

District 54 Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 19, 2022

# *Hybrid Meeting*

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[***OPENING***](#_top)

Jim Dickson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***WELCOME***

Bonnie Tippey, DTM, District Director, welcomed everyone in-person and on Zoom to the meeting. She facilitated the DEC meeting.

***INSPIRATION***

Patrick Olson gave the inspiration by quoting Ruth Logan Herne. Inspiration must have follow through to be successful.

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

The reading of Our Vision and District Mission was led by Bonnie Tippey. Everyone read the District Vision together.

**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 | BONNIE | TIPPEY | DTM | DISTRICT DIRECTOR |
| X | HEATHER | BLASE | DTM | PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR |
| X | DARREL | FELTY | DTM | CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR |
| X | SHERRI | DELEONARDIS | DTM | PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER |
|  | KARI | SUSAIRAJ | EC5 | ADMINISTRATION MANAGER |
| X | DEBRA | TOOHILL | DTM | FINANCE MANAGER |
| X | MARYANN | REICHELT | DTM | IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR |
|  | TBD |  |  | LOGISTICS MANAGER, NV |
| X | LAKSHMI | GOPALAKRISHNAN | PM4 | DIVISION A DIRECTOR |
| X | PATRICK | OLSON | VC3 | DIVISION B DIRECTOR |
| X | GARY | VAUGHN | PM2 | DIVISION C DIRECTOR |
| X | DALE | POSONT | EH2 | DIVISION D DIRECTOR |
| X | ESTELLE | FOSTER | VC4 | AREA 10 DIRECTOR |
|  | RON | JONES | VC1 | AREA 11 DIRECTOR |
| X | JULIA | HSIA | CC | AREA 12 DIRECTOR |
| X | JANA | HERGERT | PM5 | AREA 20 DIRECTOR |
| X | ABRAHAM | GUNASEELAN | IP3 | AREA 21 DIRECTOR |
| X | BRIJESH | JANARDHANAN | IP1 | AREA 22 DIRECTOR |
| X | CHRISTINA | EVANS | LD4 | AREA 30 DIRECTOR |
| X | KIM | KAUFMAN | VC1 | AREA 31 DIRECTOR |
|  | TBD |  |  | AREA 32 DIRECTOR |
|  | STEVEN | VACCARO | PM2 | AREA 40 DIRECTOR |
| X | KELLY | NIELSEN | DTM | AREA 41 DIRECTOR |
| X | DAN | KYBURZ |  | AREA 42 DIRECTOR |

19 voting members were present – a quorum is 12; therefore, there was a quorum at the meeting.

# *ADOPTION OF AGENDA*

Bonnie Tippey, DTM, District Director, reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Changes to the agenda included:

* Time on Agenda was 12:00AM and should be PM.
* Christina Evans instead of Kari Susairaj would be doing roll call.

No opposition present; by consensus the agenda was accepted as amended.

# *ADMINISTRATION MANAGER*

Christina Evans, Area 30 Director, presented the October minutes on behalf of Kari Susairaj, Administration Manager.

One correction was in the section of the District Director Report where it said “Bonnie Tippey, DTM, District Director, was unavailable to present the District Director Report.” It should be amended to say Bonnie Tippey **was** available to present the report. Motion was made for the amendment by Jana Hergert and seconded by Heather Blasé. October Minutes were approved as amended.

# *FINANCE MANAGER*

Debra Toohill, DTM, Finance Manager, gave the finance report, as it was from September. Report submitted and attached.

* District reserve: $35,972.77
* Membership revenue: $5,516.31
* District expenses: $68.78 with YTD $206.19

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***Division Reports & PRM Report***

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

***DIVISION C***

Gary Vaughn, Division C Director, presented the Division C Director’s Report. No written report was submitted.

* Gary wanted to use the MAD acronym but thought the DAM acronym was more appropriate. Develop community, Analyze goals, Make progress.
* Gary gave shout-outs to Talk of the South who are on track for Presidents Distinguished. Shout-out to Donna Gerig for making improvements to the Yammer site at State Farm. Finally, a shout-out to 2 Area 30 clubs (ADM Toastmasters and ADM City Center) who both gained 5 new members so far this year!

# *DIVISION D*

Dale Posont, Division D Director, presented the Division D Director’s report. Report submitted and attached.

* Unfortunately, Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce has been unresponsive.
* On the bright side, some clubs are planning Holiday Gatherings, having successful Hybrid meetings. Dale also had a lot of shout-outs to his Area Directors.



***DIVISION A***

Lakshmi Gopalakrishnan, Division A Director, presented the Division A Director’s report. Report submitted and attached.

* Lakshmi announced that all Club Visits report have already been completed.
* She said that clubs are setting up their contest dates.

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# *DIVISION B*

Patrick Olson, Division B Director, presented the Division B Director’s report. Report submitted and attached.

* Patrick used the MAD acronym. Motivated to maintain and grow clubs. Advancing with new ideas. And Dedicated to submit all their Club Visit reports by the deadline (already 86% completed).

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***PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER***

Sherri Deleonardis, DTM, Public Relations Manager, presented the Public Relations Manager report. No written report was submitted.

* Sherri promises to get back on track with the weekly newsletters and postings. Email addresses need updating.
* She appreciates the volunteers she got for helping with LinkedIn and other social media outlets.

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>

***CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR***

Darrel Felty, DTM, Club Growth Director, presented the Club Growth Director Report. Report submitted and attached.

* Instead of his usual report format, Darrel instead recited The Giving Districts which is borrowed from Shel Silverstein’s The Giving Tree. The words of this version were all about a Toastmaster District that was not able to maintain enough clubs to remain viable. Sadly, that Toastmaster District was abolished and divided among several other neighboring districts.
* Darrel warned us that this could be District 54 if things don’t improve.



***PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR***

Heather Blase, DTM, Program Quality Director, gave the Program Quality Director’s report. No written report was submitted.

* Heather talked about the upcoming Winter TLIs. There will be 3 TLIs – one in person. The TLIs will be focused on getting back to the basics. The training will be scenario-based.
* Check out the district site for incentives- <https://d54tm.com/incentives>

***DISTRICT DIRECTOR***

Bonnie Tippey, DTM, District Director, gave the District Director Report. No written report was submitted.

* Bonnie used the MAD acronym. **M**et with Area Directors to received feedback on how she (Bonnie) is doing as District Director.
* **A**djusting… remember that success plans should be living documents.
* **D**evelopment

# *UNFINISHED BUSINESS*

* No unfinished business was discussed.

# *OPEN DISCUSSION/Q&A*

* Maryann Reichelt mentioned the change about Base Camp Login.

# *NEW BUSINESS*

* No new business presented

# *CLOSING THOUGHTS*

Kim Kaufman gave the closing thoughts.

Kim talked about being a part of the Multicultural Leadership Program (MCLP) and how she learned to follow her passion. Follow your passion and doors will open. Go MAD!

# *ADJOURNMENT*

With no objection, meeting was adjourned.

Bonnie Tippey, DTM, District Director, adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Evans, LD4 VC3

District 54 Area C 30 Director 2022-2023