



**District 27-B1 State Convention Minutes**  
**Saturday May 15, 2021**  
**KI Center Green Bay**  
**Meeting to start at 10:15 am to 11:30 am**  
**Meeting Room B 1**

CERTIFICATION TOOK PLACE PRIOR to SCHEDULED MEETING TIME  
By CST Lion Dave Holschbach

1. **Call to order @ 10:15 am** by District Governor Tom Wendt
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by IPDG Michael De Baere

3. **PID Connie LeCleur-Meyer** introduced **International 2nd VP Brian Sheehan** from Minnesota. VP Brian spoke to the group about **RETENTION**. Retention is VERY IMPORTANT to maintain membership in clubs. Things are changing and clubs are losing members. VP Brian present DG Tom Wendt and DGE BJ Blahnik with his symbolic **STRESS** Penguin and also gave DG Tom his personal Friendship banner. He thanked both for their leadership.

**ID candidate Lee Vrieze** and CC Mary Vrieze also made an appearance and thanked everyone for their support. He is being held back one year for that position.

**Representatives of the Menomonie Lions** also stopped and made a bid for their club to host the State Lions Bowling tournament for the 2023 site.

4. **Song & Prayer** was led by Lion Barb Leichtfuss. In appreciation of our country, the song was "My Country Tis of Thee"

5. **Welcome:** District Governor Tom Wendt welcomed all the Lions in attendance to the convention and district meeting.

6. **Old Business:**

**A. District Reading Machines update:** DG Tom thanked Lion Mike Roberts of the Plymouth Lions for demonstrating the Proigi Humanware Reading machine. Over 40 machines have been ordered previously and working on another order of 25. We have an opportunity to purchase the units which normally sell for \$1595.00 plus shipping for a reduced Lions only cost of \$895.00 including shipment. Delivery and training will take place at a to be determined date and location, deadline to secure a Reading Machine will be May 27, 2021. Don't miss out on this terrific price as we will definitely never get a price comparable again.

**B. District training update:** Thank you to all that attended. It was a HUGE success, over 40 attendees. This was one of DG Tom's goals for his year. We hope to continue in the future.

**C. Voting referendums:** There are only 2 things to vote on this year. The current resolution is to clean up the verbiage in the MD27 constitution and bylaws to remove any mention of Lioness. They will officially cease on June 30. This will also change the number of members on the Council of Governors.

**D. DG Tom - Remarks - Year wrap up:** This year has been a **HUGE** success. The convention was a hard decision - Yes or No to have one, the district had a lot of money tied up. His club visits are heavy now, however, he still has some dates open. He plans a smooth transition to DGE BJ's term.

## 7. New Business:

**A. DGE BJ Blahnik:** Lion BJ commended DG Tom on how he managed the year with Covid-19, he had a great year. DGE BJ plans a lot of changes in the coming year. It is a **NEW** century and an opportunity for GROWTH and CHANGE. His theme will be **TEAMWORK** between all Clubs, Zones and Members. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Lion Greg Kubichka will be in charge of Global Service, we need leadership to have direct connect with clubs. 1st Vice Lion Dave Brinkman will be in charge of MyLCI/MyLION. DGE BJ wants to create a ladder system to build leadership. He plans to reactivate the Long Range Planning for the district. **IT'S YOUR DISTRICT !** He intends to create a LIONS SPIRIT AWARD for a club level member to recognize them for their hard work. It's the centennial year, Let's CELEBRATE all year.

**B. 2021 Convention** update by DGE BJ, will be held in Sheboygan at the Blue Harbor Resort on November 12,13, & 14. The committee has been meeting and plans to have FUN for everyone with speakers at all meals and possibly training on Sunday. Let's build Teamwork! THANK YOU for trusting in him and he asks for your support.

**C. 1st VDE Dave Brinkman** was attending leadership training in Atlanta. He did send this information. His plans call for continuing training for his term with emphasis on making clubs better. He will also assist members of the District Cabinet to better serve all the district clubs.

**8. Closing Remarks by DG Tom:** DG Tom reminded all clubs to get their incoming officers recorded in MyLCI. There still are 20+ clubs not reported, Due date is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

PDG Fred Gebhart reported on Vision Screening that since September until May there have been 3,448 screened with 317 referrals. PDG Fred thanked PDG Dave Lee for getting him interested in vision screening. Vision screeners in attendance were recognized. B1 takes the extra step. Thanks to everyone for their support.

DG Tom presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Barb Leichtfuss of the Van Dyne Lions. Lion Barb was very helpful to DG Tom for hosting the district cabinet meetings and saving money, she also served on his cabinet.

Lion Bob Newton of the Sheboygan Falls Lions presented DG Tom with a handmade custom bowl in commemoration of his year. Since 2020 was a virtual year, he also presented IPDG Michael De Baere with one also. The wood used in the bowls is from all around the world symbolic of LIONS.

PDG Jerry Post honored DG Tom as being someone who kept everyone FOCUSED this year of the pandemic. **STANDING OVATION**

PDG Dave Lee gave an update on the Childhood Cancer. Lion Sri received a Progressive Melvin Jones from the past district governors for his 4-year commitment to the Flow Cyclometer Project.

DG Tom thanked his Partner in Service Lion Roxanne and all of the PDG's for their support.

## 9. Adjournment - DG Tom Wendt at 11:30 am

**Additional Certification** will be done by CST Dave Holschbach until 2 pm.  
52 Lions in attendance at district meeting  
47 Lions certified and 37 voted.

Respectfully submitted CST Lion Dave Holschbach