



District 54 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

Virtual Meeting

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OPENING

Call to order Wendy Pesavento, District Director 9am

WELCOME

Wendy Pesavento, District Director, Welcomed everyone and opened up the October 18th DEC meeting.

INSPIRATION

Bonnie Tippey DTM Reading from Robin Sharma book: the wealth money cant buy. 8 hidden habits to run your wealthiest lives.

Go out and 3 simple acts of kindness. 1,080 in a year would be influenced by those acts

Decency has a domino effect

We can improve the world, one person at a time.

OUR DISTRICT VISION, MISSION and CORE VALUES

Wendy Pesavento, 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	Wendy	Pesavento	DTM	DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	Estelle	Foster	VC5	PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR
X	Chris	Kostelec	MS5	CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR
X	Karen	Walch	SR5	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
X	Rosemary	Nash	LD4	ADMINISTRATION MANAGER
X	Elias	Hayes	PM2	FINANCE MANAGER
	Gary	Vaughn	EH5	IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR
	Dan	Kyburz	DTM	LOGISTICS MANAGER
X	Troy	LaPorte	LD2	DIVISION A DIRECTOR

X	Kari	Susairaj	DL2	DIVISION B DIRECTOR
X	Rachel	Berry	DL5	AREA 10 DIRECTOR
	Varad	Chancheepuram	DL5	AREA 11 DIRECTOR
X	Jim	Dickson	DTM	AREA 12 DIRECTOR
X	Tony	Harden	LD2	AREA 13 DIRECTOR
X	Stephen	Enteman	PM4	AREA 14 DIRECTOR
	Linda	Ehman	PM4	AREA 20 DIRECTOR
X	Carol	Loser	DTM	AREA 21 DIRECTOR
	Ann	Warth	DL4	AREA 22 DIRECTOR
X	Ken	Sours	IP4	AREA 23 DIRECTOR
	Jason	Heissler	DTM	AREA 24 DIRECTOR

14 district officers members were present, meeting the quorum requirement of 10. Therefore, a quorum was established for the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Wendy Pesavento – agenda change: Jim Dickson helping with logistics manager today

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Rosemary Nash, Administration Manager, provided a summary of the August 16th meeting minutes. The full minutes are available on the district website.
motion to accept, seconded.

Division Reports

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

DIVISION A

Troy LaPorte

- Rachel Berry A10– completed club visits and club reports
- Tony Harden – his area has a lot going on, very active
 - Lincoln Way Toastmasters Club – great membership 28 members (added 8 members) , 5 DCP goals so far
- Club success plans were submitted
- Visits are still going on. Some reports are still working on being submitted
- 53 new members in the Division A
- Net loss of 44 members after the Oct 1st registration deadline
- Moments of truth conducted – Rock On! Club in September
- Speechcraft with inspiring speakers
- Key City Toastmasters held an Open house event, 11 guests attending

- Toast of the Fox Toastmasters 30th anniversary coming up on Oct 21st
- Rockford Communication League - Oct 29th open hose



Division A October
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DIVISION B

Kari Susairaj

- 22 clubs have at least 1 DCP goals
- 6 have 3 DCP goals completed so far
- 96% of the clubs met the renewal goal
- 41 new members since July
- Thursday Noon Talkers had a 100% renewal
- Most visits scheduled - carol completed all them in the system
- Club success plans over to the A directors
- Mapleton Risers celebrated their 10-year anniversary with an open house
- Forging Leaders are planning a 20-year anniversary celebration on October 20th
- Pimiteoui club had 10 guests attending a recent meeting, which was an open house
- Delightful Greeters, having a Halloween costume meeting



Division B Report
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Finance report

Elias Hayes - Finance Manager, presented his report
\$24,855.73 reserve account balance

Accruals from prior budget have been recategorized and now more accurately represented in the current budget. We budgeted to collect \$918.78 in membership revenue in August and collected \$1712.50, so we are back on track for membership revenue collection for the year.



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Public Relations Manager

Karen Walch - Public Relations Manager presented her report

- mid month sending out an email blast with reminders
- make sure to send any additions to this email blast by today

Club Growth Manager

Chris Kostelec – Club Growth director, presented his report

- Prison club still on hold
- Club retention – Good amount of volunteers for club coaches
- No current leads on new clubs
- Membership had 839 payments in already this year

Program Quality Director

Estelle Foster, Program Quality Director, presented her report

- Working on getting some credit completed for Area Directors that happened outside our D54.
- Required to hit 85% training, 91% of our Area and Division Directors have been trained!
- Christina Evans – organizing speech contest training today
- Nov 30th deadline to submit Round 1 area club visit reports. Only 34% have been submitted.
- Hall of Fame, Fall event 11am-2pm – Nov 8th . Education sessions
- 47 submitted club success plans
- 36 members completed an educational level. Winner: September Tom Willison

The 2nd Virtual TLI will be in December. TLI north Saturday Jan 24th in New Lenox TLI South TBD



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DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Wendy Pesavento, District Director, delivered her report.

On target to becoming distinguished

Made sure everyone knows where the link to our monthly meetings can be found in case you lose the email notice

50 clubs with 48 club payments submitted on time so far in D54. (2 of those clubs owed partial dur to when they were chartered). Brings D54 to total of 843 total individual payments.

Morris Area – moved to Ottawa , did not meet the 8 members

91% area and division directors trained

Speech contest dates are being set:

Clubs: Jan 1 – Feb 15

Area: Feb 16 – March 15

Division: Mar 16 – April 15

District: TBD

Fall conference – Nov 8th – you have to register for. Will be at the Lariat Steakhouse

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought to the floor

OPEN DISCUSSION/Q&A

Wendy - Would like for people to alert the trio if you are getting close to your DTM.

- Steve Vaccaro – finished his last step for his DTM

Discussion about having a Round table for club officers monthly

Clarification given on the realignment moving to 211 and 212

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

CLOSING THOUGHT

Patrick Olson

How to move forward, manage new reality

Make sure we are being our best as leaders

ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Pesavento closed out the meeting 10:05am.

With no objections,

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Nash

District 54 Administration Manager, 2025-2026