

DISTRICT 105D QUESTIONNAIRE AS AT 1ST. OCTOBER 2013

Name of club	Total
01 "Fleet"	17
02 "Alton"	9
03 "Andover"	3
04 "Basingstoke"	13
05 "Blackmore Vale"	7
06 "Blandford & District"	3
07 "Boscombe"	4
08 "Bracknell Forest"	4
09 "Fareham"	2
10 "Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury"	5
11 "Gosport and Lee on Solent"	5
12 "Farnborough"	8
13 "Bradford-on-Avon"	5
14 "Bridport"	7
15 "Burnham"	10
16 "Christchurch"	1
17 "Cosham"	4
18 "Crofton"	5
19 "Dorchester and District"	6
20 "Eastleigh"	5
21 "Goring, Woodcote and District"	2
22 "Guernsey"	14
23 "Hart"	9
24 "Havant"	5
25 "Hayling Island"	5
26 "Henley on Thames"	7
27 "Hook and Odiham"	6
28 "Loddon Valley"	13
29 "Lymington and Brockenhurst"	4
30 "Maidenhead"	10
31 "Meon Valley"	8
32 "Hythe and Waterside"	2
33 "New Milton"	6
34 "Newbury"	3
35 "IOW Newport"	4
36 "Petersfield"	17
37 "Poole"	5
38 "Portsmouth"	1
39 "Reading"	9
40 "Ringwood and Fordingbridge"	4
41 "Romsey"	8
42 "IOW Ryde"	10
43 "Salisbury"	5
44 "IOW Sandown and Shanklin"	1
47 "Pangbourne, Theale and District"	1
49 "Southampton Solent"	1
50 "Swanage"	8
51 "Swanwick"	5
53 "Trowbridge"	7

54 "IOW Ventnor"	3
55 "Wareham"	9
56 "Warminster"	7
58 "Westbury"	6
59 "Weymouth and Portland"	6
60 "Wimborne and Ferndown"	5
61 "Windsor"	3
62 "Wokingham"	6
63 "Woodley and Earley"	4
64 "Woolmer Forest"	4
65 "Yateley and District"	14
70 "Bournemouth"	5
71 "Jersey"	10
73 "Aldershot Branch Club"	3
Total responses	388

Years of service	Total	
0	9	0
1	24	24
2	15	30
3	18	54
4	18	72
5	20	100
6	15	90
7	13	91
8	9	72
9	8	72
10	19	190
11	11	121
12	7	84
13	17	221
14	12	168
15	9	135
16	9	144
17	9	153
18	7	126
19	4	76
20	12	240
21	5	105
22	8	176
23	8	184
24	7	168
25	8	200
26	8	208
27	4	108
28	5	140
29	2	58
30	13	390
31	6	186
32	9	288
33	1	33
34	5	170

35	7	245
36	4	144
37	1	37
38	1	38
39	1	39
40	7	280
41	1	41
42	5	210
43	3	129
45	1	45
48	2	96
49	1	49
Total Years of Service	388	6030

Current Club position held	Total
33 answer=President	44
34 answer=Secretary	53
35 answer=Treasurer	29
36 answer=Committee Chair	59
37 answer=Other	213
Total Club Positions	398
This has 10 more positions than responses???	

Are you a current Cabinet member?	Total
1 answer=Yes	43
2 answer=No	341
Total Cabinet Member	384

District events

Have you attended any of the following District events in the last 5 years?	Total
4 answer=District Convention	166
5 answer=District Handover	70
6 answer=District Service	84
7 answer=Cabinet Meetings (as observer)	44
8 answer=Zone Meetings	261
Total District Events	625

Have you attended any events outside District in the last 5 years?	Total
14 answer=MD Convention	53
15 answer=Europa Forum	15
16 answer=International Convention	22
Total Non District Events	90

What is your view of those events attended	
Well organised	

Could be improved

I admire them for their commitment to the Lions club

Not exactly motivating!

One can get some good ideas e.g. for fundraising at Zone meetings but Charters and other social events provide more efficient/agreeable environments in which to thus benefit. While one can't realistically argue against the theoretical case for such events"

Tedious

no comment since did not attend

Europa Forum is a very expensive talk shop which does not actually achieve a great deal"

District Convention was largely irrelevant business wise, as in my opinion are Zone Meetings, although I do try to attend Zone meetings if possible."

Convention is fine for the organisers and regular visitors. I did not find it relevant to ordinary members or helpful in delivering compassion or service to those less fortunate than ourselves"

Never attended usually too far away and too expensive

I thought that nothing new came out of any of the meetings or conventions. Same old people speaking saying the same old things to the already converted."

Ok but mostly for higher lions

Usually same same and a bit boring after 32 years in service.

Not applicable ,until we get local clubs working then we do not have time to give outside of the club and zone. Frankly neither do my wife and I have the money to spend on expensive District functions,our idea of Lionism is looking after the local community."

Very poor, Zone meetings have lost their way, they are supposed to be the District Governors advisory committee to feed back concerns to the DG/cabinet instead each club gives a report on their activities and then we all go home. It doesn't help when we recycle old members and keep them for two years."

District Convention very useful and enjoyable for fact finding and networking. Zone meetings ok."

Informative

District Convention needs to be reformatted....bit too stuffy and old fashioned, especially Business days."

The convention was good but the area to reduce is the Pomp stuff and visiting bands, most non attendees really do not like this, with the bands, they need stimulation and ideas Current membership is ageing and have less income, therefore need to appeal to good value The idea of centralising the next convention is good District officers need to really identify why people don't go, and sell it"

Zone meetings very useful.

Very traditional

I find the Zone Meetings beneficial and as by it's very nature fairly local and with no more than about three persons from each of the five clubs, quite a social event. I like to work at local level and so have never felt the urge to attend larger, more distant meetings."

Zone meetings are OK - friendly, relaxed, but efficient. However, I found District Convention a bit formal, stuffy, old-fashioned and boring."

Zone meetings are fine as currently run

District events have had to take a back seat. due to additional club commitments in fund raising taking up so much of my spare time The reason is because local needs/fundraising/costs have risen and we as a club are trying to cope with them. also with higher work pressures due to the financial climate we are all working in and with higher family running costs, I cannot afford the time or money as this is needed to be spent on my family holidays. The climate is tight financially and as a count"

Enjoyed the social aspect but I am a very active Club person with minimal interest in the larger picture."

Very useful - unfortunately, as I work full time I cannot commit more time to them due to other family commitments"

Limited added value - networking can be useful

Very enjoyable.

I think district, md and international events look amazing, but they are difficult to get to and can be very expensive. These reasons have been a disincentive for me."

Cabinet meeting was as dry as eating sawdust. District convention was too much fancy dress and dancing which isnt for me. the last zone meeting i went to was too many speakers crammed into one evening. it was exhausting."

informative but not interesting

Zone meeting was very informative, but personal commitments have prevented me from active involvement in other events."

Have not attended any

Too much flag-waving and back-slapping. Important issues such as enrolling the right sort of members, discussion on reducing the cost of national and International administration, where and how effectively our raised funds have been used - these are the things that would attract Lions to Conventions, so that they can leave with ideas that have been tried and tested. Knowing that some Lions have been members for 55 years is interesting, but not important. What they have done in those 55 years certainly is."

Zone: good to hear what other Clubs are doing. Helps to relate to their experiences. Good to meet up with local Lions.."

Interesting good and professional

Basically all talk and little meaningful action. Cut out the ceremony. Business should be covered in an afternoon. Cabinet seems estranged from club level Lions."

They can seem old-fashioned and over formal, with the average age of those attending being high. However, they can also be very motivating in seeing the good things other clubs and individuals (e.g. Young Ambassadors) are doing."

At zone meeting I was completely ignored, not even asked my name. I thereafter felt unable to contribute to the meeting, and not inclined to go to another."

Good events but some outside (outside UK) are not good value for money

Awful. in particular the District Convention which seemed out dated and have to say boring. "

Not relevant to day to day running of club and a cost that can be avoided

Convention 'Americanised' and outdated with too much back-slapping of Lions and too few young people District Handover a good opportunity for new Presidents to meet and share views/concerns informally District Service enjoyed but probably of little relevance to most Lions"

I enjoyed them all

Having attended cabinet on a regular basis as Zone Chairman I found that the cabinet was made up of 'the old guard' who desperately hang onto their jobs year after year. Cabinet is too big and too expensive. Eg. Why on earth do we need Regional Chairman?"

Only been to one DC (Wokefield Park), Saturday was too formal during the day with the flags, national anthems etc. very boring. Did enjoy the social aspect and meeting Lions from other clubs. Didn't particularly get anything from the seminar sessions."

Some were very useful and others a complete waste of time.

The common expression in the club and zone is that conventions and handovers feel like gate crashing someone else's party. In addition the unchanging format feels a bit past its sell by date and there are differences to attending when in your 30s - 40s to when the average age is in the 60s - 70s"

Cabinet meetings are onerous and as an Observer I felt decidedly remote. They are unexciting and the average age is much too high to encourage any new and up and coming members. Our Zone meetings are much more fun and over the last few years have become more productive less boring and have actual purpose."

All have been informative, friendly and useful

Useful to get a feel of other Zone Clubs' activities

Good way to get to know fellow Lions and exchange views and address problem issues"

I have not attended events for some years, even then only for the day; I think they OK for those who are into inner workings of Lionism and who have made Lionism their main outlet for their social life and for rendering public service. I have the impression judging by motions, agendas and feedback that a large amount of time is spent on procedures, constitutions, finances etc , areas which I would find very boring ; it seems to me they are a bit like orchestra on the Titanic given our major issues as an organisation of ageing/ declining membership and our public image i.e question how effective and relevant they are judging by what eventually filters down to club level. For example, I seem to remember that the main item of feedback from the last District convention was about the change in price for subs"

Repetition of projects. Should be brief year-to-date review and talk about the future, not the past. Too much time spent on competitions."

MD and District Convention are very much alike - one is just on a larger scale. I would question the value of having an International Guest at every District and MD Convention - why not just have them attend the MD Convention. We could then use the time allotted to the International guest to more workshops or to listen to an inspirational speaker. "

N/A

Generally the Conventions were great fun and provided information and encouragement to members. Possibly because of cost the club found it difficult to get new members to attend. "

NA

needs to refresh, update.

None attended and what is important I have zero motivation to attend such occasions, as my perception rightly or wrongly is that my perception is that they are most likely to be social events and very remote from the realities of club core work. "

N/A

Great to meet up with other Lions from all over the world at International Convention in Hamburg and we found the countries very friendly, especially Germany this year. - as a group we felt less welcomed by our own country - not for ordinary lions and more for the higher ranked especially at our own reception party. "

In the whole I found them very enlightening and enjoyable. Great to meet Lions from other clubs & areas & exchange ideas."

Not so much the Convention as such - more the extremely old fashioned way we refer to MEMBERS as DG, Past DG, Past ID etc. It really is time we dragged ourselves into the 21st century and dropped all this nonsense. (Even in the workplace now very senior management are often referred to by their first names - so it is not alien to modern convention). Do we still need the Ceremony of the flags. Another hangover from the past."

I have only attended Zone Meetings which probably tells you a lot! I had been to one or two other events previous to the 5 years you ask about. I feel that they are too bureaucratic and I don't like the multi-layered (American) management style of Lions. Our club are much more interested in getting stuck in at local grass roots community layer and are not generally interested in the more corporate element of Lions"

The District Convention was an improvement being more business oriented. Zone meetings were variable being better when there was a specific objective."

D Conv - Too much time devoted to historical Reports by too many Dist Officers with relatively small portfolios. Two 'large' Social events on consec, nights turns it into a two day event with associated cost implications putting off potential attendees. D Handover - has turned into a grand social event - Not of much interest to 'ordinary' Club Members - ? Hold at last Cabinet meeting of the Year ?. D Service - a GOOD event - especially where local authority leaders attend. Cabinet Meetings - See D. Convention !!. Cabinet Posts could be consolidated down to a. Administration b. Community Service Aspects c. Fund Raising

Aspects. Zones Of interest to those who attend BUT Generally one should consider consolidating Numbers off down from 13 to 9 or 10. (Regions seems to be superflous alltogether - IF they really are necessary - consider consoliating down from 5 to 3. UNLESS, that is, Re-Districting ACTUALLY takes place, in the forseable future, to redress up to the minimum numbers r"

the parade was incredible, I then went to the German reception with my host, this was the only event I attended ."

very enjoyable

Zone Meetings well conducted by Chairperson. Variably informative to me (based on my 34 years service)"

I find the District Convention a valuable opportunity to renew and revitalise old acquaintanceships and contacts. The last MD105 Convention I attended (2012) was very poorly attended and was almost excruciatingly boring. If they are to serve a purpose, Conventions must have a positive objective rather than just being a cliquey get-together."

District Convention provides a dood meeting point and recognition and appreciation is given to 'CLub ' lions. Workshops provide information. The question and answer sessions air different ideas and information concerning membership and provide thought for future discusssion.. I have always always enjoyed this event, but many lions of long standing have ever been, and would be detered by cost. In our area Zone meetings are not supported by all the clubs in the group, and they do not appear to have any useful purpose. I have attended one cabinet meeting where a arge group of people were present, and proceedings appeared to be long and tedious...."

District convention should be 1 day, in an accessible location. It should have no more than 1 hour for the AGM and then should be mix of workshops and outside speakers on relevant themes. The cost for most members is too high otherwise and I can see no point in fancy dress dances etc! Cabinet needs a dramatic change if it is to be relevant. Small number of key officers meeting regularly with email to members on major issues of interest or importance. "

Too many

Convention is tedious and extremely old-fashioned. I will not attend again

Convention predictable Zone meetings like another club

Generally well planned and informative.

It appears that numbers attending District Convention are falling (?) Costs of weekend event - does it need to be 'streamlined' to perhaps a day conference with evening entertainment and the option of staying over? Would there perhaps be better support if it was more 'family

orientated' to encourage younger membership?"

The Business session at most District Conventions seems to be run for the glorification of Cabinet Members rather than for the Club Lions attending. It may be our AGM but it is like no other AGM I have ever attended. Europa Forum is mostly and expensive social event as none of it's procedures has much say in what is done by the Lions Executive and Board"

N/A

since I know Lions throughout the country I enjoy re-seeing friendships. I find little of value in Most Conventions where there is a lack of debate"

District Convention was useful, only attended for Sat as not keen to be involved with fancy dress social gatherings! Will attend Zone meetings as & when they're called (hasn't been one in my 2 months' Presidency. "

Dist Convention, dependent on what you are looking for, it can be very interesting with all the workshops available, otherwise I think it is more like box ticking for the amendments. Zone Meetings, I find them very interesting for what the other zone clubs are doing."

Routine

I only have a limited amount of time so concentrate on the things I can do to help - more local I guess. "

Only attend if reasonably near. Only if someone from own Club is involved and would appreciate support."

I enjoyed the events, though they can be expensive to attend

INTERESTING HEARING ABOUT PROJECTS LIKE Measles, WATERAID ETC. Can be inspiring... Good FUN MEETING ALL SORTS OF NEW FRIENDS (Germany, Canada, Australia and USA) AND ITS GREAT TO MEET OLD FRIENDS TOO FROM Iceland, Holland, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE UK. though people hand you their card or pin as if you are going to be great buddies for life and you may never ever see them again. the feeling of belonging to one big family is very prevalent at Conventions."

Zone meetings are useful to get new fundraising ideas and to co-operate with neighbouring clubs from time to time. Also to get to know and form useful links with neighbouring clubs."

Too many speeches, trophy presentations at conventions. These should be Short AGM and workshops exchanging ideas. Q&A for Club Officers and MD Shop. Max 1 day with ability to stay overnight. This could possibly be on a Region basis with TV Link-up for the AGM. The Regions could arrange discussions and Q&A + prize presentations as necessary."

Interesting but sometimes too formulaic

Thoroughly enjoyed District Convention. Zone meetings are a bit hit and miss with content."

Zone meetings can be useful as they are of a sensible scale are, being local(ish), are likely to be relevant. District Conventions & Cabinet Meetings attended (more than 5 years ago) came over as irrelevant, pointless mutual back slapping exercises."

Good information and a nice way to meet other Lions.

They are very poorly advertised by clubs, most members have no idea when or where they are "

Convention is a great opportunity to meet good friends, listen and be involved in constructive discussions and hear interesting presentations. Zone Meetings are well attended with a well thought out agenda, guest speakers and Lions attending because they enjoy the evening and are not just turning up for appearances sake."

They are long winded and tied up in tradition which is simply not relevant with the younger members."

Convention on the whole good entertainment, informative, AGM side - sometimes we lose our way, sometimes tends to be prolonged by unnecessary opposing views Dist.Handovers have always been arousing and full of hope for the coming year. District Service has always been of a high standard and up-lifting Cabinet meetings - as I have had the privilege of being a cabinet member there have been times I feel we have lost our way. I have in the past taken club members to Cabinet and their response has not been favourable and would not attend again therefore I feel we have lost potential Dist.Officers. In latter years quite rightly we have tried to make the Cabinet meetings shorter however I know in some cases people have thought they have not had a fair opportunity to put their report/case clearly to Cabinet. This is a difficult situation in my mind but I feel this should be addressed. Zone Meetings - have in the last few years not been so well attended obviously one reason is membership is lower. I believe another reason is communications are better now through e-mails etc. Also certain Lions feel that it is just another meeting that they don't need to attend because they know better and have been there, seen it etc etc etc and will not have Dist.Officers coming to talk to them as they have done it better in their day !!"

District Convention - Some members have stated that prize giving can take too long and can it be subordinated to a side room, but take the point it is important to those entering a competition, but does take time when other information could be given. There are traditions that have to be honoured over the years so this is a difficult one."

The Zone meetings in themselves have no great impact. It seems obvious that if we are going to grow the Organisation, then short term we must contract in to a smaller number of stronger Clubs before we can move

forward. The Zone meetings could be a conduit for that"

I enjoy Zone meetings, the other Clubs I meet there and the guests who address us. I've never had any interest in the Convention socials and only attend the other aspects if I'm helping. I think the level of business done isn't really that important. "

Fine

Convention - good. Business kept to a minimum. Zone meetings - good for socially meeting local Lions & supporting other local clubs' projects."

They were all very interesting events and provided a good insight into the way Lions works as well as providing opportunities to meet Lions from outside your normal sphere of operations."

Convention business meetings stayed in the past. In my opinion they need to be less formal ie Voting procedures and other announcements could be in print form. opening ceremony do we need an address from a county rep. Let us lighten up the whole procedure and be more casual. My thoughts are that to build up our membership we need to respond to the younger outlook. Or just fade away"

In my first year so interesting to learn more

Nowhere near enough is made of the skills opinions and knowledge of the individual members. At one District Convention I attended recently the floor mikes were unused! Also a workshop means participation not listening. Many members who have attended found them boring"

Zone meetings - fine.

More of a social event rather than gaining information on future policies and trends within the association."

Having served as a District officer for at least 6 years, I have attended these as part of my duties but sadly like many other 'aging' Lions found the travelling to such functions somewhat excessive and tiring not to mention a bit expensive for a pensioner. Many Lions are now reaching the 70+ age range and are opting out of some of these functions/events for the same reasons."

The Zone meetings and socials I have attended have usually been well attended and run, I am not sure whether the opportunities to work together on larger local projects and to pass information between both ways between 105D and Club have been exploited enough. I found the exchange of Club activity info was potentially useful, but perhaps more needed to be made of it back at Club meeting. Perhaps Zone meeting minutes, plus any papers presented at such meetings, need to be made accessible to members - via email? I.E. not just via a list of links to downloads, but by attachment, so they nudge every Lion in their inbox."

MD Convention is a great opportunity to meet other Lions. discuss different ways of achieving things but unfortunately not all Lions realise this. The format of the business section I have got used to but I think new younger Lions would find some parts boring and . The Sunday morning celebrations for the new DG's are a good chance to celebrate our organisation. At District level the business section I would rate similarly to MD. The Forum sessions are not used to the best advantage by some Lions who chose not to speak up."

Have attended all events back in the 90 s , other commitments with bussiness and family took over."

Good for social interaction with members of other clubs. Good for hearing about what other Zone clubs are up to. Not so good for getting feedback on Cabinet activities or upcoming District activities."

Zone meetings appear to be a waste of time as clubs do not appear to want to work together. All the clubs seem to do is brag about what they have done and who they have helped rather than swapping ideas and coming together to help each other."

An new to Lions I am just learning about the events.

District Convention could be condensed to one or one and a half days.

Too large, little opportunity to contribute - possibly small groups could meet in the am to discuss items of particular interest & results presented for discussion and approval. "

There is not enough variation in the content to attract many members to return each year. It is appreciated it is the AGM and some formal business has to be done."

Convention is too expensive & spread out. Suggest a one day event consisting of AGM & formal dinner"

district conventions were well organized and very helpful with lots of good informations and fun. zone meetings were well organized but too bureaucratic."

The zone dinner seemed like a good idea, however there was no mixing of other clubs."

The District conventions are good fun - particularly the social events on Friday and Saturday evenings. The business parts of the meeting can be slightly over-formal, and I believe that ordinary attendees could be assigned into groups that discuss individual matters or maybe take part in brainstorms (sorry about the political incorrectness - I mean thought shower!) Zone meetings are of use and it is useful to hear the experiences of other clubs in the zone"

Some parts interesting, some parts much less so (e.g. the reports).

Not applicable; no such events attended

A useful way of sharing information and ideas with neighbouring clubs and of collaborating on fund raisers and joint projects."

Not interested in the hierarchy

I have recently re-joined the club after an absence of a few years. I am an original Charter member and have in the past attended all District functions plus MD Conventions and 4 International Conventions."

District Service should continue.

Conventions inspiring & useful - have been President twice so far, but don't like the 'fun' evenings so only attended the Saturday forums. Zone meetings constructive and good for maintaining strong links with others Clubs in our Zone."

Not interested in the slightest, perception would be totally boring

I enjoyed them for th entertainment etc but didn't go to the actual meetings at all. Probably quite an expensive weekend for what it was."

I enjoyed the district service as did our town major. I felt that the convention was over formalised and did not want new ideas from the floor e.g.there was strong support for the view that the peace poster competition was past its sellby date and should be replaced by something with a wider appeal."

Interesting and one needs to get involved in them to achieve maximum benefit"

I have been a Cabinet member in the last 5 years, like the other events the quality varies to a large extent dependent on the DG, who sets the tone for most of the District events. Generally all events are useful, especially when they have a fixed agenda and keep to it."

As a new member (less than 6mths) no one has explained what they are or their relevance."

No particular view

A few District events are interesting but once you have attended one the format is exactly the same for all. "

Can be boring on occasions.

Useful information and good to meet up with Lions from other clubs

Very Formal and Stuffy

Most are interesting and enjoyable, but when all the different reports etc are being presented it can get long winded and boring. They are all printed in the convention papers and the person who has made the report does not have to make a speech about it unless it has changed. So why can these reports not just be presented on block and not waste all that time."

Attended District Conventions for a few years after joining, and found them mostly enjoyable. Main reasons for not attending for the few years are:- 1) Cost- this could be made less expensive by reducing to 2 x days, ie, 1 x overnight stay. 2) Protocol- too long a time given to flag waving ceremony. 3) Main convention business day too long. "

Although the events are much improved ie less going over the same ground as the reports, the adoption of reports still needs to be streamlined. The presentations need to be geared towards relevant and meaningful discussion, that can be debated immediately afterwards. Some attendees are intimidated by the cabinet posts both past and present, that wear like a badge of honour ie. You should listen to me as I am a past Zone Chairman etc. You might get more taking part in the debate if you allowed people to respond from their seats."

Zone meetings useful to keep in touch with local Lions clubs - activities, ideas, etc"

District Convention goes a long way to building bridges between Lions Clubs members throughout the District. Long term friendships and contacts are formed at Convention. However much time is wasted on protocol and procedures which go over the heads of many attendees. More workshops are needed as practical help for Lions. District Service is an excellent faith based means of renewing our aims as Lions. However Lions who are not of the Christian Faith may feel excluded. Zone meetings are only as good as the preparation made by the ZC. I have recently attended Zone Meetings which were only good on a social and personal networking basis. The business discussion was minimal and not prepared for sufficiently."

Helpful to meet other Lions in other clubs.

Although good to meet with others from the Zone I find the Zone meetings a waste of time. I'm not sure if it is a case of holding a meeting for the sake of it. Yes it is nice to have a meal and a chat but there has to be a purpose and information gathering from a meeting. There is usually no further info gained than is published in the Trumpet which is circulated prior to the meeting. No information update from Cabinet is heard and occasionally there is a good speaker.

International, Multi-District & District Conventions are well organised. However the plenary sessions go on far too long. DC is after all an AGM and should be as short as possible and to the point. I believe it needs to find a balance between tradition and being out of date. Do we need the Flag Ceremony? Couldn't the flags be in place before the meeting starts. The award /certificate session is incredibly boring & monotonous

and goes on far too long. Again does this need to take place at all. People are being awarded for doing what is essentially part of their roll in the Lions organisation. If someone is doing something over & above that or something extraordinary, of course, that should always be recognised. Is the AGM the place though to present awards?

We are all volunteers giving our time freely. We have heard, on more than one occasion, over the last few years that our organisation needs to change and modernise if we are going to attract new members. These outdated rituals need to be abandoned and is probably my biggest turn off never mind anyone who is thinking of joining or has newly joined. Lets work towards a 21st cen"

Useful

Tend to be very similar each year. Best part is the International Speaker

None

Usually worthwhile but sometimes too long

Probably because I am very locally oriented, I found them boring.

I enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about other clubs.

Interesting but too long

VERY ENJOYABLE AND WELL ORGANISED

Not applicable as only joined in July.

I think that they all are very good but there are no significant differences between them apart from the venues. There also seems to be a pecking order rather than an OPENNESS. I attended my first event in the Isle of White, the venue was lovely and it was my misfortune to be seated immediately beneath a very large speaker. However, as an observer the function missed out on entertaining speakers from outside of the Lions. The Lions speakers were very good!"

Zone meetings are OK but nothing special. The rest are just too stuffy and old fashioned with all the hierarchy in 'uniform'."

Excellent.

Fine for what they are but my focus is on MVLC as part of LCI

Some good (eg Leeds); some dreadful (eg Belfast)

Enjoyable for those who have a specific roleHard to find something to interest those not directly involvedmust be totally baffling for new Lions"

Enjoyed all that I have attended

They are a good place to meet people and catch up but often get too bogged down in business rather than feeling celebratory as well "

Convention too predictable.

Idon't know as I have never attend any of them.

Zone Meetings are but pleasant events to talk but it is impossible to make any earth shattering decision. I have attended over 30 conventions including the one international in UK. I found some the District Conventions were more social than business. Often there is really nothing to decide. Multiple District is a waste of time for ordinary members and tends to be a meeting event for the leaders= I will never attend Multiple District Convention again and would only attend District for the business sessions."

Interesting; informative; social.

convention can be very expensive for a couple to attend the entire weekend. Also the business part does not hold the attention of new Lions especially when references are made to cabinets, councils, etc"

Not been to any

Many events are becoming far too expensive. The format of most Lions Events rarely changes so they become too routine, and even in some cases boring and therefore not proving to be 'value for money'"

Old fashioned and stuffy - the white blazer brigade, more interested in showing off badges - we should be doing not dreaming of yesteryear. Not interested in all the pomp and ceremony, Joined Lions to do. You may use my words, but not my name or club if you would like to send a message to the other Lions out there. "

Cost quite a bit, plus I am still working and really don't have the time to attend."

socially interesting and enjoyable. many interesting topics discussed. however 50% of time in session boring and irrelevant to me ie processions and voting procedures."

I am 85 years of age so do not do much travelling. I find, however, that the zone meetings are interesting to see what other Clubs are doing. I am also an OAP on a limited budget and find that Forums/etc are too expensive."

Nice to meet other clubs and get to know their views. A forum for enlisting mutual assistance at events. "

Does this refer to point b.only or a. & b.? If the latter, then I enjoyed the District Convention, particularly the morning including the

workshops. The Zone meeting was combined with a dinner so it was a little difficult to know who was who."

Not in the last 5 years. But previously conventions centre too much on the boring bits of business and not enough focus on FUN!!"

I feel we have not had sufficient experience so far to comment effectively. Both my wife and I help out frequently and volunteer to attend all available events if we can. "

Interesting and Worthwile or I would not go. Thedifficulty is persuading others to attend."

Reasonable compared to some previous MD conventions

Very we'll run in an organised fashion with the right amount of social activity."

Useful from the viewpoint of making contacts and sharing ideas, but sometimes the formalatives can be time-wasting, and off-putting for new members."

Less useful the higher up the level of meeting/event, eg Zone meetings are of more interest and use than, say, District Conventions (I have attended about 6 District Conventions in my 30 years service). "

NOT ATTENDED

Very interesting and informative

They are run well but sometimes there is too much red tape and a bit old fashion"

N/A as I have not attended any of the events above.

very enjoyable but can go on a bit when things have already been proposed and seconded before convention , then its all gone over again at convention when everyone has read about it before. why cant we just vote."

Useful and good to meet Lions from other clubs

International Convention at Hamburg - Generally a great event and the parade was excellent. The UK Reception was an extension of what it's like at our District Conventions i.e. Too many white jackets and badges thus creating a them and us atmosphere. "

I thin the District Conventions go on for too long and it is quite an expensive event."

District Convention seems over populated with procedures District Serices seems incongruous for a non religious organisation - But I

enjoyed the two that I attended Zone meetings doenable clubs to know of other activities"

Found the District events and meetings informative and enjoyable

enjoyed the handovers i have attended. also like to attend zone meetings where it is good to meet other Lions"

I always find them interesting and informative. A very good way to meet people and catch up with old contacts"

Quite different to the one's in District 410

Having attended the day at Dist Convention only, interesting and enjoyed it. The costs for the whole weekend were confusing and as there was no clarity on what was included or not, I found this to be off putting as i like clear notices and instructions. Zone meetings are enjoyable and informative."

N/A

Too expensive and not why I joined Lions

Nice to meet colleagues from other Clubs but content of the Convention is really only interesting to new Members as after attending one or two Conventions there is little new of interest."

I feel that attendance over the years has decreased .I have attended all the events over the last 26 years and thoroughly enjoyed them especially being able to meet Lions from other Districts and Countries and learn how they serve their communities.I do feel however that some of them are out of reach financially for some of our members."

Treated as 'not worth bothering about' by longer serving members, mainly due to lack of real action following the meetings. Thus they need to be targeted, purposeful, have an agenda issued in time for participants to prepare what they want to contribute. minutes must be taken and circulated after the meeting (ASAP) AND Actions stated with who will do what. No point saying 'we discussed xxx ' unless there is also 'and YYY will report back on progress at next meeting'"

Interesting days,

Interesting opportunity to meet other Lions.

OK - the Zone meetings are similar in format to club meetings and the district service adds an element of spirituality to the concept of service "

Zone meetings, good for social interaction but little information gained from these meetings. District Convention, okay but too many formalities and far too many prizes and awards, especially when few clubs have entered the competitions and awards for just doing normal

stuff, not 'extraordinary' effete! International, good socially to go with own club and support district governor but not enough events for ordinary Lions, mainly geared towards 'white' jackets."

District Convention. I have always attend this as it is our AGM but also a time to have a fun weekend away with my club members. A bit of a team build for ourselves but for our partners to have some time together to get to know each other better. Something we feel is important in our club. The convention business session has now become so outdated and stale that it is almost embarrassing to ask new members to attend. We are all Lions in the room please drop all these past it titles. The 'past its' just need to move on. Start with a clean sheet of paper and re-invent the day. Stop patting people on their backs just for doing the job that they have volunteered to do. Only outstanding deeds should be recognised. Allow more debate and discussion, not on the Sunday when most people have gone home but on the Saturday. Involve ordinary Lions not just those with titles. There are some inspirational people out there amongst the ranks. Make it into a day that we can go back to our clubs and say 'you should have been there'. I look forward to attending District Convention but I remember it for the wrong reason. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE make some changes before it is too late. District Service I always attend the District Service and it is what it says on the tin. Zone Meetings Again, I always attend my Zone meetings and have been Zone Chairman. These meetings should be the conduit between Cabinet and the clubs but sometimes information is sadly lacking. I also feel that the Zone chairman should be chosen by the clubs of the Zone to act as their representative. I believe there are some excellent Lions being overlooked as they are not known to the District Governor. I also do not feel that the post of Zone Chairman should be a cabinet position but that they should report to the Region Chairman who attends Cabinet. Many Lions would come forward for the role of Zone chairman if they did not have to attend cabinet meetings. MD Convention I have attended most years since"

N/A Not really interested in any involvement

I was 'taken aback' and the parade of flags and the expectation that we would sing the star spangled banner! I will not attend another convention."

Although difficult MD convention needs to allocate time for forums and really get to grips with our declining membership and lack of good leaders."

Very dry and, sadly, not very interesting

district Convention - Opening session far too long Nice to meet up with friends. Also Awards could just mention winners and delegate to Zone Chairman to give out to Clubs. This would leave more time say on speakers or question time."

none of those events help the local community and therefore are a waste of my time"

Usually enjoyable but some are becoming expensive.

Very informative

District Cabinet	Total
In your opinion and based on what you know, is District Cabinet:	
11 answer=Just about right?	44
31 answer=No opinion	190
9 answer=Too big?	137
Total District Cabinet	371

Has any District Officer visited your club in the last:	Total
18 answer=Year?	321
19 answer=3 years?	33
20 answer=5 years?	7
21 answer=Never?	1
32 answer=Can't remember?	18
Total District Officer Visited	380

Which District Officers visited your club?	Total
39 answer=DG	300
40 answer=IPDG	29
41 answer=1st Vice DG	101
42 answer=2nd Vice DG	36
43 answer=Region Chair	130
44 answer=Zone Chair	215
47 answer=Other - please state below	27
Total Who Visited Club	838

Other District Officers who Visted Clubs
Sight Officer
David Marchant
Can't remember his position - Keith [?] from Salisbury Club
All the above Officers attended as part of their official visit programme. They requested to visit, but the Club were happy to accept them, as they would any visitor"
All of the DGs since I joined the club have visited Loddon Valley.
we are fortunate to have a number of members who are active within the administration. People like John Goodchild , Geoff Foan , Barry Germain and david Fowler provide sufficient information about how the administration is working.. We also have had visi"

None

Past DG Roger Mundy, Past DG Ron Twining

Our club has many officers

District Youth Officer

Roger Munday and Ron Twining

Lion Alan Chapman came a couple of weeks back. I was on holiday when
Lion Roger Munday came in 2012. Lion Ron Twining came in 2011. "

Youth - Yorky Tuke 1st VDG

We pride ourselves in having a very healthy club and work very hard
together raising / spending funds. The Club normally has a visit once a
year from our DG who gives us a pat on the back and says well done keep
up the good work you are doing a fabulous job promoting the charitable
work of the Lions Club in Guernsey. Our response as a club, we extend an
open invitation to any member any time, from DG to a new Lion. You will
be most welcome to join us at any meeting. "

Past DG

None

In recent years the District Governor has always paid us a visit. Again
recently all Zone Chairmen have attended regularly."

PDG x 2

Various Cabinet Officers visited Zone meetings and spoke about their
current topics for that Lions Year."

All Lions are welcome to our Branch Club meetings regardless of what
position they hold"

Both Zone Chairman (last Lion year) and DG (this and last Lion year)

Message in a Bottle

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The Region and Zone Chairs are Club members

LCIF Officer

Why would for example - a Zone Chair visit our club? It IS important
that cross-fertilization of ideas and a sharing of experience takes
place. In practice understandably jealousies exist between clubs as do
methods of managing clubs. A visiting Zone chair would be welcome but

she/he would have to be very careful in making a contribution. The autonomy of a club - whilst good - tends to negate the involvement of the hierarchy in our affairs."

In the past we have had DO for Diabetes, Vulnerable Persons, Medic Alert. MIAB, Sight First, Membership"

Insurance/vulnerable persons

Several Club Members hold/have held current/recent Zone/Region/District/Multiple Posts - therefore 'regularly visit' HoHoHo. "

We have also been visited by the Chairman of the Council of Governors

They were both club members

Peter Burnett District Chairman

Can't remember their titles but we have seen several officers over the past 5 years"

Enthusiastic but often too many ideas etc. Need to concentrate on a single subject"

N/A

I think forget the White Tuxedos and the Religion and keep it to grass levels"

Mike Hendy visited last month.

Roger Munday Christine Munday

not sure if had visits from Region chair or Zone chair

Region and Zone Chairmen (chairs are things you sit on) are Club members so not fair to count them as visitors."

DG David Merchant Region Chair Mike Turner Zone Chair Barry Woolcott & Frances Bond"

Youth /Young Ambassador

At Zone Meeting, PR

Roger Munday, DG

Comms and Noms Officer. Diabetes Awareness officer. M.I.A.B. Officer, Sight Officer, Dentaid Chairman Region Membership Officer, Peace Poster Officer, Environment Officer"

Sight Officer and he was very informative

MedicAlert District Officer

Prospective Lion looking for support to become District Governor

Sight Officer

Barry Woolcock, Ron Twining, Roger Munday, Jim McGregor, Mick Turner, John Apps"

members of clubs close to us

Brigid Hendy Ron Twinnig Roger Munday David Marchant

I only recall a health & safety presentation some three years ago and my own presentation on LCIF measles initiative."

Can't remember

Cannot remember the names

Region Chairman

Youth Committee Chair - Yorky Tuke

Yorky Tuke

can't remember

Yes

None in last year, we have had visits in prior years

n/a

Medic Alert, Hearing and Sight

Judith Goodchild, Ron Twining, Roger Munday, David Merchant, Christine Munday Ken Carter"

Re Cabinet too big - It is all 'Jobs for the Boys'

DG Roger Munday RC Geoff Foan ZC Judith Colby

11th April 2013 DG Lion Roger Munday 12th September 2013 DG LION David Merchant "

The DG and his partner

Speech & Hearing

It would be unfair of me to answer this question. Lions has been a low

priority in my life for the past seven years since my wife died and I was made redundant. My time has been focused on providing for my daughters rather than worrying about District Officers! "

Life skills officer - Alan Chapman Mobility & Speech & Hearing Officer
- John Drago Community Service Officer - Ken Staniforth"

Unsure

District Youth Officer

MDO - Loddon Valley

Mike Hendy

Guiding Lion appointed by DG

YouthbExchange Officer

David Merchant

David Merchant, Dave Ebsworth, Patrick Hamblin

Multi District Youth Exchange Officer Youth Ambassador Officer

MIAB

District Treasurer visited a board meeting to explain some details of how different Lions accounts should be (or could be) managed"

David Taylor The question below is a bit unfair because they did at least ask before turning up and provided plenty of notice."

DG R and C Munday DG R and A Twining

David Merchant, Roger Munday

No others

Patrick Hamblin

Need to move with the times. As said below, most members/clubs can obtain the information they need to take part in projects through other means rather than the District officer visiting. With membership declining and lack of leadership within our clubs District needs to concentrate on these two aspects with the Zone chairman."

District Secretary

DG: David Merchant, 3H Zone Chairman: James Macgregor, Region 3
Chairman: Derek Knight"

do not need region chairs and need to encourage change of officers (max 3 years) to promote a change and update"

?

District Governor Lion David Merchant - September 2013 District Governor Lion Roger Munday - April 2013"

End of 'Other' District Officers who Visited Clubs

Did those District Officers:	Total
49 answer=receive an invitation from the club?	79
50 answer=invite themselves?	196
51 answer=don't know	97
Total of who invited District Officers	372

If a District Officer has visited your club, what value did you or the club get from this visit?

We were informed of the latest developments

Information about what goes on in the district

Meeting someone who was aware of what was happening within Lions on a regional and national basis"

Awareness of programmes/opportunities, clarification of an issue regarding licencing"

None that I can think of other than talking too long.

I don't really know

none

The Club appreciates seeing the District Governor to get his/her perspective on the current state of Lionism. We have found one does not always get a consistent approach when one of the VDGs visits in place of the Governor. This we know from having visite"

Little value apart from the ordinary members getting to know who their District Officers were."

little

learnt nothing new that we couldn't get from District Mailing info

Interesting to meet them

Not a lot

Got a different perspective on District hopes and fears. However a Club

such as ours has many different opinions and at 78 I look for the easiest option nowadays!"

Very little, the impression left was nice people who don't understand why we don't want to get involved with District but are pleased with the effort we put in for such a small club."

An insight into the greater Lions activities within the district.

Very little, we did ask for support from the membership team three years ago and we are still waiting"

not known

Overall information on what was happening in district

Nice to hear what is going on from someone who is on Cabinet.

An update on District events

I think it is good value from both points of view

Difficult to answer. For committed Lions a DG's visit is important. I am a Lion because the Jersey Club allows me to give service to the local community in an efficient and cost effective manner. Visiting DG's are welcome guests at our meetings - provided that they don't go on too long!"

in reality very little

Gave some ideas for new projects etc

Seemed to be a chance for Members to complain. A bit 'us and them'.

Every Lions Club is autonomous and in touch with the needs of its own community. Most visitors are there to promote the party line and in a lot of cases this does not work for that particular area."

Too long ago to recall !

Our need to recruit younger members was discussed so that we don't go the way of our mother club Sherborne. It was suggested forming a branch club, but I strongly believe that by doing that, it would see the death of the main club. While branch clubs have worked elsewhere I don't think it is the solution in our club. We must first try to get new, younger members into our club. "

The District Officer was full of advice

An encouraging talk

Interesting to hear how other parts of the organisation work and to get feedback."

Yorky represented the Cabinet view of the youth funding, which re-inforced our opinion that we were doing better supporting a local youth group"

As we are an isolated club because of our island position, it is nice to have a new face at our meetings and to know from a District Officer that we are performing well as a club. "

Polite attention.

It is interesting to know how other clubs operate. However, our club raises circa £1200 per member per year. It has been implied that clubs that raise less than half of that figure per member might be used as a benchmark to improve our club. I find this somewhat of a paradox!"

Putting a name to the face, being offered insight to Lions projects and assistance on relevant matters"

Very useful input. Informative.

He made us feel very positive and gave me a bee.

the profit from our club raffle increased that night. I think this is the only useful contact with District and doesn't involve us travelling what can be a long way to visit some places in a large District"

Membership themes and drives have always been emphasised. The personal touch is always an advantage and news from other Lions Clubs is always welcome ! "

It was good to get some immediate feedback on what is happening around the district. Also the fact that they put themselves out to come to the Island is appreciated "

An overview of various Lions activities and opinions. Good to see such folk 'out & about'."

Tried hard to motivate the club

It was all very friendly and they have shown interest in the clubs activities .Also spoke to club about their issues they were trying to interest members into "

Just the expected talk.

It is always good to meet District Officers, but I feel they gain more from their visits than does the Club."

I believe most clubs hold very much the same views as us which is mainly inward thinking on internal and local matters so the main importance of the visit was to see and meet someone who works with other

District officers and therefore has up to date knowledge of what is happening in the wider field. "

Good to have a member of the DG team visit to fly the flag - for some clubs its important, for others not"

All of our lions in our club valued the DG`s comments and will continue to do so and we look forward to our present DG`s visit next year"

Very Little.

Very little in fact but these visits are amongst the few means for Lions (particularly newcomers) to become more familiar with the wider Lions organisation"

Interesting to see what they were like and what other clubs were doing.

None that I am aware of - understood it was for the DG's benefit to learn what different clubs do."

good advice and the knowledge that cabinet does care about individual clubs"

From our recent visit from DG in August, I think it was more what he took away from us. He congratulated us on the amount of service/fund-raising we do and the enthusiasm of the club. It was of course great to see David and Diana too and he did talk about his plans and invited us to District Service in Newbury and Convention."

We found out how other clubs were using publicity material and local events for their benefit which enabled us to follow their example."

No

It was OK although it makes the meeting less relaxed. It is helpful for newer members to get a feel for Lions outside of their own club. It is useful when Officers stress these points and can report of international successes."

Given newer members a better insight into the wider Lions family

Knowledge of activities further up the chain

Mostly very encouraging about Lions in the bigger picture.

Such visits are worthwhile, particularly if the attendee is a Lion of wide experience. Our Club is quite parochial in it's outlook. The main reason for this is the amount of time and effort that all of us can and do put into making the Club a success. During the last visit all of the 4 officers who attended made a worthwhile contribution to the meeting and, more importantly, entered into the spirit of the meeting."

apart from bonhomie, marginal

Having seen some presentations, they do not add any value to the information that has been sent in the Mailings or is on the website."

We learnt more about the work of LCIF

Nice to put a name to a face. Rather depressing to hear about the overall picture."

Provided information to club members on District and MD views and also encouraged the Club to develop a strategy for retention and growth"

Personally not a lot.

depends on the DO.

Possibly no value whatsoever. this is not the district Officers fault. But we do seem to have a colossal hierarchy and largely negative hierarchy emboldened by curious tradition, and old boy network. Some dist. groups - say region - what is this - ours does not meet as far as I know. Even Zones have no authority or responsibility - so why do we have these groups? "

District Officers have attended zone meetings. Very poor knowledge of their subject and displayed very poor presentation skills. No value given or received."

Depended very much on the Officer who visited - some gave very helpful information, others not. Friendliness is very much a key aspect to any visit, especially with new members being present. It should be an opportunity for both District Officers and club members to learn and listen about the organisation and how each Club is very different. Retention of members is key and then the recruitment of new members will follow."

More info on the subjects ie Diabetes, Vulnerable Persons, Medic Alert. MIAB, Sight First, Membership"

I think the DG went away having learnt something about a successful dynamic club that achieves the Lions first objective of 'We Serve' (the local community)."

To be honest very little - it felt more like a courtesy visit as part of an annual duty."

Useful for the information provided

2 of the above received invites, 2 invited themselves. IVDG gave an interesting talk and was encouraged by what our club does."

Wider in depth understanding of their responsibilities, portfolio and

purpose of the post held by them."

very little, nothing inspirational, only to be told that his club could not operate like we do. "

insight to what was happening in the area plus ideas

Quite a lot of value(personal opinion only, not necessarily club opinion)

A valuable insight into the ethos of the District and a wider view of Lionism."

Our club had support concerning membership and we received information concerning the wider impact of being a lion and plans for the next year, and that the work of our club was appreciated."

Limited information about activities at District level.

It was nice to meet her, and she was supportive and encouraging - but I found it very hard to see how her visit made any significant difference to our club's work. Perhaps it's because we're an island club, and (apart from our twinning with St Brieuc) we very rarely have anything to do with other clubs. We don't even get that many visitors really. Being part of an international organisation doesn't seem to be significant locally, as far as I can see. (We could all leave the Lions, rebrand our group as the 'Tigers', and carry on pretty much as before - I don't think it would make much difference.)"

2 invited themselves(1st Vice D President and his wife) 2 invited DG and wife and Zone Chairman and V D Chairman (Debbie and Peter Burnett)"

Nothing

District Officer visits have usually been informative. The DG does not need to come every year. Other visiting officers have had specific agendas and been of interest"

Not a lot.

not a lot

A presentation on the topics that were currently important in the District activities. All information is useful."

1st VDG did a good job promoting the Measles project to which the club responded with a donation. ZC promoted the Zone project and also promoted the need to be mindful of membership requirements through the Zone and District. "

Useful information and updates

None

It is nice to be able to 'show off' some of our projects - the officer then has the chance to see what clubs do, and may be able to introduce something into their own club, or suggest new things to our club"

Depended upon the Charisma of the officer. Generally no effect. One so bad that the club refused further visits"

Just to see a face for a name and find something out about them

Gave us picture of declining numbers & previewed this survey. I found overview useful & hope club demonstrated our community involvement. "

DG attended monthly meeting, 2nd Vice attended Charter Night Dinner Dance. Very pleased to see them but cannot say what value."

Not a great deal personally.

I don't feel we received any particular benefit from their visit.

Very little - pat on the back Not always able to answer questions asked

DG can offer interesting info and hopefully usefull networking.

We were informed of the forthcoming survey and heard about the loss of members in the district and the problems this is causing other districts."

Not much

Information on what other clubs were doing (especially their own).
Added some background to district correspondence"

Not a lot, tend to repeat same current International Presidents mantra

Valuable feedback especially for new members.

Personally very little. As a Club possibly a bit more.

It made us feel as a Branch club that we were valued and very much supported, get gave us lots of encouragement and expert advice."

It was rather a boring speech, I feel that they should have to have presentation skills training."

A talk gave us details of wider issues in the District.

Enlightenment of their special subjects. As for value normally a pint of beer. This is a nominal charge for just turning-up."

It is important that members meet and see their District Officers and when required answer questions about policy/the future and any other matter that has arisen, but must not undermine the incumbent President

and his/her team."

These are all genuine and well meaning people. I do not think there are the right roles or structures in place for 2013. I would expect to see them driving and leading for example a Regional or Zone recruitment campaign so that each Club sends a coordinated message at the same time. Getting themselves on local TV and radio giving interviews in the press. I have never seen a District Governor on local TV "

I rarely get anything from a DG's visit, sometimes the Zone Chair has some useful info and the specialist officers always have something worth hearing"

Motivation

Reminded us of what we should already know!

As an island we are somewhat isolated and we welcome visits from District Officers. The District governor is invited annually and it is always a pleasure to welcome him or her to a dinner meeting. Sometimes they attend our charter Night also."

It enhanced our understanding of Lionism and enabled us to show the good work we are doing within the Community."

Not a lot we know what we are doing and I find it patronising to be told how good we are doing . "

Learn more about what other clubs are up to

Not enough change of ideas

Bonhomie but cannot recall, nor did I expect, anything constructive.

Nothing for myself. Possible information for newer members.

I felt that we received interesting information from most of the visits

RC David took a close interest in the regular meeting he attended, and made interesting contributions to it. At this distance I cannot remember any specific item."

Not Being president during last year i am not sure how the invites took place . i do know that teh club found the visits very usefull in knowing how the district was activly looking at the full and ageing memebership."

Region & Zone chairmen provided food for thought on membership drive. DG visits tend to be pretty stuffy affairs."

Hmmmm.....

Some information on District activities that weren't already known.

Very useful its good for us to have the fact we are part of a bigger organisation reinforced. "

Learned more about what was going on in other areas of the District. Able to put a name to a face. Able to ask questions."

nice meeting them.

gave usfull back up to what we are doing

Some encouragement but no follow-through. Visitors were charming, but it seems mainly a box ticking exercise to get round as many clubs a possible."

Unable to comment.

Good to hear what other Clubs in the district do.

good informations

Reminder that we are still very much part of the District.

great value - networking, pollinating ideas from different clubs

It is valuable for our very inward looking members to be made aware that there is much more to Lions beyond the confines of our own club."

It prompted a discussion as to the relevance and importance of the District and wider organisation to the individual club. "

It is always valuable to get the district overview of state of the district as a whole and of up and coming initiatives."

Reminds the club that we are part of an international organisation

An interesting perspective of how other clubs run and manage their events

The officers attended as part of their remit, I personally found their visits of interest and informative."

Very useful information of Region Clubs.

Some questions answered and contact made with District.

Good to meet these Officers for those who don't go to Convention or Zone meetings and exchange ideas - they get a feeling for 'grass root' members/Clubs"

nice person who took the trouble to drive here in the winter

Information

Support and valuable information

Informed of district events, and details

Not much I don't think.

News regarding the wider lions family.

Don't know

Generally District officers ask to visit when they have something to 'sell'. With having had representation on Cabinet in most years since our formation as a club, we feel we have a good idea of the various Cabinet roles and the use they can be to us, so have not asked them to visit."

Its nice to see someone from the mainland

A version of the district events for the club to follow/attend. Not what the club could offer to the District."

Only to put a face to the name.

Opportunity to express our views. Opportunity to hear what's going on beyond our club."

We found out what was happening in other clubs

Swanwick Club members generally welcome visits from District Officers. It gives us a chance to put a face to the name, and hopefully gain first hand formation on general and specific Lions issues. "

This was requested to obtain information

Useful to hear what is current and also offer upward feedback

Encouragement and advice

Awareness of other Lions Clubs and their activities

to ask questions of the officer, and get his Opinion on things that have been discussed in the club"

Was very dependent on the person. Some passed on valuable information about new projects being undertaken, others spoke to the Club about the organisation. I don't recall being enthused until a recent visit."

Information on District Projects

Hearing other opinions and ideas.

It's good to be able to show how busy a Club we are and how much our membership has grown."

All Lions benefit from visits from DG and Zone Chairpersons. We learn something new at every meeting "

Little was gained from this as in common with many previous DG/Vice DG visits the communication appears to be very much one way. Surely with the knowledge gained from visiting so many clubs there should be more input on how we could learn from the experience of other clubs. If this was happening I would have expected other clubs to be contacting us with regard to our success in activities they are embarking on. "

excellent value, very informative.

VERY INTERESTING

Informative re: Membership levels. Encouraging about conduct of meeting.

Some value and a few guidelines

The District Governor was most informative.

Not much

Direct personal contact with District. A person rather than a District, MD or international missive."

I am not sure as I was an observer myself. I learned a lot about guide dog training for the blind and the Labradoodle."

Not a lot quite honestly. I guess it just showed us that someone up the line knew that we existed. "

Some info on District activities

not really sure

Worthwhile flag waving exercise

Little in terms of what Zone or District are doing for us. I felt the DG got more out of it than we did by being more aware of what we were involved in and how we operated as a Club."

Good information and encouragement

some info

Those who did not know them able to converseNot possible in large clubsmembers just have to sit and listen Interaction dependent on the president and the DO "

Information, but opportunity for open discussion outside of time limits imposed by club meeting time limits would be better. This obviously requires a separate meeting so zone basis without set agenda would be best."

The knowledge that they existed and that they were willing to visit and impart any specialist knowledge that they had through question and answer."

Always interesting to hear what's going on in the zone.

Some insight into wider Lionism but difficult to say of much benefit to club"

Not a great deal but his encouraging views and comments may well enthuse some of the younger Club members."

Limited because he/she is simply looking at a Clubs record .On occasions visitors can emphasise District events The best visitors are the District Officers responsible for such matters as insurance, membership ideas, registration/checking etc. It is pleasant to have visitors but for some their presence is really only social. In business such visits would not be agreed and would be regarded as a waste of manpower unless the visit produced real visible benefits."

good to know he was on the same wavelength

Informative; enlightening; a very worthwhile and interesting awareness of other Club and District branch activities - giving food for thought"

very informative about their subject, enabled us to help our community in these fields"

General interest in information on what all Lion clubs were doing.

Good for club to hear wider picture

Limited value because all club members are aware of all correspondence, projects, etc. so visitors normally just underline information that is already known."

it helped us to know what was going on in the district, however the area needed to be covered by District is very large."

From my personal point of view, I find it interesting to meet with, and hear opinions of, others outside our own club."

Pulled his leg and had a laugh

Didn't attend that meeting.

He made some interesting comments about Lions structure and the need to be more relaxed about helping or not being able to help in certain

situations. "

The assistance given by the Guiding Lion has been invaluable and we hope to badge up 3 new members soon."

It spreads confidence in the organization and they are able to offer help or advise where it is warranted/required."

Encouragement to recruit new members and to seek worthy causes for help.

Some useful advice, but mainly the visits were for the relevant District Officer to find out about our Club's situation and activities."

If we have had visits they have not impacted on me.

Learned more about District activities/projects. Opportunity to ask questions about District/ zone projects"

it is nice for the newer members who haven't been to any events to see and know who they are"

Confirmation that we are well organised and doing things right.

Due to circumstances of the previous Lions year, we were grateful for the visit and support shown. Most years we do see the DG & Zone Chairman, which we always appreciate."

Improved understanding of the operational structure.

Made us feel good about the way we run our club. Told us about the network of support our club has"

Inspiration

Generally are able to bring some specific District information / details to the Club. However, there is a large proportion of my Club that are only interested in local issues and not particularly interested in the wider District issues, therefore, do not attend District Conventions. "

Increases the awareness of belonging to a wider organisation

Informative

on a personal level I like the visits of District Officers, I am not sure what value it gives the club but its good that they are interested in what we try to achieve"

Always useful to hear what they have to say and to have a chance to ask questions. It makes the more apathetic members realise what is going on in the District"

Get to meet exec. Most are sensible people and may shed some light on club projects."

Data about the District Convention.

A full insight to new projects taking place on the district

Visits let members know that they are not on their own and can voice any complaints to be raised at cabinet. It is becoming essential that clubs try and support other clubs within their zone."

Informative

nil

not a lot but this depends year to year on who the officers are

Treasurer invited, information provided very useful. Remainder invited themselves, and often had no real purpose in visiting other than 'ticking the box to say they have attended' Recent Region Chair visit was favourably commented on by a new member as he concentrated on the differences between clubs and how to extract FUN from the service provided."

Informative and helps in appreciating the fact we are part of large organisation, sometimes clubs can perhaps too isolated. "

Always inform us of whats going on and how we must change our ways. This is good but it hard to get older members to change"

Useful input on District Projects and activities.

I think it is more the other way around. They learn more about the club and how it operates."

Ideas from other clubs. Thoughts on how we could improve what we are doing."

More info on Lions activities

Good to have the opportunity to speak to them and to hear their ideas for their year in office."

It is god that a District Officer wished to visit our club to see how we run our meetings, how we are helping others and also fundraising."

Very interesting to hear how fundraising is done in other clubs.

None really

interesting enough

I think that the benefit was 2 way as the DG saw some of what we do at

club level."

the District officer was able to share the up to date knowledge on the and insight on one of the latest initiative that has been launched by MD in relation to Medic Alert. Having said that, most of the information that is needed from the District officers can be obtained through the web site, and a telephone conversation with the District Officers would suffice to relay the information to the club members. District Officer visiting clubs was set up before the electronic age that we now have. I would ask, do District officers need to visit clubs as the club has many different ways of obtaining that information. "

Connection with the heirachy

was on possible Branch club

The Club is considered important and 'on the map'. We get to put faces to the names for future contact and interactions. The Club learns about possible activities in the future within the Zone, Region and District. The Club has the opportunity to voice it's ideas, opinions and concerns."

very little

no value

It's good for club members to meet the 'leaders'.

Interesting to meet the District Governor and their wives in person, value - to receive the encouragement and phrase for the work the club is doing."

Lots of info on what other clubs are doing

Very little

Club did not get much from either visit. DG - introduced themselves to members and established a working relationship. Zone chair provided little information or direction. "

End of What value re the visist

District Projects Are there:	Total
22 answer=Too many?	104
23 answer=Too few?	15
24 answer=Just about the right number?	82
31 answer=No opinion	177
Total re District Projects	378

Does your club participate in District/MD projects or competitions? If it does, please state which.

Peace Poster, Website, Scrapbook, Travelling Lion

Paultons Park visit Zone project Fun Day at Redlands Farm

Youth Award

We have sought & sometimes/often found candidates/entrants for Young Ambassadors, Young leaders in Service, Peace Poster"

Website and scrapbook

Projects yes, don't know about competitions

don't think so - I consider club should concentrate on local issues and major one - Spectrek"

Too many to list, but a fair selection of them all.

1. SpecTrek 2. Peace Poster

I believe that projects should be measured , relevant and engage with key parts of our community in a 21st Century way. I suspect that many projects are as relevant to our communities as a beetle drive or a tea dance. All projects need a clear benefit t"

not that I am aware of

Environmental Poster; Young Ambassador;

Too many to remember!!

International sight water aid etc

No

Not so much District other than Zone.

Peace poster. Send money when requested by District

The club is too small, all our time needs to be devoted to local causes with the exception of Message in a Bottle which is an excellent project."

No competitions. Youth financial contribution

Peace poster competition

Poster

The Jersey Club usually financially supports Multiple District, District and Zone projects."

Visiting Lion

Photography, environemnt, web site

SpecTrek, Youth Embassadors

Many of the projects and competitions are becoming too expensive. It is getting harder each year to raise money and what is raised should be used to help those members of our community who are in need. Of course we should help on major disasters when they occur."

Used to support Youth Award / Young Ambassador and Youth Football Support district appeals"

Not aware that we do.

No, most of us are not interested in them. We just like to get on with our fundraising and aid."

Eyesight

the club has enough projects to deal with, help is allways needed. remember the motto, together we can make a differance. We just need to keep working at it. We will improve the situation with the Lions determination and GOD leading us"

Tried the Peace Poster a few times - the last time there were no entries from the local children."

Paultons park. Youth camp

We participate in some, but I would say that our involvement has lessened over the years. Older members coupled with busy members who seem to do everything in the Club, and therefore find volunteering not possible."

Where possible, but travel is always an issue wrt both time and expense

Young Ambassador

Peace Poster

have in the past entered local young persons in the Peace Poster Competiition "

Peace Poster

No

We participated in the the Young Ambassadors scheme 3 years ago, and are doing so again this year. Supported the Paultons Park visits for at least the last 3 years. Attempted the Music competition but found that the age bracket effectively cut out 'young' musicians in favour of older

semi-professional performers. This was not what the club wanted to support. (I submitted a report)."

Website, Environmental photo

Spec-treck nearly 500 pairs sent to third world contries last year via our lions"

Young Ambassador

Yes. Skittles golf membership drive

Message in a Bottle Specsavers Paultons Park

Website competition, new members competition. Not sure about projects.

Our club is struggling for numbers. Therefore we are unable to appoint the various officers to look after the various projects as most members are already doing more than one job. Their are far too many projects and competitions to address and we can be distracted by them instaed of putting our efforts into service. Lionism is not about self gratification."

We have participated in Young Ambassador & Peace Poster Competitions in the past, but have now decided that we should concentrate our youth projects to within the Wokingham Area. We have sent local people to the Beale Park trip. Basically, we have a lot of fundraising/community services projects within our own club, most of our very active Lions (including me) still work, most of our retired Lions are now well into their 70's and personally there are only so many hours I can devote to Lions. Basically, I need to prioritise my time and at present this does not extend to outside the club."

Yes, we help with the recruitment drive.

Peace Poster (This year could be last time) Spektrek Poetry - but gave up and participating in a local 'Word Fest' event and are sponsoring the poetry aspect."

Some of the district projects like SpecTrek are really good. I think we should concentrate on less projects but make the ones we do bigger, better and attract more publicity."

Website comeption

I know our Youth Officers have struggled mightily to try to engender interest. Unfortunately morale in the teaching profession is not good at the moment and even approaches to Boards of Governors have not been met with much enthusiasm. Our one success I think was in getting Park View School to enter the Rock Challenge."

poetry, poster

Spectrek, Paultons park, Peace Poster

Website competition / Environmental competition / Young Ambassador / Peace Poster occasionally"

Over the past 5 or so years the Club has participated in Peace Poster, Poetry, Young Ambassador, Visiting Lion, Club Web page. The Club also took part in the Youth Football when it was last run. "

Young Ambassador

Young Ambassador, Paulton's Park, Eye camps, Water Aid, LCIF requests

District is light years away from what a club does or should do or even wants to do. The machinery for generating participation in such projects is not effective - not least because district is perceived as remote and not necessarily relevant to an individual club member.. Also how are these projects conceived?"

Scrapbook, Website

Youth Award, Peace Poster.

MIAB, Peace Poster

Occasionally. Peace Poster. Too many aimed at schools where there is already too much pressure on staff and students."

Medic Alert, Message in a Bottle, Diabetes, Sight Programmes, LCIF, Young Ambassador "

yes

District/MD Youth projects -make donations

District Bulletin and President's Scrapbook competitions

Peace Poster Environmental - Photograph Travelling Lion Scrapbook and Minutes Competitions "

Youth Ambassador

We contribute to Spectrek. (Is that a district - or national - Lions project?)"

Rarely. Only Peace Poster competition . Schools now reorganised and only senior school 10 miles away . Too many competition aimed at schools where there is already too much pressure on staff and pupils."

LCIF has enough projects without District inventing its own. We entered the scrap book competition last year. "

Makes donations as requested

No

We take part in the Young ambassador competition.

Young Ambassador Peace Poster

We have had an entries in the Young Ambassador and poetry competition in the last year"

Most but particualrly LCIF

I thinkthat cordination and joint projects could work but not competition

Have entered Young Ambassador 2/3 years ago & hope to do so again. Competitions not of interest - most Lions participate in other charities & are busy. Info' for schoolchildren rejected as member who is teacher says schools are deluged with well-meaning projects. "

None.

Not sure

No

Young Ambassadors

Always supported international disaster appeals Youth Award (Young Ambassador?) Football for a few years"

Peace Poster

very few spectrek, world sight day, diabetes screening, measles just sent money"

Young Ambassador - but not every year. It's three years since we last entered a candidate and we have just agreed to do it this year. There is a feeling within the club that this costs too much in travelling and subsistence and reduces the available funds to donate to other local causes which by some are viewed as being more worthwhile."

Photographic Peace Poster Most now discontinued

Young Ambassador.

Have tried Peace poster but schools tend to be overloaded with extra projects"

NO

We have done - even won the IT and Photographic one year - but

participation is rare and contentious. We have taken part in Young Ambassador (and probably will do this year) but some of doubt its value. Last year, if I recall correctly, it was music based and the age limits meant that professional musicians could be entered. Great for encouraging 16 year olds!"

Peace Poster

Planted Apple Orchard . Spectrek, Dentaaid, Financially support District Youth and other causes . "

Peace Poster Youth Exchange- (a) To send (b) To host. Young Ambassador- When we are able to find a candidate. Youth- working with schools-'Lions Den' MIAB Sight First Music Competition- possible candidate for 2014"

Website Competition only

We participate in Env photo comp and the Make the World a Better Place comp. Also message in bottle and peace poster "

Peace Poster

Youth Exchange

District visiting Lion, Poetry competitions.

Yes, Young Ambassador, Monthly magazine, Presidents scrap book. We collect glasses for Spec-trek"

MedicAlert, Message in a Bottle, Scrapbook Competition, Peace Poster Competition and Young Ambassador, when we have identified a suitable candidate."

Peace poster Scrap book Magazine

I think our club is more focussed on local initiatives and is happy to pay an international levy for 'above local' programmes."

Environmental: Club Magazine: Website: Youth Programs:

We give some financial support to District projects. We also support Lions International appeals."

Young Ambassador; Journey for Sight; Message in a Bottle; Spektrek

Peace Poster.

MIAB, Spektrek

Youth Leader in Service Poetry at times

Lions Day at Goodwood. Message in a Bottle. Paultons Park Outing. Peace

Poster Competition. SpecTrek Spectacle Recycling. Peter Allen Environmental Photo Competition. Club Magazine Award. Scrapbook Competition. Lions Sightsavers. Travelling Lion Competition. Website Award. "

NO

No

Website competition and Young Ambassador.

not known

Club supports all 105D projects needing financial assistance. We generally only support youth related competitions. I see no need for scrapbook, travelling Lion etc"

don't know

yes. peace poster

I'm rather confused by this mixed question. We have had district awards from time to time but I don't think we specifically participate, e.g. Sight Award, International Award. How many Projects are there? How many competitions are there? "

Youth Ambassador competition

Youth Camp 2013

no

Used to do Youth Exchange found very worthwhile. Unfortunately Club did not follow up. Similarly, Youth Award . Medic Alert, not worth while. Peace Poster, never tried it."

Yes in the vast majority of requests from District

Photographic competition, Young Ambassador, Message in a Bottle, SpecTrek only. Peace poster, Poetry are useless - no 'normal' media coverage at District level & schools inundated with other work & don't want to participate."

Not very often

Sight First/Spectacles

Young aMBASSADOR

We have previously, however sometimes it feels that there isn't enough awareness of what is happening, or surveying what those clubs in district feel is needed. "

The quiz night with GMS and another club.

Peace Poster, Young Ambassador, Scrapbook

We always participate in the Peace Poster and scrapbook competitions, and have competed in both the Young Ambassador and Young Musician. We generally support District and MD projects, especially of course Message in a Bottle."

NO

Peace Poster Competition

Young Ambassador, Sponsored our own young ambassador to go to the Youth Camp"

SpecTrek, Reading Project, Great Daffodil Appeal collection, Message in a Bottle, Youth Trust Fund, Paulton's Park."

Swanwick finds it very difficult to participate in many projects / competitions, as we simply don't have the manpower to provide adequate time."

Peace poster Music

medic alert spek trek water wells

No. With our club numbers being so low, those of us who have the time to head up projects or competitions are too busy carrying out the primary club roles. "

Have made financial contributions to District projects.

SPEK TREK VISITING LION COMPETITION PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Young Embasidor Scrapbook

Visiting Lion.

We seem to be too few members to make many commitments beyond what we already do locally. "

Youth

Peace poster, specTrek, MIAB and Sight

MIB. Collecting Spectacles. .Peace Poster comp

Not generally

PEACE POSTERS

Zone Project

Zone project - Redcliff Faarm

None

Not aware as yet will advise when I have been at the club a little longer

No

Only one or two

Unsure will ask at the next meeting.

Only Spektrek

No

Selectively but generally not competitions. Personally, I feel that Lions competing with Lions is inappropriate. Standards can be maintained in other ways. In the same way, within a Club, it is far more a case of working together to achieve our targets and aims"

One or two entered

Peace Poster

Peace poster / Poetry/ paultons park/ MIAB/ Speech& Hearing/ Youth Camp /Guide Dogs /hearing Dogs/Spec Trek/"

Recent transfer in, not sure.

Message in a Bottle MedicAlert

no. Used

See my comments above

Spec trec

Do not participate.

Peace Poster Youth Leadership Spectrek Message in a bottle

Young Ambassador. Peace poster in the past.

Peace Poster. Water Aid. Education of Milawi Student. Collection of Glasses."

Young Ambassadors SpecTrek

Peace Poster, Sight Projects, MIAB,

Peace Poster Competition Paultons park

Poster competition

no

yes

I represented Basingstoke at the Lord Mayor's Day Parade last year (if that counts?) and had hoped to do so again this year but have recently learnt that Lions sadly won't be participating this year -it was a memorable day. This October on behalf of the club I've organised a public awareness event to coincide with World Sight Day on 10th October in Basingstoke Town Centre. We have also taken part in the Peace Poster competition and last year won an award for the increase in membership. "

No competitions International youth camp

Don't know

The New Forest Fete.

Young Ambassador, Eye Camps, Wateraid, Spektrek, Paultons Park, Dentaaid (when called on) and a general donation to Youth Projects"

I joined Lions to support local needs/people project should be club/zone focused."

Young ambassadors

Membership drives

Peace Poster(for which interest has dropped off), SightFirst (similar to Peace Poster). SpecTrek (reasonable interest)"

young ambassador

Not as yet

speck treck, measles, message in a bottle, blind awareness,

We contribute to most projects if we consider them worthwhile.

Message in a Bottle. Spectrec. Peace Poster. Environmental Photography. Web-site."

Peace Poster, Sight Savers, Dentaaid

Message in bottle

Peace Poster, Young Ambassador

Sometimes. I am a relatively new member in this Club, but there has been involvement in the past when it was New Forest lions"

No

As I do not have the full understanding of the District Cabinet yet, I have no comment at this stage"

Peace Poster, Diabetes testing days, Sight awareness day, Water aid. youth projects."

Message in a Bottle Spectrek

Young ambassador. and World Sight Day Have previously taken part in Peace Poster, but when membership is tight, the global and MD projects tend to get shelved in favour of local. Also supported the Marie Curie Daffodil Collection this year"

Goodwood Message in a Bottle

Sometimes

Youth Camp & Exchange, Peace Poster Competition - although I appreciate that these are not really District projects/competitions Visiting Lion"

Probably does but I do not know full details

Visiting Lions.

Scrapbook, Music

Scrapbook, Music

We have entered the scrap book competition but not recently as there are not enough entries to make a proper competition. We always enter the visiting Lion competition as it is important to visit other clubs or attend Lions activities. We don't enter the Peace Poster competition as the other Lions club in our town has pinched all the schools. We have tried other organisations but it hasn't worked. We participate in or donate to the following Lions projects: Message in a Bottle Paultons Park Visit World Sight Day Special Olympics Edukits Gift for Living Wateraid Dentaid Medic Alert Young Leaders in Service"

District and MD projects really of little interest to me as a club member, as I prefer to concentrate on work and projects within our own local area."

Scrap book, Web Site, peace poster, young ambassador, message in a bottle ,speck trek,"

website and international project direct. Possibly now could do Young Ambassador"

MIAB, Youth Camp, Diabetes, Spek Trek and Young Ambassador. These carried out by Lions within the Club and supported by all."

District youth & Paltons Park

No

Peace Poster, Youth Exchange, starting to get into Young Leaders in Service and Young Ambassador. World Sight Day and Lions Awareness Week. Contributions made to several MD and District appeals."

Last year the Club entered the Peace Poster Competition. Projects - MIAB the club promotes this project at every fund raising event. "

Glasses, wateraid, more ...

Our Club has not engaged in any competitions. Our Club runs MIAB, Spectrec, Diabetes awareness and testing, Deaf awareness, Youth projects #NAME? projects emergency funding."

End of Which projects, competitions entered

As regards District Competitions, do we have:	Total
22 answer=Too many?	121
23 answer=Too few?	12
24 answer=Just about the right number?	57
31 answer=No opinion	184
Total re Many Competitions	374

Should awards for District competitions be presented at District Convention?	Total
1 answer=Yes	191
2 answer=No	125
Total should awards be given at Convention	316

Do you have any comments about District projects or competitions?	
No 'comments'	
Again, it's difficult to argue against them theoretically but somehow they seem to be left 'bobbing in the wake of the ship' - time, and society, moves on ! I do recall feeling that the information provided about them (eligibility criteria, timescales etc"	
Some of them are out of date - needs a fresh look at.	

Clubs like to receive awards at District Convention. It provides 'public' recognition of what they have achieved. Its too impersonal if the awards are simply taken to a Club in normal meeting by some District Officer"

Whoi are the projects for? The parallel universe which is Lions administration club , or the ordinary members and our communities"

They are devalued due to the low number entering. There should be a minimum number of entries before the competition goes ahead. To win a competition because you are the only entrant makes the trophy worthless. "

Personally, I am not really interested in District at all. I joined Lions to get involved in the local community. I think all the concentration on district & zone detract from the main purpose of what I think Lions is about. "

Most of our new lions join to make a difference locally . Although we stress the international aspect of Lions they are often overwhelmed by all the international, district and multidistrict projects, competitions, etc. I cannot remember that there were so many when I joined 39 years ago. "

Need updating

No particular interest, prefer to focus on local fund raising and distribution"

None to offer.

Far too many they should be reduced by at least 70% if not more,

No

i think the people doing the judging on the competitions should be SME, as too many results are bias to certain clubs and for those that do something different and is not from a set template they get penalised."

None

Need revamp.....some not relevant , especially the Youth and children's competitions. "

No

Let people know why and who teh contenders were so we can stimulate ideas, like at the baftas..."

In general a bit tired

Already covered i my comments above.

Don't know enough about them

As above

I think clubs should be left to concentrate on service, rather than entering competitions for posters, poetry, environment, visiting other clubs etc. They dilute effort & enthusiasm."

Most Club members are too involved at Club level to want to join District projects"

I am not aware of very many. Peace Poster and Photography are the only 2 to come to mind. I think we are busy enough with our existing activities to consider participating in any more District Projects or Competitions."

I would be keen to be involved in peace poster, but don't want to spend club funds on an entry fee. We found that obscene when the bill came through. "

Most Clubs have their hands full in maintaining membership, raising funds, and on average we are getting older. This does not encourage me to take part in non club activities"

Personally,my involvement with the Community does not allow any additional commitments."

I am saddened that ALL Clubs cannot find an entrant to Young Ambassadors. I am absolutely certain that there are worthy young people in EVERY area of the District."

Peace poster winners must not be bored by convention.

The Peace Poster competition appears somewhat outdated. Young Ambassador competition could be better publicised."

Above comments apply. i believe clubs generally are too busy with local projects and issues to pay much heed to District initiatives."

Why are we doing them art all? Seems to me that these competitions achieve very little and a lot of work for little reward"

Message in a Bottle is brilliant Football is a waste of time & effort with so many competitions already Peace Poster worth continuing as provides links to schools/youngsters and fosters understanding of peace between different cultures and countries Essay, Musician and Poetry projects should be scrapped Young Ambassador is a worthwhile project and has discovered great talent but is possibly directed at privileged youngsters when we should be concentrating on those in need of our support"

I dont know about these competitions hence the lack of an opinion

See above

Unsure exactly how many competitions we have, so no opinion. However, if they are not well supported, perhaps we should consider how many we do."

None

The comments regarding the peace poster centre on two aspects a)the way it is judged by the wives of cabinet members and not by anyone with an obvious artistic qualification. (eg an artist) and b) Its become really boring and the kids all have quality cameras now - so we might migrate to local photographic in conjunction with a local club. "

I think we need to allocate more resources to advertising and publicity. We are still not as well known as we ought to be and this would improve membership. Less events but bigger, more impressive ones may be effective."

Clearer timeline, instructions, ideas of how many man hours needed etc might be needed so newer members can take them on"

My interest in Lions is essentially at a local level - so little in way of opinions beyond my zone"

No. Most are directed, quite rightly, at Youth. I am already struggling to keep a lively connection with 8 grandchildren whose interests are mostly beyond my physical and mental comprehension. I'm sure I'm far from alone in this. So perhaps youth should speak to youth."

no

Competitions should be review every x years to see if it is still worthwhile continuing with it and either revamp or cease."

Would like to see more Community Service Projects. There are too many District competitions, many of which are awarded to Clubs - so its very much in-house, i.e. Lions awarding Lions. "

Concetrtrate on those competitions for young people to encourage Clubs to build relationships with local schools. This would enhance the Lions brand and would also be a potential source of new members from among the aprent groups. "

Don't involve enough local people

The fact that I have no comments to make suggest that - like most district stuff - it has 'no' relevance to me. "

NO - but apart from the Young Ambassador Award they do not motivate me. I am surprised that the District Officer responsible for this award does not visit all the clubs and work with them in developing this opportunity for young people in each area. If this is too much then

perhaps the zone chairs could develop this role. It would at least give them an opportunity to work with the clubs on a worthwhile project instead of just attending a club meeting and having very little to say apart from the odd platitude."

See below re awards

Again we have very little involvement as feel these are not the core of what Lions is about - our members make comments like 'we didn't join Lions to enter competitions'"

There are probably too many. It is not possible with a club's resources to support all but a few. There is some measure of unhappiness by members feeling under pressure by the exhortations to become involved. Although it is possible for a club to pick what they wish to be involved in one can't help but think that the number of initiatives are such that we risk trying to be all things to all men. I think some thought should be given, at all levels of the organisation to simplifying our activities to present a more coherent image to the public. It is good business practice to evaluate the worth of all activities and then apply the 80/20 rule to cut out those things that take a disproportionate amount of effort for the results achieved."

As clubs reduce in numbers and there become fewer active members the amount of work put onto the shoulders of the few is becoming too much. We have more than enough of our own club events to keep us busy - 8 in 2012/13. Most newer Lions do not dedicate their whole life to Lionism, they have other interests to occupy their time too, family other charities, travel, sport, hobbies to name a few!"

Broadly speaking they offer the opportunity for Clubs to participate therein - BUT this is really up to the Club AS A WHOLE. My guess is that it is ONLY a few INDIVIDUAL members who show an interest in participation"

Competition winners should be presented at club level, to promote participation in future."

Judging by the number of entrants, there would seem to be case for reducing the number - whatever it is"

There is a lack of transparency as to why they are awarded - should be fully explained as to why a particular club has received the award in the District Newsletter "

Convention has shown there are very few entries for some competitions and the peace poster competition seems to result in the same type of picture each year and our club has voiced that they should be dropped.."

Only if relevant to most members

Most, and our club is no different, are struggling to exist with ageing

members with underlying medical and family problems. Trying to keep newer Lions involved and engaged in our events and social activities is also proving difficult when they have many other interests and commitments. Many also resent paying a membership fee for being involved in voluntary work. Many who show an interest in joining the club now come from lower income households , they find the membership difficult to pay, especially if a couple, but they have a desire to serve their own community. We have plenty of events we organise (8) without the added pressure of District events and competitions"

Too many

Competitions: Personally I think that they are all irrelevant and do nothing to motivate anyone in our club"

Often appears to be one Club or members pet idea Often doesn't appear to be particularly deserving or in need of assistance "

None

Awards could perhaps be made by DG, Region or Zone Chairs on official Club visits"

I have no idea what projects or competitions comprise.

Any competition with less than five participants should be discontinued.

Over the years the district has become too widespread . It needs to simplify its objectives and work together on a few"

As above

I find that I don't have enough time to attend such events. I prefer to give my time to local Lions projects."

Music Competition was ill-thought-out, age range was wrong.

Peace Poster, Music etc are boring. The way they are presented makes you think that the District organiser thinks they are too."

No

I think a lot of the projects are now out of date with the modern times and not related to our local area's"

Yes if not too many! Sometimes feel there is too much pressure put on clubs to take part in projects or support with money - constantly getting reminders that if every club pays X amount of money then Youth activities etc can take place. We like to channel most of our monies raised into local causes"

I dont have time to get involved in them really.

Because there are too many, not all the information gets out to the clubs in a hard copy it is all online and not all members use the internet"

i just wish we could get our club interested in things outside our town!

See 4(b) above

Too many cups and trophies. Better to not have any competitions as it is not what we should focus on. Better to have knowledge of other Clubs' activities and achievements."

Every one should be able to answer clearly and positively to 'Why?' and 'Will it do it?'. Any doubt then the project / competition should not take place."

Once again the club is not informed at club level, only by email not put to the club at meetings."

For those that participate, a brief recognition of their achievement and success is warmly appreciated"

As to the previous question, other than the Young Ambassador which I DO feel should be at convention, all other presentations in my view should be at District Handover."

We need an annual District recruitment campaign coordinated across all the Clubs. "

Competitions are poorly promoted within the District and poor feedback is given on the winners."

It is right that there is a number of competitions available to clubs so that they can 'Pick & Mix' according to what the members want to do. Reducing the number of competitions may not increase participation, if the right choice is not available."

The large number of Competitions in existence makes the Presentations take up too much Convention time. It would be sufficient to say who has won which Competition without waiting for Individuals to physically come and collect their award."

Should a competition fail to get the support it needs then just stop it ,and not keep trying to fan a fire that has expired"

Best for awards to be announced at Convention and presented at Club. Clubs have to be drawn into wider competitions and projects. Our club budgets for our own projects and does not have much left for District, MD or International Projects. So have to be convinced about the value of new projects, but regularly donates to the long standing projects"

I think they are generally outwith the focus of our club. While they

are no doubt well intentioned I find it difficult to see what they are intended to achieve and if they are viable from a cost/benefit point of view. Do they pass the 'so what' test ?"

Many of the competitions are no longer relevant to Clubs or to the Public. Needing to respond quicker to major disasters - this for the benefit of our Membership and with our Profile."

For several years some competitions have been poorly supported but District continue to run them, i.e. football, music competition, peace poster, young ambassador etc . All mainly concerned with young people who have too much commitment at their own schools and colleges and with other organisations. Why are we doing the same things as other organisations/schools, wasting our valuable time and finances ?"

To be successful, surely every one should attract widespread support - say from > 30 Clubs.. If they do not for a year or so, perhaps they should be dropped? Should new projects be accepted if they gain <75% Club support?"

May insight a slightly higher attendance.

Competitions are too 'tired' and are not driven effectively by the relevant District Officer."

It is difficult to get any youngsters interested in writing poetry and designing posters, maybe we should aim at much younger children though in the local primary schools"

No

NO

The problem with some District projects would seem to be they move away the beneficiary from the local Club area to elsewhere and it is a job to convince members this is the way to go on certain occasions."

No

As above

We are mainly focused on local projects, although we do provide financial support to District issues when they are brought to our notice."

No, as I have little knowledge of them

No

no

Those projects which receive most support should be presented at Convention."

They should be a select few of relevant items which all Lions can relate to."

see 4b

Most of our members just want to work locally - we are all busy people
#NAME?
projects are more than enough for us."

I am a relatively new member and still learning about what the district has to offer. "

Could be presented at Presidents' Lunch or to Clubs directly at Charter Anniversaries of Official Visits"

District (&MD) should critically review all competitions and projects, and remove those that are not supported or in line with Lions objectives. Presenting prizes and awards takes up too much time at Conventions, and whilst it is nice for the winners to get recognition at Convention, for those not directly involved the repetition of the awards becomes boring."

I have no context to really answer these questions as a new member
no opinion

Do not follow today's requirements for example the poster competition and music competition. Why not have something focused on the environment."

As not all clubs or very few take part in all the projects or competitions. It would be a good idea if the Clubs were asked what ones should continue and if different ones should be tried. The awards should be presented at a Club meeting so all members can take part and not just the ones at the convention."

Reduce the number and target better. EG we could alternate competitions every year:- Year 1 Youth Ambassador Year 2- Music Year 3- Peace Year 4- youth Year 5- Music Year 6- Peace and so on....."

Not many clubs seem to take part

Difficult to see the wood for the trees. Needs more focus, purpose and differentiation"

While District Convention is the rightful forum for presenting awards for projects and competitions they do drag on for a long period."

Some projects more appealing to our club than others. Competitions not popular."

encourages clubs to take part and helps to get the club noticed within

in the District."

The only exceptions to awards not being presented at DC are the Young Ambassador and Music competitions. It is always good to meet and hear these young people. One question I have re music competition is why is it always a classical piece. There are so many talented musicians who play all differing types of music. Why is it not opened to them. "

They all take up Time & Money and interfere with our Local work fir Lionism."

It depends where your Club is, as to whether you can interest people or not."

W sometimes get involved in matters already being looked after by professionals"

District projects focused on welfare needs (or fund raising activities) above club level can only be a good thing and all clubs should do their best to support these. Competitions however I believe to be generally a distraction from the real work that we should be doing in supporting those in need. Internal competitions, eg visiting club competitions, are a very outdated motivational tool and in my view, a total waste of time. "

We are a small club and we do not have enough members who are interested in joining projects or competitions outside the local community"

Not aware as yet will advise when I have been at the club for a little longer."

Have fewer and concentrate more time and resources on these to make them even more successful Some of the projects are 'old hat' and new ideas are needed"

I have become a Lion this year. I love taking photos for the club as I am visually impaired and can see things in a special way through the lens of a camera. The photo competition and projects will be good as long as I can retain copyright over my work and my photos are used in a positive way to promote my club."

They seem so irrelevant in today's society.

No

See above

Largely of no relevance, without merit, or perceived as 'just another District' project/competition"

All competitions should be kept .9Perhaps not travelling Lion
....Members should be recognized for their involvement "

No

Hard to get enthusiasm for them.

See comments above

Such projects as The Music, Football and the old Youth Award are not really needed. Football in the UK has plenty of opportunities for competition and organising another outside the local frame work is difficult. I had two daughters both of whom would have been good candidates for the old Youth Award but we decided that parading good work of children was not correct in raising children."

Time and energy is given to many LOCAL area Club activities which leaves very little time for other projects. Lions call on a great deal of Members' free time - sight cannot be lost of the fact that they have to arrange personal working and family commitments around normal working life. Also - Members are getting older leaving less inclination and/or energy to enable participation in many of the activities."

some district projects should be stopped, in particular the Peace Poster, there are only so many ways you can draw doves and hands across the world, and also Youth football as most youngster of today if interested in football belong to a local club. Why has it only been football and not other sports such as rugby , netball or hockey?"

We do not have enough members now to take part in competitions.

Tired and persist in one's that do not attract participation

We find it difficult to get support from the community, eg schools etc are just too busy with essential curricular activities to take on anything else."

Not at this stage, no

No

Have not been involved so far.

Participation or not is the prerogative of each club for each project and should remain so."

A completion with only a few entries should be cut.

No

I question the need for some of them, when the time involved could possibly be better used for normal Club activities."

I did not join Lions to participate in competitions. As far as I am concerned, our Club exists to serve its community, not to compete with

other Clubs serving communities with significantly different needs. "

Should be shared around the district and not concentrated in one area.

As a small Club I guess in the past we have tended not to get too involved in these. "

Can be extremely time consuming for Clubs with smaller numbers. i.e. <16

Possibly they are now out dated

Once a District Competition results in less than say 20 entries (about 30% of the 105D number of Clubs), I believe that it should be scrapped as obviously not attracting enough interest. The District Convention (Saturday) is the opportunity for providing a meaningful day for all those attending and not to be wasted on handing out prizes and awards. That can be done at either a Zone or Club meeting. "

no

As an ordinary member I do not seem to get to hear much about them.

No

My impression at Convention was that no matter how hard a club tried to win an award they have never qualified for before, it seems to be the same club winning the award time and time again. I do believe this will demoralise clubs to take part. This is important for clubs to have good competition as this will have a positive impact on membership."

No

not relevant

Club has discretion to enter/join in or not depending on membership and other (local) affairs. With 11 MD Health projects, 16 MD Youth projects and 9 International projects, there is a lot of choice and we can't do them all!"

None

None

If few clubs or people enter them they should be withdrawn.

It is ok to present the prizes at District Convention but there should be fewer. You cannot keep allowing DG's and their partners to start another competition at the end of their year which is what seems to have happened recently. Some of these competitions don't even have any entries. If you add too many District projects then there isn't room of finance available for our local projects. Could we have some say in the projects chosen in the future as the decisions are made higher up and we

don't find out until the deed is done. The Bert Mason bust is a prime example that was committing our admin money without our say."

As said before I prefer local work and projects

In regard to competitions, there needs to be a review of all competitions. A competition is only a competition if there are at least 5 entries and this should be a minimum. If after a trial period of 2-3 years and there are less than 5 entries to the competition then the competition should be discontinued. When the survey of competition is carried out and certain competitions stopped then the prize giving need not take that long at convention. In our electronic age the winners of the competition could be but up on the screen just before lunch on the Saturday, with a photo call , with the relevant District officer, just before convention re convenes after lunch. "

there are too many which I think puts club off. Should only be about 3 or 4"

we are a charity, what has competitions got to do with charity

End of Comments re Projects/Competitions

District Convention Is the content of the District Convention:	Total
25 answer=Interesting and useful?	46
26 answer=Boring and a waste of time/money?	50
27 answer=Varies from year to year?	120
31 answer=No opinion	159
Total Re is Convention Content Interesting	375

Is the District Convention:	
28 answer=Too expensive?	139
29 answer=Too cheap?	1
30 answer=Just right?	74
31 answer=No opinion	163
Total re Convention Cost	377

If you could add and subtract one item at District Convention, what would they be?

Out with the flags and loud music. In with hands-on workshops

Subtract 1 day. Add efficiency.

I wouldn't want to take away the pomp and ceremony from the beginning of Convention. This sets off Convention on the right foot and is often much appreciated by visiting Lions from other Districts and countries"

I do not know how much District Convention costs so it is difficult to

take a position"

If you can wrap up administration and protocol in a nice comfortable package for those that love it and create a new folder of amazing projects achieved by real Lions , I am sure that the new folder could entice more engagement and benefit for ordinary me"

The speakers that are invited each year and talk about the existing projects that everybody in the hall already knows about"

Fancy dress dance

Long winded speeches!

I would take out all the workshops as I personally have stopped attending since they were introduced. I would also start convention later and end it earlier to give more social time. "

None

Too formal, too many speeches....you only have to look around, especially in the afternoon, lots of seats empty and often people are 'nodding off'. "

No opinion

The opening ceremonies

Have never attended

District Conventions are of no real interest to ordinary Lion Club members."

Only went to one so hard to say !

Not sure as I have not attended one in the last 15 years due to young family"

Sorry. No answer.

Subtract the formalities, Add something more useful.

The ceremony of flags at the start should be scrapped.

Cannot comment as not attended

Take away the Friday Dinner Dance, there is no need for two, that would reduce costs quite a bit I think. "

More leadership training and development.

I didnt like singing the Canadian National anthem. It was all very

white middle class etc."

Difficult for me to answer.

Forget the opening ceremony. Add more open debates - including inviting Lions to request a slot to explain their views."

To long

Wasteful ceremony. Lions is what happens at club level.

Minimise procedural voting Spend more time looking at what individual clubs are doing successfully and from which others could learn."

Add more workshops, subtract competition presentations

District Conventions should be held every 2 years . The event should be on a Saturday & Sunday only"

Election results of officers

Awards to Lions

I'm not sure as I've never been, but am hoping to attend in 2014.

Restrict the convention to the business day thereby reducing the cost and enabling the rank and file to attend."

The formality, I know we have to 'do the business', but it is boring. Didn't find the seminar sessions particularly useful."

Curb the formality More workshops

n/a

no opinion

The International Guest meeting on Sunday mornings

Leave out the Friday evening and Sunday morning element / more interactive workshops "

Continue to improve the quality of the Business Session--make it even more focussed with fewer unnecessary reports. Bring in speakers who can provide both information on charitable causes and have the ability to hold an audience"

Each DO presenting their annual report. Should be as read. Candidates standing should be given three minutes to promote themselves for us to judge their personality. The proposed candidate need not speak. details are in the convention papers. Sunday morning sessions are becoming more acceptable"

Please measure the outputs from convention. If the measurements are not tangible and significant then re-think why we have district Conventions at all. "

CHARISMA and the ability to motivate from the District Leadership would be nice to see occasionally. In my opinion sufficient leadership skills are not being demonstrated adequately and personal communication skills have slipped. Clubs have lost an affinity to District and much of it probably is due to poor zone and region chairman communication. Successive Governors have not communicated adequately their Vision for the year and have definitely not engaged with the membership. Despite many attempts at Membership growth and leadership development no success can be measured on any repeated projects. The result is that many members have a poor regard for any district initiatives or strategic development and feel that they will 'paddle their own canoe' and concentrate on their own Club. Sorry to have a go - but until we address these hard issues we are never going to get anywhere. Lions succeeded in the first instance because we had community leaders and businessmen who were good moti"

The Saturday business meeting needs to flow much better and will then take up less time, sometimes it is very frustrating for people watching and seems disjointed. The award ceremonies went on for ever at the last Convention - far too many lesser awards which could be given out at either at club level or charters or Zone Dinners. If handed out at District Convention, read them out and get everyone to stand together for an applause and a photo opportunity - not each one individually.

Add more workshops Subtract too much protocol, especially at the beginning

The ceremony of the Flags (see above).

My opinion is based on when I last attended which is many years ago and I don't know if anything has changed but the perception in the club is that it is a waste of time and something they attend only with great reluctance as a duty"

In the business session concentrate on useful provision of information, discussion with measurable benefit and informed feedback."

To be honest, something I'm sure you don't want to hear, I am totally disinterested in the whole process of conventions and great gatherings of the hierarchy."

Presentation of awards for District competitions

I would confine the addresses from the newly-elected DGs to the District Governor."

Remove the presenting competition awards

Leave out friday night

Overnight stay and dances etc.

The Business meeting section lasts around 4 hours. It should be no more than 30 minutes. Cut out the old-fashioned and militaristic flags and marching and songs. Cut out the awards. Cut out the 100+ agenda items. For additions the best items have all been information on MD level and LCIF projects. There is so much changing in the world of social care and we probably understand very little "

Fancy dress night.

cut out reports, could all be sent by email start later, finish earlier

Can not remember specific items at D.C.

Do away with the themed host night as the hire of costumes is an unnecessary expense, also the professional entertainment could be done away with as it is usually far too loud preventing conversation. A dinner and chat with background music would cost a lot less therefore making then event more affordable for all."

Add - something to attract younger members / families Subtract - one of the 'evening' events to shorten the Convention duration and reduce costs"

Prize and DG's Award giving. Both could be done at Cabinet Meetings

Add in more about what the international association has achieved in the last year - consolidate (rather than subtract) more of the reports acceptance into bigger blocks"

Debate on membership led in a contentious fashion

Cut down the awards presentations & children's choirs, concentrate on speakers. Increase number of workshops (make them shorter so 3 can be fitted into afternoon."

The most unusual and innovative way to raise money or spend it. In addition we should recognise and celebrate our achievements. eg. In the last year the District has raised £???. We have helped x number disabled people: x number hospices etc"

Peace poster etc is out of touch with the modern schools and the teachers don't have time or support from the education authorities to bring item to the children."

Have not attended District Conventions recently but have in the past and found them too long and not well organised but this could have changed"

Convention can be expensive which is why the numbers have dropped over the years, maybe just having the one night stay over could be a good

idea, I wouldn't know what to add or subtract at convention as the business session is just that"

get rid of giving out of all those cups at one time boring keep flag ceremony: a bit of tradition"

Remove dining & dressing up the night before, necessitating an overnight stay. Make convention a business like AGM and much shorter."

Cut out all the cups and trophy presentations. If kept then print a list of winners and leave for them to collect if there or for a rep to take back to their Club. Reduce AGM to minimum by cutting out all the preamble on voting etc. Issue all the paperwork weeks in advance so Clubs can discuss and indicate to their Delegates what they want. Don't add anything."

Mix people up at dinner tables and not sit as clubs. Leads conversation into exchanging new ideas."

Include a Mid Afternoon break would be appreciated on business day. Also introducing more space within seating eg provision of round tables, less confined, creates a more relaxed environment"

I would not have the Sunday so-called mop-up session. Would this make the hire of the venue one-day cheaper ? In these days of electronic communication could we not do this on-line? (as with this survey)"

Add-I know it is difficult to come up with new ideas, and some are presented, but more emphasis on this."

Add more workshops on practical things for Lions to do. Subtract 90% of time from all speeches."

Not subtract but reduce formal business as much as possible by bundled reports etc as has been done in the past. Also, reduce the host night to a simple informal buffet without the fancy dress themes. "

Add Workshops or Presentations on Saturday and dispense with Host Night.

Add Invite clubs to forward a project that has proven a great success for their local community. Then invited to make a presentation at Convention"

The overlong opening ceremony. The Convention is the only time you get the majority of the clubs to be represented so Lions need to benefit for themselves and for their clubs, so get rid of the reports as quickly as possible and deal with the problems that you have like agendas at Conventions, membership, apathy, ageing, lack of people prepared to stand for office, bringing new people into cabinet and getting others to give them a chance!!"

Is the DC financially self-supporting ? If not, what contribution is there from District funds (ie Clubs) ? Come to think of it, are the

District accounts visible to members ? I don't recall any information on finances during my Presidential year; no summary statement of income trends or how we spent the money. Probably wouldn't have thought about it if it weren't for this survey. I was happier before you sent me it. "

More relevant Key Note Speakers. Change the format of the Exhibition area to examples of Best Practice as carried out by each Zone. This for direct exchanges of ideas."

Condense the business session and make it less formal. No need for the incoming DG candidates or supporters to speak at Convention if Lions Clubs all did a postal vote prior to Convention. Just a simple announcement of DG, 1st vice and 2nd Vice."

Include:- 'Open Forum' within Convention time (not the optional Sunday morning) ; Delete:- Host Night; If enough Lions wish it, substitute a simple low-key (and low cost) meal with maximum opportunity to mingle socially with members of other clubs. Any music should be at a level that permits conversations across a table, rather than mouth to ear with one's neighbour as has happened to me in the past. The 'fun' element could still be there via ringing the changes on the Tail Twister theme."

Electronic system for voting would save a lot of time counting. New members section so they could give some real input on first impressions - this might help us move in the right direction."

Remove the pomp and ex-DG, ex-PDG backslapping.

Subtract one of the social events. Add facilitated small group meetings to enable discussion and learning across clubs"

Sunday morning discussions that always discuss the same things.

Haven't attended for some years so have no opinion on subtracting or adding of items."

Non Youth related competitions

Have not been to Convention for 14 years so unable to comment on existing content etc."

see comments above

As I have not been to any District Conventions I am unable to comment; for the same reason I answered 'No opinion' to the previous questions."

The Sunday mornings in the past have been a drag, I will reserve judgement until after the 2014 event."

Subtract Work shops on final day. Add more imaginative Host night themes.

Individual and collective self congratulations which 'Lionism' often

seems to engender."

Balance this year was excellent for Sat events. I would personally cut out the Fri night completely and this would decrease the cost a bit. Some of the 'pomp & ceremony' at the opening could be decreased leaving more time for workshops?"

I have never been to district convention, however from what others have told me it seems to be an event that could perhaps be a lot smaller and cheaper. Many Lion just want to raise money for worthy causes , and by going to events such as this, all I would personally be thinking is , 'this money' could have been given to a worthy cause' instead of myself going on a jolly. "

Use of key note speakers - do not need to be Lions orientated Less time on competitions"

Remove the sales pitch by the local mayor or whomever opens the Convention, or drastically reduce it to the formal opening only. Remove the various award presentations or at least the photo calls for each, which slow things down far too much. Add some really interesting breakout sessions as part of the main content - but if there are no good subjects do not include them for the sake of having breakouts."

Reduce to one day and have workshops with examples of successful ideas from clubs"

No opinion

Singing of National Anthems

The way the various reports are presented. They are in the convention papers. There is no need for them to take up the time to be presented individually or any comments to be made unless they have to be updated or changed."

-Subtract 1 x day- and therefore all the waste of time flag waving and protocol stuff. - Add more workshops"

Subtract individual adoption of reports in favour of a single adoption of all reports. There is never discussion on ideas to raise funds only normally how and why to donate to causes"

add keynote speaker not necessary a lion suggest maybe follow the lions in France and have two one day conventions one in spring and one in autumn"

The drawn out protocol.

I would add a key note speaker I would subtract workshops as there is rarely time for them to be really successful. They could be held on a separate occasion such as a training day"

As previously mentioned the awards/certificate session to be removed.
More workshops like Kickz to be added."

Re a. above Only oin parts Re B: above Many Lions can't afford to come for the whole weekend. Cut out most routine topics. Have more outside speakers."

opening ceremony

no comment

Do not add. Why do we have so many managers and co-ordinators

Not aware as yet will advise when I have been at the club a little longer

Getting awards for the same old people

Don't really know

Professional after dinner external speakers on a relevant topic such as 'Sight'. No subtraction."

Subtract - All the hierarchy prancing about in their 'uniforms'.

N/A

Sadly, I don't know enough to comment. I have no aspiration to any Office outside my own club. Plse see comment below."

Subtract Host Night to be a social evening without paid-for entertainment Add key-note speaker relating to MD Lions partner (Spec Olympics, MedicAlert, Blind Home etc)"

Perhaps introduce more debatenot necessarily attached to resolution eg time for questions of speakers "

No opinion

Fewer formalities.

I can't think of any.

In the early 1970 there were characters to contend with and Conventions are now too formal. I remember Jo of Portsmouth Club with affection [he was but a ordinary working man but he was really good at organising attendance at International Conventions. The cost of District Convention is excessive and it is probably cheaper and better value to go on holiday for 7 days "

More interesting resolutions and opportunity for discussion.

Add - why we don't advertise and shout about ourselves at national

level enough with PR that works! Subtract - constantly being told to gain members and what age range to target"

Processions and voting.

(To clarify the above : 'too expensive' if wanting to participate in the whole weekend or ôjust rightö if only going for a day!) Having only been to the one convention, I'm probably too 'new' to say, but I would question whether the exhibition is particularly valuable.....; also the number of awards presented in the afternoon sadly meant that I could not stay to the end."

Get rid of the AGM aspect and deal with that quickly at the pre convention cabinet meeting"

Have not attended so far

Less reports from Cabinet Officers and more workshops and presentations on special projects. "

Cut the formal and social events and create a forum/conference for fundraising and community service good practice. One day event/conference with optional dinner/accommodation for those who want it. Let's have a convention for the membership not cabinet.....!!"

N/a

Add 'think tank' session(s). Subtract lengthy individual addresses.

Theme night.

As President of the Club I will probably attend this year - guess future years depends on whether we are in the country. Have family in New Zealand and Convention usually clashes with our visit to see them. I think the programme for the partners was very much the draw on whether Club members attended. In the 90s 3 or 4 couples would go along and have a really enjoyable weekend. "

Subtract: Walk on parade at the start. Add: Smaller working groups on various issues with report back. "

The actual Business part of Convention I believe could be done in under 2 hours. i.e. keep it short and sharp and to the point. Therefore:- Add
#NAME?
superfluous non-essential items."

Remove Ceremony of the Flags

International Directors are normally great communicators especially on a 1:1 basis. Appreciate that there is sometimes a chance to talk to them but even greater contact would benefit Lions members, especially new ones."

never been but would like to

I never go tho the Friday night do, Maybe you could make it one night away instead of two."

Make break-out sessions content more relevant to types of projects done by the clubs."

As i have only attended I Saturday, no comment to add at this stage

At the 5 conventions that I have attended I have found the International speakers to be pretty boring except for 1 and he was not American. Unfortunately they are preaching to the converted as it is mainly the converted that attend conventions."

As stated above I would subtract the competition awards as this takes too long. I would add a well known and respected keynote speaker whose presence may encourage people to attend convention. "

Add presentation of awards....would encourage those who've won them to attend Subtract the fancy dress evening....as being 'old hat' (shows we still have too many 'old farts' involved!"

Presentation of minor awards

Add - more choice on breakout information sessions. Subtract - some of the awards, there are too many."

I would subtract the whole Saturday Business sessions and add a new format. If you are serious about getting more people to attend bring the whole business session up to date. The flag ceremony is embarrassing. Respect all the flags but only sing our national Anthem. I find it rude to talk over the band that is playing on arrival. Is a band really needed. I have mentioned other areas to change in various parts of this questionnaire but if I can only change one thing please do not let the Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions officer drone on. This can all be written in the booklet for us to read."

Not been for m,any years so not aware of current content

I would add much more time for the interaction between members present. This would be in the format of forums, rather than presentations. Feedback will be very important from these forums and before the end of convention some actions need to be identified and also a priority status given to them. I would not have the host night, but have a optional evening meal on the Friday night for those Lions who want to spend the weekend at convention.. Flag ceremony can be cut short, if not omitted. "

Remove Host night to bring cost down.

less patting on back of out of date PDG's

the District convention (and give the money used to a good cause)

Subtract some of the Ceremonial (Flags)

Only been to one, couldn't give an option

District Convention is not meeting grass root members needs.

Communication needs to improve - slicker presentations, Q&A sessions, less formality, inspirational guidance. "

End of Add/Subtract one item from Convention

If you have never attended District Convention, what would persuade you to attend?

The price is still the barrier

interesting topics that would be beneficial for the club

Cheaper costs. Thinking that the Convention would be relevant to me.

If it was held in Jersey.

My reason for joining Lions was a local focus. I see little value in all this district, national and international activity."

I have attended 2, one out of interest & one when I was Club President. I'm VP again now so I'll see it as my Duty to attend on behalf of my Club."

Difficult to know

Encouragement from people who have attended

frankly a waste of time

Anyone interested in becoming part of the administration of the parallel universe.. I will not hide behind anonymity, I am Martin Slatford and would be pleased to discuss these heretic views with all the administration. I am proud of what our Admin d"

no single supplement, cheaper range of hotels/ general costs

n/a

Have attended those in 105A up until a few years ago when I moved to Dorset. I am afraid I have no wish to attend Conventions anymore - leave it to the youngsters - if there are any!"

Nothing I have attended 3 and found each one boring, expensive and with little purpose except to boost egos"

Lower cost overall.

N/A

there seems to be alot of members that are the old and bold but there seems to be a lack of the younger members which in a few years time will be the lions of the future."

Cost Lower

Nothing I can think of, I keep Lions activities to my clubs area.

A feeling that individual members were welcome

Attended when President in 1989 and attended the business fora couple of years after"

I have attended, but not in the last 5 years. These days I am too deaf to attend as I hear very little of the proceedings. I might be persuaded if it was held outside in good weather!!"

I have never attended District Convention. I do not understand the reason behind or the reason for it, what purpose dose it achieve. The money would be better spent on helping the less fortunate in this world, with money in short supply we need to make sure every penny goes where it is needed. I realy enjoy my membership of Lions. The friendship and the satisfaction of being able to work together as a club, the massive fund raising tasks we have been able to perform to help the less fortunate "

It is unlikely that I could be persuaded

Nothing. Whilst the Lions get a large chunk of my personal charity budget i.e. dues, I'm not willing to spend more of what I regard is my 'holiday budget' on Lions events. Lions should concentrate more on local issues and reduce the costs to members of National & International organisations. I'm also not happy about the concept of what appears to be a religious District Service - religion has no part to play in Lionism. Perhaps it is a multi-faith concept but this is not clear - and in a"

Not able to attend as we care for a young person with disabilities, have no support network."

Unfortunately time is an issue for me, so whilst I am still working full time I cannot balance ate dance with home commitments "

Since joining Lions I have not witnessed any useful feedback (added value) from any of my fellow Lions who have attended any Lions Convention although they all have a jolly good time (at a cost). If I fully understood the objectives of these Conventions and could see how our Club would benefit from my attendance, I might consider participating. At present a cost-benefit analysis does not indicate that I should participate.."

Cheaper. Held on a single day.

My involvement at Club level is sufficient and appropriate.

Working full time and already giving a lot of time to the Lions, weekends and holidays are very precious to me. Due to the added time needed to be taken to attend these events (boat and/or plane timetables), plus expense at present it seems very unlikely that I would attend. However, I would put in a plea for more telephone (or even video or Skype) meetings across the district. This would keep us all better informed of what different clubs are doing, and help to build up/increase commardarie between the clubs. Would be of great assistance to Gsy, Jsy and prob Isle of Wight clubs. When I was president I did take part in several conference calls; I do not know if they are still happening."

Just too expensive. I know that one can just attend for part(s) but I have little interest as of the current time."

Evening events aimed at younger attendees.

Don't really know. Basically, I think more than anything that I would resent the cost of travel and accommodation (for 2) just to sit in and listen to endless debates about Lionism."

An affordable price, including travel

Perhaps held in Guernsey. Travel to and from the island is expensive though."

Other people from my club going.

Being local. Winchester next year I am planning to attend and encouraging other Eastleigh members likewise. Clearly I need to learn more regarding what this District thing is all about!"

Reports from those who have attended that it was interesting and useful

A fellow Lion giving me positive feedback on a District Convention they had attended."

No time

I have never attended because I work full time and prefer to allocate my limited time to local and club events. I might attend if it was a single day and fairly local."

Nothing

I am not interested in attending Convention. I joined the Lions to do some good for my community and society in general. Along the way I have got to know some very nice people. I do not have enough time or finances

to attend more functions. There is already enough in my life balancing family friends and interests and I am retired. Feel strongly that the higher echelons forget we are volunteers trying to do our bit. Perhaps the Lions organisation is not for me and I should leave."

I actually quite fancy attending Convention but family and other Lions commitments generally get in the way. "

nothing; my reply may seem very negative, but I derive all my satisfaction from Lionism from our activities and the group of people within my club and having many other interests just do not have time or inclination to get involved at a wider level. It occurs to me that those individuals in our club who do have a wider involvement have made Lionism their main social outlet."

Time!! I need to get a feel for what is involved in being a Lion.I think the expression is walk before you can run.I am so new at this.I am enjoying myself a lot but do not want to get too bogged down with the politics just yet."

Unlikely to attend preferring to use available time for key activity, helping others. This questionnaire is unhelpful. 'No opinion' can give the wrong impression concerning interest. Don't know would have been more appropriate in several instances. "

An interesting programme of speakers and workshops

Nothing. My perception of Convention is that it is a 'jolly' with significant financial risks and should be replaced by an instrument that has club majority support because it will produce meaningful results for the clubs participating. The nature of the results needs researching - that this questionnaire appears not to be seeking. Wind back and hold local sessions when a manageable number of individuals can get together under experienced facilitation to go back to basics. If something along these lines does not happen district wide - membership will continue to drop. "

Charismatic and quality leadership.

Interesting Key speaker Useful workshops

I think the hierarchy of administration is something you either embrace or you don't. Nobody should question its necessity and I have the upmost respect for all those who participate. however, the motivation for many lions is at a very local level. idealistically we should all want to be involved across the world of Lionism but in practice whilst some allowance is made for national/International projects it is our local community that we care about> this translates into ambivalence for zones/districts etc etc. What would persuade me to attend? possibly nothing as I don't really see the benefits to me personally. my motivations and needs are fulfilled club level."

I cannot answer this one, I don't know if any 'bribe ' could motivate me.

N/A Unless I have misunderstood the purpose of the question, It seems that one is assuming that a positive decision NOT to attend has been made by each individual and you are seeking ways to get them to change their minds. In my experience it is the newer members who have an interest BEYOND Club activities who are likely to go. Also they may be inclined to attend IF several other Club Members 'make up a party'....."

not applicable (have attended District Conventions)

I joined the Lions to help people less fortunate than myself I enjoy Fund Raising and the Social events connected with the Reading Club. The members are very friendly and hospitable. I was in the Army for 30 yrs and have had enough of attending events /social functions outside my Unit/club .I consider myself to be a good foot Soldier and am very happy raising money. Last year I chaired two committees that raised a total of £41k I have no desire to become involved in events outside my club"

It would be quite an effort to attend from here, so I would need to be confident that by attending I could make a significant contribution. From a slightly parochial point of view; I would need to be sure that by attending I could be doing something very positive for my local club or for a local cause. If those criteria were met, then cost or convenience would not put me off too much."

Nothing, not interested, very busy and involved in many local issues and fundraising, not just Lionism"

Vast drop in cost, as membership fees are too high for what is gained from club"

I would have to feel it was going to be useful to the Club and money well spent. I often feel that I am a junior member of some highly complex Civil Service department when my intention in joining Lions was to do good in the local community. If one thing was to make me consider my future in Lions it would be the complex nature of the organisation. Some members seem only to be members to indulge in the ritual of meetings and discussions without 'shaking the collecting tin'"

I probably will when I retire - I will have more time to travel off island

N/A

Less bureaucracy

I am not really interested in giving time outside my local commitments. I joined Lions to help and raise money for needy causes. I don't want to give up my valuable time attending meetings."

I have attended two Conventions in the last four years. I would have gone this year but for a holiday. Both were for the Saturday only. I

thoroughly enjoyed them and found them well organised, interesting and with excellent overseas speakers. Also it was good to meet other Lions. I would never stay overnight and attend the party. I am not interested in dressing up as a medieval knight and neither is my wife. "

Nothing

It is not really my cup of tea, sorry!

Due to only being a Lion for a year I am looking at attending in the near future."

being able to afford to stay over, more information about cheaper hotels, B&B etc. near where the convention is to be held, "

over the past twenty years I enjoyed the social bits of Convention, the trips out for partners. Since becoming a lion I have sat through some very boring bits which seem to not have relevance to members. Sometimes it seemed the speaker was there to wallow in their own self importance. "

I joined the Lions to do what I could to help other people less fortunate than myself, not to spend my limited Pension on District Conventions."

N/A

Am quite happy to work raising monies and helping others but am not interested in attending Conventions-am involved in too many other community projects"

Nothing.!Life is too busy with grandchildren, other projects and interests"

A change to a swift purposeful AGM - which is what it should be. I doubt whether this questionnaire will make any difference as most of the problems in Lions arise from a structure which is designed to resist change. An enforced annual turn around of leadership can't do other than this and it leaves power with the few at the top. So anyone who wants to achieve anything either finds a local niche, becomes the local Mr/Ms Grumpy or just walks and finds other things to do with their time and energy. Personally, I've moved from the first of these categories to the second and would be in the third if my wife wasn't also a Lion. I value my home-life. Sorry, if this is more than or not what you wanted - but it's honest."

less expense.

n/a (However, I would say that those that do not attend are likely to belong to Clubs that do not discuss much Lions activities outside of their own Club, Zone area and are therefore not encouraged to attend Convention by their Club President or Senior Lions. Those that attend with others that they know, ie from their own Club are more likely to be

willing to attend)"

An understanding that we need a complete re think if we are going to turn this Organisation around. "

Nothing, the rut is too deep!

A MAJOR question missing from this survey is What benefits does a member get from all the district stuff I did not join Lions to do all this conventon stuff, and I would suspect the majority of lions are of a similar view We are asked year omn year to increase the lioevy to district, mumti district and international organisations with very little discenable BENEFIT to the average Lion Why is the B&I Lion printed? Why is it sent to every Lion, even if there are two lions at the same address? Why does the organisation use mipdernt technology for meetings: why get people to ttravel long distances, often requiring overtnbight stays when the majority of the business can cbe carried out using video conferencing facilities? I could go on

As an island the cost is high, we are also isolated so get on with serving our community as a club who, although part of the world wide organisation, feel very much that we are just one of the island's service clubs."

An interesting selection of Workshops or Presentationa after the Business Session is complete on the Saturday"

as a new president ,more information about conventions

I suggest, enthusiasm of people who have attended

Nowhere else to put this comment, but I would be more interested in reducing the cost of overheads within the organisation. I never used to notice the annual subs but recently I do. Why do they keep going up so much ? Also can anything be done to reduce the Pythonesque missives from the World President. What about a project for plain English, or even plain American ?"

Having attended for several years, I did not attend in 2013 but would consider attending again if it was more central in the District in an attractive area and at a reasonable cost. Why does it have to be close to the incoming DG's abode ?"

As a Privileged Member, I might attend just the AGM part of Convention if :- a) it were not too far away 2) it included the Open Forum, which I have felt to be the most rewarding part of those Conventions I have attended c) lively debates on Motions were in prospect."

I have attened and enjoyed Distric Conventions in the past . Not having been to one since 1999 it is difficult to make an apinion."

A much smaller and more dynamic Cabinet looking forward not

congratulating themselves on past glories. Get some fresh blood into Cabinet - stop the ritual of shuffling posts around the table. Many current Cabinet members are useful and good at what they are asked to deliver; far too many are not."

Cost and time. I have a young family so this takes priority

I just can not afford to attend if there was some way of attending without being loaded I would"

I'm not really sure. Some locations are excellent & I would consider attending if I felt more engaged, and the cost was not prohibitive."

N/a.

My reason for joining Lions was to feel I was helping society by taking part fund-raising activities, doing some community service work etc. and I do enjoy the social side. However, I have no real interest in the 'official' side of being a Lion. I realise that for some people this is a very important part of being a Lion but I am content to do my bit at base level. "

My current position as Club President; since Lion Philip Daubeney passed away, it has become the norm for the Club President to attend. "

There would have to be business on the agenda relating to or directly affecting the Dorchester and District Club."

no. nothing

Sorry don't understand most of the questions. Just joined to help fund raise."

Have attended Conventions.

Having attended many Lion Conventions I suspect that time, money and interest only in local issues keep Lions away i.e. very few easy answers !!"

Nothing

Nothing

LOCATION

An explanation of its importance to me as a grass roots member at the local level"

I would make up my own mind if I attended

Change of format with less self congratulating.

Due to cost and time pressures, am unlikely to attend before retirement.

Too grand/costly for me

A practical forum for either learning new skills in a workshop format or a debate or similar forum where Lions (other than Cabinet Members) can directly contribute to decisions made by Cabinet. Then year on year evidence presented at Convention that shows these opinions have been listened to and acted upon."

Someone to go with!

Not so formal

I will try try to attend next year so that i can formulate a proper opinion. "

Not sure

I cannot think of anything that would persuade me to attend a Convention in it's current form. I think in the 21st century we should be following the lead of many modern businesses in having a lean and informal management structure. I know that there are business items that must be agreed at higher levels than club but I believe that this could be achieved in a much more efficient and cost effective manner. I'm sure some members enjoy the social aspects of the convention. I would not wish to deprive them of this but it should be a District social function fully funded by the attendees. I would like to see great changes in the District/MD function to focus only on those things that support club activities. eg. Insurance Legal Assistance Health and Safety Guidance Web site design & Maintenance Promoting the 'Brand' at a national and international level Managing 'above club' and international welfare activities Producing a magazine that sells Lionism to both members and the public etc. etc I think District/MD needs to be seen as more progressive, move away from tradition and be seen as a support mechanism for the clubs. I believe the majority of members on Meon Valley are committed to the basics of Lionism in raising funds to support those less fortunate than ourselves with a considerable level of success. This is achieved almost totally on local initiative and general (but not total) disregard for the activity at District/MD. While not totally without our problems we are a progressive and growing club with 27 members and one more in the wings. I think a number of our members will have deleted this request for input as I would have done normally. I, like many others, give a lot of time to Lions and do not need to spend more of it filling in surveys which we perceive have little effect. I did decide this time to complete the survey and would be very happy to discuss my views if it would be helpful.

Interesting and affordable to all members

Have attended many conventions in the past, but am now retired, money is tight and cannot drive anymore"

I do not think I would need to be persuaded it would just be a question of timing."

The presence of our Patron Sophie Wessex

not sure- too much else going on in my life

i'm not really a Distrivt person rather am I content to poodle along on local events"

Only if there was a fundamental change, in my view, proposed for the activity of Lions and it was to be debated."

Quite frankly, with other non-Lion commitments, I don't have enough free time to attend. "

N/A

I don't really know. A venue of particular interest might help. I have just retired from a demanding job so might be able to participate more in future."

Not a lot would make me less negative.

If I were say 20/30 years younger {40/50 years old} I feel that I might be more enthusiastic."

I have attended over 30 Conventions and served as a District Officer for nearly 12 years I would in future only attend District Convention for the business session which I have done in the past.but often I returned to Wiltshirte thinking why have I wasted a day which has not made Lions more effective. "

Nothing. Not interested, thank you.

A one day only event.

Price!

Individual invitation

In my state of health I would find attendance too much physically and money wise."

not sure that I would attend. I am just too busy with work and family commitments."

*** PLEASE NOTE *** Have completed this questionnaire on behalf of club member not on email. His general opinion is that 'he is only interested in local things done by Petersfield Club & not in anything else'.

The information and opportunity

Cost..... A weekend convention cost more than my weeks holiday for two last year....."

am primarily interested in helping the local community, not in wide spread projects."

I have attended a District Convention, and found it useful but rather drawn-out."

Nothing would persuade me to attend anything further than club meetings. I find the hierarchy of Lions something I prefer to leave to others. Lions to me is about doing something practical on the ground not talking about it."

Timing, cost, being clear of the value to myself/club

As I have never attend a District Convention I do not know if the content is right or not. I joined the Lions in order to help local charitable needs and I would attend a DC if the benefits of attending helped me in achieving local charitable needs."

I attende one District Convention when I was a member of Medway Club (now disbanded) but I am still in contact with several past members."

I have been to several District Conventions over the past 16 years.

Why should I attend - as yet I have no answer to this question? What does it do? Is it good use of my time? How does it help the Lions do good deeds? Is it just an excuse to the men to put on a DJ and the women to wear posh frocks? As I said 'What is the purpose of the District Convention?'"

lower prices, most are too expensive on basic pension!!

I have attended regularly, but very few other club members did. For a new member it would be important that a group from the club would be attending - and probably the first time, just for the day."

I have attended DC's since becoming a Lion in 1979 at Pietermaritzburg Host"

Affordibility and clarity on costs and programme

no interest in attending

A single afternoon of business, with, possibly , an evening of mixing / entertainment which was focused on a Lions project or event."

Make it cheaper, one day is enough, do we need themes etc and dances. It would appear these events are not popular anymore"

Greater flexibility in attendance.

Unsure as it is difficult with a young family to arrange any time away and it is difficult to see it's ultimate value because most Lions are concerned with what is happening locally in their areas."

Not applicable

Being fit and well

Attended many many years ago, thought it all rather too formal for me

nothing

Not sure.

A change from the old fashioned 'badge laden'old boy network', to a simple informative style of new data, and tools to do the job. "

End of Why would persuade you to go to Convention

Total number of respondents: 388