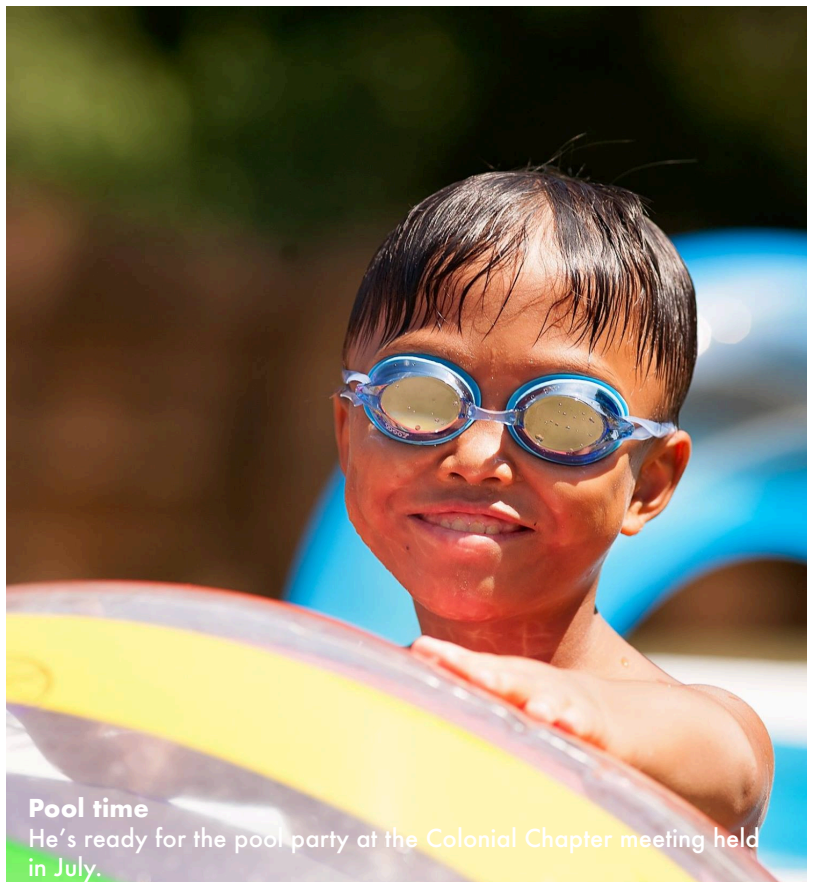


# Eastern Echoes

## District 3 Of LPA

### Summer 2017 Newsletter



#### Pool time

He's ready for the pool party at the Colonial Chapter meeting held in July.

## District Elections

By Stephanie Brandon

Have you ever wanted to give back to the organization that has given so much to you? Well, this is a great time to get involved with Little People of America. 2017 is an election year for District 3 of Little People of America. Four members sit in the officer roles for the District and all four seats are up for election. A District officer term is three years and each position has a two-term limit. Serving as an officer is a

rewarding experience and the officers attend the spring and fall regionals.

All members of District 3 are invited to review the positions and the eligibility criteria for the positions. Qualified members are encouraged to run for a District 3 officer position.

**The deadline for declaring intent to run for a position is September 1st, 2017.** To declare intent, send an email to Stephanie Brandon (District 3 Director, [sbrandon@d3lpa.org](mailto:sbrandon@d3lpa.org)) and Sylvia France (District 3 Secretary, [sfrance@d3lpa.org](mailto:sfrance@d3lpa.org)). Include in the

email your full name, contact information and the position you are interested in.

District 3 Officer Positions:

### District Director

1. Shall have primary responsibility for the continuance of activities in the district and the solicitation of membership.

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## Contact Us

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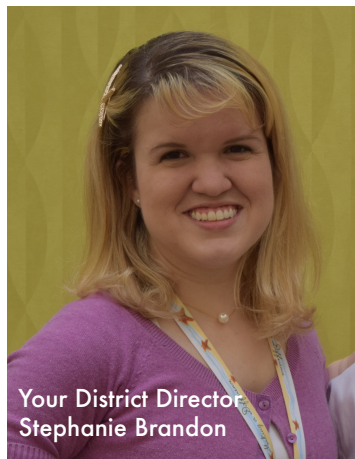
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## Letter from the District Director

Hello everyone. It's hard to believe that this is my last letter from the District Director since my term is up in October.

It has been an honor to represent District 3. I am so thankful for all of you as members of LPA. It's you the new families who are excited to of found LPA, the teens who I now see graduating and going off to college or starting careers of their own. As well as those who were



Your District Director  
Stephanie Brandon

there for my parents when they had questions when i was young.

I'm also so happy for what my officers and I have accomplished over our years of service. Some of

the accomplishments are having a district website that has been praised by board members and the ability to register online and take credit card payments regionals. Also, I am so grateful for connecting with Camp Victory Junction. It is so great to now have a camp opportunity for

our kids that is located right in our own district.

I'm also excited for what's to come for District 3. If you are interested in running and sharing your time and talent in a district position feel free to let the current officers know or email me by September 1st.

As always if you ever have any questions or comments feel free to email me at [sbrandon@d3lpa.org](mailto:sbrandon@d3lpa.org) and I look forward to seeing you soon!

*-Stephanie Brandon,  
District 3 Director*

### District 3 Treasurer's Report - 2nd Quarter 2017 ending June 30, 2017

Checking Account Balance	12,861.85
Restricted Funds:	
D3 Teens	651.73
Savings Account (Samaritan's Fund) Balance	16,070.32
Savings Account (Eyler-Geddie Fund) Balance	<u>13,927.10</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$42,859.27</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Interest	2.24
Regionals	<u>4,676.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,678.24</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bounced Check for Regional Attendee	109.00
2017 Spring Regional Expenses	<u>3,174.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,283.50</b>

# Ocean City General Assembly Meeting

April 30th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by District Director, Stephanie Brandon at 10:36. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the regional.

Previous Fall 2016 regional minutes were posted in the District 3 newsletter so a motion was made for approval of the minutes by Deana seconded by J.R. All approved. None opposed.

The Treasurer's Report was posted on the screen and reviewed with the membership.

Stephanie thanked the Ches Del Bays Chapter for hosting the spring regional in Ocean City, MD and announced currently there were 101 in attendance.

## OLD BUSINESS:

D3 page is on Facebook. There are 555 members and growing. It is a closed group. Greg Lawrence oversees the D3 FB page.

District E Newsletter. Not 100% of people open it. The Spring E Newsletter is going out after the Regional. Only the HOH gets the email. Everyone can sign up. Go to D3 website to join. Membership is verified.

D3 Holiday Card went out in December 2016. The Virginia Beach Regional and Delaware

Regional photos were on the card.

Samaritan Fund. This fund helps members with expenses that otherwise could not afford it. To apply, one needs to fill out an application.

The D3 Newsletter is a good source for information. Go to [www.D3LPA.org](http://www.D3LPA.org). Addresses of events on Calendar of Events page not posted for security reasons.

Camp Victory Junction in NC. The Petty Foundation runs it. July 23 - July 27. Ages 6 to 16. There is also a weekend family camp in September. Cabins sleep 8.

Camp Veradome. Camp Fairelee. They offer accessible camp sites. Sally Price distributed pamphlets. Affordable. Centrally located. You can design your own program. The camp fosters independence and confidence. There is a climbing wall. Accessible to all. In ground pool. Kayaking. Horseback riding. There are passive activities, as well.

## New Business:

National Update -National Elections. Ballots went out to all paid members. June 3 is the deadline to submit your ballots. Policy Manual is being updated by National. The LPA Scholarship application deadline is April 30.

US Hockey has eliminated the M word.

National LPA Conference to be held in Denver, CO June 30 to July 6. It will be the 60<sup>th</sup> National Conference. Diamond Jubilee.

Kitchens Fund for 1<sup>st</sup> Timers. Helps pay to go to the National Conference.

There will be a Council of Directors meeting. Voted for giving Stephanie Brandon \$1100. Deana motioned to approve this and Greg seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.

The next few National Conferences will be held as follows:

2018 Orlando, FL

2019 San Francisco, CA

2020 Austin, TX

Fall 2017 Regional will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC hosted by the Carolinian Chapter. Room rate is \$139 plus \$8.99 resort fee and tax a night. It's a Toga theme and online registration will open August 11th. District 3 elections will be held at this regional. Future Regionals will be Spring 2018 in the Marvelous Chapter area and the Fall 2018 in the Colonial Chapter area.

Map of the Chapters was displayed.

## CHAPTER UPDATES:

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# LPA Council of Director's Meeting - Denver, CO

## Welcome and Agenda

President Gary Arnold welcomed the participants and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

## Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

District 3 Director Stephanie Brandon moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2017 Council of Directors teleconference. The motion was seconded by District 10 Director Gaill Blackburn, and approved by a voice vote.

It was noted that the meeting was May 7, not April 7 as in the draft minutes. The minutes will be corrected.

## District and Chapter E-mail Domains

Discussion begun in the May CoDD meeting continued. District 3 Director Stephanie Brandon and District 6 Director Dan Verscha discussed obtaining a non-profit license for Microsoft Office 365 software for e-mail and on-line file sharing. Defining the structures and policies would be the next step, a committee will be needed to set this up.

District 6 Director Dan Verscha moved to investigate obtaining a license for Microsoft Office 365 for email for use by the National Officers and District Directors. The motion was seconded by District 10 Director Gail Blackburn.

In the ensuing discussion, District 2 Director Michael Petruzzelli moved to amend the motion to appoint District 3 Director Stephanie Brandon to create a working committee and come back with a

proposal by the end of 2017. The amendment was seconded by District 10 Director Gaill Blackburn, and approved by a voice vote.

The Council then approved the amended motion by a voice vote.

## Membership Requirements at LPA Events

Discussion begun in the May CoDD meeting continued on whether a person must be a member to attend District events, or whether to continue to follow the current policy requiring all non-members to pay a higher registration rate, higher by the cost of an annual membership.

District 6 Director Dan Verscha moved to require that to attend a District regional meeting, an individual must be an LPA member. The motion was seconded by District 9 Director Shannon Ciardelli, and approved by a voice vote.

In the discussion, it was noted that there will be challenges in collecting the membership dues and getting the application recorded at the National Office before regional meetings. This motion will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors before it can become LPA National Policy. The Board did act upon it later that day, see the minutes of the LPA Board of Directors Meetings for July 1 & 2, 2017.

## Rebate Checks and Finance

Discussion begun in the May CoDD meeting continued on rebate checks and centralized banking. Finance Director Dang Trang and Programs Director Jon North provided follow-up information before this meeting. Danh went over the reconciliation spreadsheets sent out to all District Directors. The Directors would still



like to go a centralized banking system, as has been discussed in previous meetings. Over 100 rebate checks are set to go out now. Directors are still missing checks and expressed confusion on the rebate process. They requested spreadsheets for the past year or two to review any missing checks.

District 2 Director Michael Petruzzelli moved the CoDD requests universal banking to move forward, with the Finance Director to provide bi-annual rebate check reports, and past reports for 2015 through 2017 year rebate checks for both Districts and Chapters, by year end 2017. The motion was seconded by District 10 Director Gaill Blackburn, and approved by a voice vote.

## DAAA Update

DAAA-LPA Liaison Amy Morris and DAAA President Lucy Woika updated the CoDD on DAAA activities and the upcoming World Games in Ontario in August.

## Brainstorm: Strengthening Synergy between the CoDD and BOD

President Gary Arnold led a discussion about the communication difficulties between the Council of District Directors and the Board of Directors, with an

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## Ocean City

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**MarValous:** Deana Henry, President, gave the update. Meeting at Space and Air Museum in Chantilly, VA was well attended on May 3rd. June 17 Pool Party at Mike and Lily Barbers house. July Bouie Bay Sock is LPA day. Planning for the Spring Regional 2018 to be held in either National Harbor or MGM. Possibly.

**Carolinian:** Stephanie Brandon gave the update. They had a planning meeting in January to plan the year and met in February for a regional planning meeting at the regional hotel. So far they have raised over \$1,000 for the regional. May 6th there will be meeting at the Davis' house near Asheville, NC. June there will be a playdate at the Condon's.

**Colonial:** Chapter VP Nancy State gave the update. They

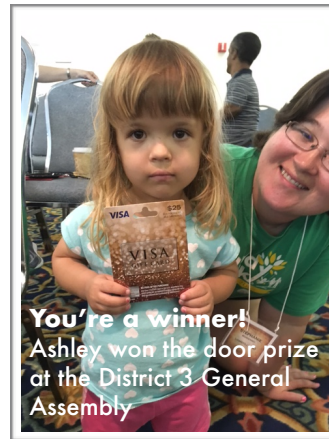
have a chapter lunch meeting and went to an Ice Hockey game with 20 people in attendance. The officers are working on a newsletter for the chapter and planning future events.

### Ches Del Bays:

Chapter president Lizzy MacDonald gave the update for her chapter. They have some meetings planned. May 21st at Pizza Deli in Woodside, DE. June is not planned yet. July 23rd they will be going to the fair, tickets are free and the last day of the fair is July 29th. State Fair is accessible to all.

**Blue Ridge:** The chapter had a meeting in April and 25 people attended.

Stephanie recommended that the VA chapters do a joint event.



The group photo for the regional is at 6:30 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm followed by the Dance at 9:00 pm. Beth announced the scavenger hunt form. Take pictures and post on the D3 Facebook page.

There were five new families at the Ocean City Regional.

Drawing gift card was held and Ashley Mordensky.

Deana Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 am. Seconded by Caitlin, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Campbell

**\*\*Special thanks to Claire for taking the minutes in Sylvia's absence.\*\***



## Chapter Officers

### MarValous Chapter



Deana Henry  
[dhenry@d3lpa.org](mailto:dhenry@d3lpa.org)

The Chapter consists of Washington, D.C., the Western part of Maryland and the top part of Virginia.

### Carolinian Chapter



Sally Grubb  
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The chapter consists of all of South Carolina and the Western part of North Carolina.

### Colonial Chapter



Jen Edwards  
[jedwards@d3lpa.org](mailto:jedwards@d3lpa.org)

The chapter consists of 100 mile radius of Emporia, VA.

### Ches Del Bay Chapter



Lizzy MacDonald  
[lmacdonald@d3lpa.org](mailto:lmacdonald@d3lpa.org)

The chapter consists of the state of Delaware, the Eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia, east of the Chesapeake Bay, North-Northeast to the Susquehanna River to the Pennsylvania state line.

### Blue Ridge Chapter



Emily Meador  
[emeador@d3lpa.org](mailto:emeador@d3lpa.org)

The chapter consists of the Western part of Virginia.

\*For exact list of counties in chapter please contact a District or Chapter Officer



**Camp Buddies**

Campers pose for a group photo while having a great time during the weeklong camp at Camp Victory Junction

## September

**Camp Victory Junction Family Weekend: September 8th-10th**  
**Randleman, NC**

**Carolinian Chapter: September 9th**  
**Chapter Meeting - Charlotte, NC**

**Colonial Chapter: September 16th**  
**Chapter Meeting - Roanoke Rapids, NC**

## October

**District 3 Regional: October 6th-8th**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**

**Carolinian Chapter: October 28th**  
**Chapter Meeting - Columbia, SC**

## December

**Carolinian Chapter: December 2nd**  
**Holiday Party - Pineville, NC**

**If you would like to host a meeting please reach out to your chapter president!**



# Denver

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emphasis on reviewing the duties of the regional representatives. Points from the discussion included:

- Regional representatives should be the contact for the district directors and chapter officers.
- It will be important to define the responsibilities and roles of the regional representatives. Need more clarification on their positions. Proposed to have all three representatives caucus together and define their roles.
- They also could be the liaison between the Finance Director and District Directors on local financial issues.

District 10 Director Gaill Blackburn moved that the regional representatives are to develop new job descriptions, and sub-committee to be created to assist them as needed. To include definition of financial role between the Finance Director and the District Directors. Completion date: Sept, 2017.

The motion was seconded by District 2 Director Michael Petruzzelli, and approved by a voice vote.

This motion will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors before it can become LPA National Policy.

The Council then transitioned to a discussion of the impact of "Trifecta" regional meetings on national conferences. It was noted that the registered attendance at this Denver conference was below 1,300, the lowest in many years. They discussed not advertising Trifectas before the national conferences, to avoid detracting from the conferences.

District 12 Director Jon Welch moved to form a committee to create a membership survey on their reasons for choosing to attend a national

conference over a district regional meeting. The motion was seconded by District 10 Director Gaill Blackburn.

In the ensuing discussion, District 12 Director Jon Welch moved to amend the motion to add that prior to the publication of the survey, it be reviewed by the Council of District Directors, the Board of Directors, and the Conference Management Committee. The amendment was seconded by District 2 Director Michael Petruzzelli, and approved by a voice vote. The Council then approved the amended motion by a voice vote.

### Liability Insurance Discussion

It was recently determined that the LPA National insurance policy does not include umbrella liability coverage for district and chapter events. In fact, there has been no coverage for many years (if ever). To obtain coverage, the local organization would need to contact the LPA National Office, to have the insurer provide coverage for each event.

District 2 Director Michael Petruzzelli moved to allocate funds in the national budget to add liability coverage under the existing national insurance policy for all District and Chapter events. The motion was seconded by District 6 Director Dan Verscha.

In the discussion which followed, District 2 Director Michael Petruzzelli moved to amend the motion that the Districts will cover the costs of the additional liability amount for their events. The amendment was seconded by District 12 Director Jon Welch, and approved by a voice vote.

The Council then approved the amended motion by a voice vote.

This motion will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board of

Directors before it can become LPA National Policy. The Board did act upon it later that day, see the minutes of the LPA Board of Directors Meetings for July 1 & 2, 2017.

### District Directors Roundtable

The District Directors held a brief roundtable discussion of the activities in their Districts, the details were not recorded for the minutes.

### Future Meetings

The Council discussed defining a plan for regular meetings for the CoDD. It was generally agreed that it would be best to have four meetings per year, with the spring and fall meetings to be held before the respective spring and fall District regional meetings.

District 8 Director Ruth Stratton moved that the Council of District Directors will meet four times per year, once before the National Conference, and one week before each Board of Directors teleconference. The motion was seconded by District 6 Director Dan Verscha, and approved by a voice vote.

The Council will plan for its next meeting in late September 2017.

### Mid-Year Meeting

The Board of Directors has moved their mid-year meeting up to the weekend of September 15 & 16 this year, in order to allow the newly-elected officers to meet earlier in their terms. The meeting will be in Anaheim, California, and District Directors are encouraged to attend.

The Council adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

*Thank you to Joe Zrinski for taking the notes for the minutes of this meeting!*

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Piro  
LPA Parliamentarian

## Election

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2. Shall screen applicants for membership.
3. Shall appoint all committee chairpersons in the district.
4. Shall oversee local area chapters and their officers in respect to ongoing activities.
5. Shall serve as a member of the Council of Directors.
6. Shall work for the formation of local chapters.
7. All District Directors are limited to activities within the boundaries of their respective districts with respect to membership and dues.
8. Shall provide financial reports for the District and Chapters within the District as per the LPA Policy Manual.
9. Shall train the district director-elect.
10. Shall assist with the preparation of Form 990 each year by the timely providing of the requisite financial information for the district to the Board of Directors, or other person designated by the Board of Directors to prepare the Form 990.

11. The Council of District Directors (as that term is defined in Article VIII, Section 1) shall meet with the Board of Directors, by phone or in person, at least 2 times per year, at a time and place to be determined by a majority of the Council of District Directors. In addition, during a Council Meeting (as that term is defined in Article VIII, Section 6), a majority of the then-present District Directors may request additional meetings with the Board of Directors to address any specific concerns about any decisions of the Board of Directors.
12. District Directors shall continue to receive and/or have access to minutes of all Board of Director meetings. Board of Director meetings are open to the public unless the Board is in a "closed session."

The District Director shall have been an active eligible voting member for two membership years. He/she shall have been an active member of the district in which he/she is running for officer for one membership year.



### Assistant Director

Assistant District Directors duties are delegated by the Director.

### Secretary

The duties of the district secretary are:

1. Take minutes at all district meetings.
2. Publish the district newsletter.

### Treasurer

The duties of district treasurer are:

1. Keep records of all district financial transactions
2. File quarterly financial reports promptly (refer to district director duties)

According to the LPA National Bylaws the district director shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership at a district meeting be held between August 1 and December 1. If you have any questions feel free to contact Stephanie Brandon (District Director) at [sbrandon@d3lpa.org](mailto:sbrandon@d3lpa.org).

## Calling all Campers!

We are very excited to announce for the 3rd year in a row that we are now working together with Camp Victory Junction for a family weekend for those with children ages 6-16 with skeletal dysplasia to be held September 8th - 10th.



The camp is located in Randleman, NC and spread across 84 acres, allowing children to do what they do best - be kids, play, imagine, make friends, and enjoy the adventures and experiences of camp life. The only thing the family will need

to pay for is the transportation to and from the camp. The camp provides your rooms, meals, towels, and bed linens. For the weekend camp the entire family can come as cabins can sleep up to 8 family members.

For more information be sure to check out: <http://www.d3lpa.org/camp-victory-junction>



Little People of America is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with dwarfism throughout their lives while celebrating with great pride Little People's contribution to social diversity. LPA strives to bring solutions and global awareness to the prominent issues affecting individuals of short stature and their families.



District 3

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