

## **Minutes of the District 6 Business Meeting**

*April 30, 2005*

Mystic Lake Hotel, Prior Lake, Minnesota

Co-Sergeant At Arms called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm and introduced District Governor Mary Swanson.

2004-2005 Area Governor of the Year, Sherri French provided an inspirational opening.

District Secretary Susan Long read the District Mission.

Credentials Chair Keith Hardy gave the Credentials Report. Based on the most recent information posted on the Toastmasters International website, District 6 has 252 active clubs or 504 eligible votes. He reported that we have 190 votes present, exceeding the 168 required to conduct business.

Mr. Hardy provided an explanation of the ballots.

Agenda for the business meeting was moved and seconded. Agenda approved as printed.

Secretary Susan Long reported that the minutes of the last District 6 business meeting had been posted as required. No discussion, minutes approved as posted

Realignment Chair Rosie Davis presented the realignment report. The proposed realignment has been posted on the District website, Ms. Davis also provided copies to the audience.

Ms. Davis moved to adopt the realignment report, seconded by Jim Miller. No discussion. Motion passed as posted.

Immediate Past District Governor Steve Lockwood presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Members of the committee were:

- Central Division – Al Anderson
- Eastern Division – Bob Wagner
- Frontier Division – Noel Field
- International Division – Karolyn Hoard
- Metro Division – Christine Dosedall
- Northern Division – Linda Westrom
- Southern Division – Brian Rohrenbach & Linda Larson
- Western Division – Jim Holt
- PDGs – Jim Miller

Candidates approved by the Nominating Committee

- District Governor – Theo Black, Club # 330
- LGET – Jeannette Bauch, Club #1280
- LGM – Pat Croal, Club # 5290

Central Division Governor – Garry Teigland, Club #5584  
Eastern Division Governor – Frank Mayers, Club #591  
Frontier Division Governor – Ann Sullivan, Club #8067  
International Division Governor – Henry Korpela, Club #628326  
Northern Division Governor – Harriet Beadell, Club #5584  
Prairie Division Governor – Anne Groetsch, Club #4807  
Rivers Division Governor – Kirk Johnson, Club #7443  
Southern Division Governor – Brian Hinton, Club #6747  
Western Division Governor – Mark Forsberg, Club #7179

All candidates have submitted eligibility forms, including one from an intended floor candidate.

District Governor Mary Swanson called for other nominations from the floor for District Governor, Lt Governor Education & Training, and Lt. Governor Marketing. There were no nominations from the floor.

District Governor Mary Swanson instructed the Secretary to cast a single ballot for top three officers.

District Governor Mary Swanson called for other nominations from the floor for Division Governor. Past District Governor Cliff Heinsch nominated Joan Estenson for Metro Division Governor. There were no other nominations from the floor.

District Governor Mary Swanson instructed the Secretary to cast a single ballot for Division Governor candidates.

George Deliduka presented the report of the Audit Committee. He stated that the Audit Committee will be posting the audit report on the District web site. The report has been sent to Toastmasters International and approved and has been posted throughout the conference.

George Deliduka made a motion that the audit report be approved. Motion approved.

Treasurer Sue Tinklenberg reported that the Treasurer's Report has been posted as required. There were no questions, the report will be filed with Toastmasters International.

### **Officer Reports**

District Governor Mary Swanson presented progress on Critical Success Factors.

- Membership: Goal is 2% above last year; 2004-2005 goal is 9694 payments. As of April 21<sup>st</sup>, District 6 is slightly ahead of last year.

- Clubs: Goal for 2004-2005 is 3% growth. Need 267 clubs by June 30<sup>th</sup>. So far, 5 new clubs have been chartered and District expects 5 more in the next few weeks.
- ATMs: Goal is 95. Mary explained that Advanced Toastmaster Awards is a good indication of retention of members. Currently, we have exceeded the goal by 6 ATMs.
- CTMs: Goal is 332. Currently, we are 48 away from goal.

Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training Theo Black presented his report.

- We have achieved our ATM goal, need only 48 CTMs to reach that goal.
- Officer training: first round 1043 officers attended training, second round 1003 officers trained.

Lieutenant Governor of Marketing Jeannette Bauch presented her report

- So far the District has chartered five new clubs
- Several new club leads in progress, five clubs in progress and should charter soon.
- Jeannette reported that there were were 5 corporate visits on April 29<sup>th</sup>, expect four clubs to charter by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Public Relations Officer Michelle McMullen gave her Public Relations report.

- Ms. McMullen recognized Brian Hinton for making the Blue Ribbon Bucks that are being used at the conference.
- Ms. McMullen thanked Kim Keilholz, Data Coordinator and Len Glaser, Web Editor for all their help to promote the District.
- Ms. McMullen thanked all who participated as judges for the PR contests.
- Will be working on articles to publicize events from the spring convention
- Asked for individuals willing to serve on the Speaker's Bureau
- Recognized Lonnie Yohannes for her work that resulted in an on air interview with Pat Miles on her radio show.

Division Governor Reports

- Ray Quinn, Central Division Governor
  - Working on a new club
  - May lose one club
  - Have 12 clubs with 12 members or less, several clubs are hosting open houses to boost membership
- Joan Watson, Eastern Division Governor
  - Thanks to all Area Governors for their hard work!
  - Have lost one club
  - Have chartered one club and have another potential new club

- Division is focused on membership building
- Expect Division to achieve Select Distinguished status.
- Mary Linz, Frontier Division
  - Have lost 3 clubs
  - Holding open house at St. Mary's University for potential new club
  - Working on building strong, healthy clubs
  - Had successful Division Contests
- Keith Hardy, for Metro Division Governor
  - All five areas on track for Distinguished Status or higher
  - Transferring charters on 2 clubs
  - Newest club, Stellar Speakers, doing very well
  - Speech Contests were split and held on two different days, each event had 40 plus attendees
- Pat Passon, Northern Division
  - 2 Area Governors already achieved Distinguished status
  - 3 new clubs chartered
  - 2 more club leads in progress
- Scott Miller, Southern Division
  - One new club chartering in next week in Lakeville
  - Have 3 areas that have achieved Distinguished status
  - First round officer training – 100% of clubs had at least 4 officers trained.
  - Second round officer training – 80% of clubs had at least 4 officers trained.
  - Thanks to the great Area Governors in Southern Division
- Linda Schweiss, Western Division
  - 2 Area Governors have achieved Distinguished status
  - Demo meetings being held throughout the Division to boost membership.

### **New Business**

International Director, Sherri Wood presented information on the proposed dues increase that will be voted on at the International meeting in August. If passed, dues will increase from \$36/year to \$54/year. Funds going to the District will go from \$9/member to \$13/member.

District Governor Mary Swanson reminded all present to be sure to sign proxies for Regional and International meetings so that their vote can be counted. Mary also

reminded the attendees that Past District Governor Cliff Heinsch, candidate for International Director, will be up for vote at those meetings.

Fall Conference Co-chairs Rich Andresen and Joan Watson provided information on the Fall Conference. It will be held at Madden's on Gull Lake October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Early bird registration will be available until the end of the fall conference for \$84.00 if submitted before end of the Spring Convention.

Past District Governor Judy Southwick announced that the Region IV conference will be held June 9-11, 2005 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The theme is "Building Bridges"

District Governor Mary Swanson announced that the International Conference will be held August 24-27, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario.

### **Other Announcement**

June 20, 2005, First St Paul Toastmasters will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All are welcome.

Next meeting will be held October 15, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm