

JOHN W. YOUNEY
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

John W. Youney from Skowhegan, Maine, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions International at the association's 103rd international convention, which was held from June 25 through June 29, 2021.

Director Youney has worked as a trial attorney for the past 43 years and is the president of Merrill, Hyde, Fortier & Youney, P.A. His experience and reputation have qualified him to serve as a court-rostered mediator, as well as a court-rostered guardian ad litem in child protection.

He has served with the Skowhegan Lions Club since becoming a Lion in 1975 and has held a number of offices with the association, including district governor, Campaign SightFirst II state coordinator and GMT state coordinator. He has also served as a director as well as president of the New England Lions Council. Director Youney has presented at several DGE School seminars and has served multiple times as a presenter and moderator for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service, he has received numerous awards, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award in 2023, Lions' highest award, as well as several International President's Awards, International President's Leadership Awards and a number of International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Director Youney is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Director Youney is active in numerous civic and professional organizations, including his service as chairperson of the Skowhegan Planning Board for over 18 years. He was a co-founder and president of the Downtown Business Association, now Maine Street Skowhegan, and also served on the parish council for the St. George Greek Orthodox Church.

Director Youney is married to Lion Karol Kish Youney having served together since 1981. Lion Karol is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.