

District 6 Toastmasters

District Council Business Meeting Minutes

Sheraton Four Points Hotel

Minneapolis, MN

May 17, 2008

District Governor Pat Croal, DTM called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm and welcomed everyone.

Wendy LaRouque, ATMB, from Big Wind Toastmasters, provided the Inspirational opening.

District Secretary, Lyndah Korpela, DTM read the District Mission.

Pat Croal, DTM ask everyone to recite the Toastmasters Club Mission. She also recognized all District Six delegates and leaders present. Pat appointed Theo Black and Jim Miller as Timer and ballot Counters, respectively.

Len Glaeser, DTM was recognized by Pat Croal as our appointed District Parliamentarian.

Jim Miller, gave his Credentials Report. Based on the most current information given by our District Governor, Pat Croal, District 6 has 272 active Clubs or 544 possible votes. We have 240 votes registered for this meeting. We needed at least 189 votes in order to conduct business. We do have a Quorum for this meeting. It was moved and seconded that the Credentials Report be accepted. No discussion. Motion carried.

The Agenda and Rules for the business meeting was adopted as presented. No objection, correction or discussion. Agenda approved as printed.

The Minutes of the previous District Business Meeting (October 20, 2007) was posted as required. No discussion or corrections. Minutes were approved as posted. Motioned by Lyndah Korpela. Seconded by Joan Wattson. Motion carried.

District Realignment Chair, Brian Hinton, DTM presented his Realignment Report. The proposed Realignment for 2008-09 has been posted throughout the Conference. He gave a summary of the two major revisions; Southern Division, Area 81 will be eliminated & two Clubs will move to Prairie Division, Area 65, and the remaining Clubs will move to different Area in Southern Division. The second revision is to follow the theme, which is to Re-balance. The Committee recommends that the Realignment proposal be adopted. Moved by Theo Black and seconded by Henry Korpela that the Realignment Report be accepted as presented.

Pat Croal recognized the following amendment motions:

- Gretchen Coons – proposed to move Los Lagos Club #3580 from Area 14 to Area 11 and move Centennial Nooners #3580 from Area 14 to Area 13. Supported by Frank Mayers. Discussion: Reason is more even distribution.. Amendment carried.
- Randy Haukom –proposed – Keep Federal Unified Professionals #103675 in Area 1. (No change) Brian Hinton explained that actually, there is no realignment. It

was a clerical error. The amendment proposal to keep Club #103675 in Area 1 was supported. Motion amendment passed.

- Catherine Cardenuto – motion to move Club 1069401-Eloquent Nooners from Area 75 to Area 74. Motion seconded. Theo Black asked for the main reason. Linda Larson said distance and Catherine said balance. Motion amendment passed.

Theo Black moved to adopt the Realignment Committee Report as presented (with amendments). Seconded by Henry Korpela. Motion carried. Pat Croal thanked the Realignment committee members for all of their hard work.

Jeannette Bach, DTM, Immediate Past District Governor presented the report for the Nominating Committee. This report was posted all day:.

Candidates approved by the Nominating Committee:

- Central Division - Randy Haukom
- Eastern Division - Gretchen Coons
- Int'l Division - Melissa D'Aloia
- Metro Division - Kent Hawks
- Northern Division - Elizabeth Montgomery
- Western Division - Dru Jorgensen
- Prairie Division - Mark Ziegler
- Rivers Division - Michael Casey
- Southern Division - Allen Risberg
- Lt. Gov. Marketing - Stephen Shaner
- Lt. Gov. Educ. & Training - Allan Bernard
- District Governor - Joan Watson

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

District Governor Pat Croal called for other Nominations from the Floor for any of the District offices for 2008-09.

Process announced as reminders:

Motions: Any motion must be presented in writing to the secretary, immediately upon completion of the motion. Any motion to table will be handled as a motion to postpone indefinitely.

Debate: No member may speak more than two times on any one motion and each of these speeches are limited to 2 minutes maximum.

Candidate Announcement: Limited to 2 minutes maximum.

Laura Hutt nominated Lesa Kennedy for Frontier Division Governor. Lisa accepted the nomination. Motion seconded carried. There were no other nominations from the floor. Motion made and supported that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

A motion was made to request the Secretary to cast a single ballot for all the above nominated officers for 2008-09. Supported. Motion carried.

District Governor Pat Croal requested the District Secretary to cast a single ballot for all the above officers nominated. All officers were announced as duly elected. Congratulations were given by applause by all delegates present.

Mark Forsberg, DTM, Audit Chair, presented the mid-year Audit Report. Reports were posted as required. Audit has been done regularly as required. Duane Rivard has done excellent job as a District Treasurer.

Mark Forsberg made a motion that the mid-year Audit Report be approved as presented. Motion has been supported. Motion approved.

Duane Rivard, District Treasurer presented his report. Report has been posted throughout the conference as required. There were no questions or corrections. The report will be filed with Toastmasters International. It has been moved and seconded. Motion carried. Pat Croal thanked Duane Rivard for a job well done as District Treasurer.

Officers Reports

Central Division

Arlene Gallegos

- Area Governors has been working really hard to be Distinguished.
- Lost 2 clubs but gain one club and 14 new members
- Most of the clubs are Distinguished & Select Distinguished.
- Need one more Club to become Select Distinguished.

Eastern Division

Toyin Alowonle

- Area Governor working so hard to gain more members and build new clubs.
- Area 11 Distinguished already.
- Area 12 Select Distinguished.
- Officers training moving along well.
- Thanks to all hard working Area Governors.

Frontier Division

Andrew Schlack

- Frontier is well on its way to Distinguished Division.
- Area Governors are working way beyond in helping their clubs accomplished their goals.
- Frontier will be Select Distinguished and stands proud for District 6.

International Division

Stephen Shaner

- Area Governors are working so hard," Making It Happen".
- Area 31 needs 1AC to become Select Distinguished.
- Area 32 just needs few CC's and will be Distinguished.
- Area 33 gained 1 Club and will be Distinguished Area.

- International Division will be President's Distinguished again this year.

Northern Division

Ed Sodergren

- Have a very fantastic year.
- Most Areas are Distinguished already.
- All Area Governors are busy, working hard, helping their clubs in achieving their goals.
- Northern Division is on its way to Presidents Distinguished.

Prairie Division

Tom Butz

- Great Adventure and great year.
- Good hard working Area Governors. Thank you all.
- We are proud of our incoming Division Governor, Mark Ziegler.
- Over all we have good growth of memberships and clubs.
- We will be a Distinguished Division

Rivers Division

Catherine Cardenuto

- Started with Bad news for the last 2 months.
- Still hoping to "Make It Happen".
- After most recent update the result is, almost all Areas are Select Distinguished.
- By the end of the week, we will be Presidents Distinguished.
- That's the success story of Rivers Division.

Southern Division

Sarah Schuck

- Area Governors did an awesome job this year.
- Several Clubs are on Distinguished levels already.
- Been an honor to work with all Area Governors.
- She thanks all of them for sincerely working hard with her.
- It's been a great pleasure to be their Division Governor

Western Division

Dan Friedman-Shedlov

- Recognized all the hard work of all his wonderful Area Governors.
- Two clubs with low membership. Mentors have been assigned to help these clubs.
- Three Areas are Distinguished already.
- Gained two new clubs.
- Will be President's Distinguished by the end of the year.

Metro Division

Chris Solberg (absent)

- Pat Croal gave Metro Division's report on behalf of Chris.
- Metro is working hard in meeting all club goals,
- Will be Distinguished Division by the end of the year.

District Governor Pat Croal presented the progress on Critical Success Factors of the District.

1. Membership payments – Current report is that we are at 99% of goal. As of yesterday's report we are short 36 membership payments. We are virtually there.

2. Number of Paid Clubs – our goal is 275 Clubs by June 30. Clubs not paid by April 1st, (10) ten Clubs. We also experienced club loss. Allan & the team is working extremely hard to cover all the help needed for the District to be Distinguished with this goal. Good news. We will "Make it Happen".

3. CC's - we are 12 CC's away from our goal for June 30. Advance Communicators Goal – District 6 has exceeded the goal. Pat Croal thank all the Toastmasters for helping us reach the District Goal as Distinguished and to "Make It Happen!".

Chris Ford, DTM – Report from Toastmasters International President with his theme: "Shaping Ourselves, Shaping Our World"

Currently we have 240,000 members. Toastmaster is best known as the key role in leadership and communication. The organization must make sure that we structurally represent the whole world in all levels of progress. Be accountable, nimble and flexible in our decision making.

Chris Ford's major concern - is the proposed leadership changes in the Region, District and Division levels. Change in leadership functions, accountability and chain of commands. There is a great risk in these changes but it has to be done to avoid stagnation. He talks about design that will fit the majority of the people. Leaders must be good marketers, conference planners and leaders. These changes also brings leaner and slimmer numbers of directors. Appoint leaders who have the talent to do the job not because they are friends.

International Leadership Committees will nominate all Directors and election of Directors should be ideally contested.

Region Directors change – will have 14 directors from 8. (one director in each Region) There will be 10 from Canada and USA and 4 outside.

Cost of the change – approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000 or more.

Chris Ford did an excellent presentation giving us a clear picture of a very active, well organized and successful Toastmasters International organization.

New Business

None

Announcement

International Director Candidate announcement by Lyle Appleyard

He congratulated Pat Croal and her team for a successful year.

Congratulated Joan for taking the job as an incoming District Governor

Joan Watson, announced the Region Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota June 26-28, 2008. Keynote speakers are Barb Barnhill and Morgan McArthur, 1994 World Champion of Public Speaking.

Pat Croal also announced the TELI. It will be in July 19, 2008. (Year-End Awards will be presented and Club Officer Training will be held).

Next District 6 Council meeting will be October 25, 2008, Kahler Hotel, Rochester, MN. (during Fall Conference)

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyndah Korpela

Lyndah Korpela, DTM
District Secretary