

Minutes of the District 6 Business Meeting
May 13, 2006
Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Co-Sergeant at Arms Bob Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm and introduce the District Governor, Theo Black.

Mike Goering provided an inspirational opening.

Western Division Governor, Mark Forsberg read the District Mission.

Len Glaeser gave the Credentials Report. Based on the most recent information posted on the Toastmasters International website, District 6 has 256 active clubs or 512 eligible votes. Len reported that we have 190 votes registered, exceeding the 171 required to conduct business.

There were no objections to the Credentials Report.

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

Appointments are as follows:

Tellers	Anne Groetsch & Kirk Johnson
Timekeeper	Bret Jenkin

The minutes of the last District 6 business meeting had been posted as required. No discussion, minutes approved as posted.

Jeannette Bauch presented the realignment report. The realignment report has been posted throughout the day. Changes this year consisted of realigning clubs within areas and removing old/failed clubs.

Valley Voices was identified as being in Central Division. Should be in Southern Division.

Keith Hardy moved to approve the report, seconded by Jim Miller and others. Discussion as follows:

Where was realignment posted?	Near registration desk.
No clubs moved?	Correct
Posted on website	Yes
Highlighted areas mean anything?	No

Motion to accept moved and seconded with corrections. Motion carried.

Immediate Past District Governor Mary Swanson presented the Nominating Committee Report. Candidates approved by the Nominating Committee are as follows:

District Governor	Jeannette Bauch
LGET	Pat Croal
LGM	Joan Watson
Central Division Governor	Kathy Neumiller
Eastern Division Governor	Wayheed Ayinde
Frontier Division Governor	Joe Brabeck
International Division Governor	Lyndah Korpela
	Stephen Shaner
Northern Division Governor	Georgia Thometz
Prairie Division Governor	Bret Jenkin
Rivers Division Governor	Michael Casey
	Cathy Sever
Southern Division Governor	Terry Ragan

All candidates have submitted eligibility forms.

District Governor Theo Black called for other nominations from the floor. Nominations from the floor are as follows:

Metro Division Governor	Craig Ostrem
Western Division Governor	Elke Stephan

There were no other nominations from the floor. All District offices have candidates.

District Governor Theo Black instructed the Secretary to cast a single ballot for all unopposed District Office candidates.

The two candidates for International Division Governor and Rivers Division Governor were each allowed two minutes to give their election speech. The ballot vote was taken and the appointed tellers collected the ballots. The results are as follows:

International Division Governor Race	Lyndah Korpela	105 votes
	Stephen Shaner	64 votes
Rivers Division Governor Race	Cathy Sever	130 votes
	Michael Casey	37 votes

District Governor Black declared Lyndah Korpela International Division Governor Elect and Cathy Sever Rivers Division Governor Elect.

George Deliduka presented the Audit Committee Report. The committee reviewed the current budget and the increased dues. Committee determined the money is being spent wisely. The budget was balanced as of December 31, 2005.

George Deliduka made a motion that the audit report be approved. Seconded by Mary Swanson. No discussion. Audit report adopted.

Treasurer George Kane reported that the Treasurer's Report has been posted as required. Question raised as to the current balance - +\$20,000. No other question. The report will be filed with Toastmasters International.

Officer Reports

Division Governor Reports

Garry Teigland, Central Division Governor

- No club losses.
- 2 new clubs (net gain)
- Successful Area & Division Fall and Spring Contests.
- Clubs working hard at membership building.
- All 6 Areas on track to be at least Distinguished.
- Central Division will be Presidents Distinguished.
- Next year's focus – membership building, encourage clubs to go beyond and participate in Area & Division.

Frank Mayers, Eastern Division Governor

- Area 11, Distinguished. Area Governor taken on role as Club Coach.
- Area 12, 2nd year Area Governor. Assisted other Area Governors.
- Area 13, several struggling clubs. Past District Governor is the Area Governor.
- Area 14, first time Area Governor. Area 14 had a successful year.
- Area 15, first time Area Governor.
- Area 16, Past Division Governor is Area 16 Governor.

Henry Korpela, International Division Governor

- Area 31 – Several clubs performing well. One club struggling. Plans are laid to make the club more active.
- Area 32 – One strong club, others having problems with membership.
- Area 33 – One strong club, several low member clubs, one picking up 3 and another picking up 5 new members.
- Areas 31, 32, 33, have Area Governors for the 2006-2007 Toastmasters year.
- Possible new club at Hibbing Hospital.

Anne Sullivan, Frontier Division Governor

- No club losses.
- 1 new club (net gain)
- Area 24 – several demo meetings.

- Distinguished Areas – 21, 23, & 24.
- Frontier Division is Distinguished.
- Next year, focus on membership building.

Joan Estenson, Metro Division Governor

- Things are going very well.
- One club lost early in the year.
- One club that did not exist – it was still meeting, but because of confusion about dues it wasn't official. We were able to create a new club from it and "bring it back in the fold".
- Area 41 is Distinguished and 4 or 5 Areas will be Distinguished at some level.
- Planning two speech-a-thons to give Metro members additional speaking slots to complete their CTM and ATM requirements sooner than waiting till June 30th.
- Focus for remainder of this year and next year will be membership.
- Metro has only one club with single digit membership, but many are not up to charter strength.
- Metro will be working on getting the word out, sharing the World's Best-Kept Secret with those who live and work in Metro Division.

Harriet Beadell, Northern Division Governor

- 1 new club.
- Area 51 – Currently Distinguished, projected to be Select Distinguished.
- Area 52 – President's Distinguished.
- Area 53 – Projected to be Distinguished.
- Area 54 – Currently Distinguished, projected to be Select Distinguished.
- Area 55 – Projected to be Select Distinguished.
- Area 56 – Projected to be Distinguished.
- Northern Division is President's Distinguished.

Anne Groetsch – Prairie Division Governor

- 2nd round of officer training was great! 2 clubs in Area 61 made Magnificent 7.
- More officers trained during 2nd round than 1st in Prairie Division.
- 60% of Area Governor club visits completed on time.
- Working to charter 2 clubs at Grand Casino Mille Lacs.
- Each Area except one has at least one Distinguished club to date. Area 64 has a Select Distinguished club and the Area is Distinguished.
- Hutchinson II in Area 64 celebrated not only 1,000 meetings in March; it also received the Best Website award.
- Strive to end as a Distinguished Division with a net gain of 1 club.

Kirk Johnson, Rivers Division Governor

- Area 74 is Select Distinguished.

- Other Areas are within 1-3 points.
- Distinguished clubs:
 1. Wind Shimes #5751 Area 71
 2. Rise & Shine #7443 Area 71
 3. Westerly Winds #8582 Area 74
- Presidents Distinguished Clubs
 1. Voice of Leadership #3670 Area 74
 2. Postal Toasters #654731 Area 74
- Six clubs have DCP points, need 1-3 members.
- Educational Awards
 1. CTM 42
 2. CL 13
 3. ATMB 9
 4. ATMS 4
 5. ATMG 3
 6. AL 3
 7. LDEXL 1
 8. DTM 3
- Club visits are completed and club reports are in.
- Focus to complete this year and into next year is membership growth, retention, and charter one to two clubs
- Two possible new clubs this year.

Brian Hinton, Southern Division Governor

- **Membership** – End of April 2006, Southern Division has benefited by 101 new members and one new club. 13 new members for the IBM club. We are anticipating a new club this year in Faribault. There are other new club opportunities still being explored.
- **Member Achievements** – As of May 11th, 81 educational awards have been earned, including 2 DTM's. Southern Division would be President's Distinguished with one more Distinguished Area; Area 82 needs one more ATM to be Distinguished. Confident that Southern Division will be President's Distinguished.
- **Training** – Of the 26 clubs in Southern Division, 7 clubs were able to meet the Magnificent 7 during the second round of officer training. Overall, Southern Division was able to train 133 of 183 officer positions.
- **Competition** – Southern Division held its Spring Speech Contest on April 7th in Owatonna at the Owatonna Grand Hotel. Jim Fiebke, representing Humor-Us, won the Table Topics contest and Kristin Mannix, representing Chamber Toastmasters, won the International contest
- **Focus Items** – Next year, new members, club retention, member achievements and new clubs.

Mark Forsberg, Western Division Governor

- Net gain of 2 clubs.
- No club losses this year.

- Accomplishments include:
 1. Increased club participation at the fall and spring area speech contests.
 2. Strong interest demonstrated in many clubs to attend officer training.
 3. More clubs tracking performance against the DCP Plan.
 4. New club, Vital Toastmasters, chartered last July will earn President's Distinguished in its first year.
 - Judy Johnson has done an awesome job as Mentor for Vital Toastmasters and Betty Liedtke' mentoring role with Brave Hearts, also a new club, has been superb.
- Areas to focus for next year will be:
 1. Membership building for low member clubs.
 2. Identifying and developing Toastmasters to progress to leadership positions in the District. This includes the important roles served by Area Governors.
- Recognize the Area Governors, Mike Goering, Judy Johnson, Kristin Nepper, and Elke Stephan. These four Area Governors have served the 32 clubs in Western Division. Their commitment to lead and be of service has never wavered.
- Western Division is striving to be President's Distinguished.

Lonnie Yohannes, Public Relations Officer

- Over 50 Toastmasters Proclamations this year.
- Testaments from District Leaders on the website.
- TV, radio, and newspaper articles.
- State Fair Booth.
- MN Educators Booth.
- Cable Programming: Bill Usher.
- Promotional contests for the clubs.
- Many more Public Relations success.

Pat Croal, Lt. Gov. Marketing

- 9 new clubs.
- 6 clubs in the process, with 5-6 that will be chartered by June 30th.
- Currently, 256 clubs, goal is 258 clubs.
- Membership payments goal is 9408, need 650 new membership payments by June 30th.
- Club ideas and leads should be sent to Pat Croal or the incoming Lt. Gov. Marketing, Joan Watson.

Jeannette Bauch, Lt. Gov. Education & Training

- We not only met, but exceeded the club officer training goals for both rounds.
- We not only met, but exceeded the CTM and ATM goals this year.

- We still need to meet the Club, Area, and Division educational goals, so don't hold back.

Theo Black, District Governor

- ATM Goal = 92 Currently = 151
- CTM Goal = 322 Currently = 344
- Membership Goal = 9408 Currently = 8734
- The District goal for membership growth for this year is 2%.
- Clubs Goal = 258 Currently = 252
- Prediction is – District 6 will be Distinguished.

New Business

Lt. Gov. Education & Training moved to “Create a committee chaired by Theo Black to draft a set of policies and procedures for the administration of District 6 for:

1. Establish criteria for awards.
2. Protocol for Conference locations.”

Seconded by Lonnie Yohannes.

Discussion:

Purpose is to establish criteria for awards protocol. – Jeannette Bauch.

Review existing criteria and make recommendations for new criteria. – Theo Black.

Comes in under District Bylaws – Keith Hardy.

This would be separate – Theo Black.

No other discussion. Motion carried.

Bill Johnson moved that a “Special committee be appointed to recommend ways of reducing the costs of Toastmasters conferences and conventions, and that a report of such recommendations be presented at the Spring 2007 Toastmasters District 6 convention's business meeting.”

Seconded by Bill Kelley.

Discussion:

Efforts are made to keep costs at a minimum. We are not making money. The goal is to break even. – Mary Swanson.

Spring and Fall conference only? – Keith Hardy.

Cost for other non-Toastmasters \$250. – Colleen Moris.

Favor of the motion – voice call. Division. Point of Order, vote requires that a paper ballot be cast.

Results of ballot:

In favor of Special Committee – 85

Opposed to Special Committee – 75

Motion to create a Special Committee carried.

No other new business.

Other Announcements

Mary Torno spoke on behalf of Martha Tinker who is running for Region IV International Director.

Judy Southwick updated the attending members on the Region IV conference which is being hosted by District 6, “Spirit of Adventure”. The conference will be June 15-17, 2006 in Minneapolis at the Marriot.

Kirk Johnson updated the attending members on the Fall District 6 Conference which will be held in Lakeville, “Saturday Night Fever”. The dates for the fall conference are October 27-28, 2006.

The next business meeting will be held October 28, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectively submitted, May 13, 2006.

Terry Ragan, DTM
District 6 Secretary.