

The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District 105 British Isles Convention May 2025
Venue Cymru, Llandudno

1. Call to Order – MD SAA Bill O’Neill called the convention to order at 9am
2. Health and Safety Briefing – MDO Andrew Wilcox carried this out.
3. Chairperson's welcome – CC Kavaljit Dev KD welcomed all attendees and thanked them for making the journey to sunny Llandudno to celebrate 75 years of service in MD 105. She then welcomed in Welsh. She welcomed a member of the original London Central Host Club, the first club in our MD.
4. Introduction of top table – KD introduced
 - PCC Philip Goodier PG Council Treasurer
 - PCC Peter Burnett PB – Council Secretary
 - PIP Brian Sheehan BS – Past International President & Vice Chair of LCIF
 - Cllr Michael Pearce – Mayor of Llandudno
 - PDG Dave Ebsworth – Convention Committee Chairman
 - PDG Bill O’Neil – SAA
 - Lion Trevor Kell – Cons & Noms
5. BO introduced the playing of the National Anthems and the Ceremony of the flags
6. KD introduced International & Special Guests
 - Past International President, Vice Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation Lion Brian Sheehan.
 - Lion Lori Sheehan from the United States of America
 - PID Lion Teresa Dineen and Lion Declan Moon from Ireland
 - CC Marc Diepenmaat and wife Mieke - MD 110 (Netherlands)
 - DG James O’Loughlin and his wife Anne from District 133. (Ireland)
 - Lion Lasse & Lion Lene Borgbjerg - MD106, Denmark
 - Lion Oussama Rhoul from Germany but a member of MD105.
 - DG Michael Huffner from MD111 Germany
 - PDG Heiko Dolman from MD111 Germany
 - The Head of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire the Right Worshipful Provisional Grand Master Neil Connolly - and his wife Maxine.
 - Mayoress of Llandudno Lynsey Pearce
 - PID Geoff Leeder & Lion May
 - PID Phil Nathan & Lion Heidi
7. KD Acknowledged MD Convention First Timers
8. KD Acknowledged past and present Leos
9. KD recognised Lions with over 40 years of service present
10. A slide presentation was made of the Lions with 50- or 60-years service within the MD
11. A slide was shown recognising clubs that have or soon will celebrate 75 years of service – London Central Host, Tonbridge & Brighton Lions Clubs
12. DG Gillian Swan GS Lit the Candle of Peace

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13. GS then presented the Service of Remembrance Invocation to include veterans who have lost lives in memory of VE day. Ten Roses were placed in a vase by the DGs representing the 8 Districts as well as one by PDG Lesley Broom for partners of Lions and one by PDG John Chambers for veterans. The roll call of members who have passed to higher service in the past year was played on the screen.

14. DG Ian Francis IF read the Lions Vision & Mission Statement

15. DG Kevin Moore KM read the Lions purposes

16. DG Sandra Manktelow SM read the Lions code of Ethics

17. BO & PDG Patrick Hamblin presented Loyal Greetings from HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh our patron

18. BO read messages received, no apologies were received

19. Cllr Michael Pearce – Mayor of Llandudno formally opened the convention

20. KD presented a Friendship Banner and gift bag to MP.

21. BO gave an Attendance Update - 96 delegates in attendance

22. MD CNRO Trevor Kell TK presented the Declaration of Convention & Voting Procedures

23. KD Received and signed the Minutes of the 72nd Convention

24. KD asked if there were any matters arising from the Minutes

25. PG presented the treasurers report – his 17th and last

He outlined where our income and expenditure costs arose

The majority of income is subs but we also receive rent and investment income

We are financially sound

He confirmed our reserves of £278,500

He stated that the present world is making budgeting extremely difficult.

Our budget for 25-26 is £398,111 a small reduction on the previous year

The insurances are budgeted for an extra £12,953 this year, the Lion

magazine going digital should save £9,000 annually, Marketing and

publicity save £5,200 and International Convention costs budgeted to save £12,500

He showed the net effect on dues if we could increase our membership

PG has been CT since 2008 and informed that no Council Treasurer in our

75 years had faced as many challenges as he had, including a financial crash, the longest recession in recorded history, covid, a cost-of-living

crisis, a potential worldwide trade war & actual wars. He thanked Brigitte for her professional support and Jackie for her personal support
KD thanked PG for his 17 years of dedication and service

26. TK returned to the stage to present the following resolutions

27. Resolution No. 1 Dues 2025/2026

Proposed by PG & Seconded by IPDG David McKirdy on behalf of the Council of Governors

This Convention Resolves that the Multiple District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 shall be £42.00 (forty-two pounds) per member, payable in two equal instalments, the first in August 2025 based on membership as at 30 June 2025 and the second in February 2026 based on membership as at 31 December 2025.

Agreed

28. Resolution No. 2 Discounted MD Dues for Leo-Lions

Proposed by DG Colin Talbot CT & seconded by DG Steve Carley SC on behalf of the Council of Governors

This Convention resolves to amend the MD Constitution - ARTICLE III – MULTIPLE DISTRICT FINANCE AND INSURANCES Section 1(b)

By adding the words 'and Leo-Lion' between the words 'Student' and 'Membership' in the title and the words 'or Leo-Lion' after the word 'student' in the first line.

To read:

Section 1(b) Student and Leo-Lion Membership

Any member being a student or Leo-Lion member as is defined by Lions Clubs International on the 1st July in any year shall pay a per capita levy equal to one half (1/2) of the capita levy set in accordance with Section 1(a) above.

Roy Axten - Kendal Lions Club did not feel that reduced dues will attract them joining but a suitable package by clubs to attract them

Derek Prior – Billericay Lions asked if this would affect their eligibility for delegate numbers

TK answered that this had been passed last year this was just tidying the constitution accordingly.

29. Resolution No. 3 - Gender specific terms from MD
Constitution

Proposed by DG Stuart Young & Seconded by DG Steve Carley on behalf of
the Council of Governors

This Convention Resolves to amend the Multiple District Constitution, By-
Laws and Convention Standing Orders by replacing 'gender specific' terms
with appropriate 'gender neutral' terms.

Further, to Amend Interpretation Sect 3 by deleting the words 'male
gender includes male and female' and inserting the words 'Future
amendments to be edited, before presentation to Convention to read in
gender neutral terms'

To read:

Section 3 - Future amendments to be edited, before presentation to
Convention to read in gender neutral terms.

Agreed

30. KD thanked PG & TK for their years of service and BS made a
presentation of a Presidential medal to Lion Trevor Kell to mark his ten
years of service as Coms & Noms officer. TK thanked convention

KD asked GL, PN & BS to make a presentation of a Bert Mason
Humanitarian Award to PG to thank him for his years of service. BO
outlined his years of service & he asked Jacquie JG & Brigitte to join the
stage party. DE then presented a certificate for a steam train ride, BO
presented a 1000-piece jigsaw of a steam train,
BG thanked JG for her support of the MD staff and presented her with a
bouquet. She also thanked PG for his support and help with her work and
also paying the salaries. The HQ staff presented a gift of the order of the
pound note to PG. PN outlined the other roles which PG has been involved
with and asked BS to present JG with an MJF

31. A Natural break was held

32 Convention Called back to order by BO

33 A collage shown of 75 years of service within MD105

KD thanked Melissa Murphy for producing it

34 PB presented the Council Secretaries report during which he highlighted
the hard work and dedication of our Brigitte, Jan, Steph & Martina our HQ

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office staff. He also expressed his disappointment but understanding of the reasons why Many Broadbent had resigned following her sudden bereavement.

He asked convention to express their thanks to the HQ staff

35 KD asked convention to approve all the MD reports en-bloc.

John Goodchild, Loddon Valley, pointed out that only 1% of the membership are delegates. He felt that the procedure for registering delegates was not published sufficiently or in a timely manner. He asked for an improved procedure in future years.

SY proposed all the reports Dianne Hopkins seconded - passed

36 KD together with BS made presentations to the following Multiple District Officers to thank them for their service

A leadership medal to Tony Buchan

A presidential certificate to Doreen Allen

A presidential certificate will be presented at a future date to Robyn Banks & Sue Taylor

37. Paul Murphy made a presentation on Inspiring Service He outlined the work done since 1st July 2024. We have served 255 million people around the world – 9 people a second. We do not promote the service we give sufficiently.

He then gave a presentation on using AI Chat GTP to promote service

His presentation will be added to the bookcase on the MD website & the MD convention website.

38 Dave Ebsworth introduced Lucy Waring a representative of Life Lites who made a moving presentation to convention – supporting Children with Cancer by providing assistive technology to children with life limiting conditions. KD presented Lucy with a certificate of appreciation.

39 PDG Chris Hibbert & Lion Sue Hibbert made a presentation on their trip to Morocco for World Service Week

Two videos of the impact of the week were shown.

40 SSK & DH made a presentation on GMT & GET

We have 1071 new members this year & 5 new clubs

We are in positive growth for the first time in many years

The Council have set a challenge- Challenge 10k to increase our membership to 10,000

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41 David Lewis made a presentation – A Child Sight UK case study from District CN he encouraged ALL clubs to give it a try.

42 BO made some pre-lunchtime announcements

43 Lunchtime break

44 BO called convention back to order at 13.55

45 BO gave an attendance update 77 clubs represented - 97 delegates

46 A video on Sight Savers was shown

47 GL introduced our International Guest – PIP Brian Sheehan

48 BS addressed convention

He ensured that nobody was asleep!

The UK Lions should be excited about 75 years of service.

He brought greetings from the International President Fabricio Oliveira – his theme is – ‘Make Your Mark’

In order to make our mark we must be open to change

The 2024-25 Global priorities are

1. Leadership -leading Lions forward
2. Supporting our service and foundation
3. Promoting our clubs – we need to tell people what we do.
4. Growing the good

Challenge yourself every day

The number one thing is to have a little fun and to Make a Great Day

49 PN proposed a vote of thanks to BS

50 KD made a presentation to Brian & Lori Sheehan with the assistance of GL & PN. We gave each of them a progressive MJF from the MD. KD also presented a personal gift to both of them.

51 Simone Schetman presented by Zoom to convention about her work in Birmingham with the support for Ukraine refugees. She set up an organisation with Ukrainian translators, which spread almost throughout the whole of the UK finding accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. She has personally hosted 9 people in her own home. There are 7-8 million people who have been displaced within Ukraine. She has collected winter clothes for refugees who travelled in the summer. She thanked Lions across the country for their assistance and work with Ukrainian refugees. She has lots of information available BG at HQ can get this to any club.

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52 Jatinder Kaur made a presentation on Lions working in partnerships and explained how her club had worked with corporate sponsors and built local relationships. The presentation will be sent out to clubs via District secretaries

53 David Pope DP informed convention about the impact of LCIF donations and gave an update on the amounts donated. He emphasised that the application details for grants are available on the bookcase.

54 Chris Speed gave a presentation 'A Lions Journey to Leadership & Service'. He outlined his life from joining the Lions, becoming president, attending symposium, joining New Voices, attending an RLLI, attending an International Convention in Montreal, becoming a presenter at Symposium, starting the DG trail as 2VDG, attending an ALLI, attending the Boston International Convention in 2023 with Jamie, being elected 1st VDG, attending my DG training and soon to be DG.

55 SSK made a presentation on the MD105 Foundation

He updated convention about the last year, they now have trustees from every district. He outlined the main expenditure items for the Trust this year.

56 A video about Gift for Living was shown

57 KD, BS, PN & GL made the following LCI & LCIF awards

PMJFs to Phil Nathan, John Barnes, Paramjit Dev

Leadership medals to Bill O'Neil & Dave Allen

58 A video was shown to outline the work of the Lions Brain Tumour Research and to promote the upcoming Virtual Duck Race.

59 BO made some final announcements for the day

Proceedings ended for the day at 16.25

Sunday Morning

60. Convention was called to order at 9.30 by BO

61. BO asked convention to receive the following

PID Lion Phil Nathan & Lion Heidi

PID Lion Geoff Leeder & Lion May

CC Lion Kavaljit Dev & Lion Paramjit

62. BO asked convention to welcome the current council of governors

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63 BO asked convention to welcome PIP Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori

64 BO asked convention to welcome CCE Stuart Young & Lion Martyn Yeo

65 BO introduced individually the incoming Council of Governors and their partners

66 CCE SY addressed convention

He outlined his hopes and wishes for the forthcoming year

He thanked KD, current Council, the Lions symposium, his own Lions club, his husband Martyn, Bill & Julia O'Neil for their help and guidance.

He is looking forward to the Vision camera project coming to fruition.

SY is here as everyone's Chair of Council and looks forward to serving with them all.

KD thanked all involved in the welcome and wished SY a great year

67 A video was shown about the Korle Bu eye hospital project

68 KD introduced Kim Webb of VICTA

69 Kim Webb made a presentation on the work of VICTA

VICTA is a charity which empowers young people with vision problems

They have encouraged the people they work with to enter Lions initiatives such as the peace poster and peace essay

KD thanked Kim for the presentation and awarded her a DG appreciation certificate

70 A video was shown about the work of LIBRA

All the videos shown this weekend will be made available on the bookshelf for clubs to use. KD thanked Brigitte & Dave Allen for producing the videos.

71 Paul Murphy introduced the Young Ambassador winner Shelby

Robinson. He reminded convention of the dates of the 2026 competition – 20th – 22nd February

72 Shelby addressed convention. She gave an inspirational address about her charity work in Goole, nationally and internationally.

73 A video was shown on the relationship between Lions and Brain Tumour Research. The video explained Lions Brain Tumour research work and plans for the future. Lynne Roberts informed convention that we have raised £362,389 up to now, she then announced the start of the virtual duck race at midday.

74 PG made a presentation on the Youth Exchange Programme

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He informed convention about both outbound exchange and hosting
He asked for volunteers to act as host families this year
75 KD, BS, PN & GL made the following LCI presentations
76 Brigitte Green BG gave an update on the work of HQ
77 Neelam Chawla presented on mental health wellbeing
78 KD & BG presented the following MD trophies and competition winners
BG & KD announced that Bromyard Lions Club have won the scrapbook competition.

BG & KD announced that Llandudno won the travelling Lion competition
KD, GL & PN announced a presentation of the Bert Mason memorial trophy to Graham Drayton of Fleet Lions once the trophy has been returned!
KD & BS made a presentation to BG of a president's certificate of appreciation, a bouquet and a gift.

79 KD, BS, PN & GL gave the following presentation Presidents Certificates of Appreciation to Raza & Yasmin Ismail for acting as the parents at last years camp, and again at this years event.

80 BG made a presentation – HQ update
She thanked all the staff and to all the Lions who send glasses to HQ.
She thanked all the volunteers involved in sorting the glasses, we now handle over a million pairs of glasses a year. We are the number one nationally for glasses and hearing aid recycling. We now have a dedicated website - Lions Recycle for Sight.

She introduced the new Henry 8th video for MIAB which will be made available to all Lions.

She thanked Dave Allen for his IT support and help, particularly in setting up the information bookcase.

The HQ team presented KD with a bouquet to thank her for her support all year.

KD congratulated the HQ staff on the results they achieve.

82 BS made the following presentations to local charities

Ysgol Gogarth & Llandudno RNLI each received £435

KD made a presentation to John Chambers as the local chair of the convention committee.

83 CS & SSK made a presentation on the forthcoming International Convention in Orlando from Monday July 14th to Thursday July 17th.

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A WhatsApp group will be set up well before the event

84 Viresh Paul introduced PID Teresa Dineen TD

TD made a presentation on Europa Forum in - Dublin November 5th to 8th

TD is the President of the Dublin Europa Forum

There will be a broad spectrum of activities and workshops

85 GL, PN & BS presented KD with an International Presidential medal for her leadership over this Lions year.

86 Dave Ebsworth DE introduced the 2025 MD Convention Committee

KD thanked all the committee for their hard work. We achieved all our recycling targets. DE thanked Warren and his AV team.

He thanked the local host committee led by John Chambers for Friday night. He thanked his entire team for their help. KD & BS presented a Presidential Certificate of thanks to DE

87 DE made a presentation on the 2026 MD Convention taking place in Newcastle from 8th May – 10th May 2026 at the Grand Hotel Gosforth Park DE presented the convention flag to himself as Convention Chairman again in 2026

88 Sandra Manktelow proposed the vote of thanks to KD both for an amazing year and for chairing an amazing convention.

89 KD made the following concluding remarks

She thanked everybody for an incredible weekend

90 BO made the final announcements and convention closed at 12.50 with We are The Champions