



District 54 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

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OPENING

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, Logistics Manager, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Gary Vaughn, District Director, welcomed everyone to the DEC meeting and facilitated it.

INSPIRATION

Maryanne Reichelt, DTM, delivered the Inspiration, reminded the group that November is a month for gratitude. She encouraged everyone to give thanks for the blessings in their lives.

OUR DISTRICT VISION, MISSION and CORE VALUES

Dan Kyburz, DTM, read the District Vision, Mission and Core Values.

District Vision

To restore and maintain a dynamic community of 50 clubs, with at least 40% achieving Distinguished status or higher, empowering members in communication and leadership.

District Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

District Core Values

We strive to adhere to the following values:

- Integrity
- Respect
- Service
- Excellence

DISTRICT OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Present	First	Last	Designation	OFFICE
X	Gary	Vaughn	EH3	DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	Wendy	Pesavento	DTM	PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR
X	Estelle	Foster	VC5	CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR
X	Prince	Motiani	DTM	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
X	Ching-Yuan	Su	EH3	ADMINISTRATION MANAGER
	Jason	Heissler	DTM	FINANCE MANAGER
X	Dan	Kyburz	DTM	IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	Maryanne	Reichelt	DTM	LOGISTICS MANAGER, NV
X	Troy	LaPorte	LD2	DIVISION A DIRECTOR
X	Venkat	Chander	TC1	DIVISION B DIRECTOR
X	Rosemary	Nash	LD4	DIVISION C DIRECTOR
X	Ken	Kocher	PM3	DIVISION D DIRECTOR
X	Cece	Wroblewski	DTM	AREA 10 DIRECTOR

X	Mimi	Mieritz	PI2	AREA 11 DIRECTOR
	Chris	Kostelec	MS3	AREA 12 DIRECTOR
X	Dawn	Weber	DL1	AREA 20 DIRECTOR
X	Julia	Issa-Ghantous	PM1	AREA 21 DIRECTOR
	Ann	Warth	DL4	AREA 22 DIRECTOR
	Grey	Adkisson	PM1	AREA 31 DIRECTOR
X	Sherri	Deleonardis	DTM	AREA 32 DIRECTOR
	Dionne	Moore		AREA 30 DIRECTOR
	Katie	Jandeska	SR1	AREA 40 DIRECTOR
	Valerie	Heckman	DL1	AREA 41 DIRECTOR
	Kashaun	Parker		AREA 42 DIRECTOR

15 voting members were present, meeting the quorum requirement of 12. Therefore, a quorum was established for the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gary Vaughn, District Director, reviewed the meeting agenda. The agenda was approved and adopted.

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Ching Yuan Su, Administration Manager, gave a summary of the October meeting minutes. The minutes and related documents are available for review by DEC members on the D54 website. The minutes were approved as read.

Division Reports

The written reports were submitted by the directors, and the verbal reports were presented in the order indicated.

DIVISION A

Troy LaPorte, Division A Director, presented the Division A report. The written report is attached.

- Welcomed 17 new members, completed 25 Educational Levels, and achieved a 73% completion rate for Area Directors' club visits.
- Inspirational Speakers hosted an Open House featuring guest speaker Pierre Paul.
- Advanced Expressions' night of stories had members share their Toastmasters journeys.



Div A Report
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DIVISION B

Venkat Chander, Division B Director, presented the Division B report. The written report is attached.

- Three members earned educational awards in November.
- Three Area Directors' club visit reports have been submitted, with nine additional visits either scheduled or in progress.
- Astounding Communicators will host an Open House on January 7, 2025.



Div B Report
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DIVISION C

Rosemary Nash, Division C Director, presented the Division C Report. The written report is attached.

- All club visits are completed, with reports pending upload.
- All clubs maintain membership levels of 11 or higher.
- Discussions with Area Directors about the speech contests have taken place.



Div C Report
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DIVISION D

Ken Kocher, Division D Director, presented the Division D report. The written report is attached.

- All club visit reports are completed and will soon be uploaded.
- Most clubs are thriving or showing signs of growth.
- The situation at Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce remains unclear.



Div D Report
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PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

Prince Motiani, Public Relations Manager, presented the Public Relations report:

- Requested feedback on his first Dispatch.
- Sought new materials from clubs and divisions for the next dispatch.
- Expressed gratitude to members who contributed content to enrich D54's social media platform.
- Asked members to send photos and event information to prmod54@gmail.com.

District 54 page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/d54tm>

District 54 group on Facebook: <https://www..com/groups/498728804348481>

District 54 website link: <https://d54tm.com/>

District 54 on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/76960127>

District 54 Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCShur7LY30JSNyBcXsl0tXg>

CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR

Estelle Foster, Club Growth Director, presented the Club Growth Director Report. The written report is attached.

- Due to scheduling conflicts, potential collaboration efforts with NSA have been postponed.
- Students from Rockford University have expressed interest in starting a new club and plan to attend the Rock On! Open House event.
- Quad Cities Easy Speakers and Electric Toast are currently suspended. Joliet Jesters has two club coaches to assist with growth, and D54 is reaching out to Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters to offer support.
- The Prison Club Team is collaborating with the Pekin Federal Correctional Education Manager to explore the possibility of establishing a new club.
- Area Directors were encouraged to upload their club visit reports to the TI website to earn applicable credits.



CGD Report
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PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR

Wendy Pesavento, Program Quality Director, presented the Program Quality Director report. The written report is attached.

- The December Area and Division Director training session will focus on supporting clubs with the new Pathways program.
- The district is seeking experienced Toastmasters to lead demo meetings for new clubs.
- Christina Evans will serve as the Dean for Winter TLI South, and Steve Vaccaro will be the Dean for TLI North. D54 is seeking a volunteer to be the Virtual TLI Dean. No prior experience as a TLI Dean is required.
- Gary Vaughn and Karen Walsh will co-host this year's district conference, and Dan Kyburz, DTM, will act as the Speech contest Chair for the District Speech Contest.
- Award recipients who were not able to attend the Hall of Fame event can contact Dan Kyburz to inquire about receiving their awards.



PQD Report
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DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Gary Vaughn, District Director, presented the District Director Report. The written report is attached.

- Commented Area and District Directors for their dedication as the voice of the district, guiding and supporting clubs to grow and thrive.
- As of November, D54 has received 798 membership payments, achieving 50% of this year's payment goal.
- Clubs' achievements are worth celebrating. Let's continue encouraging growth to build a stronger district and meet our goal.
- Several clubs are experiencing low membership. If you are available to assist with demo meetings, club coaching, and other support efforts, please reach out to the Trio.



DD Report
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OLD BUSINESS

- *None*

OPEN DISCUSSION/Q&A

- Maryanne Reichelt suggested contacting TI if the New Pathways system doesn't accept project credits from a legacy path.
- Gary Vaughn addressed the process for uploading club visits reports to the TI website. He encouraged members to contact the Trio with additional questions. The deadline for submitting reports is November 30.
- Gary demonstrated how to use the District Performance Report to monitor membership payments.
- Maryanne Reichelt noted that some members are not completing their Base Camp page after delivering speeches. She suggested reminding members to update their progress on Base Camp to help the club earn credits.
- Wendy Pesavento urged Vice Presidents of Education to encourage members giving speeches regularly.

NEW BUSINESS

- *None*

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Prince Motiani, DTM, offered closing thoughts, encouraging members to make the speech contests a memorable experience, from the club level to the district level.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections, Gary Vaughn, District Director, adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ching Yuan Su
District 54 Administration Manager, 2024-2025