



District 8 Toastmasters

Eastern Missouri / Southwestern & Central Illinois
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District Council Meeting Minutes - April 27, 2024 Hollywood Casino and Hotel, Maryland Heights, Missouri Hybrid (In-person and Virtual via Zoom) Voting Conducted via Zoom

Attendees:

Rhonda Green DD/VPE, Charice Manor PQD, Patti Howard CGD/VPE, Karen Leingang IPDD, Annetta Works Salley AM/VPE, Rebecca Jordan FM, Tom Coscia LM, Karen Dew DIVD-A/PRES, Terri Orban DIVD-B, Bret Nicholas AD-15, David Kincade AD-2/VPE, Janet Martin AD-3/VPE, Kenneth Freeman AD-7, Linda Leasman AD-10 /PRES, Nathaniel Randall AD-1/VPE, Paula Williams AD-12, Sara Dahm AD-4/VPE, Timothy Scarbrough AD-8.

Andrew Welter VPE, Burchell McGhee PRES, Christine Schilling PRES/VPE, Debbie young PRES/VPE, Elaine Curry PRES, Henry Siemer PRES/VPE, Herman Koester VPE, Ira Walker PRES, Jennifer Huck VPE, Jennifer Krupp PRES, John Barry PRES/VPE, Jonalyn Miller PRES, Josh Kelahan PRES, Joy Womac PRES, Justine Smith PRES, Kasey Gibbs PRES, Leslie Heilig VPE, Linda Mlot PRES, Lora Mather PRES/VPE, Marguerite Wuebker, PRES Mark Strothmann PRES, Meg Langland PRES/VPE, Michael Hanrahan PRES, Michelle Hresko VPE, Michelle Sturdivant PRES, Patrick Gallaher PRES, Raquel DeSouza PRES, Raymond Stratton VPE, Richard Porter VPE, Robert Heaton VPE, Rosemary Wilson VPE, Sarah Van Meter VPE, Shannon Dunphy PRES, Stacey Costin VPE, Stacy Offer Jr. PRES, Sue Rankin VPE, Tammy Graves VPE, Umanga DeSilva PRES, Yutaka Ikeda PRES/VPE.

Cynthia Scroggins, Curtis Scroggins, Evelyn Pearman, Jackie Kam-Blackard, Lawson Calhoun, Nicole Tate-Ray, Willie Blue.

Call to Order & Zoom Housekeeping: Tom Coscia, LM

Meeting called to order at 09:30 AM

Welcome: Rhonda Green, DD

Zoom masters will be Tom Coscia and Sarah Van Meter, Credentials Chair and Timer Tom Coscia.

Review of the District Mission: Annetta Works Salley, AM

Recite Together

Credentials Report: Tom Coscia, LM

We have a quorum with more than 33% of the active clubs being represented.

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.

Voting Procedures: Rhonda Green, DD

Standard voting procedures were provided per Robert's Rules of Order. In addition, as this was a Hybrid 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 the September 23, 2023, District Council meeting Meetings: Rhonda Green, DD

Correction of the spelling of a members' name was requested for the previous minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as revised. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

2024/2025 District Leader Elections: Rhonda Green, DD

In addition to Robert's Rules of Order for voting, the Unanimous Consent Procedure was introduced for non-opposed positions.

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 accepted as circulated, posted and presented.

The nominees for District Director and Program Quality Director were elected as presented via Unanimous Consent.

The two nominees for the Club Growth Director Position were given two minutes each to speak before the District Council in alphabetical order by last name.

The zoom master launched the vote for Club Growth Director.

Karen Dew 39 votes, Kenneth Freeman 33 votes.

The nominees for each of the (5) Division Director positions were elected as presented via Unanimous Consent.

The Elected 2024/2025 District Leaders:

District Director	Charice Manor
Program Quality Director	Patti Howard, DTM
Club Growth Director	Karen Dew
Division A Director	Sara Dahm
Division B Director	Paula Williams

Division C Director
Division E Director
Division F Director

Timothy Scarbrough
Evelyn Pearman
Burchell McGhee

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

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

A motion was made to amend the 2024/2025 Alignment Report to move Effingham Toastmasters Club #4587 from Area C-10 to C-1.

The zoom master launched the vote to approve the amendment to the Alignment report. 38 votes were submitted in favor of the motion and 7 votes were submitted against the motion. The motion to amend the 2024/2025 Alignment Report was approved by majority.

A motion was made to approve the amended 2024/2025 Alignment report.

The zoom master launched the vote to approve the amended Alignment report. 55 votes were submitted in favor of the motion and 8 votes were submitted against the motion. The Amended 2024/2025 Alignment Report was approved by majority.

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

The Finance manager presented an available balances report as of March 31, 2024

District reserve Balance	\$33,318.70
Commerce Bank Balance	<u>\$8,758.51</u>
Sub Total	\$42,077.21
Retention 2023/2024	<u>\$7,379.32</u>
Available Balance	\$34,679.89**

** Note: These numbers did not include funds from conference registrations or fundraising.

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.

Status of District: Rhonda Green, DD

We have met many challenges this year and still have more to go. 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 10:30am.