

**DISTRICT 39 – DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2014 | 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel | 5321 Date Avenue, Sacramento, CA**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lieutenant Coopwood, ACB, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the District Mission Statement

Renee Fink, DTM, read the District Mission Statement.

Opening Remarks, Moment of Silence

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, gave opening remarks and introduced Sue Eisenberg, Secretary, and Diane Bish, acting Parliamentarian, at the head table. He called for a moment of silence to remember District 39 Toastmasters who passed away since the Spring Conference.

Credentials Committee Report

Herb Long, DTM, PDG, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, presented the Credentials Committee report, indicating that a quorum was present, and moved the Credentials Committee report be adopted. The report was adopted by majority vote and a quorum was declared. The numbers were posted on an easel as follows:

Clubs “in good standing”	159
Quorum	53 clubs
Delegates at large eligible.....	55
Clubs Represented: 79 x 2	158
At Large Represented	28
Total Ballots Available.....	186
Majority.....	94
2/3 Majority	124

Confirmation of Appointed District Officers

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, moved to confirm the appointment of the following District 39 Officers:

District Officers:

Public Relations Officer: Philip Williams, ACB, ALB

Secretary: Sue Eisberg, CC, ALB

Treasurer: Myra Golson, DTM

Area Governors:

James Burke, ACS, ALB

Area 11

Richard Ludke, CC

Area 13

Staci Nauman, CC, CL

Area 12

Tina Clinebell, ACB

Area 14

Pieter Droog, ACG, ALB	Area 21	Lindsay Nunez	Area 63
Vanessa Lindeberg, CC, CL	Area 22	Lee Zasloff, ACB, ALB	Area 64
Carmela Porcella, DTM	Area 23	Teresa Duchien, CC, ALB	Area 65
Minda Fernish, DTM	Area 31	Cheryl Brooks, CTM, CL	Area 71
Dwight Bailey, ACS, CL	Area 32	Donna Lewis	Area 72
Nathan Sorenson, ACS, CL	Area 33	Marianne Bradford, CC, CL	Area 73
Donna Dabeck, CC, CL	Area 41	Randy Nystrom, ACB, ALB	Area 74
Eddie Vierra	Area 42	Grace Franche, ACG, ALB	Area 75
Alvin Zachariah, ACG, ALB	Area 43	Noralee Cole, DTM	Area 81
Cavan Tornga, CC, ALB	Area 44	Juanita Brandt, CC, ALB	Area 82
Jayne Nielsen, CC	Area 45	Juli Raju	Area 83
Neena Sahasrabudhe, ACG, ALB	Area 51	Trudy Shines, DTM	Area 84
Nancy Sanders, ACS, ALB	Area 52	Jane Taff, ACB, ALB	Area 85
Min Wu, ACG, ALB	Area 53	Richard Santos, ACS, ALB	Area 91
Rambabu Bavirisetty, ACB, CL	Area 54	Renee Fink, CC, ALB	Area 92
Bob Blymyer, ACB, CL	Area 55	Melanee Cottrill, CC, ALB	Area 93
Mark Montalvo, ACB	Area 61	Aileen Hidalgo, ACB, ALB	Area 94
Gail McGrath, ACS, CL	Area 62		

The officer appointment was confirmed by majority vote as effective July 1, 2014.

Adoption of Convention Standing Rules

After review, District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, moved to adopt the Convention Standing Rules as distributed in the business meeting packet. The Convention Standing Rules were adopted by 2/3 vote.

Appointment of Tellers

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, appointed the following tellers with no objection:

- ▶ Connie Leni, Chair
- ▶ Jackie Bates
- ▶ Grace Franche,

Appointment of Timers

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, appointed the following timers with no objection:

- ▶ Merri Litka, ACS, ALB, Chair
- ▶ Cynthia Hatano

Approval of the Agenda

The meeting time on the draft meeting agenda was revised from 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm, to 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm. The meeting agenda was adopted with the corrected time as presented by a majority vote.

Approval of the 2014 Spring District Council Meeting Minutes

The 2014 Spring District Council Minutes Approval Committee have reviewed and corrected the minutes. The committee members are:

- ▶ Tracy Fletcher-Bowman, DTM, Chair
- ▶ Kathleen Kozawa, ACS, ALB
- ▶ Dawn Strickler, ACB, ALB

The minutes were adopted as circulated. Note that changes to the minutes may be made at any time.

Appointment of the Fall 2014 Meeting Minute Approval Committee

The Chair cited the rules for appointing the 2014 Fall District Council Minutes Approval Committee members. The following District Minutes Approval Committee members were appointed by the Chair without objection:

- ▶ Carmen Carr, DTM, Chair
- ▶ Dwayne Landenberger, DTM
- ▶ Richard Ludke, CC

Audit/Financial Review Committee Report

Members of the Audit/Financial Review Committee include:

- ▶ Pamella Rivera, ACB, CL, Chair
- ▶ Van Gordon, DTM
- ▶ Dorothy Smith, ACG, ALB
- ▶ Gregory Wild

On behalf of the Financial Review Committee, Pam Rivera moved for the adoption of the Financial Review Committee Report for the 2013-2014 Toastmaster year.

This report was submitted to Toastmasters World Headquarters by the end of August as stipulated in the District Leaders Handbook. District Governor Hatano requested a vote to approve the report of the Audit/Financial Review Committee. By majority vote, the affirmative has it and the Audit/Financial Review report is adopted as sent to Toastmasters World Headquarters on time.

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, thanked Pam Rivera and the Committee for their service to the District.

Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer, Myra Golson, DTM, presented the Treasurer's Report and provided the District Council an opportunity for questions. A correction to the Treasurer's report was noted: Total Cash = \$3,413.72 instead of \$3,413.32. There being no questions, the Treasurer's report will be filed for financial review.

Myra asked that any outstanding reimbursement vouchers, especially for the conference, be submitted as soon as possible. Late reimbursement requests can be refused.

Ratification of 2014 – 2015 District 39 Budget

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM shared that the budget was submitted to Toastmasters International by the September 30th deadline and now comes before the District Council for adoption. It was approved by Toastmasters International Finance Department.

Members of this year's Budget Committee included:

- ▶ Brian Hatano, DTM, District Governor
- ▶ John Davis, DTM, Lt Governor Education and Training
- ▶ Sondra Nunez, DTM, Lt. Governor Marketing
- ▶ Philip Williams; ACB, ALB, Public Relations Officer
- ▶ Myra Golson, DTM, District Treasurer

A summary budget is included in the meeting packet. Sue Eisberg has copies of the full budget available.

It was noted to correct the header title of the District Narrative portion of the report to "2014-2015" instead of "2001-2015". A correction to the report was noted.

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, requested a vote to approve the adoption of the 2014-2015 Budget report. By majority vote, the affirmative has it and the District 39 Budget for 2014-2015 is ratified.

Report of the Standing Rules Committee

Louise Houdelette, DTM, PDG, presented a Proposal for Changing District Standing Rule #4

The District will vote on revising standing rule #4 during the business meeting at the fall conference. The new rule is necessary to ensure there is a quorum so district business may be conducted at the Semiannual District Business Meeting by the District Council.

Existing Standing Rule #4: "At each District Council meeting, the Credentials Desk shall be closed at the time the Council meeting is called to order and no proxies shall be accepted after that time."

The motion is to make the addition below:

Proposed Addition to Standing Rule #4: "Should a quorum not be established, the Presiding Officer may reopen the credentials desk in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised for the sole purpose of establishing a quorum."

Logic for Proposal: If the situation occurs that the number of proxies turned in for ballots falls short of a quorum by the time the business meeting starts, the district will be unable to conduct formal

business. By reopening credentials to allow additional proxies to be turned in, it will allow the district to conduct business without going through a complicated, time consuming alternative to obtain a quorum to legally conduct business.

The District Council voted on the adoption of the addition to Standing Rule #4. By majority vote, the affirmative has it, and revised Standing Rule #4 is adopted.

Standing Rule #4 will be effective for the Spring 2015 District Council Meeting.

Louise Houdelette, DTM, PDG, presented a Proposal for Changing District Standing Rule #3

The District will vote on revising standing rule #3 during the business meeting at the fall conference. The new rule is necessary because of the increase in Divisions in District 39. To accommodate the increase, the District Administration developed an official proposal for revision of the rule.

Existing Standing Rule #3: "All Spring District Conferences shall be rotated among Divisions A, B, D and H. Fall District Conferences shall be rotated among Divisions C, E, F and G. The host Division Governor and/or his/her representative shall be the Conference Chair, unless otherwise appointed by the District Governor."

The motion is to strike the current Standing Rule #3, as written above, and replace with new wording listed below:

Proposed Standing Rule #3: "Divisions H, A, D, and B shall host Spring District Conferences, Divisions E, F, G, and C shall host Fall District Conferences, and Division I shall alternate between Spring and Fall District Conferences. Rotation shall ensure an equal average of time between conferences for each Division over a two cycle period. The host Division Director and/or his/her representative shall be the Conference Chair, unless otherwise appointed by the District Director."

Logic for Proposal: The rotation was drafted with several considerations. With possible adverse winter weather, Divisions A and B will remain spring hosts. Weather was felt to be a minor factor with the other locations so Divisions D and H will remain spring hosts for consistency. Likewise, Divisions C, E, F, and G will remain fall hosts. Division I will alternate between spring and fall to allow seasonal consistency among the other Divisions. Each Division, on average, will host a conference every four and a half years.

New Rotation Created by Proposal A: Current rotation will end with the 2015 Fall Conference (2015F) hosted by Division C. The new rotation will begin with the 2016 Spring Conference (2016S) hosted by Division I with the following rotation:

I (2016S) – E (2016F) – H (2017S) – F (2017F) – A (2018S) – G (2018F) – D (2019S) – C (2019F) – B (2020S)

I (2020F) – H (2021S) – E (2021F) – A (2022S) – F (2022F) – D (2023S) – G (2023F) – B (2024S) – C (2024F)

District Governor, Brian Hatano, DTM, called for discussion on the proposed changes to Standing Rule #3.

Zach Souza, DTM, moved; and Karen Daly, DTM, seconded; to amend the motion. Zach presented the following:

Alternative Proposal to Rule #3: “All district conferences are placed on a nine year calendar alternating locations for both fall and spring to give each division equal opportunity to approve the budget and elect executive candidates. The host Division Director and/or his/her representative shall be the Conference Chair, unless otherwise appointed by the District Director.”

Proposed Rotation: Spring starting in 2016-2024: I, C, A, H, D, F, E, B, G

Fall starting in 2016-2024 (offset 5 years): D, F, E, B, G, I, C, A, H

Logic: Divisions A, B, D & H represent 40% of district membership will host 100% of the executive candidate selections. This provides an unfair advantage in candidate selection, and may cause problems for unrepresented divisions. Our choice relies on logic and fairness. Select an alternative option for district rotation.

Mike Sullens, ACG, CL, moved to amend the motion to change 2023 rotation so Divisions A and B do not host the Fall and Spring Conferences consecutively.

Lance McMahan moved to amend the Alternative Proposal to Rule #3: “All district conferences are placed on a nine year calendar alternating locations for both fall and spring.” And placing the remaining text: “to give each division equal opportunity to approve the budget and elect executive candidates. The host Division Director and/or his/her representative shall be the Conference Chair, unless otherwise appointed by the District Director.” In the Logic section of the proposal.

Russ Steele shared safety concerns regarding weather and travel to Reno during November when the Fall Conference is held.

A motion was made and seconded to call for the previous question, which was Mike Sullens’ proposed amendment. Brian Hatano called for the vote on the previous question. The affirmative has it and the motion is passed to close discussion on Mike Sullens’ amendment. Brian Hatano called for the vote on Mike Sullens’ amendment. The affirmative has it and the motion is passed by 2/3.

Denise Alder, CC, ALB moved; and Daniel Fishbein, ACB, CL seconded; to postpone the discussion to a future meeting when all the facts can be clearly laid out. The affirmative has it, and the discussion will be postponed until the Spring 2015 District Council meeting.

Reports by District Officers

In the interest of time, refer to the meeting packet for the written reports of the District officers.

Nominating Committee

Joey Waldrop, DTM, IPDG, presented the Nominating Committee report. Eight of the Nine Divisions are represented on the nominating committee. Joey is waiting for a confirmation on the ninth member. Begin thinking about nomination of officers for the next term. Nominations can be sent to Joey.

Alignment Committee

Gary Pettigrew, DTM, reported that the Alignment Committee has begun to form.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

First Timer's Prize – Larry Shields, ACS, ALB

There were 36 first times registered at the Conference.

Larry presented the winners of the drawings for the First Timers Prizes:

- ▶ Raley's and Toastmasters International Gift Cards: Melanee Cottrill, CC, ALB
- ▶ Sacramento Kings tickets: Mary Horne

Courtesy Resolution

Herb Long, DTM, PID, on behalf of Marcia Sydor, DTM, PID, read a Courtesy Resolution for this year's Fall Conference (attached). The Resolution was moved for adoption and approved by unanimous consent.

Announcements

Minda Fernish, DTM, recognized Bradley Craig, DTM, for his mentorship, leadership and friendship. Bradley is moving in the spring and will be leaving the District. We will miss you Bradley!

Next District Council Meeting:

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento, CA

Time: TBD

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015

Next District Executive Committee Meeting:

Location: 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA

Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.