



District 8 Toastmasters

Eastern Missouri / Southwestern & Central Illinois
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District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2024 (Virtual via Zoom)

Attendees:

Rhonda Green DD, Charice Manor PQD, Patti Howard CGD, DLC/IPDD Karen Leingang, Annetta Works Salley AM, Tom Coscia LM, Jan Dean Parl, Karen Dew DivA-D, Terri Orban DivB-D, Dawnella Bowser DivC-D, Nathaniel Randall AD-01, David Kincade AD-02, Janet R. Martin AD-03, Sara Dahm AD-04, Marquette Wise AD-05, Pamela Rodney AD-06, Timothy Scarbrough AD-08, Samuel Kloese AD-09, Linda Leasman AD-10, Paula Williams AD-12, Bret Nicolas AD-15, Jackie Kam-Blackard Alignment Chair, Richard Porter Audit Chair, RJ Stratton

Call to Order & Zoom Housekeeping: Tom Coscia, LM

Meeting called to order at 08:30 AM

Welcome: Rhonda Green, DD

Zoom master, Timer and Credentials Chair will be Tom Coscia.

Review of the District Mission: Annetta Works Salley, AM

Recite Together

Review of the Meeting Agenda: Rhonda Green, DD

The following revisions have been made to the posted and circulated agenda:

- A moment of Remembrance for our deceased members has been added.
- An Amendment to the circulated 2024/2025 Alignment has been added.

Hearing no amendments presented to the floor by a voting member, the agenda is approved as revised.

Moment of Remembrance: Patti Howard, CGD

The names of the members which had past were mentioned. Followed by one minute of silence.

Approval of the September 23, 2023, District Executive Committee meeting meetings: Rhonda Green, DD

No changes were required the minutes were accepted as circulated, posted and presented.

Credentials Report: Tom Coscia, LM

We currently have 25 voting members of the DEC. 19 members are in attendance = 76%. We have a quorum.

Voting Procedures: Rhonda Green, DD

Standard voting procedures were provided per Robert's Rules of Order. In addition, as this was a Virtual Meeting, members on-line were instructed to raise their virtual hand or physical hand in the center of the screen to be recognized for motions, seconds and to participate in discussion/debate.

Approval of a District Director recommendation to fill an open leadership position: Rhonda Green, DD
Trisha Gordon was appointed to the position of Program Relations Manager on January 15, 2024.

As there were no objections, Trisha Gordon is appointed as the Districts' Program Relations Manager.

District Leadership Committee Nominations Report: Karen Leingang, IPDD District Leadership Committee Chair

Nominee for District Director: Charice Manor
Nominee for Program Quality Director: Patti Howard, DTM
Nominees for Club Growth Director: Karen Dew and Kenneth Freeman, DTM
Nominee for Division A Director: Sara Dahm
Nominee for Division B Director: Paula Williams
Nominee for Division C Director: Timothy Scarbrough
Nominee for Division E Director: Evelyn Pearman
Nominee for Division F Director Burchell McGhee

The District Leadership Committee Report was approved as circulated, posted and presented.

2024/2025 Alignment Report: Jackie Kam-Blackard Alignment Chair

The 2024/2025 alignment was presented as circulated and posted.

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and approved to accept the 2024/2025 alignment report as presented.

2022/2023 Year-End and 2023/2024 Mid-Year Audit Committee reports: Richard Porter, DTM Audit Chair

The reports were submitted to the District Council with no findings.

One observation – in the 2022/2023 year a purchase was made without using the Missouri State Tax ID Exemption. A reminder was made to use the Missouri State tax Exemption whenever possible.

Approved as presented.

District Finance Report: Rebecca Jordan, FM

No District Finance report was presented at the meeting.

Division Director Reports: The status and year end goal for the Division

- Division F – Paula Williams**
- Division E – Rhonda Green**
- Division C – Dawnella Bowser**
- Division B – Terri Orban**
- Division A – Karen Dew**

Club Growth Director Report: Patti Howard, CGD

The Club growth Director presented where the district stands on new clubs in process and the current membership of the district.

Program Quality Director report: Charice Manor, PQD

The Program Quality Director presented a report of where the clubs were on their journey to be distinguished or better by June 30, 2024.

2024 District 8 Annual Conference Report: Charice Manor, PQD

The First In-Person Conference since 2019 will be April 26-27 at the Hollywood Casino and Hotel, Maryland Heights MO. There will be great educational sessions as well as a dynamic Keynote Speaker, Past Region Advisor, Distinguished Toastmaster Robert Christeson. We are having a meet and greet Friday evening

before the District Level table Topics Contest. Saturday there will be breakfast, a silent auction, vendors a Candidate Corner, the District Council meeting, District Leader Elections, the District Level International Speech Contest, a wonderful dinner, and a live band for entertainment.

Status of District: Rhonda Green, DD

I would like to thank each of you for working to support our clubs and members this year. We still have 3 months to go helping as many clubs as possible to reach distinguished status. Our goal from now to the end of the year is to help our challenged clubs and build the strength of our existing clubs. Without members there is no Toastmasters. No matter how we end this year, know that as a District we are on the upward climb, post pandemic. Everyone is invited to the 2023/2024 Hall of fame Celebration Event which will be on September 14, 2024. We are going to have an awesome lunch and celebrate the successes of our members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.