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District Director
District 31

District 31 District Council Business Meeting Meeting Minutes May 12, 2018

The District Council business meeting convened on May 12, 2018 at the Conference Center at Bentley University in Waltham, MA at 8:08am, with Anna Kaufman, District Director, presiding. At the table, Stefano McGhee (Parliamentarian and Immediate Past District Director), and Rob Ristagno (Administration Manager).

1. Review District Mission
2. Introductions
 - a. Head Table introduced
 - b. Recognized past International Directors, past District Directors and Governors, as well as other dignitaries
3. Informational items
 - a. Meeting Minutes from Fall approved (no questions or changes)
 - b. Audit report (no questions)
 - c. Q3 Profit and Loss report
 - i. Question: Ed Stangler from Quannapowitt Club asked how deficit is made up. Answer: From prior net gains
 - d. Sales Tax Update – RI exemption not pursued based on intervention from Toastmasters International. MA exemption renewed.
 - i. Question: Travis Ouellette from Fall River Innovators asked why. Answer: International wants to handle it
 - ii. Comment: Jan Wheeler from IDS Toastmasters Club – plans to lobby RI government
 - iii. Question: Karen Tausch from BUMC – will you be transparent? Answer: Yes
 - iv. Question: Jesse Welty from Boston Toastmasters. It's not possible due to regulations in RI and we shouldn't pursue based on email from International. Is that true? Answer: Yes
4. Credentials Committee report from Dave Burton
 - a. Number of active clubs (as of May 1) is 169. Each club receives 2 votes meaning a total of 338 votes
 - b. To achieve quorum we need 1/3, which is 113 votes
 - c. 152 club votes (President, VP Education, or proxy) have been claimed as of this morning
 - d. 39 votes from members of the District Executive Committee
 - e. Total Votes = 191
 - f. Therefore, 96 needed for a majority or 128 needed for 2/3 majority
 - g. Question: Travis Ouellette from Fall River Innovators asked why not 200 from the District dashboard. Answer: Only active clubs count
5. Voting
 - a. Confirm District leader appointees since Fall Conference Business Meeting. Rebecca Rhoads from Providence Toastmasters makes motion to confirm, Seconded. No objection. Motion passes.
 - b. Alignment Committee Report, reported by Sara Adair, Alignment Committee Chair.
 - i. Question: Merrill Winoker from Ocean State Club. For Division G, how many clubs per Area Director? Answer: Most are 4 but one is 5

- ii. Question: Hilary Wilson from Articulators Club. TI says minimum 4 clubs per area – 3 ok if there is a process in place to charter a fourth. Right now a few areas only have 3 clubs. Is there a process in place? Answer: There are efforts across the District, not necessarily in each of these 3 areas specifically. Surrounding areas could be realigned. We are considering future growth, but there are so many moving parts, we are taking the info we have and making decisions based on that. Hilary advocated moving to 5 per area instead. Response: More opportunities for leadership roles and joint contents work better with an even number of areas per division. Hilary doesn't agree these are reasons to allow areas with 3 clubs. We don't expect to have any two club areas. Hilary has one other suggestion: switch Early Risers and Village. Answer: geographic considerations. Former Division E Director Lyson Ludvic did not have an issue with the travel.
 - iii. Question: Judy Lipperman from Winchester Toastmasters. How many are in the Winchester area? Answer: three, used to be four. What should a club expect of an Area Director? Answer: Area Director (AD) in your area had to step down. Club should reach out to AD if they don't hear from him/her. If you can't contact AD, talk to Division Director, then escalate to Trio.
 - iv. Comment: Gina Salcedo, Somerville Toastmasters. Comment about the three club areas given she was on the alignment committee. Five club areas are very burdensome, trying to not make that the norm. Sara was very thorough. This is a legal alignment – Sara really went above and beyond.
 - v. Question: Jim Alley Lakesiders Toastmasters. Some clubs within 2 miles are in two different areas. OSRAM is struggling with no District help. What is defined as an active club? Answer: Active club means 8 paid members with at least 3 renewing from prior term. Some clubs might be below this but are in the process of getting dues paid. Club operations do not change regardless of the area you are in, except who you might be paired with for joint contest. If OSRAM is looking for help, District may be able to assign a coach. Comment from Jim: Presidents should know how areas are run.
 - vi. Question: Travis Ouellette from Fall River Innovators. For F and G, why are clubs that are close have different divisions? Answer: Keep them in division that helped them to charter.
 - vii. Question: George Manoogian Spirited Speakers. Phoenix Toastmasters (Prison Club) has no paid members, trying to get that corrected. Voices of Victory paid, Sisters Masters paid. If you are an AD and need to visit a prison club, contact the Director of Treatment and they will give you the info you need to come in. You cannot bring in your paperwork – you need to email it in advance.
 - viii. One change: CA Technologies Club # 2493571 move from Area 93 into Area 25 (replacing NetBrain, not in good standing). Sara Adair making a motion to make the change. Seconded. No objections. Vote to accept the change. No votes opposed. The change passes.
 - ix. Move to main question to approve the amended alignment. Sara Adair moves to approve the alignment. Seconded. 4 votes opposed, all other in favor. The motion carries. The alignment is approved.
- c. District Leadership Committee Report, presented by Stefano McGhee (Immediate Past District Director, Parliamentarian, District Leadership Nomination Chair). Shared Nominations Report. For each candidate, District Director Anna Kaufman announced the nominated candidates, asked for nominations from the floor three times, and for contested elections, introduced candidates to give 2-minute speeches in alphabetical order by last name. Jennifer McGhee is chief ballot counter. Results:

Role	Nominated Candidates	Floor Nominations	Tally	Result
District Director	Gina Salcedo	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Gina Salcedo duly elected
Program Quality Director	Christine Lewis	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Christine Lewis duly elected
Club Growth Director	Anthony Alexander Karen Recore	None	Anthony Alexander: 179 Karen Recore: 24	Anthony Alexander duly elected
Division A Director	None	Tapani Ronni of MITRE Toastmasters nominates Judy Lipperman, nomination declined	To be appointed by District Director, confirmed by District Executive Committee, and approved by District Council at next Business Meeting	Closed

Division B Director	Marc Wey	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Marc Wey duly elected
Division C Director	Shilpa Krishnan	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Shilpa Krishnan duly elected
Division D Director	Trevor Crippen	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Trevor Crippen duly elected
Division E Director	Brian Landry	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Brian Landry duly elected
Division F Director	Sean DaSilva	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Sean DaSilva duly elected
Division G Director	None	Adrienne Haylor from IDS Toastmasters nominates self. Seconded.	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Adrienne Haylor duly elected
Division H Director	Danna Baida Tyler Keegan	None	Danna Baida: 191 Tyler Keegan: 6	Danna Baida duly elected
Division I Director	Joe Pond	None	Administration Manager cast 1 ballot	Joe Pond duly elected

6. Next District Council Meeting: May 18, 2019 at Sheraton Four Points Norwood

Meeting adjourned at 10:06am

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