

1 Toastmasters International – District 28
2 District Council Meeting – March 30, 2019
3 Radisson Hotel at U T Medical Center, Toledo, OH
4 District Director Shirley Thomas, DTM Presiding
5 Administration Manager, Marilyn Albee
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7 Meeting called to order at 1:20 p.m.
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9 Welcome by District Director, Shirley Thomas, DTM.
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11 One change to the agenda: Vera Johnson will be presenting the Finance Manager Report
12 and the proposed by-law change.
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14 Rules of the Day

15 Those wishing to speak

- 16 - Raise hand and wait to be recognize. Must have a ballot.
- 17 - give Name and Club Number
- 18 - 1 minute limit, speak to an issue only once
- 19 - Timer, Sergeant at Arms, John Fortin, ACS, ALB
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21 Head table introductions: Parliamentarian, Joel Book, EC3; Public Relations Manager,
22 Linda Anger, DTM; Administration Manager, Marilyn Albee, DTM, PDG; Club Growth
23 Director, Mike Carter, DTM, PDD; Program Quality Director, Kim Purohit, DTM; Vera
24 Johnson, DTM, PID (presenting Financial Report);
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26 The District Mission was read by Michael Carter
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28 **Credentials report** presented by Past District Governor, Gloria Hamilton, DTM – Quorum
29 present.

- 30 • Currently 121 clubs in the District
- 31 • 41 clubs required for a quorum
- 32 • 51 clubs represented
- 33 • 102 club votes + 19 DEC member votes = 121 total votes
- 34 • Simple majority – 61 votes; Super majority – 81 votes
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36 District Director, Shirley Thomas, asked if any changes to the agenda. The agenda was
37 adopted as changed.
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39 **Minutes of the previous council meeting**, April 21, 2018, were reviewed. DD, Shirley
40 Thomas (instead of Administration Manager, Marilyn Albee as printed on agenda) asked if
41 any corrections. Rik Durling, Club #1196053, moved to accept the minutes as corrected.
42 Motion seconded and carried.

- Corrections: Teza Searcy Line 106 – Detroit Rocks should be Macomb Motivators
- Question: Sarah Krafty, should the date in line 106 be 2019 not 2018? No. These are the minutes from 2018 Spring Council meeting.

Confirmation of Appointed District Officers: Area 12 Director, Lawrence Moebs, Area 13 Director, Roger Julie, Area 31 Director, Satish Vemuri; Area 37 Director, Al Albee; Area 41 Director, John Salalila; Area 42 currently vacant; CGD, Mike Carter. Jerome Maben, Club #1095081, moved to accept the Appointed District Officers. Motion seconded and carried.

Realignment of District Clubs – report presented by Committee Chair, Tammy Revesz, DTM. Committee chair recognized the hard work of the committee: Jeff Kirsch, the eight Division Directors, Marilyn and Al Albee.

- Division A realigned to balance geographically and when clubs meet.
- Division C realigned to balance geographically and club strength
- Division D & G – geographic rebalancing. PASA FH Toastmasters to Division G, Area 33
- Division E rebalanced due to Optimistic Orators moving to Division D, Area 18 and the possible folding of Ducker Worldwide
- Division H – changed from 4 areas to 3. Area 37 being eliminated due to the pending folding of Ford Direct club. BASF Southfield to Division D, Area 19
- Divisions F & I – no changes
- A summary of newly formed clubs (Panasonic Automotive Systems of America, WTC Toastmasters, and Macomb Motivators) and 6 clubs in suspended status.

Discussion: Area 41 Director, John Salalila, - 2 clubs in danger of folding (Odette School of Business and Windsor TSO); however, it is possible that Odette may try to reform as a club open to all at the University of Windsor. Should Division I be realigned now?

Answer: No. This is March 30. Nothing happens until April 1. This may be dealt with at the next virtual? meeting.

Jerome Maben, Club #1095081, moved to accept the Realignment as presented. Motion seconded and carried.

Audit Report – presented by Committee Chair, Steve Miller, DTM.

Audit committee met March 9: Steve Miller, DTM; Vera Johnson, DTM, PID; Joel Book, EC3

Committee findings:

- Records were very well documented and organized. There were no missing receipts
- More documentation needed for deposits, especially cash.
- Include the bank statement for month following audit term.

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- Match packing slips to reserve charges
 - Members and especially clubs should cash their checks promptly.
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89 Point of Order: Arlene Rahm-Scherf, Club #1402, the audit report should be approved.

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91 Gayle Lawson, Club #1661, moved to accept the audit report as presented. Motion
92 seconded and carried.

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94 **Finance Manager Report** – presented by Vera Johnson, DTM, PID

- The district is in a healthy position
 - Balance sheet & Profit & Loss statement presented under separate
96 cover (copy attached)
 - Conference predicted to make a \$1,000 - \$2,000 profit
 - Membership revenue, provided by WHQ, is fairly close
 - WHQ encourages us to use fund raising to pay for outside speakers
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102 Question: Renette Gordon, Club #2883, about conference sponsors and fund raising.

103 Did they give money? Where is that money? Answer by PQD, Kim Purohit – that

104 information will be provided by conference chair, Chris Watson. The fund

105 raising/sponsorship money for the conference is in the conference accounting.

106 Mary Natvig, Club #6888389, several of the sponsors were for the T-shirts.

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108 Point of Order: Arlene Rahm-Scherf, Club #1402, the finance report is never approved.

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110 **Pathways Assistance Committee Report** - presented by Ray Rivero, DTM.

- As of the end of February, 59.6% of District 28 Toastmasters have signed
111 up for Pathways
 - The number of Pathways awards has grown. Last year there were only 54
112 certificates awarded. Right now, there have been 223 certificates
113 awarded. That represents over half of the education awards given out this
114 year.
 - Effective Coaching and Presentation Mastery are the most popular paths
115 selected.
 - There are already 6 completed paths and one Pathways mentoring
116 certificate awarded within the district.
 - 59 out of 121 clubs do not have any members who have completed even
117 one level in Pathways
 - Help is available on the District 28 Pathways website and Facebook page.
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125 **Election Process** – explained by DD, Shirley Thomas

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127 **District Leadership Committee Report**

128 Committee members:

129 Al Albee, DTM, PDG – Chair
130 Paul Anderson, DTM
131 Steve Cornell, ACS, ALB
132 Staci Irvin, ACS, ALB
133 Jeff Kirsch, DTM, PDG
134 Steve Miller, DTM
135 Sue Stamm, CC, CL
136 Von White, CC, ALB
137 Brian Wood, DTM

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139 **Nominees for 2019-2020 District Offices**

140 District Director Kim Purohit, DTM
141 Program Quality Director William Moylan, DTM
142 Club Growth Director..... Rennette Gordon, DTM
143 Division A Director Tamara (Tammy) Revesz, DTM
144 Division C Director Judith Julie, ACS, ALB, IP5
145 Division D Director Marvin Pitts, CC, CL
146 Division E Director Ray Rivero, DTM
147 Division F Director Eric George, CC, CL
148 Veronica Obianwu, ACG, ALB
149 Division G Director Vera Johnson, DTM, PID
150 Division H Director Brian Kubacki, ACS, ALB
151 Division I Director

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153 No nominees from the floor for District Director. Bill Moylan, Club #5089, moved that the
154 Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Kim Purohit. Motion seconded and carried.
155 Shirley Thomas declared Kim Purohit elected as District Director

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157 No nominees from the floor for Program Quality Director. Kim Kensler, Club #2870011,
158 moved that the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for William Moylan. Motion
159 seconded and carried. Shirley Thomas declared William Moylan elected as Program
160 Quality Director.

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162 No nominees from the floor for Club Growth Director. John Salalila, Area 41 Director,
163 moved that the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Rennette Gordon. Motion
164 seconded and carried. Shirley Thomas declared Rennette Gordon elected as Club Growth
165 Director

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167 John Salalila, Area 41 Director, nominated himself from the floor for Division I Director.
168 Cara Arildsen, Club #664, moved that the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for
169 John Salalila. Motion seconded and carried (one Nay vote). Shirley Thomas declared
170 John Salalila elected as Division I Director.

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172 No nominees from the floor for Division H Director. Steve Miller, Club #8085, moved that
173 the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Brian Kubacki. Motion seconded and
174 carried. Shirley Thomas declared Brian Kubacki elected as Division H Director.

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176 No nominees from the floor for Division G Director. Rik Durling, Club #1196053, moved
177 that the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Vera Johnson. Motion seconded
178 and carried. Shirley Thomas declared Vera Johnson elected as Division G Director.

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180 No additional nominations from the floor for the opposed position of Division F Director.
181 Candidates Eric George and Veronica Obianwu each presented a 2 minute speech. Vote
182 by secret ballot: Veronica Obianwu – 101; Eric George – 15. Shirley Thomas declared
183 Veronica Obianwu elected as Division F Director.

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185 No nominees from the floor for Division E Director. Arlene Rahm-Scherf, Club #1402,
186 moved that the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Ray Rivero. Motion
187 seconded and carried. Shirley Thomas declared Ray Rivero elected as Division E Director.

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189 No nominees from the floor for Division D Director. Heather Lane, Club #1380, moved that
190 the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Marvin Pitts. Motion seconded and
191 carried. Shirley Thomas declared Marvin Pitts elected as Division D Director.

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193 No nominees from the floor for Division C Director. Steve Cornell, Club #6563, moved that
194 the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Judy Julie. Motion seconded and
195 carried. Shirley Thomas declared Judy Julie elected as Division C Director.

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197 No nominees from the floor for Division A Director. Karen Smith, Area 32 Director, moved
198 that the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for Tammy Revesz. Motion seconded
199 and carried. Shirley Thomas declared Tammy Revesz elected as Division A Director.

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201 **District Leadership reports:**

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203 Public Relations Manager, Linda Anger, DTM

204 • During this district year, Linda's mission is to work with the club PR officers to help
205 them understand the TI branding, the use of the TI and District 28 websites, and
206 that they have access to a wide variety of tools.

207 • A media list has been purchased to be used sparingly

208 • The Bridge district newsletter is an important part of our communication within the
209 district. Many corporate club members don't receive the newsletter because they
210 are using their corporate email addresses. It was asked that corporate club
211 members sign up to receive the newsletter and change to a personal email
212 address.

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214 CGD, Mike Carter, DTM, PDD

- 215 • 3 clubs have been chartered this year: WTC Toastmasters; PASA – FH Toastmasters;
- 216 Macomb Motivators.
- 217 • 8 clubs are disbanding.
- 218 • Several club coaches have been assigned. There has been a club coach training. 37
- 219 clubs are still eligible for a club coach.
- 220 • 14 club leads in process.
- 221 • Club Growth team recognized:
- 222 ○ LaShon Bowers - Club Extension Chair
- 223 ○ Ryan Morton - Club Quality
- 224 ○ John Schmidt – Club Coach
- 225 ○ Eunice Marks – Admin Mgr.

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227 PQD, Kim Purohit, DTM

- 228 • The other part of the district mission is helping clubs achieve excellence.
- 229 • Last year we had TLIs in Toledo, Dearborn and Chatham. No make-up TLI in
- 230 Dearborn because not enough attendance. There were make-up TLIs in Macomb
- 231 county and Toledo. 8 clubs had 7 officers trained; 9 clubs had 6 officers trained. 101
- 232 clubs (81% participated).
- 233 • Winter TLIs numbers are different. Chatham TLI was postponed due to weather. 51
- 234 clubs with 4 or more officers trained. Out of 124 clubs, 87 (70%) participated.
- 235 • No actual distinguished clubs yet because it's not yet April 1; however, there are 60
- 236 possible to be distinguished. Some clubs have the goals but need the membership.
- 237 • Contest season lessons learned will be gone over. This year we had Table Topics
- 238 contest in addition to the International Speech; **next year (inaudible).**
- 239 • Additional workshop coming up in April on Parliamentary Procedure at Schoolcraft
- 240 College.

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242 DD, Shirley Thomas, DTM

- 243 • We have been working hard toward being distinguished.
- 244 • Shirley and the District are listening!
- 245 • “EARIE” awards have been given to DEC members who are listening
- 246 • To ensure that there is clear, consistent communication to the clubs, there have been
- 247 Town Halls.
- 248 • There have been district-wide training session on contests and judging. Next year,
- 249 there are plans to have a contestant workshop.
- 250 • In club growth, there are more clubs coaching workshops coming up.

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252 **New Business – Resolution to Amend the District Bylaws** – Vera Johnson, DTM, PID

253 Summary: The resolution is to ensure a smooth transition of information between and

254 among district officers from year to year. Copy of the Resolution attached.

255 Point of Order: Chair recognized Arlene Rahm-Scherf, Club #1402 – The Resolution is a

256 Standing Rule not a change to the bylaws.

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258 Arlene Rahm-Scherf, Club #1402, moved that the district adopt the resolution as presented by
259 Jason Schumacher. Motion seconded.

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261 Discussion:

- 262 • Nancy Zychowicz, Club #8109, moved to amend the resolution that all information cited
263 be transferred no later than June 30...with the exception of financial invoices... (entire
264 text attached. **Motion to amend seconded and carried.**
 - 265 ○ CGD, Mike Carter indicated that this is a best-practices issue. It would be
266 up to the DEC members to carry this out in the timeline indicated;
267 however, there are really no 'teeth'.
 - 268 ○ Steve Cornell, Club #6563 – What happens if somebody doesn't do this?
 - 269 ○ Gerry Gordon, Club #726 – **Move to further amend the resolution to**
270 **add a check list so that nothing is missed. Motion seconded. Voice**
271 **vote inconclusive. Vote by holding up ballots. Motion carried 53**
272 **aye; 42 nay.**
 - 273 ▪ Bill Moylan, Club #5089 – this is micro-managing. Every year there
274 is a reorganizing. What worked for one Area Director, may not
275 work in subsequent years.
 - 276 ▪ Doug Switzer, Club #1563 – (inaudible)
 - 277 ▪ Heather Lane, Club #1380 – observation: This is something we
278 teach in district training to pass on information.

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280 Motion to adopt the Resolution as amended carried.

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282 Announcement by Renette Gordon, CGD-elect. If you would like to be on one of the club
283 growth committees next year, please let her know.

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285 CGD, Mike Carter - moved to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded and carried.