding registration.

We have LODA branded pins, with a new design. These pins are made especially for Lions who are registered Organ and Tissue Donors. Recipients are asked to wear these with pride. We also have branded pens available that are given out at advisories, club meetings and available at all event tables.

We have continued our association with the New England Donor Services (NEDS), which has provided us with educational opportunities and promotional giveaways, as well as helping to connect our committee with volunteers who are Lions, who may not have heard of LODA. We recently teamed up with NEDS for a Promotional Banner that includes the Lions Logo that NEDS will be using at events around New England. These NEDS sponsored events always have media present.

We are pleased to report that our committee is growing and hope that continues, allowing us to reach our goals more effectively. LODA has representation in 4 out of the 5 Districts in Massachusetts. We also will arrange events in the District that is not represented. It is important to have LODA members have the correct information. Training is available through watching a webinar on "How to be effective in raising awareness" and websites to read through before a new member answers questions from the public or from other Lions. There is a mentor program available which is highly recommended for new members, where new members shadow experienced members at events before going out on their own.

We ask that members who are not already registered to please consider doing so and if there are questions that we can answer or an interest in joining us, please reach out. We ask that if you have not already done so, to please visit our Facebook page which is updated often and to remember that Organ Donation Saves Lives.



Marching in the Medfield Holiday Parade with the Eyemobile.

LODA has had a presence at the following events in 2024/2025

Somerset Club meeting March 2025
 Waltham Club meeting March 2025
 Medfield Club meeting Feb 2025
 Granby Club meeting Feb 2025
Chowder Fest Medfield 11/9/24 yearly
Barktober Fest 10/20/24 now yearly
Medfield Health Fair October yearly
Mendon Community Day 10/13/24 now yearly
Cycle for Life, Holliston 10/5/24 yearly
Mendon Public Safety Day 9/21/24 now yearly
Holliston Parade - signage 5/11/24 now yearly
Our Lady of Fatima Hospital Staff Health Fair, RI April yearly
State Convention yearly if a member is available
Boston State House April - LODA presence yearly
Lions Polar Plunge, Wrentham April yearly
Hunters Run 5K Medfield April yearly
Medway Lions club 2024
Midwinters - Feb yearly
Dec Medfield Holiday Parade yearly
Advisories when member is available
Club meetings when asked to be a speaker

LCIF:

Good morning MD 33 Lions and potential Lions all.

Let me begin by introducing and thanking YOUR MD 33 LCIF team: (If you're here please stand for a moment)

33Y PCC Dennis Fountain

33Y IPDG Jeff Turner

33A PDG Cindy Mainini

33N PCC Dave O'Brien

33N PDG Marcel Plouffe

33K PDG Andrew Porter

33S PDG Martin Middleton

33S PCC Deb Grassi

It's been a great year for our MD team who have worked hard and continued to succeed in 2024-2025. We have much to be proud of. Let me first say that a great year is not strictly defined by monetary goals. This team has successfully led our MD in significantly exceeding our monetary goals, successful in pursuing LCIF grant funding for local projects, and successful in building district awareness of our Lions Club International Foundation and its impact near and far.

Our MD has made continuing efforts & made marginal progress in expanding our network of LCIF Club Coordinators to include direct LCIF specific communication with our 206 clubs. Having LCIF club coordinators allows for dissemination & sharing of information in a more dependable manner. Your MD LCIF team looks forward to continuing to build and utilize this network more fully in the coming year.

In addition to our district LCIF coordinators we recognize the commendable work of the Global Service Team; specifically, Colleen Oncay, Dawn Rice Norton, and Holly Hill-Baptiste who have assisted our MD LCIF Team in finding meaningful projects to support across our Multiple District.

Our team's year began with attending the LCIF Coordinators' Summit in San Antonio, Texas in July 2024. 2 DCs from Y, 1 from A, 2 DCs from N, and 2 DCs from S as well as the MD Coordinator attended and contributed well to the 2-day planning summit.

Presentations, visitations, and communications have been made in various modes across the state to most every club.

Thus far in 2024-2025: 37 MJFs and 24 Progressive Melvin Jones fellowships have been presented. Our total numbers of Melvin Jones Fellow is 3548 & Progressive MJFs is 329.

I'm pleased to report the following specifics of your districts' fundraising & donations efforts.

Thus far, MD 33's overall contributions to LCIF for the 2024-2025 year are \$246,374.69 an increase of \$43,526 over last year's balance at the same time. We have an assigned goal of \$181,146 for the MD and we are at 136% of that goal. Congratulations to (K: 206%, S: 165%) for having significantly exceeded their assigned goal this year! Districts Y, A, and N are all in striking distance of achieving their assigned goal at 85%, 85%, and 91% respectively. Additionally, overall we are at 84% of LCIF Chairman PIP Patti Hill's stretch goal of \$294,361. Districts K and S have met their assigned stretch goals at 126% and 101% respectively.

As of 3/28/25: **Y: \$19,284.72** **A: \$31,616** **N: \$30,351.63** **K: \$91,666** **S: \$71,751**

Kudos to (currently) **126** clubs and many generous individual contributors who have made supporting OUR Lions Clubs International Foundation a priority.

As in years past, while we MD 33 Lions have been generous with donations to our LCI Foundation, our LCI Foundation has been even more generous with us over time. To date since 1982 MD 33 and its districts have received \$3,575,349 in grant funding.

We currently have 15 open LCIF grants totaling \$707,145.00.

Two grants (\$273,676) 1.) Diabetes Teaching Kitchen at Joslin Camp 2.) Food Pantry in 33S are in the final stages of completing closing paperwork. We estimate closure before the May LCIF trustees meeting.

Between May 2024 - March 2025 we have applied for & received 5 grants (district/MD & DCGS) totaling \$116,678. Those grant monies have funded these projects:

33 S	5/3/2024	\$1,278	DCG Impact	Purchase AED for Raynham Public Building (Raynham)
33	5/10/2024	\$100,000	Matching	Boston Children's Hospital Pediatric Retinal Diag
33	9/26/2024	\$8,400.00	DCG Impact	Support Hunger Relief in the Berkshires
33 A	10/28/2024	\$4,900.00	DCG Impact	Storage Container Westborough Food Pantry
33 S	12/4/2024	\$2,100.00	DCG Impact	Supporting Fire Safety (W Bridgewater)

In our "partnership" between MLERF & LCIF we have received over \$1.5 million dollars from LCIF for our Presidential Grants --- that partnership between the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund and our Lions Clubs International Foundation has funded lab equipment and other needs for our local Eye Research institutes. We currently have 1 LCIF grant submitted that is in review for Tufts University/MLERF and is Pending Approval at the May 2025 Trustees meeting.

Thank you to the current and immediate past governors for their diligence in seeking out need and exercising the LCIF funding process for our local projects allowing our Lions to provide meaningful service with highly visible projects in our local towns.

Several of our Districts have utilized their District & Club Impact Grants in exciting and novel ways. This LCIF created programs allows for any CLUB who has donated \$5000 or more in unrestricted funds (Empowering Service) in the fiscal year to apply for a grant of 15% of their donation. These grants may be used in local club or district projects and may be used as the matching part of a larger grant. The monies may be accumulated for up to 15 years. The DCG program works the same for a DISTRICT's unrestricted donations of \$10,000 or more. When a club does not reach the \$5000 threshold those monies can apply to the \$10,000 threshold for the Districts' available DCG. "Un-restricted" means that the donations need to have been made to "Area of Greatest Need" or "Empowering Service". Disaster relief donations do not accrue credit toward the DCG program. All donations are available for MJF credit.

As of this report there are District & Community Impact Grant monies available to our districts as follows:

33Y : \$6,673
33A : \$5,313
33N : \$12,568
33K : \$18,268
33S : \$12,299

Last year several of the districts utilized a portion of their DCG monies to fund projects. In addition to the DCG grants listed above, 33N will be doing a meal for veterans & seniors, 33S filled backpacks for homeless vets & tied blankets at their mid-winter and will have a day of service in May where 10,000 meals will be packed and distributed locally. There are several other projects being considered in the last ¼ of 2024-2025.

The Boylston, Milford, Holliston, Marlboro, Quincy, Medway, Newburyport, Newburyport, and Bridgewater Community Lions Club have balances available to them. Your District's Coordinator can provide more information about how easy it is to request and utilize these grant funds that are YOURS for the asking.

All of this means that, once again, funds above the amounts that we have contributed have been received back into our Multiple District. Thank you for using YOUR foundation to energize & mobilize your service while bringing visibility of LIONS efforts in Massachusetts!

We have another exciting way for all clubs, Lions, and friends to participate in the Lions Foundation --- the upcoming Tell-A-Thon on the web on June 1st, 2025. It'll be a fun afternoon of entertainment and empowerment with stories of great hope and humanitarianism. I hope you'll tune in and make a personal donation (be sure to provide your club's name and our Multiple District in the attribution).

Please consider asking your club to make a donation or an additional donation to LCIF before mid-June and bring your club's totals and our districts and state's totals to new heights! Bringing someone into the Melvin Jones Fellowship is a meaningful way to honor someone -- celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or other special occasion. Imagine the pride in being able to call YOUR club a 100% Melvin Jones Club by having EVERY member be a Fellow or Progressive Fellow!

I leave you with one last thought: if you knew that your personal donation of \$100 could provide cataract surgery for 2 people, or provide access to clean water to 14 people or provide a Lions Quest curriculum to an entire classroom for 1 year -- would you try to make it happen? YOU personally can be that hero, that Knight of Humanity -- please consider committing to a monthly donation of \$8.33 or more and help more LIONS in their efforts to changing the World for the Better.

Thank you for this opportunity as MD LCIF coordinator -- it is truly an honor to serve in this capacity.

International Association of Lions Clubs



Past District Governor Doreen Martel
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State Convention 2025 Long-Range Planning

This committee has worked tirelessly to update the MD33 Lions Policy and Procedures Manual which has been outdated since 2006.

Currently we have broken out some of the “pieces” of the manual to provide better access to those who need specific materials. These components were:

Lions Installation & Necrology Services
CORI screening and procedures
Protocol and Precedence
Qualifying and Electing District Officers

These “standalone” documents will be linked in the final version of the policy manual which we anticipate having completed by May 1. We chose this date because we want to capture the new changes to the ByLaws which will be voted on at the State Convention on April 5th.

This year we also recommended some changes to the ByLaws including changing the GLT, GMT, and GST Chairpersons to three-year terms subject to ratification annually by the new District Governors.

Overhauling the manual has been a very significant task that has taken many hours of work. Hopefully going forward, the Council of Governors will ensure that it is updated annually with any appropriate changes.

It has been a pleasure serving on this committee over the last five years and thank you for the opportunity to work on something that will be meaningful to the Lions of MD33.

Respectfully Submitted
Doreen Martel
District 33K

The International Association of Lions Clubs
(Lions Clubs International)



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April 2025

This statewide service project of Ma Lions Low Vision (MLLVN) has really taken off in the past few years. We have a committee that is made up of members from each Sub-District.

This year, we have printed brochures about our low vision network with an updated website showing all the representatives from each district. We've set a goal of making 3 low vision presentations to Senior Centers or Council on Aging and schedule 5 Low Vision Assessments from each District.

We are fortunate enough to be able to work with our Sight & Hearing Committees to fund cases where recommended Low Vision tools are beyond the patient's financial reach.

We count 100% on MA Lions clubs' donations to sustain this program. We're available to make low vision presentations to any senior centers in your area. We're available to come to your club and describe this program. Our District Representatives are as follows:

District Y: Claudette Placzek	413-364-6700
District A: Marianna Riemer	508-729-3988
District N: Jeffrey Hill	978-578-1448
District K: Dr. Deb Wayne	617-233-7336
District S: Rhonda Garran	508-274-1266

There's no more satisfying feeling than calling a patient with the news that the Lions have approved paying for the Low Vision tools they need and couldn't afford. This is why we are all volunteers, and Together We Serve.

www.Lowvisionnetwork.com

April 5, 2025

To: MD33 Council of Governors

From: Paul Viano Jr., PCC, Chair
International Convention Pin Design Committee

Subj: Annual Report

The International Convention Pin Design Committee is made up of PDG Pam Hodgkins (Y), Lion Ann Marie Decoteau (A), PDG Jeannine Gentleman (N), Lion Michael Francoeur (S) and myself.

The duties of the Committee are to design a state pin(s) each year for the International Convention. There are two important results that need to be accomplished with the state pins. First, to provide pins that are of a quality that Lions will want to purchase a set and that Convention attendees will be able to trade in the name of friendship should they choose to do so; and second, to provide income to the International Convention Committee to help support its expenses that include a cocktail party. Until relatively recently, state pin sales income has traditionally been the largest percentage of total income for the International Convention Committee.

The state pins for the 2026 International Convention in Hong Kong were presented to the Council on February 23rd but the Council failed to vote on the recommendation of the Pin Design Committee. Once approved, the designs will be passed on to the International Convention Committee.

The goal of the Committee continues to be that of providing the Lions of Massachusetts with outstanding state pins that they can be proud of when they attend International Conventions in the future.

Youth Camps and Exchange Report

This year of 2024-2025 the YCE committee is disappointed that there will not be a Massachusetts Youth Camp and Exchange held in the coming summer of 2025. Due to a couple of factors it was impossible to prepare and execute the Exchange and Camp in a way that would have been in keeping with the excellent manner of program development as has been done in the past.

Several of our committee chairs were and are being called to other positions in the MD, and there was no one to pull it all together. Also, the timing of the International Convention did not lend itself to holding the camp portion with the kind of support that the students require at the precise time the convention was held.

As we think ahead, and as I have heard from previous hosts and Lions there are indications that once again our district can be looking forward to hosting our youth exchange and camp next year in the summer of '26.

The members of our prior committee that have worked to make an extraordinary Host family and Camp experience were from the following Districts. District A- 1st VDG Andrew Keane, District N- Katie Sirois, District K- PCC Bill Donnellan, 1st VDG Anthony Baliola, Lion Sharon Levy; and District S- 2nd VDG Jesse Armell.

*****NOTE WELL*****

WE SEEK INTERESTED LIONS FROM EACH OF THE 5 DISTRICTS TO CHAIR THEIR DISTRICTS YCE, AND OTHER LIONS INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE COMMITTEE FROM EACH DISTRICT.

Yours in Lionism,

Jesse J. Armell III, 2nd VDG-S, 2023-2024 chair MD33YEC

MD33 Youth Speech Committee Report April 2025

The Youth Speech Committee started our meetings in late summer. We reviewed what was successful and what needs improvement from last year's contest, also held at the Sea Crest.

Most of it ran smoothly but there was some confusion about rooms for the judges and contestants, we have these minor glitches all taken care of for this year's contest.

The individuals that make up this committee are passionate and truly immersed in all things that make this contest a highlight of the state convention. They are as follows: District Y - PDG

Pamela Hodgkins and Steve Fink,

District A - Emerson Wheeler,

District N - Paul McElheney,

District K - Steve Small,

District S - PDG Bob Coluci, These Lions are true professionals. We met almost monthly since August discussing the regional contests, what needed to happen, and when. I am still learning, as a third year member but again, this committee helps out when any question arises.

This year's theme is "The Best Advice I ever received was....". The participants certainly did not disappoint. Each student came up with their own version of the best advice and I was very impressed at the different topics they came up with. They weren't your typical "Do Your Best" or "Strive for Perfection" which I thought we would get a lot of. The five winners of the Regional contests are going to astound the audience at this year's MA Lions MD33 State Convention.

The committee has stated in the past that we need more participation from the high schools in our districts. We can work to achieve this by communicating with our high schools. A good place to start is the Drama club, Debate Club, Public Speaking Classes or Clubs, or English classes that do public speaking. If any Lion knows anyone in their local high school, that is all it takes. Get the ball rolling, the committee will help out any way we can. An underused tool for information is the MA Lions Youth Speech Contest website, www.lionsyouthspeech.org, everything a student or teacher needs can be found here from entrance forms to rules and regulations, contact names, and the district map. I encourage all Lions to look at the website, get to know what is going on, and start spreading the word.

The committee would like to thank our 2024-2025 District Governors, The State Cabinet, and all Lions Members that help make our MD33 clubs great!

Yours In Lionism,

MD33 Youth Speech Chair

Paul McElheney Jr

Mass Lions Eye Research Fund

STATE CONVENTION Report

APRIL 5, 2025

It is an honor to serve as the President of Massachusetts Eye Research this year. We have already had a busy and productive year. Thank you for the donations that have already been made, and those to come. Your support is what makes this the fine Foundation that it is. The officers for the foundation this year are: Bev Dillon, President; Bob Grover, Secretary; Pat Kalicki, 1stVP; Brenda MacPherson 2ndVP; Dr. James Roth, Treasurer; and Maryann Bankman, representative from District 33Y. The BOD has been meeting monthly since July. Grant packets were sent out in August to the six research hospitals that MLERF currently supports: Boston University Hospital, Children's Hospital, Joslin, Mass Eye & Ear, Schepens, and Tufts. All hospitals have returned their applications by the required deadline, December 1, 2024. The Grants Committee reviewed the applications to make sure they meet the requirements for basic research grants. Awards will be made to the hospitals at the awards banquet in August for eligible projects using funds that were raised in the 2023-2024 Lionistic year which totaled \$919,491.00. The grants are seed money to be used for novel research which often leads to major grants from organizations like the National Institute of Health. The Grants Committee has voted to award Schepens \$130,000 as they only submitted two projects totaling this amount. The other five institutions will each receive \$158,000. Each year a Presidential Grant is given for capital projects to one of these supported hospitals on a rotating basis. These grants are a combination of MLERF funds with matching funds from LCIF. In the past the cap was \$200,000.00 but now this has been increased to the possibility of awarding \$300,000.00. This year the grant request is for Tufts. The application has been submitted and will be reviewed by the LCI Board of Directors at their May meeting. We have made in-person visits to Schepens, Tufts, and Children's where presentations by the researchers we are funding and a tour of their labs were given.

Dates have been set for BU in April and Joslin in June. We are still waiting for a date to visit Mass Eye & Ear. I will share information regarding these dates with the districts as the dates get closer. The 2nd Opinion Program promoted by IPP John Riemer is being continued this year. Each District has a contact person. If any Lion, family member, or friend needs to be seen for a second opinion we can help. Because of our support, the research hospitals will get our referrals seen, when necessary, within a week or two versus months of waiting. Our investment policy handled by Rockland Trust has been approved by the Board of Directors. It is more aggressive than years past in hopes of increasing its yield. Money raised each year is invested for a year so that the interest accrued can be used to fund the expenses of the corporation, leaving all donations raised to go directly to grants. The structure of the organization was reviewed by an Ad Hoc Committee and some changes were voted on by the Board of Directors. The positions of 3rd Vice President and Executive Director are eliminated starting in July of 2025. The President is required to appoint a director from any District that is not represented on the Executive Board. There will continue to be four representatives on the Board of Directors going forward. Our Assistant Treasurer has sent a letter of resignation, so we are working on voting on a replacement. Our website is: www/mlerfi.com. Please take some time to look it over. Of special interest are the success stories that will bring home just how much our hard work and donations change peoples' lives. Please stop by our display table. We have a presentation running with some statistics and a very moving success story video. There are pamphlets, presidential pins available for \$20.00, second opinion cards, and Celebration Gift Donation Envelopes available.

Thank you for your support and hard work in the fight against preventable blindness.

Respectfully submitted,

DG Bev Dillon, MLERF President 2024-2025



Massachusetts Multiple District 33 2025 State Convention Rules of Order

Order of Business: The regular order of business of this convention shall be outlined in the official program as arranged by the State Convention Committee and approved by the Council of Governors.

Resolutions: No resolution shall be considered by this convention unless all the requirements of the Multiple District 33 Constitution and By-Laws have been satisfied. Courtesy resolutions must be in the hands of the Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson or their representative by **8:00 am on Saturday, April 5, 2025**, for presentation to the body during the Saturday business meeting. Courtesy resolutions must be in writing and have the signatures of fifteen (15) Lions in good standing, and, if adopted, will be recorded in the minutes of the State Convention Report.

Voting: Only officially certified delegates, present at the meeting, shall vote. Voting delegates must represent a Multiple District Lions Club in good standing. Each club shall be entitled to voting members on the basis of one (1) for each ten (10) regular members or major fraction thereof. Five (5) or more members shall be considered a major fraction. Discounted members (family, student, or any other discounted membership) shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation. The number of eligible members in each club shall be in accordance with the records of Lions Clubs International as of **March 1, 2025**, representing memberships of a year and a day and as recorded on Lions Club's International's list of certified delegate count for elections on **April 6, 2025**, provided however, that each club be entitled to at least one (1) delegate. Voting on questions before the Multiple District 33 shall be by raising, in hand, the delegate card. Each present District Governor and present and Past International Director shall be an accredited voting delegate and shall not be included in the delegate quota of their club. The present District Governors shall cast their votes subsequent to the corresponding votes of the body of delegates.

Certification of Delegates: Each Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer (CST) shall maintain their Districts' delegate and alternate card control list; said cards shall be issued by the CST's only to those members certified to vote by their respective club President or Secretary or District Governor, where applicable. It shall be the delegate's responsibility to return previously issued cards to their respective Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for a proper exchange.

Quorum: A minimum of twenty-five (25) certified delegates in attendance with representation from each District shall constitute a quorum at any business session of the convention duly called by the Council of Governors.

Multiple District 33 Credentials Committee: This committee shall be composed of the District Governors, their Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers and shall be chaired by the Council Vice-Chairperson. The Chairperson may appoint from this committee, a Co-Chairperson who shall compile the credential statistics and report the same to the convention when called for.

Multiple District 33 Nominations & Elections Committee: The Nominations & Election Committee, for the endorsement of a candidate for the office of International Director shall be comprised of the Chairperson of each District Nominations & Election Committee and the Vice-Chairperson of the State Council of Governors. The Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Governors shall be the Chairperson of this Nominations & Election Committee. Each candidate for endorsement of a candidate for the office of International Director shall have the right to appoint an individual to supervise the nominations and election process.



Massachusetts Multiple District 33 2025 State Convention Rules of Order

Elections: Balloting for District Governors, First Vice-District Governors, and Second Vice-District Governors shall be held on **April 6, 2025** at the polling places and times as designated in the official convention program. Following International Protocol (International By-Laws Article IX Section 6) there will be a written secret ballot. In order to be declared elected the candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting. Each District Governor shall prepare a written ballot for their district.

Motions: There will be no discussion from the floor until a proper motion has been made and seconded.

Motion to Suspend the Rules: A motion to suspend the rules may be entertained at any time when no question is pending; or while a question is pending, provided it is for the purpose connected with that question. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those cast are required.

Addressing the Convention: After a proper motion has been made and seconded, any Lion may address the convention after being recognized by the meeting Chairperson. Lions asking to be recognized will first give their **full name and identify their club and district**.

Time: Delegates speaking on any recognized motion will be limited, as to time, at the discretion of the meeting Chairperson. However, the Chairperson will allow equal time to each side of the discussion. Debate can be cut off by a duly made and seconded motion to "move the question" which receives a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

New Business: New business shall only be in order at each session of the convention at the conclusion of the regular established program.

Challenging a Vote or Procedure: A delegate, or alternate acting on behalf of such delegate, may challenge any vote taken, or the procedure at any meeting. The Chairperson of the meeting, where a challenge is made, will call for nineteen (19) additional delegates to stand in support of the challenge. If twenty (20) delegates do such a challenge, the meeting Chairperson will appoint tellers to count the actual vote for and against. If nineteen (19) additional delegates do not rise in support of the challenge, then the original count shall be accepted.

Reconsideration of Action: No duly made, seconded and voted motion, resolution or action of the convention shall be given reconsideration for a change in voting or tabling unless such reconsideration is brought up within that particular day's business session in which the motion, resolution or action was originally voted.

The Rules of the Convention and the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 33 shall prevail on all matters pertaining to the conduct of the convention. Unless otherwise provided by the foregoing, all questions of order or procedure shall be determined in accordance with **Robert's Rules of Order**.

MASSACHUSETTS MULTIPLE DISTRICT (MD33) CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
Proposals for vote at April 4-6, 2025 State Convention

Proposed by MD33 CBL Committee: Chair Bill Donnellan, PCC (K), Jean M. Wilder, PCC (Y), Lionel Carbonneau, PCST (A), David Wilson, PDG (N), Ray Moreau, PCC (S), In conjunction with the MD33 2024-2025 Council of Governors.

NOTE: *Changes approved by the Lions at the MD33 Lions State Convention, April 4-6, 2025, that affect other portions of the CBLs will be updated as housekeeping changes.*

PROPOSED MD33 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES:

1. ARTICLE IV STATE ORGANIZATION, SECTION 17 (PG 10)

CURRENT WORDING:

There shall be a **Multiple District State Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) Committee**

PROPOSAL:

Eliminate the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) committee, it is no longer supported by LCI, and can be incorporated into the Marketing committee.

2. ARTICLE VI STATE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 9 Global Membership Team (pg 9)

SECTION 14 Global Leadership Team (pg 10)

SECTION 22 Global Service Team (pg 10)

CURRENT WORDING:

All 3 sections state, in part, the MD33 Coordinators for these Teams will be:

“appointed by the Council of Governors for a one (1) year term..... “

PROPOSED WORDING:

In all 3 sections, it is to state, the MD33 Coordinators for these Teams will be:

“...appointed by the Council of Governors for a non-binding 3 (three) year term, with the second and third year of said term being subject to re-affirmation by the new Council of Governors.

3. Article VIII Council of Governors Funds, Section 1 Per Capita Dues, paragraph 5 (pg 12)

CURRENT WORDING:

They shall be expended only for such disbursements as approved by the Council of Governors, on warrants, and the checks drawn shall be signed by the Council Treasurer and then countersigned by either the Council Chairperson or the Council Vice-Chairperson.

PROPOSED WORDING:

They shall be expended only for such disbursements as approved by the Council of Governors, on warrants, and the checks drawn shall be signed by the Council Treasurer or other duly authorized Council Officer.

4. Article VIII Council of Governors Funds, Section 3 (pg 13)

CURRENT WORDING:

If a committee ceases to exist or it has been determined that excess funds have accumulated in an account, the Council of Governors may make a proposal, for a vote at the next State Convention, to reallocate said funds. The reallocated funds would not be available until the next fiscal year.

PROPOSAL 1 by the Council of Governors:

Move the balance of funds in the MD33 LEHP as of 6/30/25 (\$3200+) to the Marketing Committee.

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PROPOSAL 2 by the Council of Governors:

Move \$3000 from State Lions Programs & Projects to State Flag committee (approx. \$1000 annually for storage, new flags, repairs, etc.)

6. **ARTICLE VIII COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS FUNDS,SECTION 1 PER CAPITA DUES:** (pg 12)**CURRENT WORDING:**

In order to provide the Council of Governors with revenue to defray expenses of the annual State Convention, International Convention, and Council of Governors expenses an annual per capita rate of \$3.00 shall be levied upon each member in the State, said tax to be apportioned to the administrative accounts as follows:

State Convention expense	\$1.0275
International Convention expense	\$0.7500
State Council expense	\$0.2500
Global Membership	\$0.2300
Long Range Planning	\$0.0050
State Band Committee	\$0.0200
State Youth Exchange	\$0.0800
Global Leadership	\$0.3000
Lions Eye Health Program	\$0.0150
Information & Technology Committee	\$0.1475
State Leos Committee	\$0.0250
State Lions Programs and Projects	\$0.1500
Global Service	<u>\$0.0000</u>
Total	\$3.0000

PROPOSED WORDING:

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Long Range Planning Committee	\$0.0050
Marketing Committee	\$0.0150*
State Band Committee	\$0.0200
State Leos Committee	\$0.0250
State Lions Programs and Projects Committee	\$0.1500
State Flag Committee	\$0.0000
State Youth Exchange Committee	<u>\$0.0800</u>
Total	\$3.0000

*LEHP funding of .015 moved to Marketing Committee

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Lions Eye Health Program Committee	\$0.0015
Long Range Planning Committee	\$0.0050
Marketing Committee	\$0.0000
State Band Committee	\$0.0200
State Leos Committee	\$0.0250
State Lions Programs and Projects Committee	\$0.0900**
State Flag Committee	\$0.0600**
State Youth Exchange Committee	<u>\$0.0800</u>
Total	\$3.0000

**State Lions Programs & Projects Committee funding of .06 moved to the State Flag Committee

PROPOSED MD33 BY-LAWS CHANGES:

8. ARTICLE II DUTIES, SECTION 3 COUNCIL TREASURER, item c (pg 22);

CURRENT WORDING:

(c) Receive and give proper receipts for all dues and taxes required to be paid over to them by the sub-district Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers, deposit the same in a bank or banks designated by the Council of Governors, and disburse the same

under the supervision and control of the Council of Governors by checks drawn against said deposits signed by them and countersigned by the Council Chairperson or other duly authorized council member

PROPOSED WORDING:

(c) Receive and give proper receipts for all dues and taxes required to be paid over to them by the sub-district Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers, deposit the same in a bank or banks designated by the Council of Governors, and disburse the same under the supervision and control of the Council of Governors by checks drawn against said deposits signed by the Council Treasurer or other duly authorized Council Officer.

9. **ARTICLE VI DUTIES, SECTION 32 COUNCIL BOOKKEEPER** (pg 34)

CURRENT WORDING:

Council Bookkeeper. The Council Bookkeeper shall maintain all the detailed financial records of the Council of Governors throughout their term. They will work closely with the Council Treasurer to provide all reports required by the Treasurer.

PROPOSED WORDING:

Council Bookkeeper. The Council Bookkeeper shall maintain all the detailed financial records of the Council of Governors throughout their term. They will work closely with the Treasurer to provide reports required by the Treasurer. The following responsibilities may be assigned to the Council Bookkeeper by the Treasurer.

- a) Receive, prepare, and oversee source documents for all transactions, operations and other events of the Council.
- b) Determine and recommend a Financial reporting System needed for producing and maintaining accurate financial records consistent with accepted financial practices.
- c) Produce and distribute appropriate and consistent financial reports as needed.
- d) Maintain and provide backups for all the detailed records.
- e) Enter Annual Budgeted Information into the appropriate Financial Reporting System. Provide Budget Variance Reports as requested.
- f) Attend and participate in Council of Governor Meetings as requested
- g) Have "View Only Access" to all Council of Governor accounts to verify/validate all transactions performed and assure the proper amounts have been recorded.
- h) Shall turn over all records and documents upon request by the Council Officers and/or at the end of their term to their successor.
- i) These duties to be effective immediately upon approval by a vote of the MD33 Lions at the 2025 MD33 State Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chr. PCC Bill Donnellan

Proposal Explanations by the MD33 Council of Governors

PROPOSAL 1 LEHP

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV STATE ORGANIZATION, SECTION 17 (pg. 10)

To eliminate the MD33 Lions Eye Health Program Committee, as it is no longer supported by LCI and its efforts can be incorporated into the Marketing committee. (2/3 affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 2 THREE YEAR TERMS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IV STATE ORGANIZATION

SECTION 9 (pg. 9) **Global Membership Team, SECTION 14** (pg. 10) **Global Leadership Team**

SECTION 22 (pg. 10) **Global Service Team**

To allow appointment of Multiple District (State) Global Action Team Chairpersons for 3 years. The second and third year appointments may or may not be reaffirmed by the following Councils. (2/3 affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 3 COUNTERSIGNATURE

CONSTITUTION Article VIII Council of Governors Funds, Section 1 Per Capita Dues, paragraph 5 (pg. 12)

To eliminate the Countersignature requirement on MD33 Council checks, as banks no longer recognize more than one signature. (2/3 affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 4 LEHP FUNDS

CONSTITUTION Article VIII Council of Governors Funds, Section (pg. 13)

To transfer the balance of funds in the MD33 LEHP as of 6/30/25 (\$3200+) to the Marketing Committee. (2/3 affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 5 DUES P&P to FLAGS

CONSTITUTION Article VIII Council of Governors Funds, Section 3 (pg. 13)

To transfer \$3000 from the State Lions Programs & Projects to State Flag Committee, which requires approx. \$1000 annually for storage, new flags, repairs, etc. (2/3 affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 6 DUES LEHP to MARKETING

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS FUNDS, SECTION 1 PER CAPITA DUES: (pg. 12)

To reallocate \$.015 of MD33 Dues reserved for LEHP to Marketing (2/3 affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 7 DUES P&P to FLAGS

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS FUNDS, SECTION 1 PER CAPITA DUES: (pg. 12)

To reallocate \$.06 of MD 33 Dues from Programs and Projects to Flag Committee (2/3 affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 8 COUNTERSIGNATURE

BYLAWS ARTICLE II Section 3c Council Treasurer (pg. 22)

To eliminate the Countersignature requirement on Council check in the Bylaws, as banks no longer recognize more than one signature. (majority affirmative vote required)

PROPOSAL 9 BOOKKEEPER

BYLAWS ARTICLE VI DUTIES, SECTION 32 COUNCIL BOOKKEEPER (pg. 34)

To detail the duties of the Bookkeeper. (majority affirmative vote required)