

**DISTRICT 57 SPRING CONFERENCE**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 6, 2017**

**Officers present:**

District Director Steve Taddei

Program Quality Director Randie Ellington

Club Growth Director Dilek Alkaya

Administration Manager Sharon Brown

Finance Manager Deneille Wiese-Smith

Public Relations Manager Tala Beigi

Logistics Manager James Forslind

**Meeting called to order at 1:45pm by Logistics Manager**

* + Quoted our Mission Statement
  + Introduced our District 57 Director, Steve Taddei

**Opening remarks, Steve Taddei**

* + Welcomed everyone to the Spring Conference
  + Introduced Dignitaries:
* 2003-2004 Michael Notaro, D.T.M. (2011-2012 International President)
* Rick Sydor, Past International Director
* Lark Doley, DTM, First Vice President of Toastmasters International

Asked all Division Directors and Area Directors present to stand and be recognized.

* + Introduced current committee leaders participating in this Spring Conference meeting:
* Administration Manager Sharon Brown
* Credentials Chair Diane Pleuss
* Logistics Manager James Forslind
* Parliamentarian William Woolfolk
* Public Relations Manager Tala Beigi
* Finance Manager Deneille Wiese-Smith

Welcomed the District and Club Officers attending the business meeting

**Credentials Report, Diane Pleuss**

* 147 clubs in good standing, each club gets 2 votes plus the Area and Division Directors.
* We have 100 votes and needed 95. We have a quorum.
* On behalf of the Credentials Committee, I move to the accept the role of the voting membership from Credential Committee to be the official roles of the voting members of this 2017 Spring Conference. Motion accepted unanimously.
* Motion accepted by James Forslind, Earlyword TM, seconded by Greg Kaufman, Walnut Creek TM

**District Parliamentarian, William Woolfolk**

* As prescribed by Toastmasters International, District 57 conducts its business using *Roberts Rules of Order*.
* A copy of the Standing Rules of Order were distributed to each voting member prior to the business meeting.
* All motions were to be submitted to the District Administrative Manager prior to the meeting. If there are no objections, the Rules of Order will be adopted for this Council Meeting.

**Call for a motion to adopt the Standing Rules of Order:**

* Carolyn Douglas, Toast of Richmond, moved to adopt the Rules of Order
* Alan Zoraster, Pittsburg Speakeasy, seconded the motion
* The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.
* **We discuss one item at a time.**
* **The majority (or 2/3 majority) as appropriate, rules.**
* **The minority has the right to be heard.**
* **Any new business to come before the council will be presented in writing to the District Director or the District Administration Manager before the call of new business.**
* **Debate on one item will be limited to no more than 15 minutes.**
* **The maker of the motion will be given the opportunity to speak first. Each speaker will be limited to one minute and will not speak again until all who want to speak on the issue have been heard.**
* **Only credentialed Council members may speak or vote on an issue. Before addressing the assembly, wait to be recognized by the director then state your name and the club you represent. This will assist the Administration Manager to document your name for the records.**

**Minutes for the Fall District Council Meeting on November 5, 2016, Sharon Brown**

* Asked Council if there were any corrections or amendments. Informed Council of one correction on page 1: Meeting called to order at 12:35pm not 11:05am . Are there any other amendments needed?

**Call for a motion to adopt the November 5, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections, Sharon Brown**

* Dennis Neary, Windmasters, moved to adopted the minutes
* Alan Zoraster, Speakeasy Toastmaster seconded the motion
* Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote

**Financial Audit Committee Report, Robert Kaiser, Bryan Fisher and Alan Marks**

* Audit committee’s responsibility to review the records of the District and ascertain that all the expenditure that district made were proper and in accordance with the Toastmaster policy and that all procedures assured that the corrected expenditures were validated and certified correctly.
* Audit was completed February 2017.

**Financial Manager’s Report, Deneille Wiese-Smith**

* The Report is posted online
* Currently in good standing and under budget, so far we are on solid ground.
* The Financial numbers are available on the D57 website to download and review..

**Public Relations Manager, Tala Beigi**

* Thanking and Recognized her team members: Shaym Nath, Ed Cullen,
* Tyree Johnson, Teri McDonald, Greg Hoffman, Adria Richards.
* New website is complete. Keeps with the TI branding rules and is more modern
* Registration using Eventbrite is complete to make registration easier
* Email integration through Google Apps
* Newsletter we use for announcements. Be sure to contribute.
* Shaym lead the video contest that was successful
* Meet up will be enhanced

**Club Growth Director, Dilek Alkaya**

* Started year with a path forward. We are strong with 158 clubs. We actually have 148 clubs in good standing estimate to have 151 clubs we are currently working on.
* We will charter 4 new clubs and will have a report
* John Murior, Food Bank, JFK,
* need 162 to become Distinguished
* Lark Doley and I did cold call to businesses with packets of information
* Need everyone’s continued support
* Have opportunities for Club Coaches, Mentors, you can complete your DTM by volunteering.

**Program Quality Director, Randie Ellington**

* 2016-2017 Report Responsible for Education and Training of our members.
* It’s about setting goals and achieving them
* If our members are reaching their goals towards Distinguished it helps the District too
* Have 63 clubs that need to be Distinguished. We are 25 clubs away from being Distinguished.
* Encouraged everyone to invite guest to these clubs and reach our goal.
* Recognized members that have gone the extra mile. Jean Cunningham, Savitha Seltur, Ed Cullen, Faz Binesh, all the Pathways Guides, Kevin Thornton
* Pathways is a great program and has a lot of value to help members to grow.
* Recognized all the Committee Chairs
* Announced there will be additional incentives to push toward our goals.

**District Director, Steve Taddei**

* Steve shared personal stories about people that made a lasting impression on him.
* Thanked all the mentors that got him to where he is today.

**Realignment Committee, Mark Burchill, Chair**

* Each year clubs are chartered
* Toastmasters International recommends 4 to 5 club per division and 3 clubs per Area suggest there are 3 areas and 4 clubs per Division
* Make recommendations to move clubs to different area
* Div A and I are reduced to 3 clubs, Div B Laugh Lovers moved to Concord, 2 clubs in Div D are moving to different areas.

Questions: Paula Foster mentioned that Division C was not on the new alignment. Steve confirmed that C will stay the same.

* Apparently, there was a glitch with the format that left clubs off the realignment. Steve Taddei announced that a complete format of the realignment would be sent to the District Council and and put on the website.
* Larry Miller suggested the next time a format was used to show clubs moving to different areas to just put an Arrow to show from/to.
* Monica Sullivan, Tells & Tellers requested to amendment to the alignment and move them to B-6 instead of F-16.
* Motion made by Monica Sullivan, Tells & Tellers to move the club to B6. Cindy Johnson, Diablo Valley TM seconded the motion.
* Teri McDonald made a motioned to realign DEMO Team to DivB-Area17. Now meeting in Concord. Motion was seconded by Ed Cullen
* Discussion on alignments
* Tyree Johnson suggested that the Area/Division Directors should recruit someone to assistance with the areas that have 5 or 6 clubs in their area so they are not over extended.
* Motion to accept the alignment with amendments, Bryan Fisher, AAA Talkers motion and Paula Foster, Toastmasters Leadership. No other discussion
* Accepted by majority voice vote,

**Nominating Committee Chair, Teri McDonald**

* Thanks Jake Dimitri and Jean Cunningham that helped with the vetting
* Slate of candidates for **2017-2018** -Nominations are:
* Randie Ellington – District Director
* Dilek Alkaya – Program Quality Director
* Karen Moirao - Club Growth Director
* Div A – Faz Binesh
* Div B – Rick Morgin
* Div C – Julie Garrett
* Div D – Sally Philbin
* Div E – Christopher Foster
* Div F – Trish Johnson
* Div H – David Dai
* Div I – Maribeth White

**Administration Manager, Sharon Brown**, cast 1 vote for each nominee on the slate for District Director, Program Quality Director and Club Growth Director.

There was a call for additional nominations. Hearing none, there was a call for a motion to accept the nominations.

The Administration Manager cast 1 vote for each candidate nominated for Division Director.

**Call for a motion to adopt the District Officer appointments, Steve Taddei**

* Appointments after the Fall Conference : Savitha Setlur, Area A1 Director, DeneilleWiese-Smith, Financial Manager Stephanie Butler, Division I Director

**Motion made to ratify their appointment:** Ed Cullen, Warehouse TM, seconded by Brenda Kroll-Walker, Lakeside Speakeasy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**: TLI – July 8, 2017; Installation Dinner-July 22, 2017; International TM Convention August 23-27. November 11, 2017 for the Fall Conference.

Adjourned:

**3:00pm**