WALTER R. "BUD" WAHL PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Walter R. "Bud" Wahl, from Streator, Illinois, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 86th International Convention, held in Denver, Colorado, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2003.

Past Director Wahl is a retired risk manager and foundation coordinator in the healthcare field.

A charter member of the Streator Hardscrabble Lions Club since 1981, Past Director Wahl has held many offices within the association, including club membership chairperson, club president, zone chairperson, district LCIF and Extension chairperson, district cabinet secretary-treasurer, district governor, Lions of Illinois Foundation board member, parliamentarian to the Council of Governors, multiple district Strategic Planning Committee member and council chairperson. Additionally, he has served as a presenter at numerous club, district, state and international seminars, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership, chairperson of the 2012 Elections Committee and national coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II. He currently serves as LCIF multiple district coordinator.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the club Award of Merit, two club Lion of the Year Awards, the 100% District Governor Award, the Lions of Illinois Foundation Key Ambassador Award, five International President's Awards, the International President's Leadership Award, 11 International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Membership Advancement Key, the International Extension Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Wahl is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Community Players of Streator and United Way.

Past Director Wahl and his wife, Jama, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one daughter, who is also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow.