

District 54 Council

Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 29, 2022

# *Virtual Zoom Meeting*

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Maryann Reichelt, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***WELCOME***

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, District Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She facilitated the District 54 Council Meeting.

***INSPIRATION***

Adam Bockler, Public Relations Manager, gave the inspiration.

Earlier in month WWE inducted Undertaker into hall of fame. He used three mental moves.

1. Perception is reality. Our actions matter.

2. Respect and loyalty go a long way. People remember how you treat them.

3. Never be content.

These three mental moves can help us navigate reality. Fellow members complete their DTM, take on officer positions, go on to be successful. Make the most of these moves in Toastmasters.

***OUR DISTRICT VISION, MISSION and CORE VALUES***

The reading of Our Vision and District Mission was led by Jim Dickson, DTM.

**District Vision**Move from a slow-moving dream to a vibrant District where all members, current and new, achieve their goals.

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

**District Core Values**

We strive to adhere to the following core values:

* Integrity
* Respect
* Service
* Excellence

***DISTRICT OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Present | First | Last | Designation | Office |
| X | MARYANN | REICHELT | DTM | DISTRICT DIRECTOR |
| X | DAN | KYBURZ | DTM | PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR |
|  | TONY | KOURY | DTM | CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR |
| X | ADAM | BOCKLER | LD5 | PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER |
| X | KARI | SUSAIRAJ | EC5, PM5 | ADMINISTRATION MANAGER |
| X | ABRAHAM | GUNASEELAN | IP3 | FINANCE MANAGER |
| X | BALA | SREEDHARAN | DTM | IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR |
|  | MICHAEL | BRADFORD | ACB, ALB | LOGISTICS MANAGER, NV |
| X | WILLIAM | SMOLA | IP1 | DIVISION A DIRECTOR |
| X | LAURA | HANSEN | LD5, VC2 | DIVISION B DIRECTOR |
| X | JENNIFER | HO | MS1 | DIVISION C DIRECTOR |
| X | MARTHA | SOJKA | IP3 | DIVISION D DIRECTOR |
|  | RACHEL | SCANLAN | IP5 | AREA 10 DIRECTOR |
| X | LOUIS | KREPPERT | DTM | AREA 11 DIRECTOR |
|  | NOEL | GANAY | DTM | AREA 12 DIRECTOR |
| X | JANA | HERGERT | PM4 | AREA 20 DIRECTOR |
| X | PATRICK | OLSON | DTM | AREA 21 DIRECTOR |
|  | TBD |  |  | AREA 22 DIRECTOR |
| X | LAKSHMI | GOPALAKRISHNAN | PM4 | AREA 23 DIRECTOR |
|  | TBD |  |  | AREA 30 DIRECTOR |
|  | GARY | VAUGHN | DL3 | AREA 31 DIRECTOR |
|  | GARY | OHLER | PM2 | AREA 32 DIRECTOR |
|  | KRISTIAN | KIND | PI4 | AREA 40 DIRECTOR |
|  | DALE | POSONT | DL1 | AREA 41 DIRECTOR |
| X | DARREL | FELTY | DTM | AREA 42 DIRECTOR |

# *ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA*

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, District Director, reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Changes to the agenda included:

* Division B report will be given by Bill Smola, Division A Director.

Agenda adopted as submitted.

# *VOTING PROCEDURES*

Jim Dickson, DTM, District Parliamentarian, reviewed voting procedures.

Special rules listed under D54TM.com site.

*[Special Rules of Order](https://d54tm.com/dec-and-council-meetings)*

# *CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT*

# Tom Willison, Credentials Committee Chair, gave the credentials committee report.

* Currently in District 54 there are 46 paid clubs
  + Clubs each get 2 votes- one for President and one for VP Education
* Total vote count is 92
* 1/3 need to attend for quorum- number is 31
* Number who attended meeting: 46, therefore we have a quorum.
* 17 DEC members represented- these members don’t count towards a quorum in this meeting
* Point of clarification- Chris Boyk, DTM, President of Morris Area Toastmasters, VP Education of Joliet Jesters- non-voting members get moved to breakout room instead of moving the voting members.

# *DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE*

# Bala Sreedharan, DTM, District Leadership Committee Chair, gave the district leadership committee report.

* Report is considered complete as no candidate for Club Growth Director was nominated prior to the District Council meeting.



With no objection the District Leadership Committee report is adopted.

# *ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS*

# Maryann Reichelt, DTM, District Director, presented the officers for the 2022/2023 Toastmasters year.

* District Director- Dan Kyburz

Only one candidate was presented with no objection. Therefore, secret ballot was dispensed.

Kari Susairaj, Administration Manager, casted a single vote for appointment of District Director. District Director was confirmed.

* Program Quality Director- Bonnie Tippey

Only one candidate was presented with no objection. Therefore, secret ballot was dispensed.

Kari Susairaj, Administration Manager, casted a single vote for appointment of Program Quality Director. Program Quality Director was confirmed.

* Club Growth Director- Darrel Felty

Chris Boyk, President of Morris Area Toastmasters, VP Education of Joliet Jesters, brought up point of order that nomination is needed from the floor as the nomination was not submitted in time with the District Leadership Committee.

Chris Boyk, President of Morris Area Toastmasters, VP Education of Joliet Jesters, made a motion to nominate Darrel Felty for the position of Club Growth Director; seconded by Tom Willison, VP Education of Inspiring Speakers. No objection, motion passed for Darrel Felty in the position of Club Growth Director.

* Division directors
  + Division A Director: Lakshmi Gopalakrishnan
  + Division B Director: Patrick Olson
  + Division C Director: Gary Vaughn
  + Division D Director: Dale Posont

Only one candidate per each Division Director was presented with no objection. Therefore, secret ballot was dispensed.

Kari Susairaj, Administration Manager, casted a single vote for appointment of all Division Directors. All Division Directors noted above were confirmed.

# *ADMINISTRATION MANAGER*

Kari Susairaj, Administration Manager, amended the Council Meeting Minutes as follows.

* No amendments were presented

The meeting minutes and all other meeting-related documents are now housed on the D54 website. The meeting minutes were reviewed and approved beforehand by the D54 Trio. Therefore, no additional approval is needed during the meeting.

# *APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS*

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, District Director, presented slate of district officers.

Without objection, the following officers are confirmed in the appointed positions.

* Tony Koury for Club Growth Director for the 2021/2022 Toastmasters year

Chris Boyk, President of Morris Area Toastmasters, VP Education of Joliet Jesters, made a motion to accept the appointed position as presented.

Bo Smith, President of Fox Valley Toastmasters, made a motion to accept the nomination of Tony Koury as Club Growth Director; seconded by Darrel Felty, President of Delightful Greeters.

Kari Susairaj, Administration Manager, casted a single vote for appointment of Tony Koury as Club Growth Director. Club Growth Director was confirmed.

Without objection, the following officers are confirmed in the appointed positions for the 2022/2023 Toastmasters year:

* Public Relations Manager: Sherri DeLeonardis
* Administration Manager: Kari Susairaj
* Finance Manager: Debra Toohill
* Immediate Past District Director: Maryann Reichelt
* Area 10 Director: Estelle Foster
* Area 12 Director: Julia Hsia
* Area 20 Director: Jana Hergert
* Area 21 Director: Abraham Gunaseelan
* Area 22 Director: Brijesh Janardhanan
* Area 30 Director: Christina Evans
* Area 31 Director: Kim Kaufman
* Area 40 Director: Steven Vaccaro

The following positions remain unfilled:

* Logistics Manager
* Area 11 Director
* Area 32 Director
* Area 41 Director
* Area 42 Director

# *REALIGNMENT COMMITTEE*

Sherri DeLeonardis, Realignment Committee Chair, presented the District 54 Realignment report. Report submitted and attached.

Chris Boyk, President of Morris Area Toastmasters, VP Education of Joliet Jesters, made a motion to move the Joliet Jesters Club from the proposed alignment in Area 41 to Area 40 while moving the Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce Club from Area 40 to Area 41 due to geographical location. Seconded by Dan Kyburz, DTM, Program Growth Director. No objection, motion passed.

Jana Hergert, Area 20 Director made motion to adopt the Division D realignment as presented. Dan Kyburz, DTM, Program Quality Director seconded the motion. No objection, motion passed.

# *MID-YEAR AUDIT REPORT*

Jason Heissler, Audit Committee Chair, presented the mid-year audit report.

* Audit committee was satisfied with outcome.
  + All district financial records were made available and have been certified.
  + District funds were authorized and aligned with mission.
* Recommendation from the audit committee to show mileage amount for travel.

# *FINANCE MANAGER*

Abraham Gunaseelan, Finance Manager, gave the finance report as it was from March. No written report submitted.

* Total available funds March- $34,194.60
* With no objections, report will move to archives

***Division Reports & PRM Report***

The verbal reports were submitted by Division Directors in advance of meeting. The reports were presented in alphabetical order.

# *DIVISION A*

Bill Smola, Division A Director, presented the Division A Director’s report. Report submitted and attached.

* Thank you to amazing area directors
* 12 clubs with many goals complete
* Pathways adoption- 82% adoption rate
* Congratulate contestants on speech contests

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***DIVISION B***

Laura Hansen, Division B Director, presented the Division B Director’s report. Report submitted and attached.

* Area directors filled in to cover the missing area 22 director

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***DIVISION C***

Jen Ho, Division C Director, presented the Division C Director’s report. Report submitted and attached.

* Acknowledged and thanked all club Presidents and VPs of Education
* 2 club members with achievements- Tall Tales contest winners
* 38 educational awards this year

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# *DIVISION D*

Martha Sojka, Division D Director, presented the Division D Director’s Report. Report submitted and attached.

* 6 clubs represented in division contest
* Clubs adjusting to hybrid
* Developing plan to finish area reports
* New Lenox is already Presidents Distinguished



***PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER***

Adam Bockler, Public Relations Manager, presented the Public Relations Manager report. Report submitted and attached.

* Focus on district success plan
  + Form team to generate ideas and implement them
  + Improve district website to streamline navigation to make it easier to find information
  + Strengthening presence on Facebook page and group, follow on LinkedIn
  + Improve communication to members
    - Newsletter resurrected- edition will be published each month
  + Facilitate meetings with district club VPPRs
  + Draft and send emails- turned into monthly newsletter which turned into weekly email newsletter



***CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR***

Jon Greiner, DTM, presented the Club Growth Director report on behalf of Tony Koury, Club Growth Director. Report submitted and attached.

* New clubs are source of joy for district
  + Black Chamber of commerce should charter before the end of the year- already assigned members
* Several new leads for clubs
* District is down membership but is still better than TI average
  + Positive things happening in our district



***PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR***

Dan Kyburz, DTM, Program Quality Director, gave the Program Quality Director’s report. Report submitted and attached.

Highlights of report:

* 14 clubs with 0-7 members
* Club leadership committee needs to nominate club officers- should be done by first week in May
* 31 Area Director reports submitted already for round 2
* Summer TLIs are being planned
* Annual conference last day is April 30
* Region 5- #1 in new members, #1 in officers enrolled in pathways
* Incentives posted on website



***DISTRICT DIRECTOR***

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, District Director, presented the District Director’s Report, submitted and attached.

* Paid clubs went from 59 to 46
* Toastmasters International site is down for registrations until May 9
* The whole Toastmasters International site will be down May 7 and 8
* Incentives- record number of clubs submitted club success plan
  + Pathways to future expires on May 31
* Town hall meetings started in March



# *OLD BUSINESS*

* No old business

# *NEW BUSINESS*

* No new business

# *CLOSING THOUGHTS*

Martha Sojka, Division D Director, gave the closing thoughts.

In Toastmasters, share your natural talents. If you can’t do it there is someone else who can. We all are special and have something special to offer. If we do it together, together we can do it.

# *ADJOURNMENT*

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Boyk, DTM, President of Morris Area Toastmasters, VP Education of Joliet Jesters. Motion seconded by Jana Hergert, Area 20 Director. Motion carried.

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, District Director adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Susairaj, EC5

District 54 Administration Manager, 2021-2022