



District Council Minutes of Business Meeting

26 September 2020

Toastmasters District 26 District Council Virtual Business Meeting Minutes 26 September 2020

Meeting Recording: [September 26 2020 DC Meeting Recording](#)

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Call to Order and Meeting Opening

The meeting convened on 26 September 2020, at 10:00AM, with 107 District Council members present.

The meeting was called to order by Jacqueline Smith, DTM, District 26 Director, Council Meeting Chair, hereafter referred to as the "Council Meeting Chair".

Logistics Announcements

- If you are District Council member (Trio, IPDD, Division or Area Director, Club President or Club Vice President Education, please rename yourself with position and club name if a club president or VPE followed by your name by clicking the three dots at the top right of your screen and click rename.
- The meeting is being recorded. The meeting minutes will be available at <https://www.d26toastmasters.org/district-minutes/>
- All participants are muted upon entry and will remain muted until acknowledged to speak. Participants shall not speak until acknowledged to do so.
- Call-in attendees must use *6 for mute on/off and *9 to raise hand.
- To make a MOTION, to speak, click Participants icon at bottom, then Raise Hand button on right.
- For DISCUSSION: Explain we will have six minutes to discuss those for and those against the budget. If you wish to discuss, please put your name, club name/# and role and indicate if you are for or against. We will allow five minutes of discussion "for" and five minutes of discussion "against". At the end of six minutes, the Chair may exercise her right to end the discussion.

District Mission Statement

The District mission statement was read by the Council Meeting Chair. **District Mission:** The District Mission is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

Greetings and Salutations

The Chair thanked all Council members for attending this meeting and stated that it is not lost on her that while in this online environment that many times we just want the opportunity to wave and say hello to our fellow Toastmasters and then asked all to unmute and greet each other. After the general greeting, the Chair then stated from that point on to please not speak unless recognized to do so and please refrain from inserting comments into the Chat box that are not germane to District business.

Adopt Agenda – Jacqueline Smith

- The agenda was emailed to all District Council members of record on September 12, 2020.
- A copy of the agenda was also added as an attachment to the calendar entry on the District calendar. AJ Herran was directed to place a copy of the agenda in the Chat for attendees to download.

- One change to the agenda was announced – Instead of Bobby Olsen making the Year-End Audit report, the presenter is Tom Marrs as Bobby Olsen was unable to attend the meeting.
- Without objection, the agenda is adopted
- For reference, the agenda has been included at the bottom of these minutes.

Meeting Roles

- Council Meeting Chair
 - Jacqueline Smith, DTM, District 26 Director, Aurorators #2136
- Slide Annotator
 - Jeff Scott Ruiz, DTM, District 26 Club Growth Director, Eloquent Entrepreneurs #4109334
- Parliamentarian
 - Christopher Judge, IP3, Simply Speaking #677476
- Credentials Chair
 - Beth Boaz, DTM, PID; Evening Stars #7448 & Dawn Yawn Club #3218
- Year-End Audit Report
 - Tom Marrs, DTM, Finance Manager Aurorators #2136 & Simply Speaking #677476
- Zoom & Chat Monitors
 - Victoria Cox, DTM, Program Quality Director, S-Peak Leaders, #4002183
 - AJ Herran, IP5, Administration Manager, Loquacious Lunch Bunch #7329 & Peak Performance #3028311
- Timer
 - Victoria Cox, DTM, Program Quality Director, S-Peak Leaders, #4002183

District Council Meeting Schedule

The District Council shall hold at least two (2) meetings during each year, with the exact number and schedule of meetings to be fixed by the District Council. One meeting shall be called the “annual meeting,” and shall be held in person between March 15 and June 1. Additional meetings are conducted virtually. Notice of any meeting shall be sent in writing to all District Council members at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of such meeting.

General Instructions

1. Christopher Judge, Parliamentarian [Report starts at 0:9:50 on Recording]

Quorum

- Per Bylaws Article X: c. Quorum
- One-third of the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education from Member Clubs in the District, or proxies as authorized by subparagraph (d) hereof, shall constitute a quorum for all District Council meetings. In the event that any business is transacted at any District Council meeting at which a **quorum is not present**, the action shall be deemed as valid as if a quorum were present if it thereafter is **expressly approved in writing**, personally, by mail, fax, e-mail, electronic transmission or other reasonable means, **by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Member Clubs in the District on the basis of two (2) votes per club.**

Quorum Clarification per TI WHQ

- The calculation for establishing quorum is to use the total number of Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of education from active clubs and divide the number of attendees by the total number of Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education. If the number is greater than 33.33% a quorum has been established. The number of Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education is a collective.

2. Christopher Judge, Parliamentarian [Report starts at 0:11:33 on Recording]

Proxies and Voting

- **Per Bylaws Article X: e. Voting**
- When the voting process is conducted virtually, no proxies will be permitted. Each District Council member must cast their own vote. District Executive Committee members are entitled to one (1) vote and may cast up to two (2) additional votes as a Club President or Vice

President Education. All other members of the District Council shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) votes.

**3. Christopher Judge, Parliamentarian [Report starts at 0:11:57 on Recording]
Discussion Rules**

- Once the agenda item has been opened for discussion, ONLY voting members may ask questions and share their points.
- Those wishing to speak should state their name, club name and club number prior to their discussion point in favor of or against.
- Discussion or debate on any item on the agenda is limited to six minutes those in favor or those against. The Chair may exercise discretion and consider extending the time, if it is deemed that further discussion is needed. Please limit your remarks to points of debate or discussion that have not yet been mentioned and are pertinent to the pending question. The Parliamentarian may exercise discretion and stop discussion or remarks that are not pertinent.

**4. Jacqueline Smith, DD [Report starts at 0:12:59 on Recording]
Discussion Rules**

- No member may speak more than once or longer than one minute. Victoria Cox will flash a red card to indicate that your time is up. There will be no flashing of Green or Yellow cards. Please limit your remarks to points of debate or discussion that have not yet been mentioned and are pertinent to the pending question. The Chair may exercise discretion and stop discussion or remarks that are not pertinent.
- If the same points of discussion or debate are repeated by the speakers, the Chair may end the discussion, stating that no new information is being presented.

Credentials Report – Beth Boaz [Report starts at 0:13:56 on Recording]

- Beth Boaz, DTM, PDG, PID, Credentials Chair
 - Eligible clubs = 168 per Toastmasters International
 - Required to achieve quorum = 112 (1/3 of all Club Presidents and VP-Educations)
 - District Council members registered as of 9:45AM 26SEP20 = 103
 - Therefore, quorum has not been achieved
 - All business conducted today would need to be ratified by a majority of clubs.
 - District Executive Committee (DEC) members registered = 38
 - Total District Council (DC) votes available = 141
 - Simple majority vote requires = 71
 - 2/3 vote requires = 94
- Administration Manager entered credentials report into the minutes. [See **NOTE1** at end of minutes]

Timing of Vote – Jacqueline Smith

The Chair moved to table the vote until the end of the meeting to allow the meeting to flow with expediency and to incorporate all votable items on one electronic ballot. The electronic ballot will be provided via a link in the chat at the end of the meeting. Per Protocol 7.1 only eligible delegates in attendance at this meeting will be allowed to vote. The electronic voting mechanism will remain active for 24 hours post adjournment of the meeting.

MOTION: A motion to table voting on all votable items until the end of the meeting and allow the electronic voting to remain active 24 hours post adjournment by Ed Porritt, President, Dawn Yawn Toastmasters #3218.

SECOND: Second by James Owiny, VPE, CSU Toastmasters #647252.

Year End Audit – Tom Marrs on behalf of Bobby Olsen and Finance Committee

- 2019-2020 books are closed.
 - Audit report has been completed and sent to Toastmasters International District Finance Team for approval.
- Administration Manager entered the report into the minutes.

Budget Summary – Jacqueline Smith [Report starts at 0:18:26 on Recording]

- The 2020-2021 Budget Summary was submitted to all District Council members via email, prior to this meeting.
- The DEC was able to review the budget prior to today’s meeting. On 09/18/20, the WHQ advised that the midyear training for the TRIO would be virtual. The budget was adjusted to reflect this.

District #: 26 Budget Currency: USD Fiscal Year: 2020-2021		Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
Membership Dues Allocation		666	1,842	18,183	5,852	1,738	841	1,309	2,232	21,658	6,970
Conference revenue		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising revenue		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education and Training revenue		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District store revenue		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Speech contest revenue		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue		666	1,842	18,183	5,852	1,738	841	1,309	2,232	21,658	6,970
Conference expense		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising expense		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District store expense		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing Outside Toastmasters expense		-	-	-	3,250	-	-	-	1,750	-	-
Recognition expense		-	4,510	4,690	250	-	50	50	300	-	-
Club Growth expense		-	35	1,420	590	855	730	820	725	1,110	540
Public Relations expense		470	340	570	220	320	220	320	220	320	220

- The **Membership Dues Allocation** line entries (shown above) – are the numbers that we receive from Toastmasters International that we are to plug in for each month. The projected revenue from membership dues went down significantly with the onset and continuation of COVID-19 so we have been advised to budget conservatively. The numbers for September and March are consistent with Dues Renewal periods.

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Public Relations expense		470	340	570	220	320	220	320	220	320	220
Education & training expense		25	1,850	1,050	-	550	300	1,850	-	1,050	1,050
Speech contest expense		-	-	-	-	-	3,100	-	-	-	-
Administration expense		1,348	488	343	827	327	427	327	327	327	327
Food and Meals expense		-	-	-	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Travel expense		50	-	125	125	25	925	325	175	75	25
Lodging expense		-	-	250	250	250	400	500	250	-	-
		1,893	7,203	8,448	5,512	2,527	6,352	4,392	3,947	3,082	2,382
District net income/(loss)		(1,227)	(5,361)	-9,735	340	(789)	(5,511)	(3,083)	(1,715)	18,576	4,608

- All the numbers that you see reflected in the box entries (shown above) are consistent with the line items that we had to enter into the budget – Conference expense, Fundraising expense, Marketing Outside of Toastmasters, Recognition, Club Growth, Public Relations, Education & training, Speech contest, Administration, Food & Meals, Travel and Lodging.

<u>Break even</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Policy</u>
Conference	-	-	-	Meets Policy
Fundraising	-	-	-	Meets Policy
District Store	-	-	-	Meets Policy
<u>Minimum Expense Type</u>		<u>Expense</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Policy</u>
Marketing Outside Toastmasters		5,000	7.7%	5.0%
<u>Maximum Expense Type</u>		<u>Expense</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Policy</u>
Education and Training		9,575	14.7%	15.0%
Marketing Outside Toastmasters		5,000	7.7%	10.0%
Club Growth		8,135	12.5%	15.0%
Public Relations		3,760	5.8%	10.0%
Recognition		10,850	16.7%	20.0%
Travel		2,400	3.7%	25.0%
Lodging		3,300	5.1%	15.0%
Food and Meals		1,400	2.2%	15.0%
Speech Contest		3,100	4.8%	5.0%
Administration		5,502	8.5%	10.0%
Total Membership Dues		65,033	100.0%	

- **Education & Training** is our priority, so we are allocating 14.7% and we are allowed 15%.
- You see our **total membership dues are \$65,033** – that is the amount we are authorized to budget.
- **Marketing/Club Growth/Public Relations** – Marketing to individuals who are not in Toastmasters – Policy minimum of 5% and maximum of 10% - we are right in the middle. We will be pursuing PR wires and Chamber of Commerce Membership in Denver and Colorado Springs. Club Growth is under CGD for materials for Club Coaches, Club Banners – we offer complimentary Club Banners for new clubs. Public Relations = networking events, Constant Contact email blasts, Website support.
- **Recognition** – we must pay for all recognition items such as Triple Crown pins, DTM pins, Trophies. Shipping and handling for all these items is larger due to COVID-19 Virtual Hall-Of-Fame.
- **Travel & Lodging** – now collectively 40% which includes mileage reimbursement and parking in the performance of District business. This number is lower this year due to Virtual. While TRIO was advised to budget for mid-year training but then was notified that it would be Virtual, the Travel number has been reduced.
- **Food and Meals** – basically food entails those small food items, if you are an Area Director and you have to drive a significant amount to get to a club and you have to stop to eat – that is the food allocation with a \$30.00 maximum rate. Meals would be those if you must attend a District Conference or District Officer Training.
- **Speech Contest** – primarily what is in this category are Speech Trophies that are purchased directly from Toastmasters International.
- **Administration** – this includes Zoom Accounts for TRIO, Managers and Division Directors. Because of security reasons it was not prudent to have a single account with multiple staff access. In April we were advised from Toastmaster's International that we would have access to a Zoom Enterprise Account. At beginning of July those 10 accounts came out to be \$1000.00. Another item with administration is the Storage Unit for items that are used when we are meeting in person. Cost is

\$22.00/month. The Administration budget also includes a District Laptops. Each incoming Trio member receives a laptop – we currently receive 2015 MacBook Pros. We have budgeted \$1200 for a new laptop for 1 TRIO member (shown as \$34.00/month for 36 months). We cannot sell the old laptop – we can only donate it to an organization, but it must be an organization we do not market to. For safety purposes, we intend to recycle the old laptop.

Budget Highlights – Jacqueline Smith [Report starts at 0:44:41 on the Recording]

- Membership revenue and other expenses are provided by WHQ.
- Districts receive 25% of the membership dues received by Toastmasters International.
- The actual projected revenue from 2019-2020 was \$72K and each District will contribute five (5) percent of its previous year's membership income annually, which is approx. \$301/monthly. However, due to COVID-19, this figure was adjusted down and is now approx. \$271/monthly. This is indicated as TI allocation under Administration.
- The five (5) percent District contribution is made to offset costs for specific District-related initiatives (e.g., the District accounting system, the lead management system, Concur, various banking fees, etc.) incurred by Toastmasters International.
- Year-end 2019-2020, the District had \$116K available funds.
- The Board of Directors studied trends of mounting surpluses throughout districts, globally, and decided to take measures to reallocate funds to the general Toastmasters International fund.
- Protocol 8.4, Section 3, requires that 50% of the surplus of the June 30th District reserve amount that exceeds 1.25 times the Required Retention be reallocated to Toastmasters International for purposes supporting the organization's strategic plan and enhancing overall member value. This is not the same as the 5% membership revenue allocation.
- In the previous year, the District was able to provide assistance to clubs in getting online by offering a \$100 gift card. WHQ has advised that no cash or cash equivalents shall be used for this or any other purpose. As such we are unable to offer direct assistance to clubs in getting or maintaining an online presence.
- WHQ advised that Districts could not use third party gift cards as a means of paying out incentives.
- Based on DEC input, the TRIO has decided that the Annual Conference will be a fully virtual event. Whether virtual or in person, the Conference is budgeted as break-even.
- On 09/18/20 WHQ advised that midyear training for the TRIO will be a virtual event and the budget was adjusted accordingly, saving roughly \$4500k - \$4800k.
- The proposed budget meets all policy % limitations.

MOTION: to accept the Budget - by Victoria Cox, PQD, S-Peak Leaders, 40028311

SECOND: James Owiny, VPE, Colorado State University Toastmasters #647252

Discussion:

- JP Bachman, DivD, Simply Speaking Toastmasters #677476 – **Point of Clarification** – Last year food was not an acceptable expense for Area Directors or Division Directors conducting business. Has this rule been changed and if so, what are the limitations?
A: As long as an Area Director or Division Director are in the performance of their role as a District Leader (Northern and Southern Divisions) we will be reimbursing those costs with a limit of \$30.00 per day.
Redirect – Is there a time requirement or an overnight requirements?
A: There is not a time requirement but please seek approval from TRIO/Finance Manager first.
- Marcia Wood, AD, Pres, DTC Speaks #747209 - Having been through Budget planning from 2018 – wants to commend District Director, TRIO and everyone else, including Administration Manager, Finance Manager and PR Manager as they all have budget lines. Toastmasters International has given us revenue throughout the years to spend on our members. If we did not spend it all – we had a surplus but it still was their money – so I don't have a problem with the reallocation of the surplus and am for the budget.
- Donna Miranda, VPE, BALL Talks Toastmasters #4515014 – For the budget
- Justin Rounsefell, Pres, Cloud Nine Toastmasters #2219273 – In favor of the budget
- Lisa Traudt, VPE, South Suburban #1399 – In favor of the budget
- Jay Ruggeri, Pres, , Speak with Ease #631413 – In favor of the budget

DISCUSSION CLOSED at 1:01;25 on Recording

Presentation of Realignment of Clubs – Jacqueline Smith

- Alignment Changes that took place after 2 May 2020
 - Summit Toastmasters #7064 suspended 05/14/2020
 - Happy Masters #7325141 suspended 08/30/2020
- Alamosa Toastmasters #6822356 moved from S5 to W3
- Roaring Colorado Toastmasters #5483592 moved from W1 to W2
- Cloud Nine Toastmasters #2219273 moved from W1 to W2
- Excelsior Advanced Toastmasters #3247 moved from F6 to W1
- Arrowhead Toastmasters #4435 moved from F6 to W1
- Mountain Toastmasters #7992 moved from F6 to W1
- Westside Speakeasy Toastmasters moved from F6 to W1
- Speech Masters Advanced Toastmasters #6604501 moved from F6 to W1
- Rock Springs Toastmasters #5740895 moved from N3 to District 16 effective 07/01/2020 [see **NOTE2** at end of minutes]

MOTION: - to accept the realignment by Victoria Cox, PQD, S-Peak Leaders, #4002183

SECOND: Mike Akins, IPDD, Talking Ideas, #9375

Discussion:

- Marianne Delany, DivD, Grand Junction Toastmasters #1671- Very grateful for the hard work done with this realignment so that the Western Division can thrive - in favor of the realignment.
- Mike Akins, IPDD, VPE Talking Ideas #9375 – in favor of realignment – We lost 30 clubs and realigned over 50 clubs. We had a herculean effort because of COVID-19 to balance these clubs within Toastmasters Protocols.
- Ron Pierre, M4 AD, Rocky Mountain Toastmasters #739 – Does not believe that a complete list was shown because there are clubs that he has in his region that he does not see on the list. Is there a reason?
A: It is quite possible that most of the clubs that you are referring to were done during the May 2nd District Council meeting. This realignment is post the 2 May 20 meeting.
- Marcia Wood, AD, Pres, DTC Speaks #747209 – Surprised that District 16 has taken one of our clubs – Rock Springs Raconteurs – Does this affect Area 3 of the Northern Division as now it only has 3 clubs?
A: That is correct – there should be another club. This was initiated by Toastmasters International in conjunction with District 16.

DISCUSSION CLOSED at 1:15:55 on the Recording.

Appointed Officers – Jacqueline Smith

- Managers
 - Administration Manager, A.J. Herran
 - Finance Manager, Tom Marrs
 - Public Relations Manager, Trixie Hunter-Merrill
- Area Directors
 - Area D1 Director, Karen McGrath
 - Area D2 Director, Jim Roth
 - Area D3 Director, Phil Legal
 - Area D4 Director, Grace Combs (will vacate on 09/30/20)
 - Area D5 Director, Tiaja Pierre
 - Area D6 Director, Beth Steigerwalt
 - Area E1 Director, Jennifer Boltz
 - Area E2 Director, Robin Baker
 - Area E3 Director, Gina Curley
 - Area E4 Director, Allyson Bowland
 - Area E5 Director, Kevin McCalmon
 - Area E6 Director, Marty Scholes
 - Area F1 Director, Nancy Winston
 - Area F2 Director, Jonathan Kolber
 - Area F3 Director, Roland Cheng
 - Area F4 Director, Cora “Dolly” Heyl”
 - Area F5 Director, Linda Rhea

- Area M1 Director, Kamna Kirti
- Area M2 Director, Marcia Wood
- Area M3 Director, Shirley Chan
- Area M4 Director, Ron Pierre
- Area M5 Director, Sarika Syamala
- Area N1 Director, Val Burgess
- Area N2 Director, Diana Hutchinson
- Area N3 Director, Dana Morgan-Barnes
- Area N4 Director, Ron Pecoraro
- Area S1 Director, Ruth Prentice
- Area S2 Director, Paul Yankey
- Area S3 Director, Tyler Muca
- Area S4 Director, Christina McCrady
- Area S5 Director, Rachael Calkins
- Area U1 Director, Nina Klimek
- Area U2 Director, Michael Orwig
- Area U3 Director, Patrick Defo
- Area U4 Director, Meredith Myers
- Area U5 Director, Chelsa Newberg
- Area U6 Director, Allyn Orwig
- Area W1 Director, Nickie McCann
- Area W2 Director, Jen Mendenhall
- Area W3 Director, Kristi Dean
- District Director Team
 - Immediate Past District Director, Mike Akins
 - Incentives Chair, Carolyn Conover
 - Audit Chair, Bobby Olsen
 - FreeToastHost Support, Gretchen Vaughn
 - easySpeak Support, Carol Pace
 - Zoom Support, Trixie Hunter-Merrill
- Business Meeting Team
 - District Credentials Chair, Beth Boaz
 - District Leadership Committee Chair, Mike Akins
 - District Parliamentarian, Christopher Judge
 - District Showcase Chair, vacant
- Program Quality Team
 - Training Advisor, Natalie Palmer
 - Logistics Manager, Ann Hill
 - Contest Chair Advisor, David Johnson
 - Chief Judge Advisor, Deb Horowitz
 - Conference Chair, vacant
- Club Growth Team
 - Extension Chair, Mary Watson
 - Retention Chair, Terry Ploski
 - Club Coach Chair, Gbolahan Lasaki
 - Kickoff/Demo Meeting Chair, vacant
 - Sponsor/Mentor Chair, vacant
- Public Relations Team
 - Blog Editor, Jennifer Alberghini
 - Social Media Chair, Michael Richards
 - Newsletter Editor, Rachel Mussell
 - Web Designer, Lou Watson
 - Webmaster, Greg Harris

All contact information may be found in our Contacts list: <https://www.d26toastmasters.org/contacts-2020-2021/>

Without objection, these officers are appointed to these positions.

Voting Instructions – Jacqueline Smith [Report starts at 1:21:07 on Recording]

There is one ballot to vote available at www.tinyurl.com/2020DCBallot - link was placed in Chat for attendees by Administration Manager.

- The link to the ballot is available in the chat box and will also be sent to all absent DC members
- The ballot will be used to vote on:
 - Budget Approval
 - Realignment of Clubs Approval
- The Ballot will open at 12:00pm 09/26/20 and remain open for 24 hours until 11:59am 09/27/20
- You will need to indicate how many votes that you carry for this meeting, however, you will only need to complete the ballot once.

New Business – Jacqueline Smith [starts at 1:24:25 on Recording]

Announcements

- Hall of Fame – 10 October 2020 at 10:30 AM with Networking for first half hour. Mike Akins, IPDD, Talking Ideas #9375 spoke about the tradition of the Past District Director Roast. Lunch break 12-12:30 and then 12:30 to end – awards of DTMs, Club Recognition Contact Sarah Beasley (sarahbeasley78@gmail.com) if interested in participating.
- PRM Trixie Hunter-Merrill, I'm Just Sayin' #7402411 announcements
 - 1) Public Relations Webinar 3rd Thursday of every month – October topic is “How to Gain Virtual Visitors”
 - 2) Virtual Networking 23 October 2020
- JP Bachman DivD, Simply Speaking Toastmasters #677476 – All Division Directors are looking for Trainers for next TLI's – please send your information to Victoria Cox, PQD. She can let you know what the dates are and select a good position for you.
- CGD Jeff Ruiz, Eloquent Entrepreneurs #4109334 – Dues Renewal time – We are in desperate need of Club Coaches, Sponsors and Mentors as we are also initiating a Marketing Campaign that will hopefully bring in new members.
- AJ Herran, VPE, Loquacious Lunch Bunch #7329 – Recognized PQD and Team for the recent VPE Session that was extremely helpful as follow-up to TLI training.
- Jay Ruggeri, President, Speak with Ease #631413 – October 28th holding Membership Event/Open House.
- Asta Star, DivD, Pikes Peak Toastmasters #3044 - TLI's Urban **9JAN21** 8:30-12:30; **10JAN21**, 1:00-5:00; **23Jan21** 8:30-12:30 and 1:00-5:00.
- D26 Director Jacqueline Smith, Aurorators #2136 - Next Council meeting is 1 May 2021. We will be having a Virtual Conference and we will adjust accordingly to accommodate the Virtual Venue.

NOTE1: – Credentials Chair Beth Boaz, Parliamentarian Christopher Judge and District 26 Director Jacqueline Smith met separately (post meeting) on the resolution of the quorum calculations and voting calculations. District 26 Director Jacqueline Smith further conferred with Toastmasters World Headquarters who agreed with Beth Boaz's calculations and findings that a quorum had not been achieved. *Since quorum has not been established, the ballot will be sent to the remaining District Council Members at the adjournment of the meeting. The ballot will remain open for those DC members who are not present for 24 hours after the adjournment of the meeting.* The minutes are amended with this note to reflect this ruling and subsequent action.

NOTE2: - Post meeting, it was recognized that the reference of the District that absorbed Rock Springs Raconteurs #5740895 **was District 15** and not District 16 as referenced on the recording and slides. The minutes are amended with this note to correct the reference.

NOTE3: Initial Distribution of the minutes of this meeting on 5 OCT20 to DEC members identified 1 error in club name (TTCI not TTCU) in the Attendance Roster. This item was identified by Southern Division Director Asta Star, DTM. These minutes have been corrected with the correction highlighted and redistributed to all District Council as of 9 OCT 20.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43AM. Next meeting 1 May 2021 at Time to be Announced.

Submitted/signed

AJ Herran

Administration Manager, District 26

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AGENDA

 District 26 District Council Meeting	
September 26, 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm	
District Director Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM	Call to Order and Welcome Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM
Program Quality Director Victoria Cox, DTM	Review Of District Mission Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM
Club Growth Director Jeff Ruiz, DTM	Review of Meeting Agenda Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM
Administration Manager A.J. Herran, IP5	Introduction of Meeting Officials Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM
Finance Manager Tom Marris, DTM	Review of Voting Procedures Christopher Judge, District 26 Parliamentarian
Public Relations Manager Trixie Hunter-Merrill, DTM	Credentials Beth Boaz, DTM
Immediate Past District Director Mike Akins, DTM	2019-2020 Year End Audit Report Tom Marris, DTM
District Mission We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.	Presentation of 2020-2021 District 26 Budget Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM Motion to approve budget Discussion
	Alignment of Clubs Since May 2, 2020 Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM Motion to approve realignment changes Discussion
	District 26 Appointed District Officers for 2020-2021 Jacqueline L. Smith, DTM
	New Business Announcements
	Next Meeting: May 1, 2021
	Meeting Adjourned

Distribution: All D26 Council Members as shown on next page.

DEC Meeting Attendees (with x in box)
Club Attendance (P=Pres/E=VPE/B=Both)

X/E	Name, Position
x	Jacqueline Smith, District Director
x	Victoria Cox, Program Quality Director
x	Jeff Ruiz, Club Growth Director
x	Mike Akins, Immediate Past District Director
x	Cynthia Schuller, Denver Division Director
x	Hugh Curley, Eastern Division Director
x	Stephanie Prochaska, Foothills Division Director
x	Mark Krekeler, Metro Division Director
x	Dick Sanders, Northern Division Director
x	Asta Star, Southern Division Director
x	JP Bachmann, Urban Division Director
x	Marianne Delany, Western Division Director
x	A.J. Herran, Administration Manager
x	Tom Marrs, Finance Manager
x	Trixie Hunter-Merrill, Public Relations Manager
x	Ann Hill, Logistics Manager
x	Carolyn Conover, Incentives Chair
	Bobby Olsen, Audit Chair
	Gretchen Vaughn, FreeToastHost Support
x	Carol Pace, Easy-Speak Support
	TBD, Speakers' Bureau
	Natalie Palmer, Training Advisor
x	David Johnson, Contest Chair Advisor
x	Deb Horowitz, Chief Judge Advisor
	TBD, Conference Chair
x	Mary Watson, Club Extension Chair
	TBD, Club Sponsor/Mentor Chair
	TBD, Kickoff Meeting Coordinator
	Terry Ploski, Club Retention Chair
x	Gbolahan Lasaki, Club Coach Chair
	Greg Harris, Webmaster
	Lou Watson, Web Designer
	Jennifer Alberghini, Blog Editor
	Rachel Mussell, Newsletter Editor
	Michael Richards, Social Media Chair
	TBD, Candidate Showcase
x	Beth Boaz, Credentials Chair
x	Christopher Judge, District Parliamentarian
x	Karen McGrath, Area D-1 Director
x	Jim Roth, Area D-2 Director
x	Phil Legal, Area D-3 Director
	Grace Combs, Area D-4 Director
x	Tiaja Pierre, Area D-5 Director
x	Beth Steigerwalt, Area D-6 Director

	Jennifer Boltz, Area E-1 Director
	Robin Baker, Area E-2 Director
x	Gina Curley, Area E-3 Director
	Allyson Bowland, Area E-4 Director
x	Kevin McCalmon, Area E-5 Director
	Marty Scholes, Area E-6 Director
x	Nancy Winston, Area F-1 Director
	Jonathan Kolber, Area F-2 Director
x	Ronald Cheng, Area F-3 Director
	Cora "Dolly" Heyl, Area F-4 Director
x	Linda Rhea, Area F-5 Director
x	Kamna Kirti, Area M-1 Director
x	Marcia Wood, Area M-2 Director
x	Shirley Chan, Area M-3 Director
x	Ron Pierre, Area M-4 Director
x	Sarika Syamala, Area M-5 Director
	Val Burgess, Area N-1 Director
x	Diana Hutchinson, Area N-2 Director
	Dana Morgan Barnes, Area N-3 Director
x	Ron Pecoraro, Area N-4 Director
x	Ruth Prentice, Area S-1 Director
	Paul Yankey, Area S-2 Director
x	Tyler Muca, Area S-3 Director
x	Christina McCrady, Area S-4 Director
x	Rachael Calkins, Area S-5 Director
	Nina Klimek, Area U-1 Director
	Michael Orwig, Area U-2 Director
	Patrick Defo, Area U-3 Director
x	Meredith Myers, Area U-4 Director
x	Chelsa Newberg, Area U-5 Director
	Allyn Orwig, Area U-6 Director
	Nickie McCann, Area W-1 Director
	Jen Mendenhall, Area W-2 Director
x	Kristi Dean, Area W-3 Director
CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE	
	97 Pioneer Toastmasters
P	240 Speakers in Action SIA
	375 Fort Collins #375 Toastmasters
	555 Colorado Springs Toastmasters
P	619 Sunrise Toastmasters
P	739 Rocky Mountain Toastmasters
	784 Greeley Early Risers Toastmasters
P	795 Pueblo Toastmasters
	798 Cheyenne 798 Toastmasters
	821 Body Shops
P	871 Thrillspeakers Toastmasters
	899 Westminster Communicators

	1038 Skyline
B	1268 Earlybird
E	1399 South Suburban Toastmasters
E	1518 High Noon
P	1588 Bob Ord Toastmasters
	1671 Grand Junction Toastmasters
P	1965 Timberline Toastmasters
E	2136 Aurorators Toastmasters
E	2177 Littleton Toastmasters
	2228 Daybreak Toastmasters
	2242 Tunderbolt Orators
B	2368 Titan
	2396 Rocky Mountain Eagles Toastmasters
P	2438 Buffalo
	2503 Morning Tour Toastmasters
	2626 Golden Orators
P	2668 Front Range Toastmasters
	2932 Pioneer Toastmasters
P	2977 Cherry Creek Toastmasters
	3044 Pikes Peak Toastmasters
P	3218 Dawn Yawn
B	3247 Excelsior Advanced Toastmasters
P	3413 Gates to Excellence
	3557 Speakeasy II
	3680 Castle Rock Toastmasters
	3801 Downtowners Toastmasters
P	3942 George Sutton Toastmasters
	3975 Loveland Sweet Talkers
	3989 High Nooners
P	4071 Opportunity Talks Toastmaster's
E	4128 Toast of Inverness
	4435 Arrowhead
	4499 Sweet Talkers
E	4553 Loveland Toastmasters
	4780 Boulder Speakeasy
E	4829 21 st Century Toastmasters
	4881 Parker Toastmasters
P	4950 Columbine Communicator
P	5086 FACCMasters Toastmasters
	5158 Downtown Toastmasters
	5314 Noonshiners Toastmasters
B	5316 Peterson Toastmasters
	5481 Currently Speaking Toastmasters
P	5563 Laramie Morning Club
	5618 Colorado Orators
	6633 High Plains
P	7028 TLC

	7162 Homesteaders
	7312 Downtown Speakeasy
E	7329 Loquacious Lunch Bunch Toastmasters
B	7448 Evening Stars
E	7818 Seamasters Toastmasters
	7992 Mountain Toastmasters
	8102 CU Toastmasters
B	8538 WRY Toast Toastmasters
	8361 Westside Speakeasy Toastmasters
E	8404 Artfully Speaking
	8491 On Broadway Toastmasters
	8533 Ayres Associates Toastmasters
	8593 Pathfinder
	8695 Lark Bunting Toastmasters
E	9375 Talking Ideas Toastmasters
	9407 Flatirons View Toastmasters
P	9548 Solar Speak Club
	9839 Lodo Toastmasters Club
E	601385 Highlands Ranch Toastmasters
	603677 Sure Speakers Society
E	604316 Cloud Peak Toastmasters
	609265 Trusty Talkers
P	631413 Speak With Ease
P	639035 Roadmasters of Cheyenne WY
B	647252 Colorado State University Toastmasters
	665919 Energy Capital
	677476 Simply Speaking Toastmasters
P	698823 Star Speakers Society
	716047 CO Xpressionists
P	738568 EntSpirational Speakers
P	747209 DTC Speaks
	770817 Chamber Ad-Lib Orators
P	863184 ToastAbility
	873616 Ranch Raconteurs
P	897557 Defenders of Speech
E	905038 Resource Masters
	1020158 Chemical Weapons Masters
	1021224 Words Worth Speaking
	1033301 Toast of Greenwood Village
	1082248 La Plata County Luminaries
P	1118685 Talk of the Town Toastmasters
E	1120162 Toast-A-Matics
E	1155833 TOP CLASS Toastmasters
E	1161326 Hear Me Roar
	1203897 Speak Up Toastmasters
E	1260844 DTC Speakeasies
E	1275941 New Life Toastmasters

	1348032 Liberty Toastmasters
	1440289 Spirited Speakers
	1509839 Denver Techmasters
P	1562222 El Puente Bilingual TM
	1588571 Liberty Toastmasters - North
E	2013338 SouthGlenn Speakers
P	2219273 Cloud Nine Toastmasters
	2285181 5280 Toastmasters
	2286479 The Talking Toasters
	2306375 RE/MAX, LLC Toastmasters
B	2698056 Professional Presenters Toastmasters
B	2890434 Peak Articulators
	2979029 Toast of DEN
B	3028311 Peak Performance
P	3028571 Dam Good Speakers
	3389788 Aimco Toastmasters
	3499473 Stately Speakers
P	3577751 Rock The Dialogue (RTD)
	3734712 Front & Center
	3748737 Golden Speak EZ
	3815701 Speaking For Better
B	4002183 S-Peak Leaders
	4089799 Long View – Masters of the Toast
B	4109334 Eloquent Entrepreneurs
	4329673 Tech Center Toasters
E	4515014 BALL Talks Toastmasters
	4577248 Comcast West Division Toastmasters
	4662442 Pueblo West Toastmasters
	5030366 IMA Speaker
	5304833 TOPS – Toastmasters of Pinnacol
	5483592 Roaring Colorado Toastmasters
B	5757222 Western Slope Liberty Toastmasters
B	5768383 Terumo BCT
E	5947629 Greeley Noon Toastmasters
P	5951591 Leprino Foods Toastmasters
	5951876 Gogo Toast & Talk
	6047537 AP Toastmasters
	6104573 WorldView Toastmasters
	6495629 Yellowstone Toastmasters
	6592035 Empowering Great Speakers
P	6604501 Speech Masters Advanced
B	6649041 Twin Peaks Toasters
	6656872 Speak & Influence
	6672751 Wheat Toast
	6681043 Speakers
	6817738 Ulteig Multiregional Toastmasters
E	6822356 Alamosa Toastmasters

B	6861645 TTC Toastmasters
	6924438 Platte County Toastmasters
	7235989 CU Chip Chat
	7250360 HAvocado Toast
	7392784 Golden Keynotes
B	7402411 I'm Just Sayin'
E	7693989 CCM West Toastmasters
	7697820 True Companies

161 Clubs – 74 Clubs in Attendance – No Proxies
91 Club Presidents and VPEs in Attendance
39 District Executive Committee Votes
1 Administration Manager
24 Area Directors
1 Club Growth Director
1 District Director
8 Division Directors
1 Finance Manager
1 Immediate Past District Director
1 Program Quality Director
1 Public Relations Manager