

District 54 Council

Meeting Minutes

Saturday May 9, 2020

# *Virtual Zoom Meeting*

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***OPENING***

Frank Hankins, Logistics Manager, called the meeting to order at 9:04am. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***WELCOME***

Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director, welcomed everyone to the 2020 District 54 Council Meeting.

“Happy Saturday Everyone!” He thanked us for putting up with the fun.

This meeting was set up as a Zoom meeting with virtual attendees. He reminded us of the protocols for muting microphones. Only voting delegates can participate in discussions. The chat window is being monitored.

Special welcome for International Director for Region 5, Distinguished Toastmaster, Mohamad Qayoom. Also in attendance were Region 5 Advisors: Cyndi Wilson, Farzana Cohan, and Philip Varon. Distinguished Toastmasters all.

All D54 dignitaries in attendance were introduced.

***INSPIRATIONAL READING***

Garrett Gray provided the inspirational message for the meeting. He shared with us a quote from Jim Rohn: “A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better.” There are only 52 days until this toastmaster year ends. Help out and reach out with great leadership. Challenges are seen as opportunities. Kudos to the Trio. He encouraged us to finish strong.

***OUR VISION and DISTRICT MISSION***

The reading of Our Vision and District Mission was led by Jen Ho, Area 42 Director.

**District Vision**We support all clubs in achieving members goals and strive to form new clubs to spread the Toastmasters mission.

**District Mission**We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

***ADOPTION OF AGENDA***

Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director, reviewed the agenda for the meeting, it was provided in advance via email and on the District 54 website. Attached here for reference:



Without objection, the agenda was adopted.

Officials for the meeting:

Timer: Logistics Manager: Frank Hankins, member of Morris Area Toastmasters, Club 4290.

Credentials Committee Chair: Distinguished Toastmaster, Tony Koury. Tony is a member of Mapleton Risers, Club 4873195.

***CREDENTIALS REPORT***

Tony Koury, DTM, IPDD, Credentials Committee Chair, presented the Credentials Committee Report. There are 61 eligible clubs in the District. Each club in good standing with two votes each for 122 club votes. One third is needed for a quorum or 41 votes. There were 48 recorded. There is a quorum. In addition, there are 19 DEC members voting.

Without objection, the credentials report was adopted.

***ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER***

Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director, explained the voting procedures and election rules for the Council meeting. Attached for reference:



These rules were on the website for two weeks prior to the meeting. No vote approval needed.

***DISTRICT OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE***

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Present | First | Last | Designation | Office |
| Y | CHRIS | BOYK | DTM | DISTRICT DIRECTOR |
| Y | BALA | SREEDHARAN | DTM | PQD |
| Y | ANDREA | GLUCK | ACB, ALB | CGD |
| Y | RON | KORTE | VC1 | PRM |
| Y | DEBRA K | TOOHILL | DTM | ADMINISTRATION MANAGER |
| N | RABAH | SEFFAL | ACS | FINANCE MANAGER |
| Y | TONY | KOURY | DTM | IPDD |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Y | STEVE | COHEN | PM3 | DIVISION A DIRECTOR |
| Y | JAI | JAYARAMAN | CC, CL | DIVISION B DIRECTOR |
| Y | MICHAEL | BRADFORD | CC, CL | DIVISION C DIRECTOR |
| Y | DONNA | GERIG | TC1 | DIVISION D DIRECTOR |
| Y | LARRY | JOSEPHSON | DTM | DIVISION E DIRECTOR |
| Y | JIM | DICKSON | DTM | AREA 10 DIRECTOR |
| Y | DAN | KYBURZ | DTM | AREA 11 DIRECTOR |
| Y | WENDY | PESAVENTO | PM4 | AREA 12 DIRECTOR |
| Y | NITIN | VISHWAKARMA | CC, CL | AREA 20 DIRECTOR |
| N | DEVENDRA | BANKER | MS2 | AREA 21 DIRECTOR |
| Y | LLOYD | TROWERS | PM1 | AREA 22 DIRECTOR |
| N |  |  |  | AREA 30 DIRECTOR |
| Y | GREG | LEROY | ACB | AREA 31 DIRECTOR |
| N |  |  |  | AREA 32 DIRECTOR |
| Y | CONSTANCE | LUSIETTO | CC | AREA 40 DIRECTOR |
| N | JASON | RIDDLE | CL | AREA 41 DIRECTOR |
| N |  |  |  | AREA 42 DIRECTOR |
| Y | SHERRI | DELEONARDIS | DTM | AREA 43 DIRECTOR |
| Y | GARRETT | GRAY | ACB, CL | AREA 50 DIRECTOR |
| N | CRAIG | KARVALA | ACB, ALB | AREA 51 DIRECTOR |
| N | JAEUN JEMMA | KU | ACS, ALB | AREA 52 DIRECTOR |

There were 20 District Executive Committee members in attendance. The DEC members are not included in the quorum count, unless they also hold an officer role as Club President or VPE. There are no proxy votes for a virtual meeting. 19 of the DEC members in attendance were included in credentials to vote.

# *ADMINISTRATION MANAGER*

Debra K Toohill, DTM, Administration Manager, presented the minutes from the Virtual Council Meeting, September 14, 2019, for approval. There were a couple minor spelling fixes and one correction to mention Pat Reisdorf and Margaret Grundmeier are co-Newsletter Editors.

Ron Korte, PRM, made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Sherri DeLeonardis, DTM, Area 43 Director. The minutes were approved.



# *DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT and*

# *ELECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS*

Tony Koury, DTM, IPDD, and 2020-2021 District Leadership Committee Chair presented the Committee’s report. Attached for reference is the Nomination Slate for the July1, 2020-June 30, 2021 Toastmasters Year.



Tony thanked and recognized the following members of the District 54 Leadership Committee:

Division A, Past CGD and DTM, Jerry Evans

Division B, Past Division Director and DTM, John Maller

Division C, Past Area Director and DTM, Jacquie Taylor

Division D, Past Division Governor and DTM, Mary Lynn Edwards

Division E, Past District Governor and DTM, Jeff Lehmann

The following uncontested elections for District 54 were completed without objection and were declared elected.

2019-2020 Club Growth Director, Andrea Gluck for remainder of the year replacing Angie Mullin after her resignation.

2019-2020 Division D Director, Donna Gerig for remainder of the year replacing Sarah Kline after her resignation.

2020-2021 District Director, DTM, Bala Sreedharan

2020-2021 Program Quality Director, DTM, Maryann Reichelt

2020-2021 Club Growth Director, DTM, Daniel Kyburz

2020-2021 Division A Director, Joyce Schumpert

2020-2021 Division B Director, Michael Bradford

2020-2021 Division C Director, Gregory Leroy

2020-2021 Division D Director, Julia Issa-Ghantous

2020-2021 Division E Director, Craig Karvala

The elections were held one at a time intermingled throughout the meeting, but are listed here together for the record.

The elected 2020-2021 officers were recognized and if present, were given a minute to present a few remarks following their election. Bala Sreedharan as the District Director Elect will give his comments at the end of the meeting, after the closing thoughts prior to adjournment.

Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director thanked the committee for their work.

# *DISTRICT AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT*

Kristen Boyd, DTM, 2019-2020 District 54 Audit Committee Chair, presented the Mid-Year Audit Report. Attached here for reference:



# *FINANCE MANAGER*

Debra K Toohill, DTM, Administration Manager, presented the Finance Manager Report on behalf of Rabah Seffal, Finance Manager, submitted and attached:



*The Division reports are in alpha order below.*

The verbal reports were given in alphabetical order, but were intermingled with the officer elections throughout the meeting.

# *DIVISION A*

Steven Cohen, Division A Director, presented a Division A Director’s Report, submitted and attached:



***DIVISION B***

Jai Jayaraman, Division B Director, presented a Division B Director’s Report, submitted and attached:



***DIVISION C***

Michael Bradford, Division C Director, presented a Division C Director’s Report, submitted and attached:



# *DIVISION D*

Donna Gerig, Division D Director, presented a Division D Director’s Report. It was verbal only and not submitted in writing.

***DIVISION E***

Larry Josephson, DTM, Division E Director, presented the Division E Director’s Report, submitted and attached:



***PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER***

Ron Korte presented the PRM Report, submitted and attached:



***CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR***

Andrea Gluck, Club Growth Director, presented the Club Growth Director Report, submitted and attached:



***PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR***

Bala Sreedharan, DTM, PQD and District Director Elect, presented the Program Quality Director Report, submitted and attached:



***DISTRICT DIRECTOR***

Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director presented the District Director Report. Attached is his report as was imbedded in the Council Meeting Script:



Chris shared the following remark: “It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with everyone this year.”

***DISTRICT ALIGNMENT REPORT***

Dick Poirier, DTM, Past ID, the Alignment Committee Chair, presented the realignment recommendations for District 54 for the next program year. He thanked the alignment committee for their work on this alignment.

Division A Steve Cohen

Division B Jai Jayaraman

Division C Carol Loser

Division D Sherri DeLeonardis

Division E Mary Josephson

The Alignment Report was available on the District 54 website prior to the Council Meeting. Attached here for the record:



Dan Kyburz, DTM, Area 11 Director, made a motion to accept the Alignment Report as presented. Sherri DeLeonardis, DTM, Area 43 Director seconded the motion.

No Discussion.

Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director, called for a vote.

There was an electronic vote using Zoom chat. Non-voting members in attendance were moved to a breakout room. Verbal votes for those calling in by phone only. The voting was monitored by Tony Koury, DTM, IPDD and Credentials Chair.

Ayes have it, the alignment report has been accepted.

# *Setting of the DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST DATE*

Bala Sreedharan, DTM, PQD, District Director Elect, facilitated the topic of the need to set the District International Speech Contest Date.

Back in March, at the direction from Toastmasters International, there can be no in person events until 6/1. The Spring Conference in April was cancelled. The Area and Division Contests dropped the Table Topics and conducted only the International Speech Contest. He wanted to wait until the Council Meeting to determine if the District Contest should be held in person on 6/1 or online and then set a date.

There are now four candidates ready to compete for the District 54 International contest winner. The winner would go on to represent us at the next level of competition.

Recommendation to have an online contest on 5/23. It will be a zoom meeting and be recorded. A week following the contest, a video of the first place winner will be sent to TI. There will be briefings a week earlier than the contest to prepare. Amended to include the time to start at 9:00am.

Sherri DeLeonardis, DTM, Area 43 Director, made a motion to accept the recommendation as amended to set the District International Speech Contest Date for 5/23 at 9am. The motion was seconded by Garrett Gray, Area 50 Director.

Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director, called for a vote.

There was an electronic vote using Zoom chat. Non-voting members in attendance were moved to a breakout room. Verbal votes for those calling in by phone only. The voting was monitored by Tony Koury, DTM, IPDD and Credentials Chair.

Ayes have it, the setting of the District International Speech Contest date has been accepted.

Dick Poirier, DTM, Past ID, will be the Chief Judge.

Andrea Gluck, CGD, volunteered to be the Contest Master for the Event

# *NEW BUSINESS*

None.

# *CLOSING THOUGHTS*

Lloyd Trowers, Area 22 Director, presented our closing thoughts.

He thanked the District Director for the work done this year. Never has there been a time like this. But here we are with “Challenges”. See this time as opportunities. This is a time to be innovative, bold, optimistic, heroic, strong and courageous.

# *DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECT COMMENTS*

Bala Sreedharan, DTM, 2020-2021 District Director Elect shared with us his strategy for the next year. He went through a slide deck.



He thanked Chris, our current District Director, and all of us for being here at the meeting.

# *ADJOURNMENT*

Without objection, Chris Boyk, DTM, District Director, adjourned the meeting at 11:32am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra K Toohill, DTM

District 54 Administration Manager, 2019-2020.