



Minutes

District 8 Council Meeting

(Virtual via Zoom)

Saturday, September 23, 2023 @ 10:00am

10:00 AM • Meeting called to Order by Logistics Manager Tom Coscia, DTM

Welcome: District Director Rhonda Green, DTM

Introductions

- Credentials Chair, Karen Leingang, DTM, IPDD
- Timer, Tom Coscia, District Governor, Logistics Manager, Webmaster

Recitation of District Mission by all, led by Club Growth Director Patti Howard, DTM

Confirmation of a Quorum: Credentials Chair Karen Leingang, DTM, IPDD

Review Meeting Agenda: District Director Rhonda Green, DTM

- Revision 1 of 2 – Voting procedures will be presented by District Director Rhonda Green, DTM
- Revision 2 of 2 – Audit Committee Report will be Interim not Year-End. Report will be presented by Audit Committee Chair Elaine Curry, DTM

The revised meeting agenda is approved as circulated and annotated.

Voting procedures presented by District Director Rhonda Green, DTM

Approval of District Council Meeting 4/15/2023 Minutes: District Director Rhonda Green, DTM

- No objections or amendments; the minutes were approved as circulated.
- A link to the minutes was sent to all members of the District Council 30 days prior to this meeting, and an additional three (3) times beyond that. The minutes were also posted on the District 8 website.

Confirm Appointment of District Leaders presented by District Director Rhonda Green, DTM

- A link to the list of appointments was sent to all members of the District Council 30 days prior to this meeting, and an additional three (3) times the list of appointments were also posted on the District 8 website.
- At the April 15, 2023, District Council meeting. There were no nominees presented for the Division E Director position.

- On July 22, 2023 Elected Division F Director Rahul Joglekar resigned from his position for personal reasons.

Therefore, the list of appointments includes persons for the Division E and F Director positions. The appointments are as follows:

Administration Manager: Annetta Works Salley
 Finance Manager: Rebecca Jordan
 Logistics Manager/Webmaster: Tom Coscia
 Parliamentarian: Jan Dean

Division E Director: Keshia Kent
 Division F Director: Colleen Dempsey

Area A-02 Director David Kincaid
 Area A-04 Director Sarah Don
 Area A-05 Director Marquetta Wise
 Area A-09 Director Sam Close
 Area B-03 Director Janet Martin
 Area B-18 Director Henry Green
 Area C-01 Director Nathaniel Randall
 Area C-06 Director Pamela Rodney
 Area C-10 Director Linda Leesman
 Area C-11 Director Shelly Schellenbarger
 Area E-07 Director Kenneth Freeman
 Area E-14 Director Laura Breksa
 Area E-20 Director Michael Smith
 Area F-08 Director Timothy Scarborough
 Area F-12 Director Paula Williams
 Area F-15 Director Brett Nichols
 Area F-17 Director James Perper
 Area F-19 Director Annie Dunne

Committee and Support positions appointed:

District Leadership Committee: Karen Leingang
 Audit Committee Chair: Elaine Curry
 Alignment Chair: Patti Howard
 Roberts Drummond Fund: Curtis Scroggins
 Speakers Bureau and Meetup: RJ Stratton
 District Procedures: Sandy Cardis
 District Store: Tim Spezia
 Conference Site Locator: Kat Mokriakow
 Club Extension Chair and Club New Source Research Chair: Donnelly Williams
 Club Retention and Coach Chair: Andrew Welter
 New Club Mentor Chair: Jackie Kam Blackard

There are additional positions that are open that still need to be filled.

Motion to approve the District Director recommended appointments was made by President Eileen Weis, Toast of SLU. Seconded by Vice President of Education RJ Stratton, Toast of Belleville.

A majority of members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

BUSINESS REQUIRING ADOPTION

District 2023 – 2024 Budget presented by District Director Rhonda Green, DTM

- A link to the PDF File of the summary and narratives of the budget, as well as a full copy of the budget spreadsheet was sent to all members of the District Council 30 days prior to this meeting, and an additional three (3) times. The PDF file and the budget were also posted on the District 8 website.

Motion to approve the District 2023 – 2024 Budget as presented was made by President Burchell McGhee, Shalom. Seconded by President Dan Trapp, RaboMasters.

A majority of members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

Alignment Change presented by District Director Rhonda Green, DTM

- A link to the PDF file outlining the alignment changes, was sent to all members of the District Council 30 days prior to this meeting, and an additional three (3) times. The alignment change was also posted on the District 8 website.

Motion to approve the District Director recommended alignment changes was made by Vice President Education Andrew Welter, High Noon Toastmasters. Seconded by Vice President Education Andrew LaCroix, Speak Easy.

A majority of members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion was carried.

Interim Audit Committee Report presented by Audit Committee Chair Elaine Curry, DTM

- District Director Rhonda Green, DTM: Since this is an interim report and not the final report, a vote of approval is not required.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Available Funds Report presented by Program Quality Director Charice Manor

- District Director Rhonda Green, DTM: As this is an availability of funds report, and not a finance report from our Finance Manager, a vote is not required.

Next Meeting / Announcements presented by District Director Rhonda Green, DTM unless otherwise noted.

- 2024-2025 District 8 nominations will open on November 1, 2023. Our District Leadership Committee (DLC) Chair will be Karen Leingang, DTM, IPDD. All required forms will be located on the District 8 website. In addition to taking nominations for the elected positions, District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Director positions, this year the DLC will also be collecting nomination forms from all people interested in the district appointed roles, to be forwarded to the 2024-2025 District Director Elect for consideration.
- The next District Council meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2024.

- Spring Conference announcement by Program Quality Director, Charice Manor. Date: April 26 and 27. Venue: Hollywood Casino in Maryland Heights. Spring Conference Chair: Paula Williams.
- Winter In-person Toastmasters Leadership Institute and Officer Training. Date: December 9, 2023. Venue: Washington University, Olin Business College Building, St. Louis MO.
- Spring Conference Fundraiser (Double Good Gourmet Popcorn)
- Club Growth Updates: One club has chartered this year. We have one corporate club that needs six (6) more members to charter. A community club that was a gavel club has 18 members per their last report. The District has received two or three leads from Toastmasters International. The District Director has been contacted by a District 8 Toastmaster that wants to start a club at her job.
- Meetup Update presented by Meetup Chair RJ Stratton, DTM: Working on a process to streamline the District 8 Meetup process, to make it more effective for clubs to gain or gather membership leads.
- 30th Anniversary (October 30th) Congratulations to the members and the supporters of the Talu Toastmasters Club.

11:25am Meeting Adjourned: District Director Rhonda Green, DTM