

1 TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

2 DISTRICT 28 COUNCIL MINUTES

3 SEMI- ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

4 SATURDAY MAY 7, 2011

5 "ACHIEVING GREATNESS TOGETHER"

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11 **CALL TO ORDER:**

12 Sgt. at Arms Gayle Lawson, ATM-S, CL called the Spring Conference Business
13 Meeting to order at 1:30pm. District Governor Vera Johnson, DTM read the District
14 Mission, welcomed attendees, read the applicable Robert Rules of Order for this
15 business meeting. To be recognized by the chair, one must be a member of the
16 district council i.e. the member must have received a ballot by the credential
17 chairperson. If a member wishes to speak and is recognized the member must
18 state their name and their club number. The rules relating to debate and decorum
19 were observed. Discussions were limited to two minutes and one minute per
20 member and each member can spoke once per topic. She also introduced the
21 Conference Parliamentarian, Michael Sabatowski, DTM.

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23 **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

24 Al Albee, DTM, PDG the credentials chair stated there was a quorum. District 28
25 has 126 active clubs, club representation needed = 42 (1/3 of 126). Today 69 clubs
26 are represented. Eighty-four club votes are needed; we have 135 club votes today.
27 The District has 47 District Officers, 34 District Officers are here to represent. For
28 voting purposes today, votes needed =114 we have 169. Kevin Olmstead, DTM,
29 PDG added instead of 84 needed votes, there needs to be 85 (1/2 + 1) in the event
30 there is a tie.

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32 **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

33 The District Governor motioned for the following amendments to be approved: Two
34 Audit Committee Reports; Michael Sabatowski will report on the issues from the
35 Fall Conference. Gayle Lawson will report on the issues for the Spring Conference.
36 The Fall Budget Narrative will be before New Business by Jason Schumacher.
37 There will be no New Business today. Pam McKerregan (Respectfully Speaking)
38 moved to adopt the agenda as amended, Kevin Kapustiak (Canadian Club) second.
39 Motion passed.

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41 **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

42 Amendments to the 2010 Fall Conference Minutes are: Line 14 correction from
43 Raham to **Rahm**; line 76 change Division Governor to **District** Governor; line 81
44 from motioned to **moved**; line 101 add "**motion passed**" "**meeting adjourned**";
45 line 76 change from Marilynn to **Marilyn**; lines 50 &63 from Walek to **Wolock**; lines
46 66&73 from Schneider to **Egerdal**; line 50 from Laugh to **Laff**; lines 89 & 101 from

47 #6146 to #6416. Moved to accept the minutes as amended by Karen Holland
48 (Speak OUT), John Salalia #6416 second. Motion passed.
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50 **APPROVAL OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO FILL**
51 **VACANCIES:**

52 The District Governor filled several District Office vacancies; Paul Bednarski E 23
53 Area Governor, Kathy Varga B 8 Area Governor, Marge Roberts E 22 Area
54 Governor, and Jason Schumacher District Treasurer. Al Albee (Laff Out Loud)
55 moved to approve the appointments, Russ Navarre (Dearborn Dynamics) second.
56 Motion passed.
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58 **REPORT OF REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE:**

59 Realignment Chair Marilyn Albee, DTM/PDG explained why clubs were moved into
60 different areas. She also stated certain clubs were suspended after the proposals
61 were agreed upon. The suspended clubs: Chrysler Fiat (D/16), Big Toastmasters
62 (D/18), RBS (F/26), Wayne State (F/27), Brasscraft (G/34). There were questions
63 from the members about specific clubs moving from one area to another, if certain
64 clubs are renewing, the size (clubs) of some of the areas/divisions. A copy of the
65 2011-2012 Proposed Realignment is in the 2011 DEC Minutes File. Michael Carter
66 moved to accept the 2011 realignment, Ann Penn second. Motion passed.
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68 **REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

69 Committee Chair Dulce Renaud DTM/PDG, and the other committee members
70 interviewed nominees on February 5, 2011 and March 5, 2011. She presented the
71 final names of the 2011 -2012 candidates and acknowledged the other committee
72 members. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The 2011 -2012
73 elected officers begin July 1, 2011 and end June 30, 2012. The candidates are:
74 District Governor - Heather Lane, DTM; Lt. Governor Education & Training – Joe
75 Kastely, ACB/CL & Ida Vance, DTM; Lt Governor of Marketing – Maureen Hurley,
76 DTM & Susan Stillman, ACS/ALS. Division Governors: Division A Mark Abramson,
77 DTM; Division B Matt Budds, Division C Kevin Leistner, ACB/ALB; Division D
78 Dolores Harris, ACB/CL; Division E Paul Bednarski, CC/CL; Division F Doreen
79 Dudley, ACS; Division G Lawan Dixon, ACB; Division H Steve Miller, ACB/ALB;
80 Division I John Salalila, ACB/CL & Susan Schroeder, ACS/ALB.
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82 **ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS:**

83 The District Governor conducted the 2011-2012 elections for the new officers. The
84 candidates competing for the same offices gave a two minute speech before the
85 members voted. In the event of uncontested offices, the District Governor
86 instructed the District Secretary to cast one single ballot. One single ballot was cast
87 by the District Secretary for **Heather Lane** for the uncontested position of **District**
88 **Governor**. Marilyn Albee asked if it was allowable to continue with the other
89 reports while we waited for the ballots results. The Parliamentarian concurred. The
90 results for Lt Governor of Education & Traiing; Joe Kastely 67 votes, & Ida Vance
91 95 votes. **Ida Vance** is the new **Lt. Governor of Education & Training**. The

92 results for the Lt. Governor of Marketing; Maureen Hurley 76 votes & Susan
93 Stillman 87 votes. **Susan Stillman** is the new Lt. Governor of Marketing.
94 Division Governor Offices for **Division A Mark Abramson, Division B Matt**
95 **Budds, Division C Kevin Leistner, Division D Dolores Harris, Division E Paul**
96 **Bednarski, Division F Doreen Dudley, Division G Lawan Dixon, and Division H**
97 **Steve Miller**, were uncontested. One single ballot vote was cast by the District
98 Secretary. They are the new Division Governors. The results for Division I
99 Governor; John Salalia 83 votes & Susan Schroder 79 votes. **John Salalia** is the
100 new **Division I Governor**.

101 102 103 **REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

104 Fall 2010 Audit Report Chair Michael Sabatowski stated the questionable narrative
105 wording in the Fall report had been addressed and the report had been submitted to
106 TI. The updated report was informational only. There were no questions from the
107 membership. Mid-year Audit (ending 12/31/2010) Report Chair, Gayle Lawson,
108 explained the committee's responsibility according to TI's standards. She also
109 explained the financial responsibility rest with the District. The committee
110 determined after auditing the records, which contained minor errors only, the office
111 of District Treasurer should be returned to Jason Schumacher. This report was
112 informational only. There were no questions from the membership.

113 114 **TREASURER'S / BUDGET REPORT:**

115 District Treasurer Jason Schumacher presented an informational report. He
116 explained the requirements set by TI, the deadline date requirements and the
117 consequences for not meeting these deadlines. The District experienced the
118 consequences (frozen bank account). He was able to submit the required
119 delinquent documents within the one-day window allowance by TI via Federal
120 Express. Since TI is now satisfied, D28's money is being released, and all unpaid
121 debt (reimbursements) will be paid. He explained with the District not having an
122 operational cash flow was able to survive because several District members
123 financed D28 from their personal accounts. He gave a heartfelt thank you. The
124 membership renewals are the same as last year. This is due to the economy. The
125 Fall Conference showed a surplus. Marketing expenses are lower this year than
126 last year. A grass roots marketing (which costs less) approach is being utilized.
127 Tony Slawinski (Trend Setters) asked, "Is the District healthy"? Answer – yes.

128 129 **REPORTS BY EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM:**

130 131 **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MARKETING:**

132 Lt Governor Ida Vance described this year's experiences, open houses,
133 membership contests, as well as those who actively promote membership. She
134 stated the position is challenging as well as inspiring although it is too much for one
135 person. Ida also praised those clubs who are working and have worked diligently
136 on memberships retentions.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

Lt. Governor Heather Lane gave the latest Educational District's stats. The District has 97 leadership awards the goal is 116. The District has 61 AC awards the goal was 46. The District has 141 CC's and the goal is 162. She thanked everyone who has worked hard this year. The Educational and Training date announcement will be soon.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:

Officer elections should be conducted by the first week in May and submitted by June 30, 2010. May 15, 2011 is when the treasurer audits are due. Area Governor Visits Reports are also due this month. The District is also down 540 membership payments. She encouraged the clubs to keep working on educational goals. Vera also thank the many members who assisted this year with keeping the District on track and assisting the leadership.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Saturday, November 5, 2011, Park Inn Hotel, Toledo, Ohio

ADJOURNMENT: Karen Holland (Speak OUT) moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned @ 3:30pm.

Signature: *Michele R. Pierrie*

Approved: Corrected