



# District 54 Council Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, April 27, 2024*

*Virtual Zoom Meeting*

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## **OPENING**

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **WELCOME**

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He facilitated the District 54 Council Meeting.

## **INSPIRATION**

**Tom Willison**, DTM, gave the inspiration emphasizing we should Dream Big.

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

The reading of Our Vision and District Mission was led by Lino Corrillo, Area 11 Director.

### **District Vision**

To end the year with a healthy, dynamic District with 70+ Clubs, all achieving Distinguished or better.

### **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**

<b>Present</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>
X	DAN	KYBURZ	DTM	DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	GARY	VAUGHN	PM3	PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR
X	WENDY	PESAVENTO	DTM	CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR
	TASHIKA	WILLIAMS	PI1	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
X	CECE	WROBLEWSKI	DTM	ADMINISTRATION MANAGER
X	JASON	HESSLER	DTM	FINANCE MANAGER
X	BONNIE	TIPPEY	DTM	IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	MARYANN	REICHELT	DTM	LOGISTICS MANAGER, NV
X	ESTELLE	FOSTER	VC5	DIVISION A DIRECTOR
	RON	JONES	VC1	DIVISION B DIRECTOR
X	CHRISTINA	EVANS	LD5	DIVISION C DIRECTOR

	STEVEN	VACCARO	PM4	DIVISION D DIRECTOR
X	RACHEL	BERRY	PI1	AREA 10 DIRECTOR
X	LINO	CARILLO	DTM	AREA 11 DIRECTOR
X	TROY	LAPORTE	LD1	AREA 12 DIRECTOR
	JANA	HERGERT	PM5	AREA 20 DIRECTOR
X	PATRICK	OLSON	VC5	AREA 21 DIRECTOR
X	VENKAT	CHANDER	TC1	AREA 22 DIRECTOR
X	ROSEMARY	NASH	LD4	AREA 30 DIRECTOR
	JERRY	BURGER	EH4	AREA 31 DIRECTOR
	KRISTINA	WARREN	DL4	AREA 32 DIRECTOR
X	STACY	BRITT		AREA 40 DIRECTOR
X	DALE	POSONT	EH4	AREA 41 DIRECTOR
X	TONY	AUDREITH		AREA 42 DIRECTOR

17 Voting DEC members present.

### ***ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA***

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, reviewed the updated agenda for the meeting.

Changes were made to the agenda. Revised agenda was approved.

### ***VOTING PROCEDURES***

Jon Greiner, DTM, District Parliamentarian, reviewed voting procedures.

Special rules listed under D54TM.com site.

- Unanimous consent- used to adopt motion or take action without a vote if there is no apparent opposition

#### [Special Rules of OrderMo](#)

### ***CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT***

Dick Poirier, Committee Chair, gave the credentials committee report.

- Currently in District 54 there are 43 paid clubs
  - Clubs each get 2 votes - one for President and one for VP Education
- Potential Total vote count is 86
- 1/3 need to attend for quorum or 29 attendees
- DEC members in attendance: 15
- 42 voters indicated they would attend, therefore we have a quorum

Without objection, motion to adopt credentials committee report was passed by unanimous consent.

**SEPTEMBER DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES**

Cece Wroblewski, DTM, D54 Administration Manager, read the meeting minutes. They were available prior to the meeting on the d54tm.com site.

Changes to the September 2023 District Council Minutes were made and approved.

**ALIGNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Maryann Reichelt, Alignment Committee Chair provided the following:

Minimal alignment changes were made. Wahl and Nuclear added to Area A10. Other adds. Report presented at March DEC meeting.

District Director heard no objections to the report and report was accepted unanimously.

**DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Bonnie Tippey, DTM, Immediate Past District Director, presented the slate of district officers for 2024-2025.

The Nominees for the following officers are presented for the 2024-2025 positions.

District Director	Gary Vaughn
Program Quality Director	Wendy Pesavento
Club Growth Director	Estelle Foster
Division A	Troy LaPorte
Division B	Venkat Chander
Division C	Rosemary Nash
Division D	Ken Kocher

Motion from the floor by Estelle Foster nominated herself as PQD. No other nominations were found. Club Growth Director and all others, approved by unanimous consent.

Appointed positions were presented by DLC and a motion to accept them was made by Patrick Olson. Second was made by Helen Dobson. With no objections, the candidates were approved.

Public Relations Manager	Open
Finance Manager	Jason Heissler
Administration Manager	Ching-Yan Su
Logistics Manager	Maryann Reichelt
Parliamentary	Open
Pathways Support Coordinator	Maryann Reichelt
Area 10 Director	Cece Wroblewski
Area 11 Director	Mimi Mieritz
Area 12 Director	Chris Kostelec
Area 20 Director	Dawn Weber
Area 21 Director	Julia Issa-Ghantous
Area 22 Director	Annie Warth
Area 30 Director	Open
Area 31 Director	Greg Adkisson
Area 32 Director	Sherri DeLeonardis
Area 40 Director	Katie Jandeska

Area 41 Director  
Area 42 Director

Valerie Heckman  
Open

Area 42 Director was approved for the balance of the year, Tom Willison and Mark Baloga moved and seconded and the motion passed.

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, accepted the new elected and appointed officers.

### ***MIDYEAR AUDIT REPORT***

Jason Heissler, DTM, Audit Chair, reviewed the District 54 Midyear Audit. Reviewed by Louis Kreppert, Helen Dobson, and Jason Heissler. All transactions from July through December 2023 were correctly executed. All funds were properly used to support the mission of Toastmasters. 3 Recommendations were made to improve accuracy and streamline the audit procedure.

The report was accepted as presented.

### ***FINANCE MANAGER***

Jason Heissler, DTM, Finance Manager presented the monthly Treasurer's report as of March 31. The Reserve account balance is \$24,415.18. The District Bank statement as of March 31, 2024 shows a balance of \$2,925.69. The P&L as of February 29 and March 31, 2024 is attached.

With no objections the report was accepted as presented.

### ***Division Reports & PRM Report***

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

### ***DIVISION A***

Estelle Foster, Division A Director, presented the Division A Director's report. Written report was submitted and attached.

- Gary Evans speaking at Rock On anniversary celebration
- Clubs are only missing by number of members
- Rockford Communications League is holding a membership drive and meeting with company managers and making presentations about the benefits of Toastmasters to coworkers



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## ***DIVISION B***

Patrick Olson, Area 21 Director, presented the Division B Director's report. Report submitted and attached.

- Area Director Club visits reported and clubs nearing Distinguished status, needing only additional members



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## ***DIVISION C***

Christina Evans, Division C Director, presented the Division C Director's report. Report submitted and attached.

- District 54 contest well attended
- Next year's contests will be held in person so planning is needed for next year
- Club visits and reports almost complete
- ADM Toastmasters have achieved Presidents Distinguished with 26 members
- ADM City Center has 26 members but need educational achievements
- Electric Toast has disbanded
- Looking forward to community event participation



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## ***DIVISION D***

***Stacy Britt, Area 4? Director, presented the Division D Director's Report. No written report was submitted.***

- Election season approaching
- Wonder – check with members, use Moments of Truth; Invite guests to join; Frequently check your Distinguished Performance Report
- New Lennox approaching Presidents Distinguished
- Open House by Bridge Builders and 5 new members
- Confident Communicators joined Chamber of Commerce, added 5 new members; achieving Presidents Distinguished
- Superhero meeting at Yes And TM, club cookout planned for June
- McKinley written up in Chamber newsletter



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## **PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER**

Tashika Williams, Public Relations Manager, presented the Public Relations Manager report. No Report submitted.

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

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

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

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

District 54 on UTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3ei1dohTDg>

## **CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR**

Wendy Pesavanto, DTM, Club Growth Director, presented the Club Growth Director report. Written report submitted and attached.

- Contact Wendy if you want to help reactivate old clubs
- 43 active clubs now. 1558 payments is our goal and we need only 80 more to meet this
- 7 clubs at charter level, 5 clubs with 0-7 members
- 2 opportunities –Constellation Clean Energy corporation, May 23 Demo meeting, possibility of 2 clubs; Christian Brothers Services – 16 locations for potential clubs, demo meeting in June



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## **PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR**

Gary Vaughn, PM3, Program Quality Director, gave the Program Quality Director's report. Report submitted and attached.

- 65 days left in TM year; membership payments are up. Support cross education between growing and stagnant clubs
- 8 clubs already distinguished; potential of 22 clubs that can be distinguished
- D54 Wheel of Educational Awards winner – Dick Poirier
- Looking for Summer TLI volunteers – July 20 is TLI South, Aug 5-6 for virtual TLI; TLI North needs a Dean



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## **DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, presented the District Director's report. Report submitted and attached.

- Plan based on what you want, not what you have
- All March deadlines completed
- Line up next year's Club Officers and vote first meeting in May, if possible
- District Council today has been successful
- Next DEC is May 18, hybrid



- Area Director visits are only at 25%. Deadline is May 31 for reports into TI.
- District Coach Mike Rafferty reviewed with Trio. Progress is being made on goal to meet 50 clubs goal



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## ***UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

- No unfinished business

## ***OPEN DISCUSSION / Q&A***

- Gary Vaughn reports that Tashika has stepped back from PR Director. D54 could use more help from enthusiastic member for newsletter and other social media.
- Helen Dobson asked about using District funds for Club activities. Cannot be used directly for club expenses but can provide incentives that could be used by the clubs.
- Patrick Olson reported he can only see his Area awards where previously he could see all the District awards. Venkat Chander and Bonnie Tippie reported they could see all educational reports. Patrick will contact TI.
- Contact Chris Kostelec if you want to help with Virtual TLI

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

- No new business presented

## ***CLOSING THOUGHTS***

Stacy Britt, Area 40 Director, gave the closing thoughts. Documentaries can inspire us. Latest watch was about Transportation timeline. Don't discount the progress we have made this year. Consider where we started.

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director closed with an announcement that the following meeting was Area and Division Director training on ?? and then adjourned the meeting at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cece Wroblewski, DTM  
District 54 Administration Manager, 2023-2024