



District 57 District Council Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2020

Officers Present:

District Director	Kevin Markl
Program Quality Director	Bett Bollhoefer
Finance Manager	Gaganbir Kaur
Public Relations Manager	George Marshall

Online Business Meeting called to order by District Director, Kevin Markl

- Reviewed Meeting Etiquette
- Introduced Dignitaries and Past District Directors
 - Diane Pleuss, IPDD
 - Randie Ellington
 - Steve Taddei
 - Jean Cunningham
 - Dennis Dawson
 - Ashley Harkness
 - Tyree Johnson
 - Michael Notaro, PID
 - Greg Scott, PID
 - Rick Sydor, PID
- Read District Mission

Credentials Report, Jill Van Slyke

The Credentials Report is as followed:

# of Clubs in District 57:	152
# of club votes available (2 per club):	304
# of votes needed for quorum (1/3):	102
Actual # of club votes:	151
# of district officer votes:	38
total # of votes:	189
Votes for a simple majority	95
Votes for a 2/3 majority	126

The Credentials Report was accepted without objection

District Parliamentarian, Dennis Dawson

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. Standing rules:

- 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 must be presented at the DECM prior to the deadline to publish the District Council Meeting agenda.
- Debate on one item will be limited to no more than 6 minutes which can be extended at the Chairs discretion.
- The maker of the motion be 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.

Technical Host, Wing Lok

Reviewed how to vote using Election Runner.

Minutes from September 2019 District Council Meeting, District Director, Kevin Markl

The minutes were presented. No objections were presented to dispensing of reading of the minutes. No amendments to the minutes were presented. The minutes were accepted.

Ratification of Appointed District Officers, District Director, Kevin Markl

The following district officer appointments were appointed:

- James Forslind, Area B17 Director

Motion to approve the appointments by Jerreau Taylor. 2nd by Bett Bollhoefer. Appointment approved by simple majority.

Progress Towards District Goals

District Report by Kevin Markl

- District 57 is Experiencing Excellence and progressing well towards our goals as a top District in Region 1, North America and the World:
 - #14 in North America for paid clubs with more to come following renewals to bring clubs back up to good standing.
 - #6 in North America for membership payments after many open houses and a strong renewals
 - #3 in North America for distinguished clubs as clubs work to deliver an excellent guest, member and officer experience.
- Discussed the transition from in-person to online meetings beginning mid-March. The District will support our clubs in this transition to ensure they continue to meet, have fun, recognize success of their members and continue to grow our community.

Program Quality Report by Bett Bollhoefer

- Shared the impact of Train the Trainer program and program changes made to the Winter Toastmasters Leadership Institute such as brain writing and 30/60/90 day planning
- Reviewed the progress of the Vice President of Pathways Program including adoption by officers, members and new members.
- Discussed the Masterclass online webinar program and the transition of Conference sessions and keynotes to this program.
- Many clubs have 5+ DCP points and more than 71% of clubs have already transitioned to online meetings and are taking advantage of the District Zoom.

- Called on members and clubs to meet online, get new members involved in Pathways, to get educational awards including legacy awards submitted before end of year, hold officer elections and stay focused on what clubs need to do to become distinguished.

Club Growth Report by Kevin Markl

Club Growth Director Ashley Ching was not registered or present. Report presented by District Director, Kevin Markl:

- More than 2x open houses run year over year. Incentives for these paused due to shelter in place as clubs become more comfortable with fun online meetings
- More than 1100 people joined our Meetup groups but marketing messaging and need to be updated to get these individuals to visit and join our club meetings.
- 28 Club Coaches across 20 clubs. Power hours and incentives helping struggling clubs. Shift to online has opened up new opportunities to club coaches who were not close by geographically.
- Strong renewals in the Fall and good early start, but still 1200 unpaid members.
- New clubs: Nisumites, Intarcia, SAP Academy. Lost 2 clubs, JGI and Diablo View. Some new club leads not qualified but other new club leads like BART, Armamino and Abbott ready for kick off.

Public Relations Report by George Marshall

Thanked and acknowledged team members including Newsletter Editor Venkat Raman and Webmaster, Penelope Doleman.

Midyear Financial Audit Committee Report, Deneille Wiese-Smith

The Audit Committee reviewed the period of July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. All records were found to be in order.

Finance Manager's Report, Gaganbir Kaur

The finance report was posted ahead of time. Currently in good standing. As of 3/31/2019 the district has \$3,238.33 net income vs budgeted. The differences were primarily attributed to:

- Awaiting invoices for TLI and room expenses was less than expected.
- Open house incentive adoption was lower than expected and some incentives earned had not yet not been paid
- Spent less on new club leads due to COVID-19 and the pause on new club building.
- Spent less on travel and DECM (room rental & food) after shifting to online meetings

District Leadership Committee Report, Diane Pleuss

The DLC Chair presented the following candidates to serve District 57 for 2019-2020:

District Director: Bett Bollhoefer

Program Quality Director: Ed Cullen and George Marshall

Club Growth Director: James Forslind and Julie Garrett

Division Directors:

Division A: Robyn Crawford

Division B: Marc Ventura

Division C: Chuck Ballinger

Division D: Carolyn Douglas

Division E: Garrett Estadt

Division F: Carl Cross

Division H: Katherine Cheung

Division I: Katheen Mills

Nominations from the floor were required to be submitted 1 week prior to the online business meeting per changes from Toastmasters International.

District Officer Elections

District Director candidate: Bett Bollhoefer

- Without objection, a single ballot was cast by the secretary, electing District Director, Bett Bollhoefer.

Program Quality Director candidates: Ed Cullen and George Marshall

- George Marshall elected by simple majority

Club Growth Director candidates: James Forslind and Julie Garrett

- Julie Garrett elected by simple majority

Division Directors:

- Without objection, a single ballot was cast by the secretary, electing all Division Directors

Realignment Committee Report, Julie Garrett

Julie reviewed the recommendations by the committee. Two amendments were discussed:

- Amendment presented by Linda Stewart, 2nd by Mary Bustamante, to keep Vallejo Entrepreneurs and Business Professionals in Area B21 (not moving it to Area C8).

After discussion, a majority voted against the amendment.

- Amendment presented by Sherri Jensen, 2nd by Bill Holsey, to keep Speakers Forum in Area H19 (not moving it to Area I133).

After discussion, a majority voted in favor of the amendment.

The proposed realignment, with amendment keeping Speakers Forum in Area H19, was approved by majority vote.

Announcement of Upcoming Events and Milestones:

- May: Club Officer Elections
- May 4th: Club Coach Assignments Resume
- May 15th: District Evaluation Contest
- May 20th: Masterclass – Incorporating Humor into Speeches
- May 22: District International Speech Contest
- May 30: Masterclass – Turning Uncertainty into your Advantage
- May 31: Area Visits Due

Adjournment

Please send any additions or corrections of these minutes to info@d57tm.org.