



Meeting Minutes

2017-2018 District Council Business Meeting

April 28, 2018

The 2017-2018 Toastmasters International Founder's District Council Meeting met on April 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Garden Grove, California, with District Director, Dan Cossack, DTM, presiding over the meeting. The business meeting was held at Great Wolf Lodge, 12681 Harbor Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92840.

- District Director, Dan Cossack, DTM, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the 2017-2018 District Council Business Meeting.

- Adrienne Matl, ACS, ALB, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Steve Itzkowitz, CC, CL, gave the Inspiration.
- Asad Ali, CC, CL, recited the District Mission Statement.
- Jeff Lee, ACS, ALS, introduced the many Toastmaster Dignitaries present in the room.
- District Director (DD), Dan Cossack, DTM, introduced the team on stage assisting him: District Administration Manager, Ceara Crawford, ACB and District Parliamentarian, Norm Cook, DTM, PDG.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The DD Chair requested District Administration Manager Ceara Crawford to provide the Credentials Committee Report. Ceara presented the detailed information:

- Number of Voting Clubs: 139 - having two votes each.
- Total possible Club votes: 278
- 1/3 required for a quorum: 93
- Club votes present: 125 (Quorum is achieved)
- District Officer votes present: 58
- Total votes: 183
- Most motions require a majority to pass (>50% of votes cast): 92

DD Chair declared that we had a quorum and could conduct a District Business.

APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES APPROVAL COMMITTEE

DD Chair appointed the Minutes Approval Committee:

- Julie Murphy, ACB, ALB - Chair
- David Hosmer, DTM - Assistant
- Steven Saffell, CC, ALB - Assistant

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

DD Chair appointed the Tellers:

- Barbra Stickler, ACG, ALB - Chair
- Patrick Bui - Assistant
- Jose Gallegos - Assistant

APPOINTMENT OF TIMERS

DD Chair appointed the Timers:

- Frannie Stein, DTM - Chair
- John Christopherson, ACS, ALB - Assistant

ADOPTION OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

The Business Meeting Agenda was adopted as published with no objections.

ADOPTION OF BUSINESS MEETING GROUND RULES

The Business Meeting Ground Rules were adopted with no objections.

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES REPORT

The DD Chair reported that the past council meeting held on November 2017 at the Spring Conference. Diane Beall brought one correction to attention about the unknown audit assistant. This assistant can be omitted since there was only ever 3 during the 2017/2018 year. The past council meeting minutes were adopted with the one modification.

CLUB ALIGNMENT REPORT

Bob Hudack, DTM spoke on behalf of the club alignment. Updating how more clubs have been added since they renewed their dues. DD Chair recognized Western Digital for starting 3 clubs and their volunteer work at the conference. DD Chair also acknowledged the new club at Amazon. The alignment report may adjust depending if more clubs are started before the year is over. The club alignment was adopted with no objections.

SELECTING THE OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

The DD Chair announced the guidelines. Siri Payakapan announced the Leadership Committee, who nominated the next years leaders:

- Bob Hudack, DTM
- Kathey Hughes, DTM
- Randy Kleinman, ACS, ALS
- Linda Robinson, DTM
- Bob Shimizu, DTM
- Frannie Stein, DTM
- Norm Stein, DTM
- Harry Yan, DTM

Diana Dee is nominated for District Director. No further Nominations for DD. Without Objection Diana Dee is elected for 2018-2019 District Director.

Lori Shapiro is nominated for Program Quality Director (PQD). Ken Spears and Chris Collins were also nominated for PQD and accepted. Each contestant spoke in alphabetical order by last name. Lori Shapiro has majority of votes and is elected as 2018-2019 Program Quality Director.

- 151 total votes were cast
- Chris Collins received 7 votes
- Lori Shapiro received 84 votes
- Ken Spears received 60 votes
- Majority of votes is 76 votes

Christine Brady and David Hosmer are nominated for Club Growth Director. Each candidate presented in alphabetical order according to last name. Christine Brady has majority of votes and is elected as 2018-2019 Club Growth Director.

- 152 total votes were cast
- Christine Brady received 83 votes
- David Hosmer received 69 votes
- Majority of votes is 76 votes

None of the Division Directors are contested. The following denotes all the winners:

District Director - Diana Dee, DTM

Division C Director - Minh Le, ACB, ALB

Program Quality Director - Lori Shapiro, DTM

Division D Director - Mike Sato, ACB, ALB

Club Growth Director - Christine Brady, ACB

Division E Director - Julie Murphy, ACB, ALB

Division A Director - John Christopherson, ACS, ALB

Division F Director - Steve Saffell, CC, ALB

Division B Director - Brent Felsted, ACS, ALB

Division G Director - Ann Shimizu, DTM

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Diane Beall announced the auspicious job of the finance manager. This year they had to use Concur and the checking account. Minimal mistakes were found, the finance manager has been informed and corrective action has been taken. Diane gave recognition to Gregory for his hard work. With no objection the mid-year audit report is ratified as submitted to World Headquarters.

FINANCE REPORT

Gregory Reid summarized the report of revenues and expenses. Made a couple jokes about the change that has been collected at contests. The DD gave recognition for the incredible job that Gregory has done. The 2017-2018 Budget Report was adopted as published with no objections.

PATHWAYS CHAIR

Jeff Lee recognized the four Pathway guides that attended the business meeting for their work of learning and dispensing the new program. Toastmasters International is looking into the future and integrating how we live our lives online. Jeff motivated us to invest in a hardcopy manual for new members to hold in their hands.

OPERATIONS MANUAL

The DD chair announced that the operations manual is not contained in the agenda. This year there was reformatting in google docs and many changes in the district: the split, Pathways, fall contest, etc. There are more significant changes to be made, therefore, we are holding off on voting on the operations manual until the next business meeting.

DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

Club Growth Director, Lori Shapiro, DTM

- 6 clubs have been chartered this year. Challenging everyone to add 1 each.
- Recognized Cindy Carpenter for her 3 hour session during the Winter Club Growth Workshop, and for donating 125 copies of her book to District clubs.
- Most club coaches this district has had in awhile.
- Recognized Charlotte Drake for creating the Pathways Reference Guide that is being sent via soft copy to over 400 people worldwide.

Program Quality Director, Diana Dee, DTM

- Emphasized the need for more members in the district.
- Smooth Pathways rollout.
- Learning Labs is the first Sunday of the month.
- Great LACE event of 470 attendees.
- Acknowledged Area and Division Directors for putting on outstanding contests.
- Recognized Sherry Tomasula and John Barry for hosting an outstanding LACE.
- Recognized Cliff and Ann Shimizu for being proactive club and member achievement co-chairs.
- Recognized Mary Berg for her fabulous coordinating with Mesa Verde United Methodist Church.
- Recognized Charlotte Drake for her awesome inspiration and documentation for the Pathways program.

Public Relations Manager, Christine Brady, ACB, CL

- There is a hashtag for this event. There will be a drawing at the end of the day for those who use this hashtag today. #FDComf18
- Thanked all the participants following the Founder's District Facebook Page and Instagram profile. Post what your clubs are doing, my team is constantly scouting what the community is doing.
- Beat the Clock, host an open house, generate some fun and add new members.

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District Director, Daniel Cossack, DTM

- Goal was to be Presidents Distinguished. Needed 152 paid clubs, 6230 membership payments and 70 distinguished clubs.
- This is a year of seeing more club leads coming in than any other year. Need to learn how to turn them into clubs.
- 9 clubs have been assigned club coaches. We have less clubs closing this year because of these club coaches.
- Recognize the 3 new clubs that have been started in Western Digital. 27 officers and 90 members.

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The chair awards the Spirit of Excellence for the people who have made the biggest impact. The DD chair is proud to recognize the recipients of this award. The recipient of this award served as the District Lieutenant Governor, District Governor, initiated the electronic newsletter and directories, continues to serve as the alignment chair, and has served on the District Reformation Committee. When he speaks we should listen. Bob Hudack was awarded the Spirit of Excellence award.

CONCLUSION

District Director, Daniel Cossack, informed the group about the exciting workshop by Ed Tate that follows. The District Director adjourned the District Council Business meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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Julie Murphy

Julie Murphy, ACB, ALB, Minutes Approval Committee Chair

7-9-18

Date

7/9/2018

David Hosmer, DTM, Minutes Approval Committee Member

Date

Steven Saffell

Steven Saffell, CC, ALB, Minutes Approval Committee Member

July 8th, 2018

Date