

Council and Business Meeting Minutes  
District 26 Spring Conference  
May 19, 2018  
Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast, 3155 S Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO 80014

Meeting Called to Order: 3:16 pm

**CALL TO ORDER: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

Pledge of Allegiance

District 26 members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Bea Garcia, Distinguished Toastmaster

The Invocation was provided by Distinguished Toastmaster, Past District Governor, Bea Garcia. She quoted the immortal words of President John F. Kennedy, *“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”* Her advice to us is, *‘Let us continue to learn and grow in Toastmasters, our communities and to all those with whom we come in contact.’*

District 26 Mission Statement: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster

Members read the District 26 mission statement as follows: *“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.”*

**INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

The head table consists of District Director, District 26 Distinguished Toastmaster Rhea Thompson. On the far right is District 26 Administration Manager, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leadership Bronze, Cynthia Cunningham. Sitting to her left serving as Parliamentarian, is Distinguished Toastmaster, Past District Governor, Alan Swartz.

**CREDENTIALS CHAIR REPORT: Presented and Submitted by Beth Boaz, Distinguished Toastmaster, Past District Governor, Past International Director, Credentials Chair**

This report provides information on the health of District 26 in respect to voting at today’s meeting. As of today (May 19, 2018), there are 182 clubs in the District. Each club has 2 votes. To have a quorum, 1/3 of the club Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Education must be represented. District Officers are also entitled to 1 vote. District Officer votes do not factor in the quorum. For today’s meeting, the required number of votes to constitute a quorum is 122. The following votes have been certified by Credentials:

139 Club Officer Votes and 24 District Officer Votes for a total of 163 votes.

Therefore, a quorum is achieved.

For matters requiring a simple majority vote, the necessary number of votes will be 82.

For matters requiring a 2/3 majority, the necessary number of votes will be 109.

### **Credentials Calculations (Not presented at the Business Meeting.)**

#### Calculations of a Quorum:

1. Total number of clubs  $182 \times 2$  votes = 364 Total possible club votes.
2. Divide total possible club votes by 3 to determine the necessary votes for a quorum.  $364$  total possible club votes, divides by 3 = 122 Votes needed for a quorum.

Calculate Simple Majority: 163 Total votes certified divided by 81 + 1 = 82

Calculate 2/3 Majority: 163 Total votes certified  $\times 2 = 326$  divided by 3 = 109

District Director Rhea Thompson declared a quorum to be present, announced the District Council can conduct business, asked Beth Boaz to provide the report to the Administration Manager and thanked her for presenting the report.

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

#### Unanimous Consent

On occasion, the chair will use a procedure called unanimous consent to expedite business not considered controversial. You will hear the phrase, "without objection" or "if there is no objection" in each case. If you wish the issue to be debated and voted upon, simply call out "I object" or "objection."

#### Voting Procedures

Each member of the District Council in attendance at this council meeting, or his or her proxy is entitled to one vote. Any active individual member who carries the proxies of both the club President and Vice President Education from a member club is entitled to two votes; and any such individual member who is also entitled to a vote as a member of the District Executive Committee is entitled to three votes. All other members of district council shall be limited to a maximum of two votes.

#### Conducting Business

In order to conduct business as efficiently as possible, we will follow Roberts's Rules of Order. Any procedural question will be directed to the Parliamentarian whose decision will stand.

Although any Toastmaster may attend a District Council Meeting, only members of the District Council may debate or vote on an issue.

As a point of clarification, members of the District Council are Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education or their Proxy carriers and members of the Executive Committee who are the District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director,

Administration Manager, Finance Manager, Public Relations Manager, Division Directors, Area Directors and the Immediate Past District Director.

Bringing Business Before the Council

If you have business to present or a motion to make, please rise, address the chair, show your ballot, and state your name and the name of the club you are representing for the Administration Manager to record. State the question, business or motion. If a motion is made, allow time for a second. If the motion is seconded, I will call for discussion. If the motion is debatable, the person making the motion will be allowed to speak first. Debate will then continue with a person for opposition, followed by one in favor and continuing to alternate between pro and con until everyone is heard or debate is closed, at which time we will vote.

**PARLIAMENTARY NOTE: Alan Swartz, Distinguished Toastmaster, Past District Governor**

If I want to offer a motion to stop debate, that is called “Previous Question.” It is a motion that requires a second and is not debated. Shouting out “Question” is not a motion and does not show respect for your neighbors or this assembly.

**APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS, TIMERS AND MICROPHONE CONTROLLERS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

Without objection the Chair appointed the following Toastmasters as Counters who will tally and count the votes; Distinguished Toastmaster Jennifer Costello, Distinguished Toastmaster Victoria Cox and Distinguished Toastmaster Tom Marrs.

Without objection the Chair appointed Distinguished Toastmaster Penny Alleman and Advanced Communicator Bronze, Advanced Leader Bronze Beth Baker Owens as Timers.

Without objection the Chair appointed Toastmaster John Harrington and Toastmaster Randy Uitts as Microphone Controllers.

The appointments listed were approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

Asked the members of the Council to review the agenda included in all packets for the District Council Meeting on May 18, 2018. There were no corrections or additions made.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM November 11, 2017 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

Announced the meeting minutes from the District Council Meeting on November 11, 2017 were posted on the District 26 website and a limited number of minutes were available for distribution to voting members. Distributions were made.

There were no corrections or additions made.

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**MID-YEAR AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR 2017-2018: Presented and Submitted by Brenda Uitts, Competent Leader, 2017-2018 Audit Committee Chair**

The Audit Committee reviewed the books for the period from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The findings:

1. 2017-2018 Audit Committee meeting: Diane Nuss, Karen Kitzky and Brenda Uitts, Chair.
2. Year-end audit committee meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2018.
3. Audit was conducted in accordance with guidelines provided by Toastmasters International.
  - a. The committee reviewed copies of all canceled checks to ensure signatory guidelines were followed.
  - b. The committee reviewed all vouchers (reimbursement and deposit) to ensure appropriate signatures, supporting documents, and preapprovals were present.
  - c. The committee reviewed all expenditures to verify that they matched the Payment Register and all deposits to verify that they matched the Receipt Register.
  - d. The committee reviewed Profit and Loss statements to verify that they matched other documentation.
  - e. The committee reviewed documentation to verify that all transactions were appropriate as dictated by Toastmasters International.
4. The committee concluded that the finance records for District 26 are clean and appropriate as dictated by Toastmasters International.

The Council Meeting Chair directed the Administration Manager to enter into the record as reported and thanked Audit Committee Chair Brenda Uitts and the Audit Committee for their diligent work on the audit.

**APPOINTED DISTRICT OFFICERS: Presented and Submitted by Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

The Appointed District Officers Report is included in all packets. The names of the 2017- 2018 District 26 Leadership Team have been posted on the District 26 website under the menu item "Members/District Contacts 17-18."

**District Director**, Rhea Thompson,  
**Program Quality Director**, Marcia Wood,  
**Club Growth Director**, Mike Akins,  
**Immediate Past District Director**, Darryle Brown,  
**Administration Manager**, Cynthia Cunningham

**Finance Manager**, Katrina Johnson  
**Public Relations Manager**, Marieta Ferrington  
**District Newsletter Editor**, Michelle Mras  
**Social Media Chair**, Trixie Hunter-Merrill  
**District Speakers Bureau Chair**, Ray Mohr  
**District Webmaster**, Gregory Harris  
**Technology Lead**, Alex Pyle  
**District Quality Events Chair**, Lori High  
**District Extension Chair**, Vacant  
**District Retention Chair**, Colette Smith  
**Denver Division Director**, Carolyn Conover  
**Eastern Division Director**, May Tran,  
**Foothills Division Director**, Laria Lovec  
**Metro Division Director**, Howard Levine  
**Metro Division Director**, Janice Haldi  
**Southern Division Director**, Victoria Cox  
**Urban Division Director**, Joy Carol Davidson

The following appointments were made after our last District Council Meeting, therefore we have to ask the Council's approval to have them appointed. The appointed two members are Southern Retention Coordinator, Diane Harris and F5 Area Director, John Lind.

Dallas Shepard, Colorado Orators League #5618, moved to approve the appointments as made.

Jim Roth, Simply Speaking #677476, seconded the motion to approve the appointments as made.

The appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

The Council Meeting Chair directed the Administration Manager to enter the appointment into the record as approved.

**FINANCE MANAGER REPORT: Presented by Brenda Uitts and Submitted by Katrina Johnson, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, Finance Manager**

A copy of the 2017-2018 Budget and the 3rd Quarter Financial Report is in all packets.

The signatures of the four officers that approved the report are on page 5.

Pages 8 and 9 show our budget, however page 8 includes a breakdown of expenses for July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 and page 9 is a summary of expenses through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2018.

*District 26 Profit and Loss (Actual vs. Budget Summary in USD)*

*Third Quarter 2018 versus Budget:*

	<b>As of 3/31/18</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>District Revenue</b>		
Membership Revenue	73,394.20	69,059.00
Conference Revenue	30,181.56	22,257.00
Fundraising Revenue	0.00	0.00
TLI Revenue	0.00	0.00
District Store Revenue	0.00	0.00
Other Revenue	0.00	0.00
<b>Total District Revenue</b>	<b>103,575.76</b>	<b>91,316.00</b>
<b>District Expenses</b>		
Conference Expenses	25,955.53	26,335.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00
TLI Expenses	572.26	2,825.00
District Store Expenses	0.00	0.00
Marketing Expenses	11,457.19	32,638.00
Communications & PR Expenses	1,511.04	3,315.00
Education & Training Expenses	4,978.05	6,411.00
Speech Contest Expenses	2,614.90	3,330.00
Administration Expenses	1,693.06	3,338.00
Travel Expenses	18,867.89	35,804.00
<b>Total District Expenses</b>	<b>67,649.61</b>	<b>113,996.00</b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>35,926.15</b>	<b>(22,680.00)</b>

Page 10 is the Financial Report for the 3rd Quarter and it shows the Actual, Budget and Variance in US Dollars for the month ending March 31, 2018:

Cash and District Reserve: \$42,837.72

Cash: \$4,686.03

Total Cash: \$47,523.75

District Reserve: \$117,928.28

Total Cash and District Reserve: \$165,452.03

Minimum District Reserve Required at Year End: (\$20,982.91)

**Total Available Funds: \$144,469.12**

The Council Meeting Chair directed the Administration Manager to enter into the record as reported. She thanked Brenda Uitts for presenting the Financial Report on behalf of Finance Manager Katrina Johnson.

**DISTRICT ALIGNMENT REPORT: Presented and Submitted by Mark West, Distinguished Toastmaster, Alignment Committee Chair**

The District Alignment Report begins on page 11 of the packet. The Committee was tasked with two main goals this year. The first goal was to make everyone life's easier by keeping clubs together so that Area Directors do not have to travel as far and giving them the best chance of becoming a "Distinguished Area." The second goal was to limit each "Area" to five clubs, making it possible to expand and avoid a lot of shuffling areas around, thereby taking some of the burden off Denver and the Front Range Divisions. This would mean decreasing the number of clubs in the Urban Division and possibly creating a "Western" Division.

**PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

Relevant to changes submitted by the Alignment Committee are two proposals for consideration by the District Council, Proposal A and Proposal B. Both proposals were sent to District leadership and to Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education prior to the Business Meeting. A hardcopy of the current and proposed alignments is included in your packet. We will discuss each proposal separately.

We will begin our discussion with Proposal A: **Should District 26 establish a new Division for the purpose of addressing current growth and the preparation of future expansion, and allow the reassignment of clubs to the new Division?**

As a point of procedure, any voting member of the Council wishing to present a motion to amend the proposal to establish this new Division, please stand to be recognized, state your name, your club name, and then your amendment. You will have at most two minutes to present your amendment. As soon as you have concluded, please pass a written copy of your amendment to me.

Darryle Brown, Aurorators Club #2136, moved to approve Proposal A.

Terry Ploski, Golden Orators #2626, seconded the motion to approve Proposal A.

Proposal A was approved.

The Council Meeting Chair directed the Administration Manager to enter into the record Proposal A as approved.

Next, we will discuss Proposal B: **Should District 26 allow the realignment of clubs to other Areas within existing Divisions?**

As a point of procedure, any voting member of the Council wishing to present a motion to amend any division as proposed by the Alignment Committee, please stand to be recognized, state your name, your club name, and then your amendment. You will have at most two minutes to present your amendment. As soon as you have concluded, please pass a written copy of your amendment to me.

Dave Wheeler, Tenacious Toastmasters #644254, moved to approve Proposal B.

Terry Ploski, Golden Orators #2626, seconded the motion to approve Proposal B.

Joyce Feustel, Timberline Toastmasters #1965

How did you decide which of the Foothills Division clubs went into the Western Division?

Mark West, Alignment Committee Chair

We looked at the map and used calculations to determine how far each Area and Division Director had to travel for meetings.

Verniece Thomas, Greeley Early Risers Toastmasters #764

Some of our Areas have three clubs, other clubs are trying to get started, and there are two corporate clubs we don't interact with. Is there going to be a set number of five clubs per "Area?"

Mark West, Alignment Committee Chair

Northern is unique because of the distance you travel. TMI says the ideal size for an "Area" is four to six clubs.

Diana Hutchinson, Sunrise Toastmasters #619

Opening statements were inaudible. Why so much switching between clubs?

Mark West, Alignment Committee Chair

Using the software and calculations, this was the best call we could make using what we had. We did reach out to every Area Director and Division Director for their feedback and they basically had no problem with that.

Rhea Thompson, District Director, Council Meeting Chair

We reached out to Area Directors and District Directors prior to making decisions and had their consent to move forward.

Pete Martin, Pioneer Toastmasters Club #2932

For most of us here in the District, this came as a total surprise. Less than two weeks ago was the first we ever heard of this. I appreciate your efforts to keep clubs close to each other, but I'm puzzled about that what happened in the western arm of Lakewood when realigning clubs?

Mark West, Alignment Committee Chair

We wanted to make sure that all our clubs had an average of strong and weak clubs. We did not want one Area to have all strong clubs and wanted to balance out the strengths of each Area.

Rhea Thompson, District Director, Council Meeting Chair

A new "Division" can only be created if it has 3 or more "Areas." To do that, we thought it more appropriate to have 4 Areas in the Western Division and we looked at the closest clubs on the Western side to assign to the new Division.



Mark West, Alignment Committee Chair

It took about six weeks of weekly meetings, a lot of time talking, changing things, a dozen revisions and a lot of work for the Committee, Rhea and myself to come up with this alignment.

Pete Martin, Pioneer Toastmasters Club #2932

I wish we had heard sooner about this other than a Wednesday evening conference call.

Rhea Thompson, District Director, Council Meeting Chair

It was discussed with all Area Directors and Division Directors prior to the Town Hall Meeting and all Area Directors and Division Directors approved of the alignment and therefore we opened the Town Hall Meeting to all Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education.

Proposal B was approved.

The Council Meeting Chair directed the Administration Manager to enter into the record Proposal B as approved.

**DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Presented and Submitted by Darryle Brown, Distinguished Toastmaster, Immediate Past District Director, District Leadership Committee Chair**

The District Leadership Committee is composed of: Darryle Brown, Distinguished Toastmaster, PDD, and Committee Chair; Jeff Smith, Distinguished Toastmaster – Denver; Jonathan Sterner, ACG, CL – Eastern; Kathy Barrett, Distinguished Toastmaster – Foothills; Amber Clark, Distinguished Toastmaster – Metro; Stacey Williams, Distinguished Toastmaster – Northern; Patty Saunders, ACB, ALB – Southern; Tanisha Keel, ATMB – Urban; and Ali Abouzalam, CC, CL – At Large

Special thanks to Keith Horowitz in the preparation and publication of the nominated candidates on the District website.

The following nominations are presented for the 2018-2019 elected District Officer positions:

**District Director:** Marcia Wood, Spirited Speakers #1440289 and Jackson Keynoters #747209

**Program Quality Director:** Mike Akins, Talking Ideas Toastmasters Club #9375

**Club Growth Director:** Jacqueline Smith, Aurorators Toastmasters Club #2136 and May Tran, Westminster Communicators Club #899 and Absolutely Articulate #1272692

**Denver Division Director:** Carol Pace, BodyShops Club #821 and Lowry Peak Speakers Club #6354

**Eastern Division Director:** Sarah Beasley, Peak Performance #3028311, Twin Peak Toasters #6649041 and Words Worth Speaking #1021224

**Foothills Division Director:** Terry Ploski, Golden Orators #2626  
**Metro Division Director:** Randee Ryan, Highlands Ranch Toastmasters Club #601385  
**Northern Division Director:** Janice Haldi, Roadmasters Toastmasters Club #639035  
**Southern Division Director:** Glenn Knight, Artfully Speaking #8404  
**Urban Division Director:** David Johnson, Downtowners Toastmasters Club #3801

The Council Meeting Chair thanked Darryle Brown for presenting the report.

**ELECTION PROCESS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

During the elections, the Chair will call for floor candidate nominations for an office. After nominations are closed, candidates will have 2 minutes to present their qualifications for contested elections. After presentations by all nominated candidates for an office, election ballots will be collected and counted. Candidates are expected to assign one member to observe the counting of ballots. Each election is completed and the winner announced before moving to a subsequent office. Candidates not elected may be nominated from the floor for subsequent offices.

Protocol 9.0 paragraph 11.D defines the nomination process. After the chair calls for nominations, floor candidates rise and state their name and club number. A voting member of the District council or proxyholder will then rise, state their name, club number and nominate the candidate. Before proceeding to give their 2-minute presentation, the floor candidate must give a signed Officer Agreement and Release Statement Form to District Leadership Committee Chair, Darryle Brown, if not done previously.

**ELECTION OF 2018-2019 DISTRICT OFFICERS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

There were no nominations from the floor for District 26 Director nor for Quality Program Director. The Chair instructed the Administration Manager to cast one elective ballot each for Marcia Wood for District 26 Director and Mike Akins for Quality Program Director.

There were no nominations from the floor for Club Growth Director. Jacqueline Smith and May Tran each presented a 2-minute presentation for the position. While ballots were being counted, Division Officer Reports were presented.

**DIVISION OFFICER REPORTS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

We will now hear the District Officer Reports on the State of the District. Each District Officer has two minutes for their reports. The Timers are Penny Alleman and Beth Baker Owens who will lead the applause at 2 minutes 15 seconds.

**DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT: Presented and Submitted by Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster**

Membership Renewals: 3 clubs have not submitted any member renewals and 5 clubs have submitted some renewals but not the 8 required to be considered a “club in good standing.”

Member Payments: As of Wednesday, May 16, 2018, we need 508 member-payments for our District to reach Distinguished status in that area.

Distinguished Clubs: 27 clubs took advantage of our Incentive Program to reach Distinguished status by March 31, 2018. These clubs received Toastmasters online gift certificates in the amount of \$30 to \$110, depending on the Distinguished status of the club. The next incentives for Distinguished clubs will be awarded for those who did not reach Distinguished status by March 31<sup>st</sup> but who will reach Distinguished by May 31<sup>st</sup>. As of May 16, 2018, we need 18 clubs to reach Distinguished status for our District to reach Distinguished in that area.

Distinguished District: We have 6 weeks to reach District Distinguished status-will you help? Area Director-contact clubs in your Area who have not submitted necessary member renewals. Club Presidents and VPs Education-help your member reach their goals.

**PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR: Presented and Submitted by Marcia Wood, Distinguished Toastmaster**

Pathways Report: The percentage of District 26 members who have signed on to Pathways is 32.24%. The most popular Paths chosen are Innovative Planning, Presentation Mastery, and Effective Coaching. Globally, the percentage of members who have signed on to Pathways is 32.48%. The most popular Paths chosen are Innovative Planning, Presentation Mastery, and Dynamic Leadership.

Division TLIs First Round: June 2, Southern Division in Colorado Springs; June 9, Denver/Metro/Foothills/Urban Divisions in Aurora with Keynote Speaker 2005 World Champion Lance Miller; June 16, Western Division in Grand Junction; June 23, Northern Division in Cheyenne and June 30, Eastern Division in Loveland.

District Officer Training: Scheduled for Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Xilinx Retreat Center in Longmont.

Fall Leadership Celebration: Tentatively scheduled for November. Includes Hall of Fame and IPDD Roast. District Executive Council will decide details after elections on May 19.

**CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR: Presented and Submitted by Mike Akins, Distinguished Toastmaster**

District 26 must **add (12) more paid clubs** by 6/30/18 year-end to qualify for Distinguished. Unpaid, Chartered and Suspended club details are below. My report focuses on the club Extension aspect of my role; Colette Smith’s separate report will focus on club Retention details.

D26 Dashboard Paid Clubs History: 7/1/17 Base clubs: 188, 5/17/18 Paid clubs: **182**, 6/30/18 Distinguished goal: 194, 6/30/18 President’s goal: 204

Clubs with Less Than 8 Paid Members (8): These are highest priority for Area Directors and Retention team: Black Canyon Voices, Delta, CO; DaVita Toastmates, Denver, CO; Janus Capital Group, Denver, CO; New Life Toastmasters, CO Springs, CO; Steamboat

Toastmasters, Steamboat Springs, CO; Talkin' DISH, Englewood, CO; TLC Club, Littleton, CO and Toast of DIA, Denver, CO.

Clubs Expected to Charter by 6/30/18 (6): Achieve, Englewood, CO; CU-Denver, Denver, CO; Montrose Toastmasters, Montrose, CO; Speak Up Adams, Westminster, CO; ToastBlasters Speaking Club, Golden, CO and Yellowstone Toastmasters Club, Cody, WY. If we can charter these clubs, the District would match last year's record of 21 clubs! Reinstating and chartering all above clubs adds 14, which is two more than needed for Distinguished club requirement. Not much room for error.

Chartered Clubs This Year (15): AdamSpeak, Brighton, CO; Aegon Toast, Denver, CO; Analytically Speaking At Alteryx, Broomfield, CO; Constant Contact, Loveland, CO; DU Speaks, Denver, CO; Earth Speaks, Denver, CO; Lockmasters, Denver, CO; Pronghorn Pontificators, Rawlins, WY; Speak & Influence, Broomfield, CO; Speakers, Centennial, CO; Spectrum Speakers, Greenwood Village, CO; TTCl, Pueblo, CO; Twin Peaks, Longmont, CO; Ulteig Multiregional, Greenwood Village, CO and Wheat Toast, Wheat Ridge, CO.

Club Sponsors Assigned This Year (30): Most Sponsors came from within the chartering club.

Club Mentors Assigned This Year (26): Four clubs have one Mentor while the remaining 11 clubs have two. Two-thirds of the assigned mentors had earned their ALB award. I sought experienced members to help start club correctly while giving opportunity to fulfill their personal ALS requirement. Recruiting and placing these mentors was a significant challenge.

Clubs Suspended as of 9/30/17 Because They Had No Members (7): Elevator's, Navigationally Speaking, Red Robin, Suitetalkers, Sunshine Valley, Universal Speakers, Vail Voices. They were not included in our 7/1/17 Base count, therefore did not affect Area/Division/District performance.

Clubs Suspended or Dissolved Affecting Our Paid Clubs Tally (13): Fabricators, Have Darts Ready, Hear Me Roar, Innovative, Kaizen, LEAD, No Water, No Toast, PWC, Real People Real Talk, Southridge, Speakers Alliance, Springs Liberty and XTOastmasters.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER: Presented and Submitted by Marieta Ferrington, Toastmaster**

The role of PR Manager is no exception to the laws of evolution, we must adapt to be successful. This Toastmasters year we made a difference by the inception, organization and execution of the Toastmasters Networking Event series.

Number of Networking Events: We've done 4 events, the 5<sup>th</sup> and last one for this Toastmasters year is coming next Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Attendees: We've had more than 150 attendees, about half of which were Toastmasters the other over 80 are potential new members for the organization ranging from a high school student who had just launched his start-up company to the President and Board of Directors of the National Speakers Association, Colorado.

Keynote Speakers: The Keynote speakers for the event were owners or representatives of some of the biggest networking organizations in Colorado – My Firestorm, ABNG, Master Networks & NSA Colorado. We also had the pleasure to learn from some of the

most well-known speakers & present & former District 26 leaders – Joyce Feustel, Joan Janis, Michelle Mras & Tom Hobbs.

Community Outreach: These events served as a delivery vehicle for our message and brand to reach the larger community that surrounds us. We reached thousands of people inside and outside the organization through an Integrated marketing strategy including video marketing & social media campaigns. Thanks to this our event was featured on 17 websites of Colorado Community Media and attracted the attention to a few other medias.

Final Networking Event: I'd like to extend a Big thank you to everybody who shared this fun experience with me and helped to me make this idea a successful concept that attracted the attention of people beyond our district and organization. Last but not least, I want to invite everyone to join us next Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> between 5:30 and 7PM at Howl at the Moon for the District 26 Open House and 5<sup>th</sup> Networking Event. See you all there!"

**DENVER DIVISION DIRECTOR: Presented and Submitted by Carolyn Conover, Advanced Communicator Silver, Competent Leader**

Status Summary: Started the year with 36 clubs; currently have 35 active clubs (13 corporate clubs and 22 open clubs). Lost 4 clubs (PWC Denver, Speakers Alliance, Have Darts Ready, and LEAD – 2 corporate, 2 open). Gained 3 clubs (Earth Speaks, DU Speaks and Aegon Toast – 1 corporate, 2 open). Two clubs are still delinquent with due payments (both are corporate clubs and both have indicated their desire to continue and are working to get dues submitted before June 30<sup>th</sup>).

Progress: Three clubs are President's Distinguished (Thrillspeakers, Downtowners, Body Shops); three clubs are Select Distinguished (Daybreak, El Puente, Cherry Creek); and five clubs are Distinguished (Downtown Speakeasy, Leprino Foods, Rock the Dialogue, Lowry Peak, TOPS). Anticipate more clubs will achieve Distinguished status or higher by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Areas in Need of Attention: Five clubs qualify for a club coach (Evening Stars (advanced club), Homesteaders, Proudly Speaking, The Encredibles, Front & Center (all open clubs)). Continuing to work with these clubs and strategizing ways to increase membership. Two clubs currently seeking new meeting locations (Evening Stars and El Puente) which could affect the upcoming realignment. Unfortunately, new locations are still up in the air at this time. Encouraging clubs to get educational and leadership awards completed and submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Reminding clubs to get Officer Lists for next year submitted by the end of May. Encouraging club members to enroll in Pathways. Reminding Presidents, VP's Education, and Secretaries to take advantage of additional training offered by Pathways Guides and Ambassadors.

Other Efforts: All Area Directors are making club visits, completing reports, and working with clubs to ensure they are in a strong position going into the next Toastmasters year. Working to identify members that might be interested in District Officer positions next year. Because of the realignment next year, I am compiling a list of club information to pass on to incoming District Officer team to ensure smooth transition in July.

**EASTERN DIVISION DIRECTOR: Presented and Submitted by May Tran,  
Distinguished Toastmaster**

The Division consist of 30 clubs in Loveland, Longmont, Greeley, Boulder, Frederick, Platteville, Fort Collins, Fort Morgan and Louisville.

TLI Training: Eastern Division TLI is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 12pm-5pm at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland.

DCP Goals: Eastern Area Directors are working hard with their clubs to reach their DCP goals. If 3 clubs in Area E3 increase their memberships, the Area should reach President's Distinguished. They're all pushing hard to get those few members added before end of June. We are paying more attention to the clubs that are in need and help them with recruitment of new members.

Loveland Toastmasters has 8 members, 5 DCP points and will have Distinguished status if they have 14 members.

Loveland Sweet Talkers has 5 DCP points and only needs 4 more members to get Distinguished.

Peak Performance has 6 DCP goals and needs 4 more members to reach Distinguished.

Twin Peaks Toasters has 6 DCP points and only need 4 more members. They are participating in the Beat the Clock membership campaign so will hopefully get back up to 20 members.

Speak with Ease is currently a Select Distinguished club and needs to achieve one more goal to be President's Distinguished.

Loquacious Lunch Bunch has had a remarkable turnaround with membership and now has 20+ members. They need to achieve one more goal to be a Distinguished club.

Sure Speakers needs to achieve 3 more goals to be a Distinguished club.

**FOOTHILLS DIVISION DIRECTOR: Presented and Submitted by Laria Lovec,  
Distinguished Toastmaster**

Distinguished Status: As of May 16, we are looking pretty good. We need one more club to be paid up and one more club to become Distinguished in order for the Division to be Distinguished. Area F4 is Distinguished and F8 is President's Distinguished. Nine clubs need new members to become Distinguished.

Club Visits: Club visits have been completed with reports submitted in 5 of the 8 Areas.

Net Growth: We have a net growth of one new club.

Help Needed: We need help with members in several clubs. If you can help, please let me know. With a little hard work, we can be distinguished! Let's be the first Division to reach Distinguished for the 2017-2018 year!

**METRO DIVISION DIRECTOR: Presented and Submitted by Howard Levine,  
Distinguished Toastmaster**

Distinguished Status: Metro Division has 11 Distinguished Clubs so far out of 12 required for Distinguished Division. Without having 3 new clubs added to the Metro Division by June 30th there is no realistic chance of the Division achieving Distinguished. Area M4 is currently Select Distinguished. If Area M2 gets another club, it will be Distinguished. If Area M1 gets another club, it has an excellent chance to achieve Distinguished.

Paid Clubs: Our number of paid clubs is down dramatically. Our base is 28, but we have 23 paid clubs. We hope to get two of those clubs paid by the end of June. The other three clubs are already dissolved.

Net Loss: Near the beginning of the Toastmaster Year, we had 3 clubs that were barely functioning and dissolved early in the year and another was a corporate club that disbanded because the company moved its office to a different city. One new club was chartered in Metro Division this year. That is a net loss of 3 clubs, plus we still have 2 clubs that do not have 8 renewals submitted.

Club Visits Reports: Area Directors have submitted all their club visit reports. The percentages do not show as 100% because suspended and disbanded clubs could not have reports submitted on the TI web site.

### **ELECTION OF 2018-2019 DISTRICT OFFICERS RESUMED: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

There were 153 ballots counted for the office of Club Growth Director. Jacqueline received 102 votes and May received 51 votes. The Chair instructed the Administration Manager to document Jacqueline Smith as Club Growth Director.

There were no nominations from the floor for Denver, Eastern, Foothills, Metro, Northern, Southern, nor Urban Division Directors. The Chair instructed the Administration Manager to cast one elective ballot each for: Carol Pace for Denver Division Director, Sarah Beasley for Eastern Division Director, Terry Ploski for Foothills Division Director, Randee Ryan for Metro Division Director, Janice Haldi for Northern Division Director, Glenn Knight for Southern Division Director and David Johnson for Urban Division Director.

The office of Western Division Director is vacant and there were no nominations on the ballot nor from the floor. The Chair will consult with WHQ and continue to seek a Western Division Director. **The Chair instructed the Administration Manager to record election of a Western Division Director as Unfinished Business for the next District Council Meeting.**

### **DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS RESUMED.**

#### **NORTHERN DIVISION DIRECTOR: Presented by Cynthia Cunningham and Submitted by Janice Haldi, Advanced Communicator Bronze, Competent Leader**

Northern Division has 13 clubs, with one club having been suspended for low membership. Membership recruitment is the area that is a continual challenge, as we have more cows than people in Wyoming. All the clubs, including the one that has been suspended, continuously work towards adding members to their clubs.

Area N1: All the club visits have been completed but the reports have not all been entered at Toastmasters International. One club has achieved Distinguished status. The other two have productive meetings but still need to increase their number of members. This is a recurring theme for all Northern Division clubs.

Area N2: The Area Director frequently visits these clubs located in Casper, but visit reports have not yet been submitted. The clubs have joined the chamber of commerce as a group and have been actively been attending the "chamber after-hours" meetings.

They have been planting seeds about Toastmasters but have not yet reaped the benefit from their efforts. The good thing is they are working together as a group to improve the member status of all the clubs.

Area N3: This is a widespread area geographically, ably covered by the Area Director. One new club was added in March and one club has achieved Distinguished status. The other clubs are always looking for members. The Laramie club has provided several members that have actively assisted the division's two newest clubs this past year.

Area N4: This Area also has one club that has achieved Distinguished status, with at least one other on the brink. Again, membership is the issue holding back clubs' progress. All Area visits have been completed but the Area Director has had computer issues trying to get the reports entered. That should be resolved before the end of May.

Prospective Clubs: The prospective club in Cody is still meeting, looking for the last few people to put them over the required number of members. A prospective club has been meeting in Wheatland, but is not yet ready to charter.

Personal Note: I have worked with four wonderful area directors this past year. They are actively involved with the clubs in their areas, always looking for ways to help grow their clubs. They have provided much needed leadership. We anticipate their suggestions and recruitment efforts will have a positive impact on the clubs and the individual members. I am personally pleased to see the collaboration among all the clubs.

### **SOUTHERN DIVISION DIRECTOR; Presented and Submitted by Victoria Cox, Distinguished Toastmaster**

We have 24 clubs in our area and one that is trying to charter in Alamosa, CO. The Southern Division has turned in 126 education awards so far this year. All area reports have been completed. Four clubs have already reached Select Distinguished and 1 Presidents Distinguished. Our "To-Do" List prior to the end of June 2018: 1 more paid club(s) and 4 more distinguished club(s). Seventeen clubs with 5+ DCP goals earned so far and we need to work on getting new members. Six clubs have 5+ DCP goals earned 20+ or +5 members so far. I could not have done any of this without my wonderful Area Directors and the leadership of Rhea, Mike, Marcia and especially Cynthia. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the District and I look forward to doing it again...not next year. Thank you everyone! You've all been awesome!

### **URBAN DIVISION DIRECTOR: Presented and Submitted by Joy Carol Davidson, Distinguished Toastmaster**

Club Dues Reports: All club dues are paid for U1, U2 and U4; U3 has 5 out of 6 club dues paid. Final club lacks 1 member to renew; 3 clubs with membership that qualifies them for a coach. However, these clubs are not likely to want a coach.

Area Director Visits and Reports:

U1: Visits are complete. Reports are 40% complete. 80% or more of the remaining reports will be completed on time. U2: Visits are complete. Reports are 20% complete. 80% or more of the remaining reports will be completed on time. U3: Visits and 100% Reports completed early. U4: Visits are complete. 100% of reports completed on time.



### Distinguished Area and Division Reports:

U1: 4 Clubs: 1 President's Distinguished, 1 Select Distinguished Club, 1 Club 4 members away from President's Distinguished. U2: Clubs in this area are small, but mighty. All clubs need members or more goals. Despite the challenges, only 1 club qualifies for a coach. This area is continuing to growth in strength. U3: 1 Select Distinguished club, and 1 club needs 4 more members, Toast-A-Matics, and another club, AP TMs, that each need another goal. U4: 1 President's Distinguished Club, 1 Club that needs 2 members to be at least Select Distinguished as well as 1 that needs 5 members to be Distinguished.

### **CONFERENCE CHAIR REPORT: Presented and Submitted by Ann Hill, Distinguished Toastmaster, Conference Chair**

In this role, as Conference Chair, I have stepped out of my comfort zone, gained new skills, learned new things about the District and grew as a leader by stepping outside my club and Raising the Bar on Myself to Lead with Excellence. I utilized the tools and techniques I learned through this past year to take this opportunity to not only grow as a Toastmaster, but also grow as a person, building my character and achieving strides towards my goal to become a leader. I learned:

- There is a distinct difference between a leader and a manger. A manager, manages. Checks in on people, makes sure everyone is doing their job. A leader encourages those on their team to see their vision, move towards success and set and achieve goals for themselves as well as the teams below them.
- More about how the District works, how the Trio is comprised and how the roles are divided within the Trio. As well as tips and techniques for how to move forward in the District.
- It takes a village of Toastmasters to plan and produce a conference
- How the Conference Chair works cooperatively with a team of committee chairs and their volunteers on education programs, logistics, contests, credentials for business meeting, check-in, decorations, the pre- and post-conference celebrations, and others to shape a successful conference.
- Though I only did this role for a brief time, the lessons I learned will stay with me for a lifetime.

By doing this, I have been able to step outside of my comfort zone, gain valuable new skills, grow as a leader, become a better speaker, do more stage presentations, share my message, and inspire others. I got to know a lot more of the District by traveling to various events to share the message about Fall Conference. I feel that what made the biggest impact was being able to share my energy with others and inspire them to attend conference this year. Theme for this year is *"Raising the Bar by Leading with Excellence."* When I heard there was no Conference Chair, I decided to do so to work towards raising the bar on myself. If you want to grow as a leader, challenge yourself as an individual and step outside of your comfort zone: Be a Conference Chair! Best thing I've done in years!

Dare to Leap. Challenge yourself to be better than you were yesterday. Reach for the things you want in life. Raise the Bar on Yourself! Lead with Excellence. Be the best YOU that YOU can be. I know you can do it. I believe in you. I wish you much success in reaching your personal, professional, and Toastmasters Goals.

I'd like to give praise and gratitude to the team who helped to recruit members to help with our Conference, especially Marcia and Rhea for the onsite contributions and the tremendous onsite contributions of our Sergeant at Arms, Mark Krekler and Toastmaster to the Conference, Michelle Mras. Thank you all until next year.

**Quality Events Chair Report: Presented and Submitted by Lori High, Distinguished Toastmaster, Quality Events Chair**

I have enjoyed the years I've been QEC, the role is meant to support the Trios larger events and the Chair of those events. It has been a very successful role- from my perspective! Thank you all for your support and Rhea for appointing me to this role. I will greatly miss Rhea's leadership and have enjoyed working alongside of her for the past 5 years.

**Retention Chair, Report: Presented and Submitted by Colette Smith, Distinguished Toastmaster, Retention Chair**

Retention has been working hard this year! We still have a bit of work to do and just over a month to finish strong! I'd like to recognize the Retention Coordinators ~ Jacqueline Smith, Denver; Pat Condon Jr., Denver; and Diane Harris, Southern. Club Coaches Status: Ten Club Coaches have been assigned this term and there are a few more awaiting assignment. Currently there are 17 Club Coaches actively working with 15 Clubs. The Retention Team was able to conduct a Club Coach Workshop and develop a Club Coach package this year that we hope will be further developed and utilized next year. The District needs 27 Club Coaches.

Club Coach Success Story: If you belong to a Club that qualifies for a Club Coach or you are on the fence as to whether you should tackle the challenge of being a Club Coach ~ I'd like to leave you with a success story.

CARBON VALLEY STORY: This is a little story about a Club and Club Coach who shot for the moon and ended up in the stars. Carbon Valley Toastmasters and Club Coach, Ray Pezolt, DTM began working together in July of last year. They had no DCP points and only 8 paid members. There was little engagement, but they wanted help. Ray stepped up and together with a big vision of Distinguished or bust they went to work. Today members visit other clubs, they participate in club contests and help at contests ... today they are engaged .... Today they are DISTINGUISHED! Today they have 14 members and 6 Distinguished Club Points ... their sights are on the future and they continue to land in the stars.

If you want to take your Leadership skills to the next level ~ help a club land in the stars.

Low Memberships: 8 CLUBS have less than 8 MEMBERS. Division Directors, Area Directors and Retention Coordinators are aware and working on this.

**Speakers Bureau Chair Report: Presented and Submitted by Ray Mohr, Distinguished Toastmaster, Speakers Bureau Chair**

Committee members are Ray Mohr, Tom Hobbs and Bob Bennett

Our Goals: An ongoing marketing effort to the communities in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska for the District; Supports the goal of elevating the professionalism of speakers that would represent the District speakers bureau; and Ultimately provide the District a platform that provides value for the Toastmasters in the District and potential users of this resource.

Our Accomplishments: We are coordinating with the District leadership and the team is updating the D26 web site which is available to preview. We have begun outreach to clubs in the District to communicate information about the Speakers Bureau and how to join and support it. We will be contacting people who have been on the Speakers Bureau in the past to invite them to rejoin.

Our Summary: We have a simple, moving forward game plan using the District website as a resource and we expect to be a valuable community resource and a valuable District 26 marketing resource in the coming year.

**Social Media Chair Report: Presented and Submitted by Toastmaster Trixie Hunter-Merrill, Social Media Chair**

Social Media Spotlight: We have had great success for our Social Media Spotlight. I currently have FOUR postings ready to go out for our Social Media Spotlight. One way to share more about our clubs and people is our brand spanking new Social Media Spotlight! Would you like to be considered for our Social Media Spotlight? Please fill out the information at <https://goo.gl/forms/YQ7IFKJ9OHJx3JCv2> and you will be added to our list. We will do one spotlight per month pulling from names we receive here. Please answer as much information as possible, especially your Toastmaster Title and Club (s) name.

Social Media Update: Send me, tags, links to your news, URLs, press releases, fliers, event updates, Eventbrite or FB events, other accomplishments, events, etc., from your club. Please send URLs if you have them so I can link to your information. If you do not have any links or need help in creating fliers, FB events or more, please contact me. If you need help with FTH web pages, Gretchen Vaughn has graciously offered to help those in need to bump up their sites for guests and better use for the members. Thank you Gretchen!

Promoting the District: I want you. I want your events. I want your awards. I want your accomplishments. I want your speeches. I want to hear about you! Please help your clubs by letting them know to take pictures, video tape speeches, send me emails about the club, and tag #District26 on social media and send me more info. I do not receive enough info about all our clubs. I want to promote our people, our clubs, our areas, our divisions!

Editorial Calendar: Editorial Calendar now created and in use. Trio, Newsletter Team, IPDD and Public Relations are all using and helping us Raise the Bar on our Public Relations and Social Media posting for best use, reach and engagement. Reason for the Editorial Calendar was to help the overlap of messages issue and too much traffic in your email and online that would make you leave us. We want all our members to be

able to receive messages without feeling like they need to unsubscribe because of too much traffic.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

Terry Ploski, Golden Orators #2626, moved that the District 26 Alignment Committee be open to nomination no later than January 30th of each year via the “District Dialogue” and District 26 website.

Joyce Feustel, Timberline Toastmasters #1965, seconded the motion to open to nomination no later than January 30th of each year via the “District Dialogue” and District 26 website for the District 26 Alignment Committee.

Robin McIntosh, Rock the Dialogue Toastmasters Club # 03577751

The frustration that I have is that there seems to be a disconnect between the realignment and the elections for the Divisions. I do understand that you guys did send out some notice to us to give comments, but I did not have enough time and I did not enjoy the realignments. When Darryle (Browne) reached out to me for going out for a new term, one of the things he brought up was to have a level of continuity by continuing your leadership and I felt like my group had gone to all ends of the earth and there was no continuity. I think there needs to be some kind of connection between the realignment and the elections for the divisions.

Darryle Brown, Aurorators Club #2136

The decisions as far as appointments for ANY committee is the decision of the District Director. There are also deadlines established by Toastmasters International to determine when they are to assemble such committees and the times in which they are done. If we are proposing to change the policy, we should make sure that we are still working within the parameters of Toastmasters International and what they have set up. Ultimately, it is still the decision of the District Director as to when and who they recruit for the nominations. If this is a way in which to streamline the process to improve it, as long as we stay within the parameters of the existing policy, it may be something to think about and also that it's still within the authority of the District Director.

Terry Ploski, Golden Orators #2626

I was struck this morning by the comments of Daniel Rex, “Why we do what we do.” I see this room with men and women who are committed to Toastmasters. I see men and women who are committed to finding solutions, that want to be a part of the solution. So I believe improving transparency and getting those men and women involved would help rollout changes at the District Conference. You yourself, Darryle Brown, asked me to serve on the Alignment Committee a few years ago. That was a joy and I believe that joy can be shared in this room and with other individuals who want to be a part of the solution, who want to be a part of creating the very best leadership.

Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair

Taking all of this under considerations, the District Director will consult with policies and procedures presented by World Headquarters. I don't think it restricts us from opening nominations for that role earlier, however, that will be up to the District Director appointed for next year to determine when she wants to start that. **It will be noted as Unfinished Business.**

Terry Ploski, Golden Orators #2626, moved that the District 26 Alignment Committee be open to nominations on January 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Joyce Feustel, Timberline Toastmasters #1965, seconded the motion to open to nominations on January 30<sup>th</sup> of each year for the District 26 Alignment Committee.

The previous motion did not pass.

John Withrow, Loveland Sweet Talkers #2975, moved to table the motion to open nominations on January 30<sup>th</sup> of each year for the District 26 Alignment Committee.

Colette Smith, Front Range #2668, seconded the motion.

**The Council Meeting Chair instructed the Administration Manager to record that the previous motion be tabled.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director, Council Meeting Chair**

Beth Boaz, Evening Stars Toastmasters #7448

We've heard a lot of stories this weekend about how Toastmasters has changed peoples' lives and I want to offer you one more opportunity to change some lives. We have some felons who are in our Colorado facilities. We have right here in the metro Denver area two Gavel Clubs offering Toastmasters Programs to offenders within the prison system. The programs are operated by various Toastmasters clubs and they help these offenders to be prepared to lead a more productive life after leaving the prison system. You can help the two Gavel Clubs. One of them is the Colorado Correction Facility at Camp Gold West in Golden (The Minimum Facility Men's Prison) or the Denver Women's Correctional Facility off Havana near I-70. Time commitment is up to you. What's in It for You? Be inspired by the life-changing impact of the Toastmasters Programs in these defenders' lives, their attitude, their confidence. If interested, contact me or Alan Swartz. You will not regret it!

Linda Rhea, Evening Stars Toastmasters #7448

I would like to get some clarity on Terry Ploski after the conference. I think it would be great if Terry and Mark West, the Alignment Committee Chair, or Rhea Thompson; number one, write out what the regulation is now so we know what we're talking about, write out when this committee was appointed, when they started working, how many times they sent out emails to EVERYBODY in the District inviting them to be on phone calls at least every other week, and how transparent they were. Then we could have a discussion after we talk to World Headquarters about whether we can change the rule or not. I know we can't debate it today but that needs to be written and put in the

“District Dialogue” then we would have complete transparency with a better understanding of the District.

Ray Mohr, Gates to Excellence #3413

Tina Hubis’ memorial service will be on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at Church of the risen Christ at n 5/24 at Church of Risen Christ, 3060 S Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO 80222 at 10:00 a.m.

Diana Hutchinson, Sunrise Toastmasters #619

If we have the Fall Conference, will there be some kind of arrangement for us to approve the budget?

Rhea, District Director and Conference Chair

I believe that World Headquarters has determined that it will be a virtual a meeting for the Fall and budgets will be approved through that virtual meeting.

Pete Martin, Pioneer Toastmasters Club #2932

With the elimination of the Fall Conference, is there any provision for having a District Speech Contest in the fall?

Rhea, District Director and Conference Chair

No. There is no provision for the Speech Contest. My understanding is, and our friends from World Headquarters can chime in if they wish, CLUBS may hold their own contests, but it will not go any further than the Club.

Johnathan Lamb, Toastmasters International

The District Director with the consent or approval of the District Executive Committee, can determine how high a Speech Contest may go, however in the Fall, the District cannot have a “final.”

Rhea, District Director and Conference Chair

The Club, Area and Division Contests are at the discretion of the District Director, is that correct?

Johnathan Lamb, Toastmasters International

Yes. With the approval of the District Executive Committee.

Jim Roth, Simply Speaking #677476

At the virtual meeting that we’ll beholding in the fall, will we be able to finalize our Division Director for the Western Division?

Rhea, District Director and Conference Chair

**Because the meeting ran over on time, The Council Meeting Chair instructed the Administration Manager to record finalizing the Western Division Director as Unfinished Business.**

**Next Meeting: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District Director,  
Council Meeting Chair**

The next meeting of the of District 26 Council and Business Meeting is to be determined.

**Meeting Adjourned: Rhea Thompson, Distinguished Toastmaster, District  
Director, Council Meeting Chair**

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cynthia Cunningham, ACS, ALB  
D26 Administration Manager  
June 6, 2018