



Minutes

District 8 District Council Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 2022 • 10:00AM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Attendees: David Kincade DTM; Dawn Tucker DTM; Karen Leingang DTM; Tom Coscia DTM; RJ Stratton DTM; Adam Baer; John Barry DTM; Mark Bean DTM; Willie Blue DTM; Angie Breinin; Kathy Brennan DTM; Darren Broderick; Lonza Bufford; Jerry Chapman DTM; Lisa Collier; Elaine Curry DTM; Lemont Curry DTM; Mike Dalton; Dan Darnall DTM; Umanga de Silva DTM; Karen Drayton-Fowlkes; Josephine Marino-Emde; Curt Evoy; Ivan Filipi; Kay Flanery; Alice Gander; Rhonda Green DTM; Cheryl Hammond; Jeff Hannah; Leslie Heilig DTM; Jo Anne Howard; Yutaka Ikeda DTM; Keith Jamerson; Makeda Joseph; Jackie Kam-Blackard; Rosetta Keeton; Josh Kelahan; Larry Ketchum; Larry Kimbrow DTM; Maureen Kleekamp; Herman Koester DTM; Jennifer Krupp; Warren Lambert; Linda Leasman; Elizabeth Link DTM; Sharon Maddox; Charice Manor; Pam Marshall DTM; Lora Mather DTM; Cindy Middendorf; Linda Mlot; Debra Morrissey DTM; Neva Nichols DTM; Terri Orban; HK Patel; Ivan Paul DTM; Evelyn Pearman; Elana Phelps; Nate Randall DTM; Sue Rankin; Tonya Rivers DTM; Will Rivers; Mary Rowe; Daphne Slade; Louis Smith; Tim Spezia DTM; Art Stanze DTM; Mark Strothmann DTM; Michelle Sturdivant; Melissa Triplett; Donna Troy DTM; Sarah Van Meter; David Walle; Andrew Welter; Paula Williams; Darlene Willman; Rosemary Wilson DTM; Annetta Works Salley; Debbie Young (79 attendees)

Meeting Preliminaries

Call to Order & Opening: David Kincade, DTM DD

- Meeting called to order at 10:07AM

Introduction of Timer - Lora Mather, DTM

- Alignment Committee Final Report - 25 minutes
- Procedures Committee Report - 5 minutes
- District Leadership Committee Report - 10 minutes
- Leadership candidates - 2 minutes

Council Meeting Procedures Reviewed

- Members of the District Council include club presidents, club vice presidents of education, and members of the District Executive Committee
- Explanation of unanimous consent and its usage when there appears to be no questions or concerns about the topic
- If you desire to debate or discuss an item further, raise your virtual hand and when called on, state your objection
- Only members of the District Council may speak in debate of motions or vote on motions or District elections
- When called on to debate, members will have one minute to speak
- Voting will be done by polling

- Counting of ballots will only be done if an election is contested

Adoption of Agenda: David Kincade, DTM DD

- Agenda adopted by unanimous consent (posted on the District 8 website and placed in chat)

Credentials Committee Report: RJ Stratton, DTM IPDD

- Confirmed we have a quorum - 63 District Council members present (needed a minimum of 55)

Approval District Council Meeting 9/18/21 Minutes: David Kincade, DTM DD

- Approved without objection or amendments by unanimous consent (posted on the District 8 website and placed in chat)

Alignment Committee Final Report: Tim Spezia, DTM PDG, Alignment Committee Chair

- A copy of the Alignment Committee Report has been posted on the District 8 website
- <https://dist8tm.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-2023-District-8-Alignment.pdf>
- Committee members include: Tim Spezia, DTM PDG, Chair; Patrick Hunt, Division A Director; Sarah Van Meter, Division B Director; Annetta Works Sally, Division C Director; Victor Mattison, DTM, Division E Director; Terri Orban, Area 14 Director; and Lawson Calhoun, DTM, Division F Director.
- Purpose of the committee is to realign club assignments to Areas and Divisions to maintain compliance with Toastmaster International Protocol 7.0 of District Structure. This keeps Areas and Divisions are properly balanced and a manageable size.
- The report has already been presented and approved by the District Executive Committee in March.
- Proposed changes would be effective July 1, 2022, and include:
 - Club 7349 - Shelter Insurance: move from Division E, Area 21 to Division E, Area 7
 - Club 9643 - TALU Toastmasters Club: move from Division E, Area 21 to Division E, Area 7
 - Club 3273397 - Alpha Toastmasters: move from Division E, Area 7 to Division E, Area 14
 - Club 7692545 - Wentzville MO Pros Club: move from Division E, Area 21 to Division E, Area 20
 - Area 21 to be eliminated
 - Club 7838232 - CISCO Sec Team6 & Friends: new club assigned to Division E, Area 22
 - Club 7967606 - Little Black Book: new club assigned to Division E, Area 22
- All affected clubs' presidents and secretaries have been contacted. Some were agreeable to the change; others did not respond.

Motion by Tim Spezia: Motion to accept the Alignment Committee report as presented

Q&A

- Q: Tonya Rivers What is the minimum number of clubs per Division.
- A: Tim - There is no minimum per Division but must have between 4 and 6 clubs per Area.
- Comment: Evelyn Pearman - When Area 21 was created, it was requested to be placed in Division E along with Area 7 and 14 (7, 14, 21). Losing Area 21 is of historical significance to some of the District 8 long-time members.
- Q: David - Tim, can you confirm that all clubs were contacted?
- A: Tim - Yes.
- Q: David - And they agreed with these decisions?
- A: Tim - There were no comments from Shelter Insurance or the Wentzville Club. Curtis Scroggins and Evelyn Pearman presented the information to the prison clubs, and they had no objection.

Vote via poll: motion passed

Decision: Final Alignment Committee Report adopted as presented

Procedures Committee Report: Dan Darnall, DTM PDG, Procedures Committee Chair

- Dan Darnall presented a change to our District Procedures Manual
- **Current wording:**
Section 6 - District 8 Trust Fund (aka Omer Roberts/Dori Drummond Inmate Scholarship Fund) e) Fundraising, in accordance with the Toastmasters' Guidelines, will take place throughout the year. Funds from these events will be put in **a separate** District account and then forwarded to the Toastmasters International (TI) finance department for inclusion into the Trust fund. Refer to items a & b for additional details.
- **Proposed new wording:**
Section 6 - District 8 Trust Fund (aka Omer Roberts/Dori Drummond Inmate Scholarship Fund) e) Fundraising, in accordance with the Toastmasters' Guidelines, will take place throughout the year. Funds from these events will be put in **the general** District account and then forwarded to the Toastmasters International (TI) finance department for inclusion into the Trust fund. Refer to items a & b for additional details.
- Reason: Toastmasters International only allows Districts to have a single account, so we were violating the governing documents.
- This is a correction, not a change, so a vote is not required.

District Leadership Committee Report: RJ Stratton DTM IPDD, District Leadership Committee Chair

- Committee members included RJ Stratton, DTM IPDD, Chair; Mike Rohan, DTM, Division A; Patti Howard, DTM, Division A; Nancy Whatley Blaine, Division B; Marquetta Wise, DTM, Division B; Makeda Joseph, Division C; Larry Hemingway, DTM, Division C; Yolande Wood, DTM, Division C; Annetta Works-Salley, Division E; Veleria Boaten, Division F; and Lisa Collier, Division F.
- Committee began meeting in January to identify possible candidates; February 28th was the cutoff date for nominations; interviews took place March 6th - 12th; final candidate selection occurred on March 13th
- Videos and bios were placed on the District 8 website to learn about each candidate.
- Final panel of candidates include:
 - District Director: Karen Leingang, DTM
 - Program Quality Director: Sarah Van Meter and Rhonda Green, DTM
 - Club Growth Director: Art Stanze, DTM and Patrick Hunt
 - Division A Director: Lisa Campbell
 - Division B Director: Jackie Kam-Blackard
 - Division C Director: Herman Koester, DTM
 - Division E Director: Terri Orban and Willie Blue, DTM
 - Division F Director: Bob Heaton, DTM
- All candidates were notified and provided information on campaigning policies.

2022-2023 District Leader Elections

- District Director - Karen Leingang, DTM - uncontested, dispense with secret ballot and cast ballot for Karen Leingang, DTM
- Q: Art Stanze - I am unable to pin the timer, can that functionality be turned on?
- A: David - Spotlight will need to be turned off, so speakers are able to pin. Attendees, you will have to use speaker view to see the speaker as the main screen.
- Program Quality Director - candidates, Rhonda Green, and Sarah Van Meter, each delivered a speech
- Voting was conducted - Sarah Van Meter was elected

- Club Growth Director - candidate, Art Stanze delivered a speech (Patrick Hunt was not in attendance)
- Voting was conducted - Art Stanze was elected
- Division E Director - candidates, Willie Blue, DTM and Terri Orban, each delivered a speech
- Voting was conducted - Willie Blue, DTM was elected
- Division A Director - Lisa Campbell - uncontested, dispense with secret ballot and cast ballot for Lisa Campbell
- Division B Director - Jackie Kam-Blackard - uncontested, dispense with secret ballot and cast ballot for Jackie Kam-Blackard
- Division C Director - Herman Koester, DTM - uncontested, dispense with secret ballot and cast ballot for Herman Koester, DTM
- Division F Director - Bob Heaton, DTM - uncontested, dispense with secret ballot and cast ballot for Bob Heaton, DTM

Mid-Year Audit Report - Larry Kimbrow, DTM, Audit Committee Chair

- Committee members: Larry Kimbrow, DTM and Brenda Masters-Stout
- <https://dist8tm.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Mid-Year-Audit-Committee-Letter-Report.pdf>
- The audit committee was not appointed until February of 2022, and only able to find two members
- The committee did not have the approved budget when performing the audit (one did exist)
- Financially, District 8 is in good shape and has had minimal expenditures
- Requested documentation was presented to the audit committee in a timely manner
- Committee got a late start on the audit and turned it in late
- Findings:
- Delay in paying bills timely in some cases
- Expenses for multiple categories were being bundled together and paid by a single check, such as a credit card reimbursement for multiple items
- In some cases, receipts were not available

Q&A

- Q: Darren Broderick - Why didn't we have an approved budget?
- A: Larry Kimbrow - Didn't realize there was an approved budget

District Finance Report - Brianna Snow, Finance Manager

- Brianna was not in attendance to give a report

Club Growth Report - Dawn Tucker, DTM CGD

- We had 97 clubs in good standing at the beginning of the Toastmaster year (7/1/2021); now we have 84 clubs
- Of the clubs we lost 9 did not renew and 4 clubs still haven't paid their dues
- We have 6 clubs with low membership (under 8 members)
- Rack Up Renewals Lunch & Learn session was offered to review how to renew and review club quality factors to encourage members to stay; recording is on D8 YouTube site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcTkXpGM7cU>
- Club Growth Checklist - coming soon; will be a resource for club officers
- Will be hosting more "candid conversations" with officers on what worked and get ideas on how to grow membership
- We have 11 leads for future new clubs

- Please contact Dawn if you have leads, suggestions or Club Growth questions via email or phone: Dawn_SLP@yahoo.com or (636) 379-2505

Program Quality Report - Karen Leingang, DTM PQD

- Dues renewals - 84% of clubs
- Area Visit Recaps:
 - Area Visits 28% complete for second half of year
 - Areas 2, 7, 17 & 22 - finished 100% of club visits
 - Areas 8, 14, 16, & 18 - finished 75 - 99% of club visits
 - Deadline - May 31 for club visits completed and report submission
 - Fall 85%; would like to see as good this term
 - Visit reports allow District to help the clubs
- Clubs/Area distinguished status:
 - Distinguished clubs: Downtown Toastmasters; Moneta Voices, UniGroup Toastmasters Club
 - Select Distinguished clubs: Gem City Toastmasters, Grace Church Toastmasters, Grand Center Club, High-Noon Toastmasters, RGA Toastmasters, Grand Center, High Noon, RGA
 - Presidents Distinguished clubs: Crossroads, Noontime Toastmasters, South County Toastmasters Club, Talu Toastmasters Club
 - Distinguished Area: Area 18 (Keith Jamerson, Area Director)
 - Scott Toastmasters has received 10 points, but has not met the membership numbers yet to be Distinguished
- There are 21 clubs that had all 7 officers trained both summer and winter term and turned in a Club Success Plan
- Summer TLI is scheduled for June 4th; it will be virtual; looking for a Chair
- Hold elections soon so new officers can attend the June 4th TLI
- Will be holding an award ceremony; hope to hold it in-person; still looking for location
- Recap of Trivia night & prison fund: Goal was set at \$2500, currently at \$2235; there is still time to donate

Questions from the floor

- Q: RJ Stratton - Is there any update on members being able to pay their dues online?
- A: David - The new software is being implemented now. This is expected to be completed the end of the first week in May. This does not mean that dues will be able to be paid online immediately, but rather they will have the software in place to hopefully roll this out in the future.

New Business

- none

District Director Report - David Kincade, DTM DD

- Thank you to Dawn Tucker & Karen Leingang for being so supportive.
- This year's theme has been "Lemonade" - we took lemons and made lemonade
- We have lost membership, but District 8 has shrunk less than other Districts
- We have become innovative and adaptive
- Shout out to Dawn for the group open house events
- Significant number of clubs already distinguished, and we still have two months to go

- Level of engagement and involvement has increased
- Welcome new officers for 2022 - 2023

Closing

- Adjournment: David Kincade, DTM, District Director
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM

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