



# District 8 Toastmasters Spring Council Meeting Minutes May 20, 2017

agenda in your packet.

Any Corrections? Elaine Curry page 3 Ansira Marketing is misspelled.

The minutes as amended are now adopted by Unanimous Consent [Confirm correction]

## 6. Realignment Committee Report

By **Cindy Larm**, DTM, PDG

A Division must have three areas; there should be four to six clubs in each area.

Highlights

- Changes/relocations are discussed.
- Remove clubs that are not meeting
- Last minute change, not on report:
- Movement of DSAGSL WORD Masters from Area 16 to Area 2
- Movement of Aetna Toastmasters to Area 17

Committee motions to add a new Area at the discretion of the District Director for new incoming clubs.

Discussion

**Robert Van Winkle**, Downtown Toastmasters Do we know which division the new area would go to? No, not determined

**Adam Kutell**, South County Toastmasters

**Seth Jarboe**, Columbia Toastmasters, Will all new clubs go to new Area, or will older clubs be moved for geographical reasons? No room to put clubs, new area

**Kevin Desrosiers**, Anheuser Busch Toastmasters, will it hold up clubs joining our district if less than four? No, defunct clubs will be leaving area.

**Gary White**, Aerospace Orators, Division B has more areas than other divisions, he would like to amend the motion that Division B be struck from consideration to accept new Area.

The new area will be in Division A or Division F.

**Adam Kutell**, South County Toastmasters, Does this involve a sixth Division?

**Frank Yates**, Columbia TM; reminder: there is a motion on the floor.

**Robert Van Winkle**, Downtown Toastmasters, seconds the motion

Voice Vote: Ayes and nays

Ballot count for an official count in District

**Erin Tucker**, Division F, what exactly are we voting on? It is the Realignment report with two changes, Aetna and DSAGSL moves and discretion of DD to create New Area for new clubs.

Result

Motion is **carried**

## 7. Presentation of the Finance Manager's Report

**Tom Coscia**, DTM Finance Manager

Finance report is in packet on two sided document

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Finances are in good shape, will not go over individual numbers on document  
Question: Nick Hall Scott AFB Toastmasters was told no money for handouts for training but appear to be plenty of cash: Appropriate budgeted funds are spent on Training  
Lamont Curry - \$4000 in reserves, more funds in reserve account due to use of Concur Expense System

Are funds increasing? The district realizes more money from TI than in past.  
No motion required for Finance Report

The Finance Manager's Report will be filed for Audit in August 2017.

## 8. Report of the Audit Committee - Mid-Year Fiscal Year Audit

By **Wayne Allen**, DTM Audit Committee Chair

*Audit Committee for last year ending on June 30, 2016 and the Beginning of fiscal year July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 presented*

*For Mid-Year Audit for the period of July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 the report is current as of February 7, 2017*

*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.*

*No gift card of monetary value can be given to contestants*

*Special considerations*

*District store goes to district account not conference event  
More funds for directors attending international events*

Are there any amendments?

Motion is needed to adopt the **Mid-Year Report** as presented, second required

Motion made by:	<b>Paul Cook</b>	<b>Competitive Speakers</b>
	Toastmaster	Club Name
Second by:	<b>Willie Blue</b>	<b>Plus Factors</b>
	Toastmaster	Club Name

No Discussion

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

## 9. Special Committee Report

By **Art Stanze**, Area 12 Director

Announced in Fall, in 2018 no longer will have a Fall Conference, but still to conduct a council Meeting plus other district functions. Committee consists of **Erin Gissel**, **Adam Kutell**, **Dale Lancaster** and **Art Stanze**. Attendance at district events has been declining and is not attracting enough new members. Attendance appears to be from a core group.

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District leaders are concerned that it will become difficult to fill district roles if this trend continues. The first change is to replace the fall conference with five division conferences for various contests like Humorous Speech and Table Topics. The committee is tasked with finding ways to conduct the Fall District Council Meeting. It is proposed that the committee have five year duration to ensure smooth continuity in coordinating District events. Committee will determine ways to increase participation, review financial records of division conference for past three years. What is the feedback from participants of the conferences including likes and dislikes, record of suggestions for improvement. Ask if the district should continue to conduct four speech contests. Consider spring contests conducted on one Saturday. Area Director visit could have taped topics master session at clubs for district events. Consider coordinating District Council meeting with Mid-Year TLI for a one day conference.

Discussion

**Rob Van Winkle** Downtown St Louis TM

Will current members stay on committee for five years or will they change. Should change

**Paul Cook**, Regional conferences misspoke use division [Corrected in Minutes] and including Skype calls

**Angela Brown**, Grand Center 5000 Wants new members on committee fill with those available

**Erin Tucker** how will new club ideas be implemented around district. The intent is leadership of district to provide continuity

**Telisha McGee**, Wells Fargo membership growth conferences is for members, we need to have guests at conferences. Guests are welcome at district events

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**Cecily Hawksworth**, WUSTL Speaks Wants younger members in group to encourage more participation. Is the speaker a *new volunteer*?

**Cathy Babis** - Trying to encourage guests to come but members have to bring them

TLI in Fall, the statement was to combine Fall council meeting with Mid-Year TLI want more meeting events for the amount of time remote members have to travel to event

A motion to accept a Standing committee is entertained.

**Erin Tucker** moves to create an adhoc/standing committee. **Paul Cook** Seconds

Discussion on motion

**Adam Kutell** to amend wording to change "adhoc" to "standing", **Robert Van Winkle** seconds, this is an amendment of amendment

**Farzana Chohan** District encourages guests; second point district wants younger people in district; need you to volunteer [comment not in line with amendment]

**Tom Coscia** What is committee mission? Scope has expanded

**Kat Mokriakow**, the original motion as carried is about how to do contests in Fall and Council meeting, [reaching more members is bonus], what is the future of Humorous speech and Table Topics contests? These are the items to clarify intent. [The intent was from a 2016 DEC motion by **Kat Mokriakow** as adopted to explore the need to examine Fall Contest and council meeting]

Amendment motioned by **David Kincade** to name as Standing Committee, The motion is

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called and is **carried**

The Standing committee will exist for five years; members will rotate from former "Adhoc" to Standing. [Both amendments are considered as one] The motion to create a Standing Committee by the District Council **carries**.

The tabulated realignment vote results are ready to be reported:

In favor of the Realignment report as presented by **Cindy Larm** is ninety two [92] yes votes, and three [3] no votes. The motion to accept the Realignment Report confirmed as **carried**.

## 10. Elections of District officers

*Nominating committee presents slate of nominees to each office:*

*Presented by **Farzana Chohan**, IPDD*

*Explain committee reach*

*Others members of 2017 committee,*

**Dan Darnall** from Division A,

**Donna Troy**, Division B,

**Raymond Stratton**, Division C,

**Cindy Larm**, Division E

**Farzana Chohan** Committee Chair

*[no one named from Division F]*

*The slate of candidates for officer roles*

*District Director: **Kat Mokriakow***

*Program Quality Director: **Elaine Curry***

*Club Growth Director: **James Childress***

*Division A Director: **Parshu Anantharam***

*Division B Director: **June Jeffries***

*Division C Director: **David Kincade***

*Division E Director: Open*

*Division F Director: **Angela Breinin***

Point in Procedure is made for repeating floor nominations for each office [twice only]

*For District Director:*

**Kat Mokriakow**,

*No nominations from the floor*

*Motion is in order to close nomination for District Director*

*To accept Kat Mokriakow as District Director*

**Erin Tucker** motions, **Paul Cook** seconds, a single vote cast for **Kat Mokriakow** as District Director

*Program Quality Director*

**Elaine Curry**

*No nominations from the floor*

*Motion is in order to close nomination for Program Quality Director*

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**Josephine Marino-Emde** motions, **Robert Van Winkle** seconds, a single vote cast for **Elaine Curry** as Program Quality Director

*Club Growth Director*

*No nominations from the floor*

*Motion in order to close nominations for Club Growth Director*

**Sandra Swearingen** motions, **Lamont Curry** seconds, a single vote is cast for **James Childress** as Club Growth Director

*For Division Directors*

*The slate is repeated, Division E is vacant*

*No nominations from the floor*

*A motion to close the nomination is made by **Kevin Desrosiers**, Free Speakers*

***Stuart Welter**, Area 17 seconds the motion.*

*No further discussion*

*A voice vote is taken and the motion to elect the slate of Division Directors is carried*

*Open Position for Division E:*

**Evelyn Pearman** Downtown Toastmaster nominates **Natalie Meghan, Cindy Larm** seconds

**Farzana Chohan** confirms eligibility of candidate

*No other floor nominations*

*Close nominations? **Seth Jarboe**, Columbia Toastmasters moves to close, **Erin Tucker** seconds, No discussion, **Natalie Meghan** is Division E Director.*

## 11. Reports by District Officers

**A. Elaine Curry**, Club Growth Director

*Two new clubs on horizon: Swanseacon and Riverbend TM*

*Three new leads: World Wide Technology expansion club, City of Columbia, and IBM*

*A micro brewery in Belleville may be able to make a Toastmasters beer... Marketing idea  
Original club growth goal was ten clubs, at eight right now...*

**B Kat Mokriakow**, Program Quality Director

*Thinking of quality in regards to education and training. Goals met so far:*

*26 distinguished clubs need 46 distinguished clubs for distinguished district*

*Getting recognition quicker, this will be served by Pathways, The club VP of Education must get in members paperwork in a timely manner, same with membership, don't hold back applications*

*TLI events have some new innovative twists, training is important to grow Toastmasters network. 2 hours, spend time on Club Success Plan too. Well received as piloted in make-up training.*

*Club officer training is not optional; it is a club officer responsibility. Please have your club officers attend the June 24 TLI*

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**C. Lora Mather**, District Director

*All those elected today please stand for council members.*

*In packets, last piece concerns the International convention. These are procedural changes to help to manage growth within Toastmasters International.*

*Distinguished District requires 30 new clubs,*

*Membership growth needed*

*Fifteen club with outstanding payments needed for Distinguished*

D. PRM No report

## **12. Unfinished Business**

We have no unfinished business carried forward from our last business meeting. [Fall 2016] Any unfinished business is grounded till next Council Meeting. It is never carried over due to the length of time between meetings

## **13. New Business**

*none*

## **14. Announcements and Wrap up**

### **a. District Conference Site**

The District 8 2017 Fall Conference meeting to be held in Division C [ Fairview Heights Double Tree Hotel] on November 17 and 18, 2017. If you are interested in volunteering at the conference please see Elaine Curry for details.

### **b. Next Meeting**

The Fall District Council Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Location in Division C at the Double Tree Hotel

### **c. Upcoming Events**

- 1) Toastmasters Leadership Institute for Officer Training will be held in June 24 2017 at 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.

Josephine Marino-Emde Question: what is charge for Conference Guests? Pricing always depends on a variety of factors including venue of event. Pricing is always based on an even draw. Revenue neutral for district

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## 15. Adjournment

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

Motion made by:	<b>Seth Jarboe</b>	4492	Columbia Tm
	Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name
Seconded by:	<b>Kevin Desrosiers</b>		ChesterfieldTM
	Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

The motion to adjourn is carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM this day May 20, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Tim Spezia, DTM Administration Manager  
June 22, 2017

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### Action Items:

- Club movement of DSAGSL WORD Masters to Area 2 and Aetna Insurance club to Area 17 from original revised Realignment plan
- Creation of New Area at the discretion of the District Director at the time to create a new Area, [Area 22] to hold new incoming clubs that push areas over the six club limit. Division B was struck from consideration to receive this area, suggesting but not limited to Division A and Division F.
- What is the charge for guests at the next conference? They will have a special designation.
- A Five Year Standing committee to monitor division conferences and various intellectual improvements experienced in Conferences and Contests has been created May 20, 2017. The Standing committee will exist from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022