

**MELISSA WASHBURN  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Melissa Washburn from Carlsbad, New Mexico was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th international convention in Orlando, FL, USA, July 13 through July 17, 2025.

Director Washburn has earned numerous business certifications through New Mexico State University. Before her retirement with county government, she worked as the chief deputy assessor for Eddy County and currently serves as a commissioner for New Mexico Governor's Board of Disabilities.

A member of the Carlsbad Downtown Lions club since 2001, Director Washburn has held numerous offices within the association including zone chair, second vice district governor, first vice district governor, district governor, past council chair and council secretary/treasurer. She has also served as a Guiding Lion, Global Leadership Team multiple-district coordinator and Global Extension coordinator.

Other Lion activities include serving on several committees including, membership development for women and families and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. In addition, she is actively developing two new clubs in New Mexico.

Director Washburn is a three-time Lion of the Year award-winner and recipient of several International President's Certificates and multiple International President's Leadership Awards. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Her service is defined by promoting positive impact through membership, service and leadership.

Director Washburn and her husband, Johnny, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and eight grandchildren.