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Approved Minutes District Council Meeting Saturday, May 3, 2014

I. Opening Ceremonies

- A. Welcome – Tim Smith, DTM, enthusiastically welcomed Toastmasters to the District Executive Committee Meeting.
- B. Mission - Mission of the District “We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.”
- C. Introductions
 - 1. Head Table:
 - Bettie Covington, DTM
 - Jeannie Enders, DTM
 - Dwayne Roberts, DTM
 - Tim Smith, DTM ,
 - Hallie Adams, DTM
 - Nancy Goins, DTM
 - Dominick Clark, DTM
 - 2. Dignitaries:
 - International Director Don Griffith, DTM
 - Regional Advisor Rose Beeson, DTM
 - Immediate Past District Governor Marcia Roberts, DTM
 - Past International Director Tim Swearingen, DTM
 - Past International Director Nancy Starr Cassidy, DTM
 - Past District Governors DTMs all: Cynthia Kerford, Trish Blackwelder, Jody Kay Petra, Jim Davis, Bill Bristol, Past District 52 Governor Robert O’Donnell, DTM and Past District 5 Governor Charlie Patton.

II. Housekeeping

- A. Credentials Committee Report was presented by Committee Chair Cindi Newburn. Quorum is present. As of today there are 197 District 3 Clubs in good standing, each with two eligible voting members for a total of 394 delegates. District bylaws require quorum or 1/3 or 131. There are 209 represented, plus additional 41 members of the District Executive Committee for a total of 250 votes.
- B. Unanimous Consent – On occasion, the chair will use the procedure called “unanimous consent” to expedite business not considered controversial. We heard the phrase “without objection” or “if there is no objection” in each case. If a member wants the issue debated or voted on, we were instructed to call out “I object” or “objection.”
- C. Membership – The members of the District Council are: The club Presidents or their proxies; the club Vice Presidents of Education or their proxies; and the members of the District Executive Committee. Without objection, the chair of any District 3 standing committee or special committee or their sole representative and all past District Governors of any district will have privileges of the floor; that is, they may speak in debate but may not make, second or vote on motions.
- D. Appointments
 - 1. Without objection, the chair appointed John Grand, Sue Jahns and Lisa Pozzoni, to the Minutes Approval Committee. Anyone may still offer corrections to these or any past minutes at any meeting.
 - 2. Without objection, the chair appointed Marcia Buzzella, Tom Cleary and Christine Barrett as tellers who will tally any counted votes.
 - 3. Without objection, the chair appointed George Gafencu and Bill Bristol as timers.
- E. Adoption of Agenda – after providing time to review the provided agenda, the agenda was approved without objection.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the Fall District Council Meeting were approved by the Minutes Approval Committee composed of appointed Laree St Onge, Vicki Picciuolo and Zlatica Smekal.

IV. Financial Reports

- A. The Audit Report was delayed. Audit Committee chairman Micah Feldkamp has been delayed.

- B. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jeannie Enders. Report was accepted and Treasurer was instructed to file the report to the Audit Committee.

V. Special Orders

A. District Realignment

The proposed realignment was first presented to the District Executive Committee in March, which body voted to recommend to this council the plan which was presented by Jeff Morud, DTM. Realignment was accepted by the District Council. Report is on file with the District Secretary.

B. Nominations and Elections

The report of the District Nominating Committee was given by Chairman Marcia Roberts, DTM. After nominations for an office is closed, if there was only one candidate for the office, the District Governor accepted a position to dispense with the secret ballot and instructed the Secretary to cast a single ballot for the candidate. For contested offices the candidate who received the majority of the votes cast for the office was declared the winner.

For the office of District Governor the Hallie Adams – Secretary cast a single ballot

For the office of Lt. Governor of Education and Training, Nancy Goins – Secretary cast a single ballot

For the office of Lt. Governor of Marketing, Jan Byrd – Secretary cast a single ballot

For the office of Division Governor:

Agave - Khala Stanfield – Secretary cast a single ballot

Catalina – Enid Moore-Cranshaw – Secretary cast a single ballot

Navajo – Mike Janson (Division Governor announced misspelling on ballot)
Secretary cast a single ballot

Picacho – Yves Johnson – Secretary cast a single ballot

Saguaro – Patricia Conrad – Secretary cast a single ballot

Verde – Bettie Covington – Secretary cast a single ballot

Zuni – Eddie Davis – Secretary cast a single ballot

District Governor then invited the two candidates for Tonto Division, Jim Dent and Vicki Picciuolo to give a two minute speech followed by a secret ballot. The chair declared Vicki the Tonto Division Governor. Vicki received 130 votes Jim Dent 110 votes.

- C. Audit Committee Report was presented by Micah Feldkamp. A written report was not previously submitted and was not available for the District Council. Approval of the audit report will have to be electronically emailed and approved by the District Executive Council and each of the club officers present, with voting buttons or a request for written approval. Chair recognized Al Gramando who asked why the report was not present since all committee chairs were instructed to have the reports filed to Secretary last week. Chair responded "point taken".

D. Assignment of Clubs

Assigned Rim Talkers 3189442 to Saguaro 5

Chair Recognized Bill Bristol who asked what would constitute a quorum for approval of the audit committee report? Jim Davis was recognized and further asked for what will constitute a quorum. Chair stated it would be the Active Clubs (197) times 2 (President and VPE) plus members of the DEC. Chair recognized Tim Swearingen who advised that according to TI policy the members of the DEC are not included which means that the quorum will be based on the club officers. Further discussion led to decision that Tim will send ballots to the 197 Clubs in good standing.

Chair recognized President of Peoria Chamber who asked for a clarification of a comment made during the Candidate Showcase by District Governor Elect Hallie Adams that she will be the last District Governor. Chair advised that the new name for this position will be District Director.

E. Ratify Appointed Officers

Since the adjournment of the Fall District Council meeting the District Governor has appointed the following Toastmasters to fill vacant offices: Z1 Terrance Ellman, V1 Bill Bristol, N3 Linda Tapley. Without objection appointments are approved.

VI. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

- A. The District Governor report was presented by Tim Smith, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- B. The Lt. Governor Education & Training report was presented by Hallie Adams, DTM. Hallie included both her report and the DCP report submitted by Chairman Doug Houle. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- C. The Lt. Governor Marketing report was presented by Nancy Goins, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- D. The Public Relations Officer report was presented by Dominick Clark, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- E. Division Governors
 - 1. The Agave Division report was presented by Naomi Thomas, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
 - 2. The Catalina Division report was presented by Lou Mirabeau, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.

Chair asked Micah Feldkamp if he was able to put his report on the overhead, allowing us to approve report today. He answered affirmatively.

3. The Navajo Division report was presented by Laurie Rangel, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
4. The Picacho Division report was presented by Mark Salcido, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
5. The Saguaro Division report was presented by Jan Byrd, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
6. The Tonto Division report was presented by Dennis Clark, ACS, ALB. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
7. The Verde Division report was presented by M. Trent Wood, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
8. The Zuni Division report was presented by Lou Rangel, ACB, ALB. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.

Micah Feldkamp provided the District 3 midyear audit report from March 22, 2014. 25 items were missing information or required signatures. 6 of these items are already corrected. Report shows the remainder of the missing items. The majority of the errors were that there was a single signature on checks that required multiple signatures. Other errors were identified in the report. Report is on file with the District Secretary. Chair recognized Tim Swearingen. Tim commended Chair for finding a solution to the missing report. Question, are policies now in place. Chair deferred to Jeannie Enders. All items have been corrected and cleared except the missing signatures. There is only one additional item pertaining to past TLI expenses. Treasurer has met with Trio to re-establish policies. Further questions were asked and answered satisfactorily. Toastmasters International has been informed of the situation and has been accepted actions taken by current Treasurer to correct all items that are correctable. District Council approved audit report.

- F. The Toastmasters Leadership Institute report was presented by Past District Governor Trish Blackwelder, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- G. The Club Extension report was presented by T3 Chairman Bob Myers DTM. A plea was made for Area Governors to step up to find sponsors and mentors in their areas. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- H. The Membership report was presented by Lisa Corwin, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- I. The Club Assistance report was presented by Chairman Michael Mur DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.

- J. The Club Eagle report was presented by Chairman Al Gramando, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
 - K. The Past District Governors Committee report was presented by Bill Bristol. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
 - K. The Distinguished Club program was presented during the LGET report by Hallie Adams on behalf of Doug Houle, DTM. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
 - M. The Chief Ambassador report was presented by Nancy Starr-Cassidy, DTM. Program will be rolled out in mid-2015. There were no questions and the report is on file with the District Secretary.
- VII. Reports of Special Committees
- A. The Spring Conference report was presented by Joe Paulsen. In lieu of a report of facts Joe spoke from the heart. He encouraged those present to get involved in the fall conference planning. There were no questions.
- VIII. Unfinished Business & General Orders – There was no unfinished business.
- IX. New Business – There are two candidates for International Director for Region 10 Ede Ferrari-D’Angelo international director candidate for Region 10 was represented by Marcia Roberts. Charlie Patton was present and represented himself.
 - X. Announcements & “For the Good of the Order” Chair recognized Cynthia Kerford for housekeeping announcements pertaining to the conference.
 - XI. District Parliamentarian Dwayne Roberts, DTM. Dwayne indicated that we overcame difficulty during this meeting. Both Toastmasters International and Roberts Rules of Order have very limited direction concerning electronic voting. Dwayne will bring this to the attention of Toastmasters International for further review. Other than that, “good meeting”.

With no further business, District Governor Tim Smith adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Bettie A Covington, DTM
District 3 Secretary 2013-2014

Approved by the Minutes Approval Committee on DATE
John Grand
Sue Jahns
Lisa Pozzoni