



## District 26 – District Executive Committee (D.E.C.)

Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2023

The D.E.C. meeting convened on April 15 at 9am MST, with 16 District leaders present.

1. The meeting opened with CGD James Gable reading the District Mission.
2. PQD Ann Hill read and spoke to the core values, Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence.
3. Review of DEC Minutes from Sept 10, 2022: there were no objections, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Deborah Horowitz, DLC Representative, reported on the committee's recommendations for District Leader Candidates. Recommended nomination list of Candidates:
  - a. **Ann Hill** - for the position of District Director
  - b. **James Gable** - for the position of Program Quality Director
  - c. **Abriame Periyasamy** - for the position of Club Growth Director
  - d. **Ruth Prentice** - for the position of Club Growth Director
  - e. **Ann Kerr** - for the position of Division Director (Open to serve in any division where needed)
  - f. **Christina McCrady** - for the position of Southern Division Director
5. District Director, JP Bachman, DTM explained the reallocation of funds to Toastmasters, Int. will happen annually. This year the amount is \$60,000. Member Self Pay is turned on for the District.
6. District Finance Report presented by Finance Manager, Diane Nuss, DTM. District is currently over budget of \$9,234.93. Total expenses incurred from last program year due to the District Store being closed longer than normal.
7. The District Realignment Plan was discussed. Director Bachmann stated that the strategy is focused on providing members and service with geography is secondary. Northern division number of clubs has dropped substantially, and we need balance the number of clubs in each division/area. Divisions 21/16 with 4 to 5 areas. Director Bachmann first discussed clubs moving within the Division (17). Then clubs moving across Divisions.
  - a. Marcia Wood, asked about DTC speaks move to Metro from Urban. Asked for rationale for the movement of Urban -Denver and Metro Areas.
  - b. Clubs moving to new divisions discussed next. All E6 clubs are moving to F5. A Hybrid Club, The Talking Toasters is moving to the Northern Division. On-line Clubs, like PLUS will be moved to Northern Division.
  - c. Brad Wolf commented regarding Online clubs to northern divisions asked about members in competing in contests in person.
    - 10 Linda Rhea talked about the PLUS club supporting the district and has opted not to compete in contests due to the nature of the members being all past district governors/directors. Teri McDonald, IPP of PLUS concurred with Linda's statement.

- d. Marcia Wood asked if the Club officers of these clubs been notified. DD said that he is planning to notify them as soon as the map is ready.
  - e. Director Bachmann will send out the final realignment report out to the council after meeting.
  - f. Nathan Darnel, Northern Division Director asked for a description of the value and purpose of area and division to all members. All Wyoming and Colorado members should support each other. Support all the proposed changes. Director addressed the Nathan's concerns.
  - g. Victoria Cox asked to see what is happening in Southern Divisions. She is concern that S1 will fall below the minimum 4 clubs for the area. 3 in area okay if one club is working on chartering or coming back.
8. Club Growth Director, James Gable Report: Base up to 141 Golden Orators re-instated. 40% of our clubs are eligible for Club Coaching, down from 51%. Two clubs have club coaches currently. In the Pipeline of potential new clubs are 9. Three new clubs that are planning to charter in June; Strive Health, WSP and Druva (kick off happened last week).
9. Division Reports
- a. Metro Division, Ruth Prentice reported. 3 Clubs chartered. Ruth attended the PMI Symposium with great interest generated 40 people.
  - b. Northern Division, Nathan Darnell reported Cheyenne had an open House and two guests joined TM, one joining a club in Laramie. They are seeing more guests and new members in the Division.
  - c. Southern Division, Deborah Horowitz thanked Victoria Cox for assisting in Area Reports. Pueblo has been working hard to get new members to stay on the map.
  - d. Urban Director, Will Robinson reported 55% completed AD reports. Were successful One AD left the Area (moved) and they did get their reports in. 8-9 Clubs are already distinguished.
  - e. Foothills Division, Pattie Apple reported AD's just starting their club visits. All Division clubs' dues are paid on time.
10. Program Quality Director, Ann Hill, DTM complemented divisions on the officer training numbers. Five of the Division Directors will attend Conference.
- a. Announced a Year-end open House incentive that will start May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> coinciding with Beat the Clock. \$150 incentive.
  - b. Conference registration is 75 to date. Marcia Wood is the Chief Judge for both contests. Nathan Darnell is the contest chair.
11. IPPD Victoria Cox, acknowledged the difficulty in finding volunteers this year and is proud of those who have stepped up this year.
12. Director Bachmann spoke about membership dues going up. We want to be respectful of where people are financially. Can pay at the lower rate until August 1st. Reason given by President Kinsey is that TI has been struggling with staffing. \_\_\_ Wants to continue to invest in marketing to help clubs grow their members Division and Director focus on getting Area Reports in in May. Business Meeting members need to submit reports by next week so it can go into the packet that is distributed to District Council members. Spoke about Hall of Fame asked for feedback on schedule.

13. Administration Manager, Teri McDonald Reminded: Members are required to register for April 29, 2023 District Council (DC) meeting, even if they are not able to attend the live session. They will be allowed to vote on matters (via electronic voting system).
14. IPDD, Victoria Cox asked if we can pay for a full year renewal at the \$45 rate. Director Bachmann will inquire.
15. The D.E.C. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am MDT

Meeting minutes submitted by:

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Approved.

JP Bachmann, DTM  
District Director, District 26

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