

## Minutes of the District 6 Business Meeting

April 24, 2004

Drover's Inn, South St. Paul

District Governor Steve Lockwood called the meeting to order at 2:05.

Past District Governor Jim Miller, DTM provided an inspirational opening.

Secretary George Francis Kane read the District Mission.

As the Credentials Committee was still collecting proxies and handing out ballots, their report was deferred until later in the meeting. With that revision, as there were no additions or objections the agenda was adopted.

Secretary George Francis Kane noted that the minutes of the Business Meeting at the Fall Conference had been posted since early in the morning. As there was no objection, the minutes were adopted.

Mary Swanson presented the report of the Realignment Committee. Copies of the proposed realignment were distributed prior to the meeting. Mary Swanson moved, on behalf of the realignment committee, to accept the distributed alignment, with the exception that Midland was moved from Area 52 to Area 54. A speaker from the floor noted that the Sound Bytes Club, 568, would in the near future be moving South about 10 miles. Mary Swanson stated that it was still appropriate to keep it in Area 53. Anne Bjelland thanked the Committee for reassigning Los Lagos to Eastern Division. Lou Novaked thanked the Committee on behalf of Midland. The proposed realignment was adopted on a voice vote.

Shirley Daniels reported for the Credentials Committee that we had 187 delegates in attendance, 3 more than the 184 required to conduct business. Bill Johnson moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the unopposed candidates. There were several seconds. Passed. The only contested election was for Eastern Division Governor between Jonathan Goosen and Joan Watson. Joan Watson gave a speech in favor of her candidacy, but Jonathan Goosen was not present. The election was won by Joan Watson, 177 – 8.

The elected officers are:

District Governor	Mary Swanson
Lt. Governor Education & Training	Theo Black
Lt. Governor Marketing	Jeannette Bauch
Central Division	Ray Quinn
Eastern Division	Joan Watson
Frontier Division	Mary Linz
International Division	Minerva Honkala
Metro Division	Evamarie Pokladnik
Northern Division	Patricia Passon

Southern Division	Scott Miller
Western Division	Linda Schweiss

George Deliduka presented the report of the Audit Committee. Theo Black moved to accept the written audit report as distributed. Second by Bill Johnson. Passed.

Treasurer Cathy Gray noted that the Treasurer's Report had been posted since early in the morning. As there was no objection, the report was adopted.

District Governor Steve Lockwood presented performance to date to District metrics, CTMs, ATMs, Clubs and Memberships.

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Mary Swanson reported on Educational Awards earned and Club Officers Trained.

Lieutenant Governor of Marketing Theo Black reported on new Clubs that have been chartered and are in the process of forming.

Public Relations Officer Pam Doan reported on public relations initiatives.

The Division Governors presented reports on the status of their Divisions. Susan Long presented for Western Division Governor Bill Clark, who was not present.

District Governor Elect Mary Swanson moved to form a Committee to explore adding a ninth Division. Seconded by Theo Black. Asked for clarification, she said that she expected the District Governor and 4-5 appointees to constitute the committee. Bill Johnson moved to amend the motion to state that the committee would be appointed by the incoming District Governor. Keith Hardy reported as historical background that when expansion was considered before, there was concern that Toastmasters International might divide the District. Steve Lockwood commented that he had received assurance that TMI would not force a District to split. Frank Mayers inquired when the Committee would report. Mary Swanson reported that she expected it to report at the Fall Conference in Rochester. Bill Johnson moved an amendment to require the committee to report its findings at the Fall Conference. Passed. The vote was taken on the motion to form a committee, appointed by the District Governor-Elect, to explore the possibility of expanding to a ninth Division, with its findings reported at District Fall Conference. Passed.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Under New Business, Mike Orr requested a status report on the Speakers' Bureau. Pat Casello reported that the Speaker's Bureau is operational and active.

A speaker from the floor inquired if planning is in process for the 2006 Region IV Convention. Judy Southwick reported that she has recommended three venues, the

Radisson South, Sofitel and Holiday Inn Select. She is awaiting a selection by Toastmasters International.

There were campaign speeches for candidates for International Director. Len Glaeser spoke for Lionel Guerard; Tim Lambert on behalf of his own candidacy; Cliff Heinsch on behalf of Martha Tinker; and Judy Southwick for Sherri Wood.

Harvey Bernard, Sheri French and Ross Messick promoted the Fall Conference in Rochester.

The meeting adjourned after "Mary's Musings" stated the upcoming events of the day. The next meeting will be on November 6 at the Kahler Hotel in Rochester.