



LCICON 2023

JULY 7 - JULY 11
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

OCTOBER 31, 2022 MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING MINUTES #2

Attendance: Joyce Middleton, Joyce Hogan, Dave O'Brien, Joni Baptiste, Margaret Menard, Sharon Audette, John Babb, Martin Middleton, Dawn Rice Norton, PID John Hoyle, Babe Mainini, Dr. Deb Wayne, DG Steve Langley, DG Tony & Sharon Pecci, PDG Paul Calnan, PCC Bill Donnellan, Steven and Sharon Levy, Laurie Cantwell, Jean Dow, VDG Deb Horner, DJ Desjardins, Adam & Geri Skoczylas, Fanny Chan, Marie Van Slyck, Cissy DiSeto, Steve Napolitano, Robin Williams, Dennis Waller, Tobias Cowans, Larry West, Susan Getty, Linda Harrrop, Gail Burke, Ken King, Kathy Gaudreau, Eddie Lee, Rebecca Harrison, Heidi Carvalo, Donna Frett, Peter Friel, Pat Sukrachand, Fabian DePeiza, Mike Camporeal.

Boston Host Committee Chairman PID Joyce Middleton calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Q: Where do we find the information about the convention volunteer roles?

A: Go to www.lcicon2023boston.com and click on the volunteer button.

That website is the one to use to volunteer to work at the convention.

There is a different website to sign up to attend and register for the Boston convention itself. www.Lcicon.org

Q: If we want to drive in for the day to work and attend some of the convention, will there be a place where we can hang out or meet up with other Lions. Some members, because of their ability, may not be able to work but would like to be there.

A: We are trying to procure some volunteer parking and shuttle service, so that we have place to park and shuttle them to work at a hotel or the convention center. Within the confines of the Convention center is the exhibition hall and the plenary sessions, you have to register (\$175). But in the outer halls, we will have office space for people to cluster. A good volunteer job for a person who may have mobility issues maybe a greeter at one of the hotels. We have over 20 hotels to take care of.

Q: Is there a specific hotel for volunteers to stay at?

A: The different delegations from all over the world are assigned to specific hotels. Massachusetts delegation has two hotels where they would have us stay. Those are the Hampton Inn Homewood Suites, which is closest to the Convention Center (half mile) Lions rate \$279 plus tax. The nights of the convention are 7th through 10th. When you register for the convention you can choose to stay a night or a couple of nights or for the entire time. When you register through LCI for the Convention and you select your hotel, there is a \$200 deposit for hotel. The other hotel for Massachusetts is the Boston Park Plaza which is in the Back Bay area which is about \$10 more per night.

Q: If we have mobility issues should we mention that when we sign up to volunteer?

A: There is nothing on the site so far to designate that. As we gather the names of those who sign up, we'll more clearly define what is available. I would think a 4 to 6 hour shift at a hotel with two people on site will allow you to take breaks.

Q: Is there a description of the volunteer jobs, list of hotels? Something we can bring to the clubs to explain? Benefits of volunteering?

A: The link (www.lcicon2023Boston) will lead you to a PDF that you can download and print with all of the information for all of the volunteer descriptions for the different jobs that are available. When your members sign up to volunteer, they automatically get subscribed to a mailing list where every month we are sending out additional information and we've just started doing detailed explanation of each of the different volunteer positions. This last month we sent one out that talked about all the different "greeter" options that are available. Different places where volunteers can greet guests coming to the convention. Next month will be a different set.

Q: Can you send that link (in the chat) to the list of people who receive the email about tonight's meeting?

A: We'll make sure that goes out. www.lcicon2023boston

Mobility issues - Scooter options "Scoot around". www.scootaround.com/en/boston .

Volunteers are needed at the airport, hotels, bus station.

Q: If you didn't receive the invite to this meeting, how do we let someone know we want to attend?

A: If you are liaison, we need to make sure you are on our main list to receive the link. Contact District Liaisons below or Boston 2023 Host Committee Secretary Joni at joni33n@gmail.com

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Woburn and Medford have much less expensive hotels. Volunteers could stay there and drive in or take the "T".

If you can possibly attend the convention, it is suggested that you do so.

Chelsea has hotels right on the silver line which goes directly to the Convention Center.

Q: If a person can only go to the convention on one day, is there a better day than another?

A: Saturday (July 8) is the day of the parade. Saturday night is the International show (entertainment). Sunday is the opening plenary session in the main hall (14,000 people). There is something happening every day! July 7 - 11 The International parade with Lions from all over the world in their native dress is exciting to see. And the opening plenary session (Sunday) with the parade of flags is very impressive. Flags from every country where there are Lions Clubs (over 200)

Q: If you register for the convention (\$175) does that include the international show on Saturday night?

A: yes – the international show, plenary sessions, parade are all inclusive.

There is going to be a 5K fun run/fun walk on Castle Island on July 7th. Volunteer possibility. Hosted by Laurie Sheehan, wife of Lions International President Brian Sheehan.

We are working on group sales for Lions Day at Fenway Park on July 6th. It's a Night game. Another possibility to volunteer.

Q: What are Plenary sessions?

A: It's a giant business meeting. Over the course of three different meetings, different things happen. We go over all of the things that have happened over the past year. It's a summary of successes – different services that have occurred around the world. Money that has been raised for LCIF and how some of those funds have been expended.

We see who the Lions International candidates are for the different positions. There are multiple keynote speakers from around the world. You want to be there. It's everything your International Lions Club has achieved. Comments from Past International Director John Hoyle: They give out a humanitarian award every year. Past U.S. President Jimmy Carter received one for his work with Habitat for Humanity. When he got up to receive it he looked out into the crowd of over 20,000 and he said "Boy, I've come a long way from being a Tail Twister in Plains, Georgia". He gave a tremendous speech.

At another Convention Loretta Scott King, Martin Luther King Jr's. widow, gave a tremendous speech. And Minni Pearl was a keynote speaker and she gave one of the finest speeches ever heard. Last time we were in Boston (2006) we had the President of New Zealand. No matter what session you go to there is always something interesting going on. We've also had former Prime Minister Tony Blair from England and US President George Bush. President Ronald Reagan announced his War on Drugs program to the Lions.

Every single Lion should go to at least one International Convention in their life because it is life changing. You meet so many people from so many places in the world and this one is right in our own back yard. This is an amazing opportunity.

Q: Will there be a Leo program at the Convention?

A: Unsure if there is a separate Leo's Program but will find out.

We know that Lions is an International Association, we know that we are in 200+ locations, but until you go to an International Convention that point doesn't hit home. The parade proves it. All languages, costumes, customs! It's very cool!! We are all part of the same thing. Making the world a better place. Service The different hospitality rooms are fun and interesting to visit as well. The Boston Events and Convention Center was designed for ease of access and mobility. They sponsor a lot of conventions for all kinds of abilities.

Thank you for coming tonight and please tell your fellow Lions to sign up to volunteer and/or register to attend the convention. When you go back to your clubs, ask if you have a Boston Convention Liaison/ and if you don't, please offer to be one. It's all for ease of getting the information out to the clubs. Give your name and contact information to the Boston 2023 host committee secretary Joni Baptiste (HCS) or your District Liaison.

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Next meeting is November 30th at 7:00 pm. **Zoom link follows** – share with any Lion you know who might be interested

Joan Baptiste is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LCICON2023 Q&A Time: Nov 30, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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