

Past Lt. Governors Association Info on the Web Site

The Nebraska-Iowa Past Lt. Governors Association (PLGA) is ready to serve the district, when asked.

Membership in the PLGA is open to all active Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis members who have previously served as a Kiwanis Lt. Governor in any district.

Mission

The mission of the PLGA is to provide a structure for past Lt. Governors who are still interested in the Kiwanis organization beyond the local club level, and who are willing to contribute, should they be asked.

Purpose

The PLGA is an organization dedicated to serving in an advisory role relative to the following:

1. Assist the present Lt. Governor in division operations, when asked.
2. Assist, when asked, with securing candidates for division Lt. Governor.
3. Assist in building new Kiwanis-family clubs as well as promoting membership growth, retention, and training.
4. Encourage inactive past Lt. Governors and others to participate in Kiwanis.

Organization of the PLGA

The PLGA comprises over 400 past Lt. Governors who have given of themselves to help bring the ideals and objects of Kiwanis International to their divisions.

The PLGA taps into these past leaders who still want to make Kiwanis International and the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District the world's premier service organization!

PLGA Organizational History

While Herb Plambeck was Governor of the Nebraska-Iowa District in 1965, He became aware of some districts having a Past Lt. Governors Association. In visiting with the then District Secretary, Byrnard Smith, they came up with the idea of having such an organization in the Nebraska-Iowa District. Governor Herb asked past Lt. Governor Al Parmenter of Des Moines to act as chairman to try and get an organization started here.

The first meeting during the district convention on September 21, 1965 was held as a breakfast meeting. Much work and ideas went into making this first meeting a success. The following officers were elected. Al Parmenter of Des Moines as president; Herrold Mann of Des Moines as vice-president; and Wendell Tutt of Indianola was elected secretary and treasurer. These men were elected from the same geographic area so it would be easier for them to work together.

The following rules were adopted:

The Past Lt. Governors Association is to help the current Lt. Governors in:

1. New Club Building.
2. Key Club Building.
3. Circle K Club Building.
4. Rejuvenating clubs that have problems or are weak in activities.
5. Reactivating former members.
6. Bring past Lt. Governors back into the Kiwanis family.
7. Rebuilding existing clubs that have slipped into a rut and cannot seem to get going.

It was also passed that dues would be \$1.00 per year on a voluntary basis to cover the cost of stationery and postage.

In 1969 James Williams of Ottumwa became president with Wendell Tutt remaining as secretary and treasurer.

In 1970 J. Milton Moore became president with Wendell Tutt being reelected as secretary and treasurer.

For some reason the organization became rather dormant for the next few years.

While Walt Morrison of Denison was Governor in 1976 he asked past Lt. Governor, Paul Volker of Fort Dodge to act as chairman to try and rejuvenate the Past Lt. Governors Association. He also appointed Frank Thomas to act as secretary and treasurer pro-tem as Wendell Tutt asked to be relieved of his office.

At the district Kiwanis convention held in the Roosevelt Royal Hotel in Cedar Rapids in April of 1976, The Past Lt. Governors Association met at 10:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Paul Volker and an election of officers was held. Harry Van De Pol of Monroe, Iowa was elected president and Frank Thomas of Spencer was elected at secretary and treasurer. Edward Lockwood of Hastings, Nebraska was elected vice-president.

At the district convention in 1977 at Lake Okoboji, Iowa on April 13th the past Lt. Governors and Kweens attended a dinner with 70 present. A good visit was held with old friends and a short business meeting followed.

The following ideas came from the meeting:

1. With the approval of the acting Governor, the past Lt. Governors will work with the present Lt. Governors in any way that they are asked. In no way are they trying to undercut the present Lt. Governors.
2. It was voted to keep the dues at \$1 per year on a voluntary basis.
3. All present thought that a get together of past Lt. Governors was worth the effort to maintain the association

The officers elected at this meeting were Harry Van De Pol of Monroe, Iowa as president; Edward Lockwood of Hastings, Nebraska as vice-president; and Frank Thomas of Spencer, Iowa as Secretary and Treasurer.

At the District Convention at South Sioux City, Nebraska on May of 1978 a noon luncheon was held for past Lt. Governors and Kweens. Election of officers followed the luncheon. Harry Van De Pol asked to be relieved of the presidency because of other district duties. Edward Lockwood of Hastings, Nebraska was elected president. Wally Loft of Marshalltown, Iowa was elected vice-president. Frank Thomas of Spencer, Iowa was elected secretary and treasurer. The following ideas came from the meeting. The past Lt. Governors should meet at the district convention and have dinner together. There should be reports from the past Lt. Governors as to how they have helped the current Lt. Governors. In order to be effective we must cooperate with the Lt. Governors and not push ourselves into their work.

Past Governor, Herb Plambeck spoke on the upcoming supplement to the History book of Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis. He stated that the past Lt. Governors could be of great help in supplying the information in their divisions. Frank Thomas suggested that since the past Lt. Governors had enough money on hand, it would be good to have a membership in the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation. Motion was made and carried.

The next past Lt. Governors meeting was held in Waterloo, Iowa on November 11, 1978. Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Wally Loft. Wally said he thinks we should publicize the Past Lt. Governors Association a little more and show how the members can be used in each division. Byrn Smith said that the biggest need is to help the weak clubs. Wally Loft said that Ed Lockwood suggested to him that the past Lt. Governors should have a ribbon to designate past Lt. Governors at the convention to be paid from our funds.

District Convention was held in Storm Lake, Iowa on May 18th at Storm Lake, Iowa with the special ribbons being presented to all past Lt. Governors who were registered for the first time. A special noon luncheon for the past Lt. Governors and their Kweens was held with 57 attending. The election of officers was held with Edward Lockwood of Hastings, Nebraska being reelected president. George Thompson of Bellevue, Nebraska was elected vice-president. Frank Thomas of Spencer, Iowa was reelected as secretary and treasurer. Herb Plambeck again talked about the update of the History Supplement and again suggested that the Past Lt. Governors Association could be of great help in compiling this information. Kermit Doolittle was introduced as our candidate for International Trustee. A card was sent as a friendly gesture to Howard Jackson of Mason City, Iowa, a former Governor, because it may be his last meeting as he is going blind.

District meeting was held at Harlan, Iowa on December 1, 1979. President Edward Lockwood called the Past Lt. Governors Association meeting to order. It was passed that a breakfast meeting be held at the spring conference for the past Lt. Governors with Kweens being invited. We are to make reservations and send out invitations to all past Lt. Governors. Ken Bress talked on the Nebraska-Iowa Foundation and how past Lt. Governors could help by explaining to the various clubs in their division, how it differs from the International Foundation. Edward Lockwood thought all the clubs should put more help to getting their officers of their clubs to attending the district meetings and International meetings.

Meetings were held on a fairly regular basis through the 1980s with the District Conventions and Winter Conferences. In 1980 Ed Prauner of Fremont, Nebraska was elected President and George Thompson of Bellevue, Nebraska was elected vice-president. Frank Thomas of Spencer, Iowa was reelected once again as secretary-treasurer. The Past Lt. Governors Association again gave \$100.00 to the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation. It was proposed that these gifts should be given in some ones name to honor that individual.

At the District Convention on May 2, 1981 Ed Prauner of Fremont, Nebraska was reelected president, Ralph Utterback of Toledo, Iowa was elected vice-president and George Thompson of Bellevue, Nebraska was elected secretary-treasurer. Frank Thomas was replaced as secretary-treasurer because of health problems. Carl Hays announced that Art Gratias would be put forth by the District as a candidate for International Trustee and he hoped for full support of the past Lt. Governors.

At the winter conference on December 5, 1981 at Council Bluffs, the Association made a \$100.00 donation to the District Foundation in the name of the past secretary-treasurer, Frank J. Thomas. A resolution was passed that the Past Lt. Governors Association make suggestions for revising the Club Activity Scoring Plan.

At a meeting held at Newton, Iowa, Toby Eastman asked the members to use a handout that was prepared for strengthening clubs. George Thompson presented a request that the association sponsor a by-law amendment to officially recognize the association. A \$100.00 gift was made to the District Foundation in the name of Al C. Parmenter as a past President of the association. Ted Sage of Bellevue, Nebraska was elected president. Paul Hunter of Toledo, Iowa was elected vice-president. Ed Prauner of Fremont, Nebraska was elected secretary-treasurer.

On December 4, 1982 at the regular meeting of the association the Club Activity Score Plan was approved to be sent to the board. The association also approved having our own by-laws if the District give us official approval.

At the regular meeting on April 23 at the Fort Dodge, Iowa convention George Thompson gave a report on recommended By-Laws for the association. Election of officers saw Paul Hunter of Toledo, Iowa elected as president, Paul Spurlock of Des Moines elected vice-president and Edwin Prauner was reelected secretary- treasurer.

At the meeting on December 3, 1983, Governor-Elect Tollefson asked for help form the association on long range planning.

1984 found the same officers being reelected and the association making donations of \$100.00 each to NE-IA Key Club, NE-IA Circle K Club and NE-IA Foundation.

1985 the officers elected were Paul Hunter of Toledo, Iowa, president, Paul Spurlock of Des Moines, Iowa as vice-president and Ralph Utterback of Toledo, IA as secretary-treasurer. Dues are still only \$1.00 per year and Bob Hegland asked for suggestions from the past Lt. Governors for a redivisioning of the district. A proposition was posed to allow Lt. Governors-Designate to vote as delegates at large. After much discussion it was given to a committee of Paul Spurlock and Al Dodd to look into before the next meeting.

At the 1986 Convention meeting Paul Spurlock and Al Dodd reported that they found nothing wrong with having the Lt. Governors Designate being Delegates-At-Large and the recommendation for a change in the By-Laws would be brought before the house of delegates. The same slate of officers was reelected. At the Winter Conference meeting a campship was given to Camp OK in honor of Governor Les Meyers and one in honor of Governor-Elect Roger Lawrence to be administered by their respect home clubs. Also plaques were given to Circle K Governor Elizabeth Downs and Key Club Governor Jeanette Weidemeier for their outstanding contribution to their respective organizations.

1987 saw a new slate of officers elected at the spring convention in Grand Island, Nebraska. Chester McEltree of Toledo, Iowa was elected president, Ralph Retzlaff of Lincoln, Nebraska was elected vice-president and Ralph Utterback of Toledo, Iowa was reelected secretary-treasurer. The proposal that Lt. Governors-Elect be allowed to vote as Delegates-At-Large will be before the House of Delegates tomorrow. A memorial in the amount of \$25.00 was approved for Jean Myers.

At the 1988 Convention in Ames Iowa Tom Horn presented a sample of a badge he designed for past Lt. Governors to be able to wear to identify them as past Lt. Governors. Any one desiring a badge can order one for the price of \$5.00. The association donated \$100.00 to Camp OK for the purchase of materials for the class rooms. Ralph Utterback requested that he be replaced as secretary-treasurer. An election found Chester McEltree being reelected as president, Ralph Retzlaff as vice-president and Paul Peck of Newton, Iowa as secretary-treasurer.

A new slate of officers was elected at the next meeting. Ralph Retzlaff of Lincoln, Nebraska was elected president with Tom Horn of Winterset, Iowa elected vice-president and Paul Peck of Newton, Iowa was reelected secretary-treasurer. It was suggested that at this time we should look at raising our dues to \$2.00 per year and give out membership cards. \$175.00 was given to Camp OK at this time. The following meeting approved the \$2.00 membership and cards were ordered.

At the 1992 Convention in Marshalltown, Iowa a new slate of officers was elected. None of the officers were at the meeting except Tom Horn who chaired the meeting . Paul Heckman of Marshalltown, Iowa was elected president, T. C. "Cobe" Strack of Cedar Falls was elected vice-president, and Don Musel of Toledo, Iowa was elected secretary. There was no meeting at the Mid-Winter conference as the association was not given a meeting sight. The association is currently putting records on a computer to keep better track of what is going and to better serve the District. The association is currently looking at helping the Kidney foundation with information centers and also being a clearing house for Kiwanis work with the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.