

District 8 Toastmasters Spring Council Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2016

1. Call to Order

(Meeting came to order at 10:09 AM.)

2. District Director Welcome

The District Vision: DEEP - District Eight (8) Enhancement Program

Goal: To Enhance the Visibility of District 8 in region.

To be the First choice provider for dynamic, high-value, experiential communication and Leadership Skill Development*

Only delegates holding a ballot may address the committee and vote. Chair will determine a majority vote visually, or by voice.

Parliamentarian is Past District Governor, Distinguished Toastmaster: Tom Coscia.

District Administration Manager is Tim Spezia. Timer is Dale Lancaster.

Dan Darnall, Past District Governor, is credentials chair.

[Change order of adoption credentials chair not in room]

3. Adoption of Agenda

The proposed Agenda has been published and distributed to the District Council. A motion to adopt the agenda is now in order.

Motion made by: **Paul Cook** **9082** **Square Talkers TM Club**
Toastmaster Club # Club Name

Seconded by: **Jeanette Lynch** **3332167** **Magellan TM**
Toastmaster Club# Club Name

Motion is **carried**.

4. Presentation of Credentials Committee Report

At this time District 8 has **112** eligible clubs. The number of available club ballots is **224**. The number of District Executive Committee officer ballots is **33**. The total number of available ballots is **257**. A quorum for the Council is one third of the Club presidents and vice presidents of education, or their proxies. In that there are **112** clubs in District 8, the quorum would be **75** ($112 \times 2 = 224 \times 1/3$) the number of clubs represented today is **48**. The Credentials Committee has certified the presence of **85** club presidents and vice-presidents of education or their proxies as well as **14** members of the District Executive Committee. District Director Chohan, we **do** have a quorum. A motion to accept the Credentials Committee Report is now in order.

Motion made by: **Sandra Swearingen** **904** **O'Fallon TM Club**
Toastmaster Club # Club Name

Seconded by: **Curtis McNeal** **5000** **Grand Center 5000**
Toastmaster Club # Club Name

The motion is **carried**

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5. Adoption of Fall 2015 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

District's Administration Manager, Tim Spezia, DTM, PDG

The minutes of the November 14, 2015, District 8 Business Meeting were distributed two weeks ago via email,

On page 4 correct the club number of Scott TM Club from 4206 to 9793

A motion to adopt the minutes as amended is now in order.

Motion made by: **Yolanda Wood** **9793** **Scott Toastmasters**

Toastmaster Club # Club Name

Seconded by: **Stephanie Henderson** **0283** **Midtown Clayton TM**

Toastmaster Club# Club Name

Motion is **carried**

6. Report of the Audit Committee - End of and Mid-Year Fiscal Year Audit

Two reports of the Audit Committee for last year ending on June 30, 2015 and the Beginning of fiscal year July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 presented by Audit Committee Chair Wayne Allen.

This report is year-end for 2014-2015 Toastmasters year, Review items in last council meeting minutes. Items for review today are submitting expense vouchers on time with in two months for timely reimbursement; this helps keep track of district funds as appropriate. Use Tax Exempt letter in Missouri for district business.

For Mid-Year Audit for the period of July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 the report is current as of February 7, 2016

District account funds used to pay for conference expenses, issue has been corrected. Checks must be signed by the District Director first, then other district officers only if District Director is not available.

Looking at the policy on 60 day submission of expense vouchers, there is no mention of getting reimbursement back in any reasonable time period. The committee wants to add wording to the policy manual to have payments made within 60 days of receiving the expense vouchers.

Are there any amendments?

A motion to adopt the End of Fiscal Year Audit as **presented** is now in order. No second is required.

Motion made by: **Paul Cook** **673982** **Square Talkers**
Toastmaster Club# Club Name

No discussion

It has been moved to accept the **End of Fiscal-Year Audit** as **presented**

Motion is **carried**

Another motion is needed to adopt the **Mid-Year Report** as presented, no second required

Motion made by: **Seth Jarboe** **4492** **Columbia Toastmasters**

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Toastmaster	Club#	Club Name
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No Discussion

It has been moved to accept the Mid-Year Report as presented,
Motion is carried

7. Presentation of the Finance Manager's Report

Our District Finance Manager has prepared a report and asked that Audit Committee Chair Wayne Allen present the report through the month of March 2016.

- Revenue and expenses are within budget
- Conference revenue is under budget
- Donations for the two prison clubs that go to Toastmasters International for disbursement. Current balance is \$900
- District book store sales totals are under budget
- Conference expenses are \$855 over budget
- Revenue for Diamond Jubilee recognition use noted
- TLI training expenses are under budget
- Marketing efforts are under budget
- Education and training is under budget primarily due to training at DEC meetings
- Travel expenses are under budget
- Finances are under across the board due to issues with fewer clubs chartered than projected as of March of this year.

A motion to accept the report as presented (or amended) is now in order.

Motion made by:	Phil Faraday	4587	Lord Effingham Club
	Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:	Rob Van Winkle	490850	Downtown St Louis Toastmasters
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Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name
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Motion is carried

The Finance Manager's Report will be filed for Audit in August 2016.

8. Reports by District Officers

A: John Barry – new club extension chair

Reporting that 10 clubs have chartered this year

Since the last report: the following clubs have chartered:

- *Signature Speaks*
- *Touchette Toastmasters*
- *Charles Crane Communicators*
- *Cran E Ums*

Clubs ready to charter

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- *Panda Express*
- *Aetna Insurance*
- *Competitive Speakers club*

New club leads for the next incoming administration

Daugherty Systems

US Post Office

B. Kat Mokriakow, Club Growth Director

As promised have conducted workshops for Club membership growth in each division

Dottie Love Workshop

Membership contests

Visits to Clubs directly

99 clubs in good standing, there are 13 clubs with unpaid dues

253 payments to get to Distinguished level in membership

C Jacquie Vick, Program Quality Director Report presented by Farzana: helping club members attain education goals and officer training

You have 6 weeks left to complete and turn in education awards for your goals

D. Farzana Chohan, District Director

Reviewing District dashboard to show membership payments, club payments and distinguished clubs

Reviewing the levels in each metric that is required to attain distinguished district status

Showed the new District 8 enhanced website with the additional navigation column.

E. PRM No report

9. District Realignment Report

by Dan Darnall, DTM, PDG

Explained why club alignment is needed from time to time

There has been a positive change in the club counts of most areas. An area should have 4-6 clubs optimally.

New clubs are awarded to an area if the Area Director had a hand in developing the club lead.

A report summarizing the new club map for District 8 is reviewed.

No questions

A motion to accept the report as presented (or amended) is now in order.

Motion made by:	Paul Cook	673982	Square Talkers
	Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:	Lemont Curry	496	St Clair Toastmasters
	Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

There is discussion on realignment

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Jeanette Lynch, Magellan Toastmasters, inquiring about her club location
Jerry Chapman, Voices in Unity, pointing out error in club list on page 1
Lora Mather, West County Tm, #2905, pointing out that Smedley Hometown club should be in Area 11

The report is amended as noted above, Paul Cook accepts the amended report with his motion. Lemont Curry accepts the amended report with his second? Both accept the realignment report as amended.

Motion is carried

Question by Dennis Roth on DSAGSL Club found wording on Area 4 to Area 16 club move confusing

10. Elections of District officers

Nominating committee presents slate of nominees to each office:

Presented by Tom Coscia, DTM

*Others members of committee, Terry Calderwood from Division A,
Bridgette Wesley, Division B,
James Childress, Division C,
Jean Craft, Division E
Perrier Smith, Division F*

The slate of candidates for officer roles

District Director: Lora Mather

Program Quality Director: Kat Mokriakow

Club Growth Director:

Elaine Curry

Eileen Roth

Division A Director: James Childress

Division B Director: Donna Troy

Division C Director: Raymond Stratton

Division E Director: Erin Tucker

Division F Director: Angela Breinin

Motion to accept the Nominating committee report is in order

Jeanette Lynch, Magellan Toastmasters, 3832167 to accept report as presented.

No discussion,

Motion carries

For District Director:

Lora Mather,

No nominations from the floor

To accept Lora Mather as District Director

Motion is made by Phil Faraday, Effingham TM

A second motion is made by Yolande Woods, Scott TM

Any discussion

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Voice vote in favor of Lora Mather for District Director

Program Quality Director

Kat Mokriakow

No nominations from the floor

Motion in order to close nomination for Program Quality Director

Ron Gossen, Triton Toastmasters, so moves

Parasuram Anantharam, WelDon Toast, seconds the motion to close nominations

Any Discussion: none

Voice vote in favor of Kat Mokriakow for Program Quality Director

Club Growth Director

There are two candidates

No nominations from the floor

A motion to close nominations made by Seth Jarboe, Columbia Toastmasters

A second motion is made by Paul Cook, Square Talkers to close nominations

Elaine Curry is allowed two minutes to speak to council members

Eileen Roth is given two minutes to speak to council members

Ballots club growth director are collected for tabulation,

The ballots have been counted

The results are: Elaine Curry: 78, Eileen Roth: 27

Elaine Curry is voted in as Club Growth Director

For Division Directors

The slate is repeated

No nominations from the floor

A motion to close the nomination is made by Paul Cook, Square Talkers

Elizabeth Link, Jeffco Challengers, seconds the motion.

No further discussion

A voice vote is taken and the motion to elect the slate of division directors is carried

10 Procedure Committee Report Frank Yates

Change policy with Governing documents

Changing chairman with chair

Former region advisor personal information removed

Geographic boundaries

District officer titles updated to new names

Prison Club fund process to pay membership for prisoners detailed

Revised reimbursement procedures, the district director signs with authority, finance manager, and one PQD or CGD signature but not both

Section to find campaign guidelines,

No directory of area governors, removed from manual

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Procedures chair keeps track of Procedures editing

A motion to accept the procedures committee report is needed

Elizabeth Depke, 4492, Columbia Toastmasters makes a motion to accept the procedures committee report as presented

No discussion

The motion is carried

11. Unfinished Business

We have no unfinished business carried forward from our last business meeting. [Fall 2015]

12. New Business

- a. *Patti Howard, Marion VA, would like to have the division directors introduce themselves,*
- b. *All those present come forward and address the council.*

13. Announcements and Wrap up

a. District Conference Site

The District 8 Fall 2016 Conference will be held in November, 2016. If you are interested in volunteering at the conference please see Kat Mokriakow for details.

The chair of the 2016 Fall Conference is Elizabeth Depke

b. Next Meeting

The Fall District Council Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2016. Location in division E

c. Upcoming Events

- 1) Toastmasters Leadership Institute for Officer Training will be held in June 18 2016. Webster University

At least 4 of a club's 7 officers are required to attend training in the summer and winter. All club officers and all members are urged to attend. See the district website for details.

- 2) Dottie Love Triple Crown presentation at the June TLI

14. Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn is now in order.

Motion made by: Erin Tucker 4492 Columbia Tm
 Toastmaster Club # Club Name

Seconded by: Lora Mather 2905 West County TM

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Toastmaster Club # Club Name

The motion to adjourn is carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Spezia, DTM Administration Manager
June 28, 2016

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