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**Toastmasters International  
District 28 Spring Business Conference  
District Business Meeting- April 21, 2018  
The Westin – Southfield Michigan**

***Call to order 1:50***

Mike Carter District 28 Director opened the meeting and read the district mission

***Introduction of Chairs Principal Meeting Assistants***

John Schmidt, District Logistics Manager  
Joel Book, Parliamentarian  
Chris Watson, Acting Administrative Manager

***Credentials Report***

Jason Schumacher, DTM, PDG

A quorum is present.

The District has 111 clubs in good standing or 222 votes total. A quorum constitutes  $\frac{1}{3}$  of those votes, which is 74. Present at the meeting are 98 club votes plus 18 District Executive Council votes.

Total votes: 116  
Majority vote is 58  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  majority is 78

Motion to approve Credentials Committee report: Bonnie Hilberer, Canton Communicators,  
Motion was seconded and approved.

***Chair recognition of District Leaders***

Harold Vroman, Financial Manager  
Kim Purohit, Program Quality Director  
Kristie Stocker, Club Growth Director

***Agenda***

Adopted by acclamation

***Minutes of last meeting***

Correction from Harold Vroman, District Finance Manager: Line 41, correct number to 57  
Motion to approve minutes as corrected: Jeff Hagan, Windsor, 6416  
Motion seconded and approved.

***Confirmation of Appointment of District Officers***

50 District Director filled vacancies for Program Quality Director, Division C Director, and Area 13  
51 director.

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53 Motion to approve appointments by Brian Laskey, Fairlane Toastmasters  
54 Motion seconded and approved.

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### 56 ***Report of the Realignment Committee***

57 Chair David Bonner

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59 Committee chair recognizes the hard work of the committee who diligently worked on this  
60 important task. The purpose of their work is to make sure that the divisions and areas within the  
61 district are well balanced.

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63 District Director took over and explained the report, which includes clubs that are suspended  
64 and/or folded. Report also has current prospective clubs listed and their prospective areas  
65 assigned.

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67 Areas must have at least 3 clubs with a concentrated effort to build a 4th club. Maximum is 6  
68 clubs.

69 Divisions must have a minimum of 3 areas. Maximum of 6 areas to a Division.

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71 Motion by Doug Switzer, Findlay Old Millstream moves to realign Great Eastern to Area 1 and  
72 Bowling Green to Area 2 for travel purposes to assist the Area Director. Motion seconded,  
73 discussed, and carried.

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75 Isabella Muscott, Michigan Toastmasters moves that Sweetwater Toastmasters realigns to area  
76 11 and that Terumo be assigned to area 12. Motion seconded.

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78 There is a close relationship with Michigan, Sweetwater, and Washtenaw

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80 Harold Vroman, Finance Manager asked for a clarification. Mike Carter explained that there are  
81 other clubs that have synergy and with the move this will preserve that team energy under the  
82 same area director.

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84 Roger Julie, Optimistic Orators recommends the change

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86 Marilyn Albee, Optimistic Orators asked if it makes sense geographically.

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88 Isabelle Muscott explained the geographic layout of the clubs.

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90 Margret McAuley, Odett School of Business Toastmasters asked, "How does that affect  
91 Wolverine Toastmasters? Would that leave it out?"

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93 Claudia Scott, Detroit Rocks inquired if the move would effect on the other clubs? It makes  
94 sense for 3 clubs but is there good balance with the other clubs?

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96 Voice vote was inconclusive. Call for a ballot vote.

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98 Total yes: 60  
99 No: 16  
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101 Motion Carries  
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103 Move from Marilyn Albee, Optimistic Orators to move a club from 23 to 21  
104 Rick Durling, Division E Director reports Momentum Toastmasters has suspended  
105 Paul Anderson, Northeastern Club asks if there another club forming in those areas?  
106 Teza Searcy, Detroit rocks reports that they have until June 30th of 2018 to charter. It is still in  
107 process.  
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109 Motions w/drawn  
110 Body approves  
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112 Greg Stockton, Ford Toastmasters moves that Credible Communicators stay in area 36 and  
113 Ford Direct be placed in 37. Credible Communicators is a corporate club. Ford Direct is a  
114 dealers club.  
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116 Motion seconded and carried  
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118 Paul Anderson, Northeastern Club moves that realignment be approved as amended  
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120 Motion seconded and carried.  
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122 ***Nominating Committee Report***  
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124 LaShon Bowers, Chair  
125 Karen Lyke  
126 Dolores Harris  
127 Adrian White  
128 Grant Holiday  
129 Mark Rogers  
130 Jane Brown  
131 Stacy Coleman  
132 Darla Delaire  
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134 NC chair gave the nomination committee report and thanks the members of the committee for  
135 all of their efforts.  
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137 Presents slate:  
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139 District Director: Shirley Thomas  
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141 Program Quality Director: Kim Purohit  
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143 Club Growth Director: Bill Hester  
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145 Division A Director: Tamara Revesz  
146 Division C Director: Sadhana Alangar

147 Division D Director: Jerome Maben  
148 Division E Director: Teza Searcy  
149 Division F Director: Diane Xu  
150 Division G Director: Liz Cezat  
151 Division H Director: Greg Stockton  
152 Division I Director: Jeff Hagen

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154 There were no floor nominations. A single vote was cast for all nominations and leadership  
155 slater was elected by acclimation.

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157 *Audit committee report*

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159 Submitted by Brian Laskey under separate cover.

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161 Harold Vroman, Finance Manager: there is a correction about December to the audit report.  
162 Chair agrees to amend the report and repost the correction

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164 Gayle Lawson Monroe Club moves it be approved as amended

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166 Motion seconded and approved

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168 ***Finance Report***

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170 Harold Vroman, District Finance Manager presented the finance report under separate cover.

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172 Margaret McAuley, Odette School of Business Toastmasters: Question about Meetup Pro  
173 monies budgeted but not spent. It was explained that the bill had yet to be received and would  
174 be paid in the next cycle.

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176 Paul Anderson, Northeastern Club: Asked about turning over finances from the speaker's  
177 bureau to the Finance Manager and wondered what the status was.

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179 Finance Manager has received the records from the previous year for the S.B. and it was a  
180 break even proposition. It was not included in the current reporting cycle because the records  
181 were not in the current fiscal year. There has been no turn over from the S. B. for this reporting  
182 period.

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184 District Director did look at some out of pocket expenses from the previous reporting period and  
185 those expenses, (including some video expenses), were handled. No other expenses have  
186 been incurred to date but some may be incurred later in the year (June).

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188 ***Speakers Bureau Report***

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190 Renette Gordon from the Speakers Bureau was recognized to give her report. The S.B. is  
191 trying to align with the goal of Learn, Lead, and Prosper. Our speakers are leaders. We offer  
192 opportunities for speakers to move outside of their club and share their vision with the  
193 community. Our vision is that every speaker finds their best finds their best and unique voice,  
194 that every speaker hones their impactful message, that every speaker experiences opportunities  
195 to speak to impact. Our mission is to build speakers to be professional speakers, to build the  
196 S.B. to represent our district, that we serve the speakers, the clubs, the district and the

197 community. We have already sent several people into the community and clubs. We have  
198 discovered that our operations and resources were strained. We found that were too many  
199 requests. We have done a reset and put up a website that can be used as a portal to help us  
200 put in place our infrastructure. We are moving forward to build a system that allows us to serve  
201 our community and speakers.

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203 ***General Motion to Suspend Reports***

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205 Al Albee, Laff Out Loud Club moves that we suspend the leadership reports and that they be  
206 posted on line

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208 Motion seconded and approved

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210 ***Announcements***

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212 ***Meeting Adjourned***

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