Founder's District Council
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2011

Presiding Officer: Founder's District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM

District Sergeant at Arms, Lee Lance, CC, CL, introduced District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM.

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and welcomed the attendees to the Fall 2011 Founder's District Council business meeting. He introduced the dignitaries in attendance.

Wilma Springer, DTM led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Avis French, CTM, CL, gave the Inspiration.

Jennifer Elam, CC, Area Governor E-2, read the Toastmaster Promise and District Mission

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, again welcomed all attendees to Founder's District Council Business Meeting. He explained that at this meeting, members of the District Council have an opportunity to make decisions about the future of the district. He mentioned that a business packet had been provided to attendees containing all pertinent materials and that they could refer to it as we progressed through the business meeting. He then presented those seated at the head table, District Secretary, Carolynn Bramlett, DTM, and District Parliamentarian, Wilma Springer, DTM, PDG.

Governor Wes explained that the District Council consists of:

- Club Presidents, or their proxies
- Club VPs of Education, or their proxies
- Members of the Executive Committee which is made up of the District Governor, Lt Governor of Education and Training, Lt. Governor of Marketing, Public Relations Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past District Governor, and Division and Area Governors.

Only members of the District Council will be able to speak in debate, or make, second or vote on motions. He requested that when speaking; please state your name and the name of the club you are representing.

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Appointment of the Minutes Approval Committee

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, appointed John Angiolillo, DTM, Chair of the Minutes Approval Committee for the November 12, 2011 District Council Meeting. In addition, Frances Stein, DTM, and Fred Springer, DTM, were appointed as members of the Committee.

They were charged with reviewing the minutes of the meeting, making appropriate corrections, approving and then submitting them to the District Secretary for distribution at the next Council meeting.

Appointment of Chief Teller and Chief Timer

District Governor appointed Marsha DeGon, DTM, as the Chief Teller and Lorrie Briscoe, ACB, ALB, as Chief Timer.

Credentials Committee Report

Carolynn Bramlett, DTM, District Secretary, presented the Credentials Committee report. She explained that a quorum is 1/3 of the club representatives. Since we have 207 clubs chartered and each is allowed 2 votes, there are 414 possible club votes. One-third of the 414 (207 X 2) club votes, or 138, were required for a quorum. The number of registered voting delegates was 104. Therefore, a quorum was not present. Since there were people who had not checked in at the Credentials desk, it was re-opened for 10 minutes. At the end of that time Carolynn reported we now had 120 registered delegates but still not enough for a quorum. The number of votes needed for a majority was 74 and two-thirds vote required was 97. We did have 146 registered voting delegates and so did have a majority and a 2/3 vote.

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, stated that since we did not have a quorum, any actions transacted at the meeting would be deemed as valid as if a quorum were present if it thereafter is expressly approved in writing, personally, by mail, fax, email, electronic transmission, or other reasonable means, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the member clubs in the district on the basis of two (2) votes per club. The polling of the clubs would be carried out in a timely manner and the results announced.

Adoption of the Business Meeting Agenda

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, reported that the agenda for the meeting was handed out at the Credentials Desk. There were no objections to the agenda and it was approved.

Adoption for the Business Meeting Ground Rules

District Governor Wes Hoover, DTM, reported that the business meeting ground rules were contained on Page 1 of the business packet. There were no objections to the ground rules and they were approved.

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Consent Agenda Approval

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, reported that on November 9th, the district emailed the Consent Agenda that contained business items for review, including:

- Spring 2011 Business Meeting Minutes
- Mid-Year Audit Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report/2011-2012 District Budget
- Alignment Revision Report
- Reports by Senior District Officers
- Reports by Division Governors

There were no objections and the Consent Agenda was adopted.

2011-2012 District Treasurer's Report (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012)

District Treasurer, Douglas A. Bowers, ACS, CL, presented the Annual Budget recap found on page 10 of the business-meeting packet and reviewed the various items. He reminded everyone that this is what is budgeted for the year not what the actual income and expenses are. An itemized annual budget has been posted on the District Website.

There was no discussion or comments and the Treasurer's Report will be filed with the District Secretary.

Confirmation of Approved District Officers Appointments

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, asked everyone to look at the Appointed District Officer list for the 2011-2012 year located on page 28 of the Business packet. He asked for corrections and comments.

Victoria Dotson, DTM, LGET, stated that Eleni Christianson had replaced San Berry as Area Governor, D-1.

Bob Hudack, DTM, President Club 9524, asked if there were other Area Governor replacements. There were none.

Ursula Bell, Area Governor E-3, asked that her name be spelled correctly: Ursla = Ursula

Jennifer Elam, Area Governor E-2, asked that Rae-Ann Ruszkowski's, Area Governor E-4, name be spelled correctly: Ray-Ann = Rae-Ann.

Wes Hoover, DTM, District Governor, noted that Robert Acosta is listed as Area Governor G-2 in error. He is Area Governor G-5.

The appointments were approved pending the above corrections. When the corrections are made, the list will be posted on the District website.

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Senior Officers Reports

Neel Sirosh, DTM, PRO: Neel's report is on Page 12 of the Business Packet. He emphasized that the goals are to maintain and increase communication with the district and increase the awareness with the public.

Monthly eNewsletters are being published. He stated that about 6 articles/month are published with a total of 23 published so far this year. If you have an article, submit it to the District Journalist Chair, Patricia Adelekan, DTM. If you would like to volunteer to judge community events, please contact the Judges Bureau Chair, Avis French, CTM, CL.

Harry Yan, DTM, LGM: November 12 has been proclaimed "Toastmasters Day in California." A picture of this proclamation has been posted on the District Facebook page.

Our newest chartered club is Tech Tools, E-1, sponsored by Patricia Adelekan, DTM, Area Governor E-1.

Of the five new clubs, three are in Division E with three more in progress. You can check the website for updates on new club status. District New Club Chairs are: South - George Day, ACB, ALB; North - Art Lim, DTM. District Club Retention Chairs are: South - John Muse, DTM; North - Wai Lei, CC, CL.

Divisions B and C have 100% of their Area Governor Club visit reports turned in.

Eclectic Dialectics have the most new members at 15.

Victoria Dotson, DTM, LGET: Victoria gave the status of June 30, 2012 District Goals. To date we have 25% (75 out of 302) of the goal for Competent Communicators, and 58% (50 of 86) of the goal for Advanced Communicators. As of September 30th, all Area and Division Governors have been trained. She believes we are living the Founder's District tagline "To Be the Best...Nothing Less."

Wes Hoover, DTM, DG: He reiterated that we are building on the momentum from last year as a "Distinguished District" and will repeat that distinction again this year if not improve it! We are working on club retention with the top four officers working with clubs in trouble. Our goal is to arrive, in Orlando, FL August 2012 as "Distinguished" OR BETTER! He thanked everyone for striving to do their part in helping the District reach its goals.

New Business

No new business had been reported to the District Secretary.

Announcements

Gerald Fleishmann, DTM, Speaker Exchange Chair, requested that people contact him if they needed more speaking opportunities. He can refer them to clubs that need speakers.

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District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM, announced:

1. The rebranding table is in the lobby and supervised by Lauren Kelly. Check it out.

2. Everyone please turn in their conference evaluation sheet before leaving today. These evaluations are valuable to help us plan and improve our future conferences, and to attract more members to attend.

3. The Educational Table is in the lobby with great deals on manuals and other club items. There are some great sale opportunities available.

Wes gave us two words of the day:

1. *Compromise*, as in compromised. One of his email accounts has been compromised and he has not received some emails. Therefore whenever you need to contact him, always cc Victoria Dotson, LGET and Harry Yan, LGM.

2. *Phenomenal*, as in the job we are doing as a District. Great things will be happening to us this year.

The next District Council Meeting will be May 5, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carolynn J. Bramlett

Carolynn J. Bramlett, DTM
2011-2012 District Secretary

Approved by:

John Angiblillo 2-29-12

John Angiblillo DTM, Minutes Approval Committee Chair Date:

Frances Jordan Stein 2/29/12

Frances Stein, DTM, Minutes Approval Committee Member Date:

Fred Springer 2-29-12

Fred Springer, DTM, Minutes Approval Committee Member Date: