

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Abraham Fuller, Acting Sergeant at Arms, at 10:21 am.

Invocation and Pledge

Tony Gartner, District Governor, gave a prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was distributed and approved. Jerry Hoeflein, Parkland Area Toastmasters Club #93005, made a motion to accept the agenda as provided. The motion was seconded by Lydia Pochedly, West County Club #2905.

Secretary Minutes

The minutes were distributed to the members for review and approval. Jacquie Vick, Primary Conversations Club #1159447, requested that her name be spelled correctly in the minutes. Kathryn Mokriakow requested that Script Master be corrected into two separate words. Carole Breckner requested that her first name be corrected to Carole. She also noted that Kevin Desrosier's name was misspelled. Dori Drummond asked that the name Mid-Mo Advanced Club be stricken and replaced with Downtown Club. Sly Brooks questioned the date. Lora Mather explained that these minutes were from the last membership meeting which included Club Presidents and their proxies. Lydia Pochedly, West County Club #2905, moved to accept the minutes as amended. Jacquie Vick, Primary Conversations Club #1159447, seconded the motion. The motion to accept the minutes was verbally affirmed.

Quorum Report from IPDG

Mary Kerwin, substituting for Barbara Kryvko, IPDG, announced that forty (40) clubs were present. With eighty (80) officers present, this constituted a quorum of 75% (60) for this meeting.

Re-alignment Report & Discussion

Dan Darnall distributed the list of clubs and maps. He opened with remarks about this year's growth. He explained minor changes to the map. He provided highlights of the re-alignment map. He also reminded the membership that if the plan was not approved, then a special meeting must be called before June 30. The district's goal was to have six clubs in every area. One has four and one has seven. Dan asked for any questions about the plan. No questions. Then Dan opened the floor for pros and cons of the plan. Vern Beckman, O'Fallon Club #994 & Fairview Heights Club #4206, was recognized and he expressed that he was vehemently opposed the proposed changes. He would have liked his club members to have been consulted as soon as the plan was available. The plan presented was changed from the proposed plan on the website. Dori Drummond explained that TI started enforcing the minimum requirement of four (4) clubs per area. Julie Wilberg, Square Talkers Club #673982, was recognized and expressed her position that this plan can be successful when club members stand together. Jane Clark, SLU Masters Club #778, was recognized and asked a question about the effect that the plan will have on contests. For example, District allows two contests from each clubs to compete in areas with four or less clubs. With the increase in clubs per area, it may lessen the camaraderie, since only one contestant will be eligible for the area contest, instead of two contestants per club. Dan Darnall commented that this plan allows for Division C to have a fourth area next year with more club growth. He also reminded us that we need the changes to support our

clubs and members. A suggestion was made to delay the vote. Dan reminded the members that a special meeting will need to happen in the next two weeks. The plan must be submitted to TI by the end of June. Nancy Jones expressed concern that the clubs were not given time, would an e-mail vote be acceptable. Dan answered that there was no quorum today. Then the vote would be taken and then have to be mailed out for agreement by the clubs not present. The vote must be done in person initially.

Division C Governor, Margaret Walker, expressed that Division C clubs were contacted about the plan changes. She explained that the Division C club members, after discussion, understood to need to consolidate to avoid losing an area, if a club should falter. She expressed her approval of the realignment plan.

Dan Darnall, as Acting Realignment Committee Chair, made the motion to call for a paper ballot vote. The ballots were collected by Acting SSA, Abraham Fuller. Mary Kerwin solicited assistance for the vote counting and reported the count to the District Governor and Secretary for recording as 88 votes as Yes and 8 votes for No. This was a total of 96 votes. The re-alignment vote was affirmative.

Nominations and Election of District Officers

Tony introduced Dan Darnall as the acting Nominations Committee Chair, substituting for Barbara Kryvko, IPDG. Dan began by asking for nominations from the floor for Division E. Curtis Scroggins was nominated by Frank Yates, Area 7 Governor. Frank Yates confirmed that Curtis Scroggins accepted the nomination prior to the meeting. Dan Darnall closed the nominations. Nancy Jones, Speechcraft Chair, motioned for the District Secretary to cast a single vote for this nominee. Jane Clark, SLU Masters Club #778, seconded the motion. Dan proposed the nomination of Tom Ahillen as Division F Governor from the nominations committee. Nancy Jones, Speechcraft Chair, motioned for the District Secretary to cast a single vote for this nominee. Jerry Hoeflein seconded the motion. Dan called for the vote and it was affirmed. Dan opened the floor for nominations per the TI policy for Division C Governor. Dori Drummond nominated Randy Lanning. Dori confirmed that Randy Lanning accepted the nomination prior to the meeting. Nancy Jones, Speechcraft Chair, motioned for the District Secretary to cast a single vote for this nominee. Abraham Fuller, Acting SSA, seconded the motion. Dan called for the vote and it was affirmed. Dan proposed the nomination of Kathryn Mokriakow as Division B Governor. Dan called for nominations from the floor per TI Policy. Diana Ross, Maritz Club #7953, motioned for the District Secretary to cast a single vote for this nominee. Lydia Pochedly, West County Club #2905, seconded. Dan called for the vote and it was affirmed. Dan proposed the nomination of Carole Breckner as Division A Governor. Dan opened the floor for nominations per the TI policy then closed the nominations. Nancy Jones, Speechcraft Chair, motioned for the District Secretary to cast a single vote for this nominee. Jacquie Vick, Primary Conversations Club #1159447, seconded the motion. Dan called for the vote and it was affirmed.

The top three candidates as slated by the nominating committee requested a moment to speak to the members prior to the elections. Dan proposed John Barry as a candidate for Lt. Gov. Marketing by the committee. John Barry spoke about his previous role as Chairman of the new clubs committee. He sought the vote for this position.

Dan opened the floor for nominations. Eileen Roth, Division F Governor, was nominated from the floor anonymously. She accepted the nomination and was given an opportunity to speak to the members.

Dan called for nominations per TI policy and closed the nominations. The membership voted by paper ballot. Abraham Fuller, Acting SSA and Sly Brooks, Area 19 Governor, collected the ballots. Mary Kerwin, Policy Committee Chair and Steve counted the ballots. Dan offered Eileen Roth and John Barry the opportunity to have a representative observe the ballot counting. Julie Wilberg represented Eileen Roth. Jacquie Vick represented John Barry. Mary Kerwin reported the vote count as John Barry, 58 votes and Eileen Roth, 32 votes. John Barry was elected.

Dan proposed Tim Spezia as the slate candidate for Lt. Gov Education & Training. Dan explained that with his selection by the nominations committee, Dan did not need to make the formal call for nominations from the floor. Nancy Jones, Speechcraft Chair, motioned for the District Secretary to cast a single vote for this nominee. Jennifer Merritt seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken and it was affirmative. Tim was given two minutes to address the members as Lt. Gov. Education & Training-elect.

District Governor Candidate Dori Drummond was given two minutes to address the members. She recognized the new growth that has occurred. Dori explained that she plans to appoint a membership retention chair with equal representation from the divisions. She also shared that she has area governor appointees ready to serve. Nancy Jones, Speechcraft Chair, motioned for the District Secretary to cast a single vote for this nominee. Dossie Randle, seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken and the affirmatives were loudest, the motion passed.

Tony Gartner introduced Dietmar Wagenknecht, DTM, PID as a candidate for 3rd vice president of TI. He spoke about change and the courage to speak about deficiencies and then change those deficiencies. He sought the members vote for his candidacy for 3rd Vice President of Toastmaster's International.

Mid-Year Audit Report & Treasurer's Report

Tony Gartner introduced Tom Coscia. Tom presented and explained the mid-year audit report. Dan Darnall, Area 9 Governor, made the motion to accept the report. Carole Breckner, Jeffco Challengers Club #9903, seconded the motion. The vote was taken and in favor of accepting the report.

Tom also presented and explained the March Treasurer's Report. Lydia Pochedly, West County Club #2905, moved to accept. Dianna Ross, Maritz Club #7953, seconded the motion. A verbal vote was taken and the result was affirmative for accepting the report.

Announcements:

Lieutenant Governor Marketing – Tim Spezia

Tim announced that donations were being accepted for the charter fee for the Persons Between Jobs Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned by Tony Gartner.