

Special Meeting of District 31 J Lion Leaders
Williamston Lions Club Scout Hut, Williamston, NC
Date: Sunday, February 6, 2011
Time: 2 p.m.

Attendance: 18 Clubs, 25 Lion Leaders, 10 Other Lions

The District 31-J Special Meeting was called to order by Immediate Past District Governor Robert L. Walton. The pledge of allegiance was lead by Murfreesboro Lion Danny Blowe. The invocation was given by Jackson PDG Lawrence Sandy. Manteo Lion Chris Hardee was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Each Lion Leader was provided a copy of the LCI "Rules of Procedure for Special Meeting to Recommend a Lion for Appointment as District Governor" and the floor was opened for questions pertaining to the procedures. Hearing no questions, PDG Walton opened the floor to nominations for the office of District Governor. Rocky Mount Evening PDG Mike Flora introduced the first nomination of Nashville PDG Jim Boehm, detailing his education, work career and his leadership qualifications. Speaking second on behalf of Lion Boehm was Nashville Lion Paul Shaw, reinforcing the leadership traits commented on by PDG Flora.

The second nomination speech was given by Jackson PDG Lawrence Sandy for Davie 1st Vice District Governor Gloria Bowser. PDG Sandy commented that she was the hardest working Lion he knew. Sandy explained that detailed recommendation speeches were made at the District Midwinter on her behalf and he would rest on that which had been stated in that prior meeting.

No further nominations were made. PDG Walton called for the nominations to be closed. Motion was made by First Flight Lion PDG Rhett White, seconded by Manteo Lion Chris Hardee. Motion carried.

The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer called the role of voters eligible to vote in this election, and those Lions are: DG Gwen White, Immediate PDG Robert L. Walton, 1st VDG Gloria Bowser, 2nd VDG Jim Boehm, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Jana Underwood, Region Chair Chris Hardee, Zone 1 Chair, Harriett Edmunds, Zone 2 Chair Roy Daniels, Zone 3 Chair Tim Manning, Zone 4 Chair Dick Tunnell, Region 2 Chair, Garry Elliott, Zone 5 Chair Betz Blowe, Zone 6 Chair Freddie Hill, Zone 7 Chair Nancy Craft, Zone 8 Chair Ella Flora, PDG Rhett White, PDG Hugh Clinkscales, PDG Lou Creel, PDG Kenneth Brantley, PDG John Miller, PDG Charles Holleman, PDG Lawrence Sandy, PDG Mike Flora, PDG Bud Miller, PDG Alex Thannikkary. There were 25 eligible voters present.

Each voter was directed to come forward and acknowledge by signature, receipt of a blank ballot on which to vote for their choice, PDG Jim Boehm or 1st Vice District Governor Gloria Bowser. PDG Walton appointed Williamston Lion Tim Manning and Manteo Lion Chris Hardee to assist with the vote count. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer collected the secret ballot votes.

The vote outcome was announced by PDG Walton, 10 for Bowser, 15 for Boehm.

After sincere conciliatory remarks by Davie PDG Kenneth Brantley to get back together as Lions, by Jackson PDG Lawrence Sandy, that his greatest prayer was for wounds to heal and for Lions to return attention to preventing blindness, all for the betterment of the Lions, and by Nashville Lion Mary Boehm acknowledging her eagerness to stand beside her husband Jim as support to him as the next District Governor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Jana D. Underwood
Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer