

First Vice District Governors / District Governors-Elect (FVDGs/DGEs) Training Program Frequently Asked Questions

Overall Program

The First Vice District Governors/District Governors-Elect (FVDG/DGE) Training Program is an intensive year-long training program designed to equip FVDGs/DGEs with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to support their districts and Lions International. For information related to the current training program, review the [FVDG/DGE Training Program](#) webpage.

The program consists of the following four components.

- **Online assignments** – Consist of eLearning courses and Seminar pre-assignments available in the FVDG/DGE Learning Path within the Lions Learning Center (LLC). In September, each FVDG/DGE* will be assigned the FVDG/DGE Learning Path in the LLC by Lions International staff and communicated to them by their assigned Seminar group leader. The assignments are launched in several phases throughout the year.
- **Multiple District/Single District Training** – FVDGs/DGEs* will participate in an in-person or virtual training organized by the Global Leadership Team (GLT) coordinator. The curriculum includes several sessions developed by Lions International and topics specific to the local area, as determined by those responsible for training in the multiple district or single district, including the GLT coordinator (e.g., expense claim training, local administration, cabinet duties, etc.). FVDGs/DGEs* should consult with their multiple district or district GLT coordinator for information on training in their local area.
- **FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3** – FVDGs/DGEs* will travel to the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois, USA to participate in a three-day seminar. The Seminar provides an opportunity for participants to develop leadership skills, learn from each other through classroom sessions facilitated by their group leader, hear from Lion leaders and guests during general sessions and interact with their peers from around the world.

Important: FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3 participants are only FVDGs/DGEs*.

- **FVDG/DGE Seminar Day 4** – DGEs* will travel to the International Convention site to participate in a one-day seminar where they will hear the latest updates and be inspired by Lion leaders and guest speakers. The Seminar concludes with an elegant banquet.

A spouse or adult companion may accompany the district governor-elect to the FVDG/DGE Seminar Day 4.



Communication

FVDGs/DGEs* should ensure they have a unique email address (one not shared with another Lion) listed in their MyLCI profile. This will enable Lions International to communicate important programmatic messages directly to the FVDG/DGE*.

FVDGs/DGEs* will receive email communications from the international first vice president via a monthly VP Newsletter. VP Newsletters are emailed at the end of each month beginning in July. More frequent communications will occur with their assigned group leader starting in late August/early September.

If an FVDG/DGE* does not receive the VP Newsletters, they should confirm their email preferences with digitalmarketing@lionsclubs.org. If they have not heard from their assigned group leader by mid-September, they should reach out to leadershipdevelopment@lionsclubs.org.

FVDG/DGE Seminar registration and travel communications will be sent by dgeseminar@lionsclubs.org and dgetravel@lionsclubs.org. FVDGs/DGEs* should add these email addresses to their email provider's "safe senders" list to ensure these emails are received.

Multiple district or single district training communications should be sent to FVDGs/DGEs from the multiple district or district GLT coordinator.



FVDG/DGE Seminar Dates

To assist with future planning, the following dates provide a range of time within which future FVDG/DGE Seminars will be held.

FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3: Q Center, St. Charles, Illinois, USA (FVDGs/DGEs* Only)

Year	FVDG/DGE* Arrival	Seminar Days 1-3	FVDG/DGE* Departure
2024	February 26, 2024	February 27 – 29, 2024	March 1, 2024
2025	February 10, 2025	February 11 – 13, 2025	February 14, 2025
2026	March 2, 2026	March 3 – 5, 2026	March 6, 2026
2027	February 22, 2027	February 23 – 25, 2027	February 26, 2027
2028	February 7, 2028	February 8 – 10, 2028	February 11, 2028
2029	February 26, 2029	February 27 – March 1, 2029	March 2, 2029

FVDG/DGE Seminar Day 4: International Convention (DGEs* and Spouse/Adult Companion)

Year	FVDG/DGE* Arrival	Seminar Day 4	FVDG/DGE* Departure
2024	June 20, 2024	June 21, 2024	June 26, 2024
2025	July 3, 2025	July 4, 2025	July 9, 2025
2026	July 2, 2026	July 3, 2026	July 8, 2026
2027	July 1, 2027	July 2, 2027	July 7, 2027
2028	June 22, 2028	June 23, 2028	June 28, 2028
2029	To be determined	To be determined	To be determined

For future International Convention locations and information, visit the [Convention](#) webpage.



Attendance

Per board policy, every attempt should be made by the FVDG/DGE* to attend the FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3 and Day 4. If the FVDG/DGE* is unable to attend the full seminar, expenses may only be reimbursed with written approval of the International President.

If an FVDG/DGE is unable to attend any part of the FVDG/DGE Seminar they should inform Lions International (via dgeseminar@lionsclubs.org) during the registration process and provide the reason for their planned absence. Lions International will seek approval from the international president on the FVDG/DGE's behalf, where needed.

Registration and Travel

Registration for the FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3 and Day 4 typically opens for FVDGs/DGEs* in late September / early October. Registering for Day 4 also registers you for the International Convention. Your registration fee is complimentary.

Begin the travel visa application process as soon as you are elected first vice district governor, if your country of origin requires a visa to enter the United States of America or the country in which the International Convention is held.

Travel arrangement costs must comply with the Lions International travel policy and procedures. All airfare reservations must be booked by a Lions International approved travel agency and only after receiving official confirmation from the Lions International Travel Department to book travel.

Individual	Travel Arrangements and Reimbursement
FVDG/DGE*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For travel to the Q Center for Days 1-3 and to the International Convention for Day 4, one (1) economy roundtrip airline ticket for the FVDG/DGE by the shortest and most direct route for the approved travel dates only will be authorized.Incoming Provisional Region Chairpersons shall refer to Board Policy, Chapter IX, Section J. Coordinating Lion Program, 6.a.4 for reimbursement criteria. For questions contact: districtadministration@lionsclubs.org.
Spouse / Adult Companion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Per board policy, for the seminar (at the International Convention only), reimbursement for one (1) economy roundtrip airline ticket for one eligible adult companion



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	<p>will be provided based on actual cost, not to exceed US\$500.00. Reimbursement will be available after the International Convention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transitional and provisional districts should refer to Board Policy, Chapter IX, Section C.3 and C.4 for reimbursement criteria. To verify your district's status contact: districtadministration@lionsclubs.org.

Reimbursement

Review [Board Policy Manual](#), Chapter IX, Section C.3 and C.4 for the District Governors-Elect Seminar Expense reimbursement policy.

Contact Information

Topic	Contact
Registration/Hotel Arrangements	dgeseminar@lionsclubs.org
Travel/Flight Arrangements	dgetravel@lionsclubs.org
Travel Reimbursement	districtgovernorclaims@lionsclubs.org
Training Program Content/Curriculum	leadershipdevelopment@lionsclubs.org

