

Founders District Council Meeting Minutes May 05, 2012



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

Presiding 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 9:09 am and welcomed the attendees of the Spring 2012 District Council business meeting. He then introduced the dignitaries in attendance.

Richard Daugherty, DTM, read the District Mission.

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM once again welcomed all attendees to Founder's District Spring Business Meeting. He explained that this meeting included members of the District Council and as members they had a chance to make decisions about the direction and future of the district. He mentioned that a business packet had been provided to attendees containing all pertinent materials and it could be referred to as we progress 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.

He explained that the District Council consisted of:

- Club Presidents or their proxies
- Club VPs of Education or their proxies
- Members of the Executive Committee made up of the District Governor, Lt Governor of Education and Training, Lt. Governor 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, members state their name, and the name of the club they were representing.

Appointment of the Minutes Approval Committee

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM appointed Ede Ferrari-D'Angelo, IPDG, DTM Committee Chair of the Minutes Approval Committee for the May 05, 2012 District Council Meeting. In addition, Charley Patton, DTM, PDG and Edith Alson, ACB, ALB, were appointed as members of the Committee.

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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 Timer and Chief Teller

District Governor appointed Alanda Dyer, DTM, PDG as the Chief Timer and Colette Gardner, DTM, PDG as Chief Teller.

Credentials Committee Report

Carolynn Bramlett, DTM, District Secretary, presented the Credentials Committee report. She reported that there were 204 clubs chartered. Each club is allowed two votes which give us 408 votes. For a quorum, we need one-third of the 408 or 136. At the close of the credential desk, we had 185 votes and therefore we had a quorum.

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. He asked if there were any corrections. Victoria Dotson, DTM, LGET moved that the agenda be amended to allow time under New Business to hear from International Director Candidates in attendance. Kevin Graham, Area Governor, G-1 seconded. There were no other objections to the agenda and it was approved as amended.

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 being no objections to the ground rules, Kenneth Roberts, club 873, moved the Ground Rules be approved. Peg Klink, club 6641, seconded the motion and they were approved.

Consent Agenda Approval

District Governor, Wes Hoover, DTM reported that on April 16th, the district emailed the Consent Agenda that included business items for review including:

- Approval of the Fall Business Meeting Minutes
- APP Committee Report
- Mid-Year Audit Committee Report
- Mid-Year Treasurer's Report
- Alignment Committee Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Division Governor Reports
- Reports by Senior District Officers

There were questions concerning the Fall business meeting minutes, the proposed club alignment and the APP report. These items were pulled from the consent agenda. The rest of the consent agenda was adopted as amended.

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Fall Minutes Approval Report

Committee Chair, John Angiolillo, DTM, PDG stated the Fall Conference minutes are on file on the Founders District website and on pages 2-6 in the current meeting packet. Norm Cook, DTM, PDG, club 6245, pointed out an error in the registered voting delegates as reported at the Fall business meeting. 2/3 of 146 would be 98, not 97 as stated in the minutes. He asked for clarification concerning whether a quorum was present. District Governor, Wes Hoover, explained business that occurred at the Fall business meeting was being approved now. Richard Elliot, DTM, club 587 moved the minutes be approved. Lee Lance, CC, CL club 1 seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as amended.

Audit Report

Committee Chair, Ray Brooks, DTM, PID, commended the committee and District Treasurer, Doug Bowers, for all their hard work and for working with the new Toastmasters International (TI) financial program. 29 discrepancies were originally found and all but two have been resolved thanks to the many hours Doug and the committee put in to resolve the issues. Lauren Kelly, DTM, PID asked for clarification on pages 13-15 before requesting approval from the council.

The audit report details the discrepancies and how they were resolved or why they were unable to be resolved. Doug continues to work closely with TI to continue to improve the system we are required to use.

Brad Mailly, club 1331496 moved the audit report be approved. Lee Lance, club 1 seconded. The audit report was approved as presented.

2011-2012 District Treasurer's Report (July 1, 2011 – January 31, 2012)

District Treasurer, Douglas A. Bowers, ACS, CL presented the Annual Budget recap found on page 17 of the business-meeting packet and reviewed the various items. He reminded everyone that this is just a snapshot in time. An up to date report (as of March 31, 2012) was given as a handout. He thanked the Division Governors Jodi Ristrom, Abel Yepes, Gerard deMasi, Laura Gonzalez, Cathy Wang, Uma Mani, Jeff Chess and Debbie Austin for all their work as Division Treasurers. He reported that the District Store makes money, is a valuable service to the members, and should continue. A new addition to the Treasurer Committee is Debbie Morales. He recommended that members talk with International Candidates about the Toastmaster accounting system.

Mark Yu questioned the different program expenses. He questioned the five of the eight expenses budgets that had been exceeded. Doug explained the Division Revenue and that it exceeds expenses. Marketing expenses included the branding changes which required purchase of supplies that reflect the new brand. Marketing has no budget because TI wants you to spend what you need to bring in members.

It was explained that TLI is TI World Headquarters' name for our LACE. TLI = Toastmasters Leadership Institute.

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Debbie Reisdorph, club 100, moved the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Gerald Fleishman, club 192 seconded. The report was approved as presented.

Proposed 2012-2013 Founders Club Alignment

Bob Hudack, DTM, PDG reminded everyone this is a very fluid process. He commented that ten years ago no club number exceeded four digits; now we are up to seven digit club numbers. What happens in one part of the district has ripple effects throughout the district. There are no boundary changes being made for 2012-2013. There were several considerations by current Division Governors and Division Governor candidates. Peter Geisler, club 585, suggested moving two clubs from Division B to Division H. Norm Cook, club 6245, suggested the district consider Peter's suggestion to achieve a better balance. Mona Oaks, Area Governor B-3 requested that the developing club 589 stay in Division B to receive the benefit of the strong division clubs.

Bob stated these requests and suggestions will be taken back to the committee. We also need to remember that clubs chartering between now and June 30th need to be put into the correct area/division.

Governor Wes applauded Bob and his committee for all their work as it commands a knowledge of maps, geography, club locations and many other factors.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Chair, Colette Gardner, DTM, PDG, thanked her committee for all their hard work: Celly Adamo, DTM, PDG, Richard Elliot, DTM, PLGM, Bob Hudack, DTM, PDG, Lauren Kelly, DTM, PID, John Muse, DTM, Jim Rainey, DTM and Herb Stockinger, DTM, PDG.

The list of 2012-2013 candidates, page 16 of the business packet, was announced alphabetically and filed with the District Secretary.

District Officer Elections

For District Governor, the nominating committee submitted Victoria Dotson as a candidate. Jack Nichols, DTM, nominated Kris Krishna and he accepted. Each candidate was given two minutes to present themselves to the District Council.

While votes were being counted, Victoria Dotson, LGET gave a brief report on incentives and awards.

- LACE will be June 9th and 16th
- At the Hall of Fame meeting Friday night, Bob Hudack, DTM, PDG, was awarded the Gene Beckwith Trophy
- The Homer Award was awarded to Doug Bowers, District Treasurer
- The Ray Graham Trophy will be given to the Area Governor who has the most members in attendance today from their area.

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While the ballots were counted, current LGM, Harry Yan, DTM gave his report.

- We are projecting 20 new clubs by year end.
- Bank of America had 55 new charter members
- Monterey Park Union Bank chartered with 45 members
- Division B is already a Distinguished Division and needs only two more CCs to reach President's Distinguished.
- At the Hall of Fame meeting Friday night Frannie and Norm Stein and George Day were recognized for all their tireless work with helping new clubs charter.

District Governor, Wes Hoover, presented his report.

- According to TI we are down 13 clubs. If we meet Harry's projection, we will meet and pass that number.
- "We still need 700 members by June 30th." That's just 3 members/club. History says we will not make it. I believe in creating history. So let's all do it! Let's create history!!

The election results for District Governor were:

Victoria Dotson	170;
Kris Krishna	52.
Invalid ballots	1

Victoria Dotson is the new District Governor for 2012-2013.

The candidate for LGET from the nominating committee was Harry Yan. As there were no other nominations, District SecretaryCarolynn Bramlett was instructed to cast a single vote for Harry and he was duly elected incoming LGET.

The candidate for LGM from the nominating committee was Linda Ulrich. As there were no other nominations, District SecretaryCarolynn Bramlett was instructed to cast a single vote for Linda and she was duly elected incoming LGM.

The candidates for Division Governors from the nominating committee were announced. There were no other nominations. There were two candidates for Division C – Jack Schmidt and David Shostak. They were given two minutes each to present themselves to the District Council.

While the ballots were being counted, LGET, Victoria Dotson, gave her report.

- We still need 9 CCs to reach our district goal.
- We are 62 over goal for ACs.
- We had 56 clubs that achieved 5 DCP goals by 12/31/11.
- For the second half of the Toastmaster year, we have an incentive for clubs to reach President's Distinguished by May 31st. If they do, they will receive their choice of a club banner, stand, lectern or \$100 TI gift certificate.
- Flex Your Muscles. If a member becomes a Distinguished Member by Toastmasters' year end, they will receive a free advanced manual of their choice.

Remember, Conference Evaluations will be sent out by email. Please fill it out and send it in.

PRO, Neel Sirosh, DTM, is in the Far East. His report was recapped by Wes Hoover

- He truly got us going with Social Media. Gotomeeting.com is the website to use for meetings or presenting webinars.

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- He thanked all of his Committee Chairs for their fantastic work this year.

The election results for Division C Governor were:

Jack Schmidt 159

David Shostak 62

Jack Schmidt is the new Division C Governor for 2012-2013.

The Division Governor nominees from the Nominating Committee are:

Division A Jason Brady

Division B Lorrie Briscoe

Division D Michael Morales

Division E Jennifer Elam

Division F Robert Acosta

Division G Kevin Graham

Division H Chandra Molleti

As there were no further nominations, Division Secretary Carolynn Bramlett was instructed to cast one vote for each person. They are duly elected incoming Division Governors.

New Business

Candidates for Region 10 International Director were given two minutes to present themselves to the District Council: Donald Griffith, DTM, District 3 and Lois Sicking, DTM, Founders District.

Announcements

Remember, conference evaluations will be emailed to you. Please fill them out and return.

The briefing for contest judges and contestants was announced.

June LACE is June 9 (south) at Chapman University and June 16 (north) at Biola.

International Convention is August 15-18 in Orlando, Florida, at the beautiful Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek resort.

There being no further announcements, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carolynn J. Bramlett

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2011-2012 District Secretary