

DISTRICT 35-L PRE-CABINET MEETING

Date: November 15, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Location: High Springs Lions Club

These minutes have been prepared by Brittany Young, District 35L Secretary.

Members Present:

Lions Sue Hooten, Brittany Young, DG Suzi Rodgers, 1VDG George Niles, 2VDG Susan Oliva, Malcolm Hay, IPDG Greg Seltzer, PDG Bobby Wright, Debbie Duncan, Denise Williams, Dan Mauldin, PDG Jerry Skuffe

1. Disaster Trailer

- Background was given on the need for a second district disaster trailer. Two used trailers were considered:
 1. 6' x 12' trailer (Chipley)
 - 2017, double-axle, drop-down ramp; previously used for a lawn service.
 - Exterior currently lettered "Southern Oak Properties"; would require removal and a new wrap (approx. \$1,000).
 - Asking price \$3,500; owner willing to sell for \$3,000.
 - No electrical outlets; would require additional work to outfit for charging/operations.
 2. 14' x 8' "Palatka" trailer (vending trailer)
 - Double-axle vending-style trailer previously used for festivals and food sales.
 - Includes interior electrical wiring, outlets, and service window; already has Lions logos.
 - Purchase price: \$4,000.

Motion:

- *To purchase the 14' x 8' Palatka trailer for \$4,000, with title to be transferred to District 35-L, and to store it with the current disaster trailer until equipment can be redistributed.*
 - Moved by: 2VDG Susan Oliva
 - Seconded by: 1VDG George Niles
 - Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

2. District Entities / Contributions

- Discussion was held on district "entities" (organizations supported by district-level giving)
- Concerns raised:
 - Clubs feel overwhelmed by long lists of entities at the international, multiple-district, and district levels and feel obligated to support all of them.
 - Some entities have not been reviewed ("vetted") in years; there is uncertainty about their current status, funding sources, and effectiveness.
- Points and ideas discussed:
 - Priority should be given to organizations that are not already fully funded by government or large national programs (example: diabetes camp relying solely on donations).
 - Consider a simple application process for district entities so financials, use of funds, and alignment with Lions' causes can be reviewed.
 - Possibility that each sitting District Governor highlights one focus entity per year, rather than maintaining a long list of required entities.
 - Need to clearly communicate that all entity lists (International, MD-35, and District) are suggestions only; clubs are not required to support every entity and may prioritize local needs.

Outcome:

- By consensus, cabinet members will write down and email their suggested criteria and potential entities to DG Suzi Rodgers.
- These will be compiled for further discussion and possible development of an application/vetting process and an updated recommended entities list.

3. LCIF Grant Money (Empowering Service Fund – approx. \$18,232.62)

- The district currently has \$18,232.62 in LCIF funds designated for Empowering Service (not eligible for disaster use).

- Discussion emphasized that:
 - Funds should be actively used in the community rather than sitting unused for years (though LCIF allows a 15-year window).
 - Two programs within or near the district were highlighted:
 1. Canine Companions (including a prison-based puppy-raising program in Jackson County that needs kennels, dog bath, cages, toys, etc.)
 2. Leader Dogs for the Blind (represented in MD-35 by Lion Meredith Mason of Jax Beaches).
- In addition, there was discussion of purchasing a lensometer/eye machine to help process recycled eyeglasses locally and support vision projects within the district. Prices vary, and more research is needed.

Motion: *To allocate LCIF Empowering Service funds as follows: \$2,500 to Canine Companions and \$2,500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind (total \$5,000).*

- Moved by: Lion Brittany Young
- Seconded by: IPDG Greg Seltzer
- Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Further Action:

- The cabinet will research pricing and options for a lensometer or similar equipment for district use and bring proposals to a future meeting.

4. Northeast Florida Hearing Foundation (NEFHF)

- NEFHF was formerly a district entity but has been largely inactive for several years.
- Background:
 - Estimated balance of approx. \$30,000 has been sitting in the foundation fund, used only to keep the nonprofit registration current.
 - Officers currently listed include: President – Sue Hooten; Vice President – PDG Bobby Wright; Treasurer/Secretary – Shirley Schuler.
 - A prior meeting (April) with Shirley and others generated discussion but no clear action plan.
- Discussion:
 - There is an urgent need to clarify financial status and leadership due to Shirley’s age and health.
 - Proposal to shift the focus of the foundation away from refurbishing used hearing aids and instead partner with Starkey Cares, which:
 - Provides new hearing aids with exams and follow-up at a relatively low program cost.
 - Works through local hearing centers across our area.
 - The foundation could help clubs with application fees so local residents can obtain Starkey Cares hearing aids, allowing clubs to keep service local while leveraging the foundation’s funds.
 - Lion Susan Oliva expressed willingness to take the lead on moving the foundation forward.

Outcome:

- Item tabled for now.
- Action steps:
 - Lion Sue Hooten and 2VDG Susan Oliva will contact Shirley Schuler to obtain an up-to-date financial report and begin the process of updating officers and bank records.
 - A Zoom meeting will be scheduled to re-establish the Board of Directors and refine the foundation’s mission, including potential partnership with Starkey Cares.

5. Potential New Club – Belleview

- Lion Malcolm Hay reported on a potential new Lions club in Belleview (Ocala area).
- Robert Voss (Orange Blossom Lions Club, District O) serves as the City of Belleview event coordinator and sees a need for a Lions club in that community.
- Robert is willing to help with contacts and introductions.
- Malcolm’s club is willing to serve as the sponsoring club, and Malcolm could serve as Guiding Lion once the club is chartered.

Outcome:

- Information item only at this stage; cabinet expressed support for exploring the Belleview club opportunity further.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was **adjourned at 10:05 a.m.**

District 35-L Cabinet Advisory Meeting – Minutes

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Location: High Springs Lions Clubhouse, 29600 West US Highway 27, High Springs, FL

These minutes have been prepared by Brittany Young, District 35L Secretary.

In Attendance: Alachua (1), Calhoun-Liberty (1), Cedar Key (2), Chipley Falling Waters (3), Fleming Island (1), Gainesville (1), High Springs (12), Jacksonville RAW (2), Jax Lions Quest of 35-L Cyber (1), Jefferson County (2), Newberry (2), Ocala (1), Ocala 200 (1), Ocala Fort King (3), Palatka New Vision (2), Pensacola (2), Tallahassee (5), Turkey Creek (2)

1. Call to Order

DG Rodgers called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the High Springs Lions Clubhouse.

2. Invocation - Invocation was given by IPDG Dr. Greg Seltzer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Welcome and Host Club Greetings - High Springs Lions Club President Lion Louis Giardina

5. Introduction of Head Table and PDGs - Lion Denise Williams

6. Roll Call of Clubs - Cabinet Secretary Brittany Young

7. Approval of Previous Minutes

Members were provided copies of the minutes from the August 2, 2025 Cabinet Meeting.

- A motion to approve the 08/02/2025 Cabinet minutes by Sue Hooten. Seconded by Maria Coon.
- There being no discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

8. Treasurer's Report - John Hopkins was absent due to a prior commitment; the written October financial report had not yet been circulated.

DG Suzi Rodgers reported on behalf of the Treasurer:

- The district is in good financial standing and has not spent all budgeted funds.
- Copies of the October financial report will be distributed when received from Treasurer John Hopkins.
- Questions regarding district and multiple district finances should be directed to Treasurer Hooten.

DG and Treasurer's remarks on club dues:

- Several clubs remain in arrears, particularly on district and multiple district dues.
- Clubs often pay international dues but overlook MD and district dues.
- All clubs were asked to verify that their treasurer has paid dues for the previous six months and that the correct contact and email information are on file so invoices reach the right person.

No motion was required; report was accepted for information.

9. Pre-Cabinet / Board Meeting Report & Motions

Cabinet Secretary Brittany Young reported on actions and recommendations from the earlier pre-cabinet meeting (officers, zone chairs and PDGs).

9.1 Disaster Trailer – Purchase Approval

The pre-cabinet discussed the need for a second district disaster trailer.

- Option 1: 6' x 12' double-axle trailer for \$3,000 (would still need wrapping, electrical, and outfitting).
- Option 2: 14' x 8' trailer for \$4,000, already wrapped with Lions logos, wired for electric, and equipped.

The pre-cabinet recommended purchasing the 14' x 8' trailer from an existing Lions club, using money from the District Disaster Fund.

Motion: To approve purchase of the 14' x 8' disaster trailer for \$4,000 from the Disaster Fund.

- Motion was made by Maria Coon and seconded by Louis Giardina.
- Vote was taken; motion carried with no opposition.

9.2 Review of District Entities / Charities

The district's list of suggested "entities" (supported charities) has not been formally reviewed for many years.

- The pre-cabinet is re-evaluating the list to ensure all entities are active, vetted nonprofits and that clubs have good options for support.

No formal action required; information only.

9.3 LCIF "Giving Back" Funds – Dog Programs

DG Suzi Rodgers and Cabinet Secretary Brittny Young reported that the district currently has approximately \$18,000 in LCIF "giving back" funds.

A proposal was brought forward:

- Donate \$2,500 to Canine Companions (prison-based service dog training program in Marianna, working with Lions).
- Donate \$2,500 to Leader Dogs for the Blind to support guide dog training.

Motion: To allocate \$2,500 from LCIF "giving back" funds to Canine Companions and \$2,500 to Leader Dogs.

- Motion was made by PDG Greg Seltzer and seconded by Rita Stefanowicz.
- After discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

The district will also investigate pricing for lensometers (eyeglass readers) for use in preparing donated glasses for missions.

9.4 Northeast Florida Hearing Foundation

2VDG Susan Oliva and Lion Sue Hooten are working to revamp and re-energize the Northeast Florida Hearing Foundation to restore hearing-aid support within the district.

Key points:

- Each club may appoint up to two members to serve on the Foundation's board.
- The Foundation needs active board members from across the district.
- Meetings will primarily be by Zoom a few times per year.

Clubs interested in hearing projects were encouraged to appoint representatives.

9.5 Potential New Club – Belleview

1VDG George Niles and Lion Malcolm Hay are working on development of a new Lions club in Belleview, an area that previously had clubs and shows strong need for renewed Lions presence.

10. GAT REPORTS

10.1 GST / GET – 1st Vice District Governor George Niles

1VDG George Niles gave the Global Service Team (GST) and Global Extension Team (GET) report.

- **GST – Global Service Team**
 - GST is all Lions doing service; it focuses on identifying and meeting community needs in vision, hunger, environment, disaster relief, diabetes, and mental health.
 - He highlighted the September 23 vision screening at Jacksonville Jaguars Stadium for Boys & Girls Clubs:
 - 682 youth were screened;
 - 185 referrals were made for follow-up eye care.
 - This was the second year for this project and it is expected to become an annual event, sponsored in part by Johnson & Johnson. Volunteers are needed for future screenings.
- **GET – Global Extension Team**
 - GET is responsible for new club development.
 - The team continually surveys communities where clubs have closed or where needs are not being met, seeking opportunities to form new clubs and club branches.
 - Emphasis was placed on recruiting younger members (30 and under), embracing new ideas and social media outreach, and modeling active service to retain new Lions.
 - Lions were encouraged to always have applications available and to simply ask, "Would you like to be a Lion?"

10.2 GLT – Global Leadership Team

DG Suzi Rodgers reported for the GLT, which is a team approach rather than a single chair:

- Team members: Cabinet Secretary Brittny Young, PDG John Hopkins, 1VDG George Niles, 2VDG Susan Oliva, and PCC Stan Rodgers.
- Activities:
 - Two officer trainings and zone chair / Guiding Lion training were completed earlier in the year.
 - An “Ask Us Anything” Zoom session is scheduled for Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Central (2:30 p.m. Eastern) for any Lions with questions about Lions operations, leadership, or club issues. Access information is in the district newsletter; Lions may email Cabinet Secretary Young to receive the link.
 - Planning has already begun for June 2026 officer and leadership training for the 2026-2027 officers (presidents, secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs, etc.).
 - Recent trainings have been held in one room, so everyone hears everyone else’s responsibilities, fostering understanding of how all officers work together.
 - Training is open not only to current officers but to any Lion interested in becoming a leader.

10.3 GMT – Global Membership Team – Lion Brittny Young

Cabinet Secretary and GMT Coordinator Lion Brittny Young presented a motivational membership talk entitled “The Recipe for Being a Lion.” Key points:

- Lions have abundant resources—websites, newsletters, emails, meetings—but must choose how to use them.
- Members must model service: “Do as I do,” not just “Do as I say.” If new members don’t see Lions serving, they won’t serve either.
- Lions should be visible in the community, not just meeting for dinner once or twice a month.
- Unmet needs (hungry children, seniors choosing medicine over food, people needing glasses) should not be dismissed as “someone else’s job.” The fact that you heard about the need may mean you are called to act.
- “If there’s a Lion, there’s a way” – but only if Lions act, do, and serve.

Administrative note:

Lion Brittny Young reminded everyone that all Lions should be receiving district emails. If anyone is not, it likely means their email address is missing or outdated in the LCI portal.

11. Club Bragging / Reports (Highlights)

DG Suzi Rodgers opened the floor for “club bragging” to share service ideas. Highlights included:

High Springs Lions Club (Host Club)

- Presented a video of recent projects, including:
 - Monthly community socials and upcoming Thanksgiving dinner;
 - Youth soccer sponsorship and field facility improvement, funded by selling food at games;
 - Blanket drive with over 130 blankets collected;
 - “Dream Machine” motorcycle poker run fundraiser;
 - Sandbag filling for hurricane relief;
 - Annual Christmas tree lighting (Dec. 6);
 - Gold Star Families festival;
 - Community yard sale and various raffles;
 - Vision assistance for multiple local residents;
 - “Scary-oke” Halloween event and soup/chili cook-off;
 - Prom/formalwear closet providing free dresses and tuxes to students;
 - “Feel the Music” fundraiser benefitting the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (over \$13,000 raised);
 - Large car show fundraiser with proceeds for diabetes camp.

Orange Park Lions Club

- 1VDG George Niles reported the club has been revitalized under Lion Mike Poulette:
 - Reactivated eyeglass screening equipment previously unused since 2018;
 - Active food drives and clothes closet support;
 - Strong visibility with the town council and community;
 - Three new members recently inducted;
 - Lion Mike was named Lion of the Year.

Gulf Breeze Lions Club (New Club)

- Charter in April 2025, charter night held in September; members are predominantly under age 35.
- Successful "\$500-a-day" raffle calendar, raising approximately \$15,000 for community projects.
- Environmental awareness project in partnership with the Gulf Breeze Zoo (naming the Lion).
- Holiday "giving baskets" – approximately 50 food boxes for families during school Christmas break.
- Active pop-tab collection for Ronald McDonald House.
- Planning a Leo Club at Gulf Breeze High School.

Pensacola / A1C Avengers Branch

- Reported delivery of 7 lbs 4 oz (9,189) pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House—enough to cover a power bill.
- A1C Avengers branch club focuses on diabetes and vision:
 - Sorting and transporting large volumes of donated eyeglasses for missions;
 - Vision screening of children in homeless shelters, in cooperation with Pensacola Eye Clinic.

Turkey Creek Lions Club

- Recent projects included:
 - 870 lbs of food collected and donated to Catholic Charities and Community Outreach;
 - 1,932 lbs of clothing collected for Helping Hands thrift store.

Ocala 200 Lions Club

- Food donations to food banks and backpack programs; meals provided for the homeless.
- Eyeglass recycling: approximately 650 pairs processed this year.
- Vision assistance for at least 15 individuals so far this Lions year.
- Health fair participation with 85 glucose screenings, ~20 referrals for follow-up.
- Fundraisers: four flea markets per year, poinsettia sale (roughly 800 plants sold, with support from Fort King Lions), Salvation Army bell-ringing, and a cornhole tournament co-hosted with Fort King Lions.

Ocala Lions Club

- Preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary on March 26, 2026; membership goal of "100 for 100."
- Long-standing community service including vision care and support of the Florida Center for the Blind.

St. Augustine Lions Club

- Vision screening program for young children in local schools
- Around 48 individuals are currently approved for exams and glasses.
- Large seafood festival fundraiser with 80% of proceeds reinvested into local projects.

Alachua Lions Club

- Holiday food baskets for families in partnership with Farm Bureau.
- Coats for Kids fundraiser raised over \$3,000 to supply coats for children in all four Alachua schools.
- Support and promotion of Promised Land Family Ministries, a faith-based farm ministry that provides monthly food distributions and youth education.

Tallahassee Lions Club / Lloyd Branch

- Boston butt fundraiser and toy-wagon raffle.
- Lloyd branch club actively hosts bingo and other activities to engage the community.

Chipley / Falling Waters Lions Club

- Cooperative projects with Kiwanis and the Women's Club, including collection of backpacks and comfort items for children entering foster care (donated to DCF).
- Planning to host a "Dinner in the Dark" event to raise awareness of vision issues.
- Annual Boston butt sale and scholarship support.
- Blanket drive conducted with support from the local Walmart (post-holiday blanket donations).

12. LCIF & Pin Announcements - DG Suzi Rodgers

12.1 MD 35 Pin Design Contest

DG Suzi Rodgers announced a Multiple District 35 pin design contest:

- Theme “Americana” for the May 2026 MD convention (250th anniversary of the United States).
- A separate pin will be created for LionsCon Hong Kong 2026.
- Contest guidelines and submission instructions were distributed.
- Submissions must be from grass-roots Lions (not cabinet officers or PDGs). Designs are to be sent directly to the MD office.

12.2 LCIF Contributions & Presidential Pins

DG Rodgers reminded members about the 2024–25 LCIF presidential recognition pins:

- Bronze pin: \$50–\$99 donation
- Silver pin: \$100–\$199 donation
- Gold pin: \$200+ donation

These donations support global LCIF service grants, including disaster relief and district grant programs.

- The district LCIF goal for the year is approximately \$35,000; current giving is about 37% of goal.
- Last year District 35-L raised approximately \$147,000, one of only six districts in Constitutional Area 1 to exceed \$100,000.
- Lions were encouraged to give what they can, individually or through their clubs.

12.3 LCIF Legacy Society

PDG Greg Seltzer reported on the LCIF Legacy Society:

- Lions can include LCIF in their estate planning, committing a minimum of \$10,000 payable upon their passing (or earlier if desired).
- Last year, 31 Lions in the district made Legacy commitments totaling \$310,000.

13. Presentation: Lions Saving Sight (LSS) - Presenter: Lion Judy Seltzer, Director of Operations

13.1 Introduction & Organizational Update

Lion Seltzer provided an overview of Lions Saving Sight (formerly the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind).

- The organization has undergone a name change, website update, and operational improvements to reflect its core mission: saving sight through surgical intervention, not eyeglass services.
- *Eyeglasses remain the responsibility of individual clubs.* LSS handles surgery only, including cataract and retina procedures.

13.2 District L Service Numbers (Since May)

LSS has provided 25 surgeries for District 35-L residents:

- 17 simple cataract surgeries
- 4 complex cataracts (sometimes determined while patient is on the surgical table — LSS approves immediately)
- 4 retina repairs (including urgent cases requiring same-day approval)

Lion Seltzer emphasized the urgency of retina issues:

“A retina tear cannot wait. If we don’t treat it today, the patient can lose their vision.”

13.3 Concern: Only Four Clubs Sending Applicants

Despite the large population of District L, only four clubs have submitted any surgical applicants:

- Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Crestview, Ocala Fort King

13.4 Intake & Physician Partner Challenges

Critical Need: No current physician partners in Jacksonville, Arlington, or Daytona Beach.

LSS is working to establish surgeons in these regions.

13.5 Testimonials & Public Awareness

The LSS website will begin featuring patient testimonials, including one upcoming from a Crestview client who underwent complex cataract and retina procedures.

A moving case was shared: One District L resident received four procedures totaling nearly \$8,000 in services at discounted partner rates.

13.6 Donation Appeal & Program Updates

Lion Seltzer clarified:

- LSS no longer charges patients or clubs the \$200 combined exam/surgery fee.
- LSS absorbs examination costs by negotiating bundled surgeon rates.

She encouraged clubs to consider redirecting former exam-fee funds into donations to LSS to help sustain services.

13.7 New Website & Resources

Clubs were encouraged to visit the updated site: lionssavings.org

Includes applications, information, blog posts, and contact details.

14. Remarks: President of Lions Saving Sight – Lion Bobby Wright

Lion Bobby Wright addressed the meeting to highlight LSS restructuring efforts:

- Expanding the website with clearer definitions, updated forms, and board/member information.
- Updating terminology: “Project Chairs” are now formally titled Intake Administrators.
- Emphasized legal protections and HIPAA compliance.
- Explained the budget year (April–May) and importance of early donations for the next year’s surgical commitments.
- Encouraged clubs to become LSS members:

Lion Judi shared a touching update:

- A family requested that the obituary of a deceased surgical patient include: “In lieu of flowers, please donate to Lions Saving Sight.”

15. Gadsden County Eyeglass Program

DG Suzi Rodgers reported on Past District Governor Howard Young’s tremendous work with the Gadsden County Prison eyeglass processing program.

- Inmates earn privileges through participation.
- Howard currently handles almost all glasses independently and is experiencing fatigue.
- Post-COVID, he lost many of his mission contacts, leading to stockpiled unsent glasses.
- Urgent Need: Volunteers to help sort, transport, or coordinate glasses, and potentially fundraise for a new lensometer.

Clubs were asked to consider offering hands-on assistance.

16. Guest Speaker: Leader Dog for the Blind

Speaker: Lion Meredith Mason, Jacksonville Beach Lions Club with Leader Dog “Luna”

16.1 Meredith Mason’s Story

Meredith shared her powerful personal journey:

- Lives with retinitis pigmentosa, diagnosed at age 32.
- Now has approximately 5–8% vision remaining.
- Detailed her progression through legal blindness, use of white cane, COVID isolation, and her emotional transition to guide dog use.
- Explained discrimination challenges and accessibility barriers.

16.2 Leader Dog Program Overview

Meredith explained the Leader Dog process:

- Founded 85 years ago by the Uptown Lions Club of Detroit.
- Three-week training program in Michigan.
- The application process is extensive to ensure safety, readiness, and proper match.
- Average training cost per dog: \$65,000
- Leader Dog is funded entirely by donations — no government funding.

16.3 Raising, Training & Retiring Guide Dogs

Meredith explained:

- Puppies are often raised by volunteers nationwide.
- Dogs may retire between 9–11 years, or earlier due to medical needs.
- Medical emergencies for guide dogs may be covered by special Leader Dog funds.

A special presentation was made to her:

- Vintage Leader Dog pin, estimated 50+ years old.

17. District Governor's Address – Lion Suzi Rodgers

DG Rodgers delivered a heartfelt and emotional message focused on communication, service visibility, and club support.

Key themes:

- Lions across the district are performing tremendous service, but many clubs are not sharing their stories.
- Lack of communication creates isolation and weakens district cohesion.
- She shared a moving story about a club she believed would close — until a phone call revealed deep community need and renewed passion.
 - The club now has five new prospective members and is rebuilding.
- She urged Lions to:
 - Communicate
 - Celebrate success
 - Encourage new members
 - Support struggling clubs
 - Stop assuming “someone else will do it”

18. Awards & Recognitions

18.1 International Convention Volunteer Pins

Special “Volunteer Hero” pins were presented to Lions who volunteered at the 2025 Lions International Convention.

18.2 Membership Awards 2024–2025

Carl Harrell Award (Individual Recruiting Champion)

Winner: *Lion June Campbell* For sponsoring the highest number of new members.

District Recruiter Club of the Year

Winner: *Ocala Fort King Lions Club*

A banner patch was awarded in place of the missing traveling trophy.

Individual sponsor patches were also awarded to:

- Lion Sarah Ann Green, Lion Diane White, Lion William Worthy, Lion Jeffrey McColka, Lion Rick Scott, Lion John Lorenzo, Lion Denise Hoffman, Lion Malcolm Hay

\$300 Recruiting Prize Drawing

Winner drawn from all Lions who sponsored new members:

- Lion Larry Henderson – Port St. Joe

18.3 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Awards

Chairperson's Medal

Presented to PCC Stan Rodgers for exceptional district LCIF performance exceeding goals.

Certificates of Appreciation

Presented to PDG Dr. Greg Seltzer and PCC Stan Rodgers for outstanding LCIF support.

18.4 Melvin Jones Fellowship

Lion Blanche Day was awarded a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (one diamond), acknowledging over \$2,000 contributed or raised in her honor.

18.5 Chevron Years-of-Service Recognition

- Lion Leslie Flagg – 15-Year Chevron

18.6 Guiding Lion Certifications

Certificates presented to newly certified Guiding Lions following the combined Zone Chair/Guiding Lion training:

- Lion Dan Mauldin, Lion Debbie Duncan, Lion Malcolm Hay, Lion Brittny Young, Lion Mike Poweleit (not present)

18.7 Membership Retention & Growth Certificates (July–September)

Provided by the Multiple District GMT Chair Brittany Young.

Zero Member Loss (100% Retention)

- Orange Park, Panama City, Arlington, Gainesville, Fleming Island, Live Oak, St. Augustine, McIntosh, Dunnellon, Crawfordville, Callahan, Alachua, Keystone

Membership Increase Awards

- Madison, Ocala, Pensacola, Macclenny, Ocala Fort King, Port St. Joe, High Springs

19. Adjournment at 2:43 PM

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Brittany Young

Cabinet Secretary, District 35-L Lions Clubs International