



District 54 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Virtual Meeting

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OPENING

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

WELCOME

Gary Vaughn, District Director, welcomed everyone to the DEC meeting and facilitated it.

INSPIRATION

Sherri Deleonardis, Area 32 Director, provided the inspiration by sharing a story to encourage team building.

OUR DISTRICT VISION, MISSION and CORE VALUES

Our Vision, District Mission and Core Value were read by Dan Kyburz, Immediate Past District Director.

District Vision

To restore and maintain a dynamic community of 50 clubs, with at least 40% achieving Distinguished status or better, 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	Gary	Vaughn	EH3	DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	Wendy	Pesavento	DTM	PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR
X	Estelle	Foster	VC5	CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR
X	Prince	Motiani	DTM	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
X	Ching-Yuan	Su	EH3	ADMINISTRATION MANAGER
	Jason	Heissler	DTM	FINANCE MANAGER
X	Dan	Kyburz	DTM	IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	Maryanne	Reichelt	DTM	LOGISTICS MANAGER, NV
X	Troy	LaPorte	LD2	DIVISION A DIRECTOR
X	Venkat	Chander	TC1	DIVISION B DIRECTOR
X	Rosemary	Nash	LD4	DIVISION C DIRECTOR
X	Ken	Kocher	PM3	DIVISION D DIRECTOR

	Cece	Wroblewski	DTM	AREA 10 DIRECTOR
X	Mimi	Mieritz	PI2	AREA 11 DIRECTOR
X	Chris	Kostelec	PM1	AREA 12 DIRECTOR
X	Dawn	Weber	TC1	AREA 20 DIRECTOR
	Julia	Issa-Ghantous	PM1	AREA 21 DIRECTOR
	Ann	Warth	DL4	AREA 22 DIRECTOR
X	Grey	Adkisson	PM1	AREA 31 DIRECTOR
X	Sherri	Deleonardis	DTM	AREA 32 DIRECTOR
				AREA 30 DIRECTOR
	Katie	Jandeska	SR1	AREA 40 DIRECTOR
X	Valerie	Heckman	DL1	AREA 41 DIRECTOR
				AREA 42 DIRECTOR

16 voting members were present, exceeding a quorum requirement of 11. Therefore, there was a quorum at the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gary Vaughn, District Director, reviewed the meeting agenda. The agenda was then adopted with a motion by Prince Motiani and a second by Sherri Deleonardis.

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

Ching Yuan Su, Administration Manager, presented a summary of the June meeting minutes. The meeting minutes and other related documents are available for review by DEC members on the D54 website.

- No corrections were noted.

FINANCE MANAGER

Gary Vaughn, District Director gave the Finance Report as written and submitted by Jason Heissler, Finance Manager. The written report is attached.

- The district reserve account balance is \$24,862.91 as of May 31, 2024.
- The checking account balance is \$2,925.72 as of 6/30/2024.
- The May 2024 P&L statement is attached since TI had not yet released the June numbers.



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Division Reports & PRM Report

The written reports were submitted by the Directors in advance of the meeting. The verbal reports were presented in the order shown.

DIVISION A

Troy Laporte, Division A Director, presented the Division A report. The written report is attached.

- For the last Toastmasters year, both Division A and Area 12 achieved Selected Distinguished status, and Area 10 earned Distinguished status.
- At the club level, Toast of the Fox was President's Distinguished, Rock On! was selected distinguished, and DeKalb Area, Inspiring Speakers, and Fox Valley were Distinguished.
- This year will focus on achieving goals at the area, club and member levels.



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DIVISION B

Venkat Chander, Division B Director, presented the Division B report. The written report is attached.

- The goals for this year are to strengthen existing clubs and support potential growth opportunities.
- Most clubs have submitted July club officer lists.
- Some clubs have achieved DCP goals.



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DIVISION C

Rosemary Nash, Division C Director, presented the Division C Report. The written report is attached.

- The goals for this year are to maintain momentum and keep the energy high.
- ADM City Center has added 12 members, and other clubs have also gained new members.
- Efforts will be made to appoint an Area 30 Director.
- Clubs are advised not to overlook Club Award Ceremonies.



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DIVISION D

Ken Kocher, Division D Director, presented the Division D report. The written report is attached.

- Connect with Area Directors to ensure alignment on expectations.
- An Area 42 Director will be appointed as soon as possible.
- Encourage struggling clubs to visit thriving and growing ones.
- Joliet Jesters has been reinstated



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PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

Prince Motiani, Public Relations Manager, presented Public Relations report.

- Expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as PRM.
- The vision for this year will align with available resources.
- Plan to focus on membership retention and club growth.

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

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

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

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

District 54 Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCShur7LY30JSNyBcXsl0tXg>

CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR

Estelle Foster, Club Growth Director, presented the Club Growth Director Report. The written report is attached.

- This Toastmasters year will emphasize club growth.
- Joliet Jester and Logistically speaking have been reinstated.
- Reach out to Tom William if your club needs a club coach.
- Contact Jon Greiner if you are interested in mentoring prison clubs.
- The marketing team is seeking additional volunteers.



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PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR

Wendy Pesavento, Program Quality Director, presented the Program Quality Director report. The written report is attached.

- This year requires 20 clubs to achieved Distinguished status.
- 42 club officers were trained at TLI-North. TLI-South will be held on July 20th and TLI-virtual will take place via Zoom on August 5th and 6th.
- The location for the district conference has been identified.

- Maryann Reichelt will provide Pathways support on the 4th Wednesday each month from 7-8:30 pm. She will offer basic instruction and answer individual questions.



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DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Gary Vaughn, District Director, gave the District Director Report. The written report is attached.

- We currently have 45 clubs and aim to return to 50 clubs.
- We will strive to retain all current clubs.
- We will help approximately 18 clubs achieve Distinguished status or better.



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OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

OPEN DISCUSSION/Q&A

- Ken Kocher asked where to find information on whether a suspended club has been reinstated. Gary Vaughn responded that the information can be found in the Distinguished Performance Report on the TI website under District Central, Resources, and Reports.
- Dan Kyburz shared a link to the Distinguished Performance Report - <https://dashboards.toastmasters.org/district.aspx?id=54&hideclub=1>

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Prince Motiani provided the closing thoughts and shared the quote: "If it is to be, it is up to me to do it."

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, the meeting was adjourned by Gary Vaughn, District Director, at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ching Yuan Su
District 54 Administration Manager, 2024-2025