



# District Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES June 11, 2022 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time

## **District Director**

Nancy Potts, DTM

## **Program Quality Director**

Denise Alder Gutherz, VC5

## **Club Growth Director**

Lance McMahan, DTM

## **Administration Manager**

Minda Fernish, DTM

## **Finance Manager**

Gary Pettigrew, DTM

## **Public Relations Manager**

Veena Vijayaraj-Kadidal, DTM

## **Logistics Manager**

Cindy Hatano, VC2

## **District Parliamentarian**

Rick Sydor, PID, DTM, RP-R

## **Immed. Past District Director**

Ed Johnson, IPDD, DTM

## **District Mission**

*"We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence."*

## **Toastmasters Brand Promise**

*"Empowering individuals through personal and professional development."*

## **District 39 Toastmasters**

[www.district39.org](http://www.district39.org)

## **Toastmasters International**

[www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

District Director Nancy Potts called the meeting to order at 9:09a.m.

## **MEETING PROTOCOLS**

Linda Bedell explained online meeting guidelines.

1. Rename yourself in the following format: District Position, Name.  
[Example: District Director, Nancy Potts]
2. Keep your mic muted unless you are speaking.
3. For Technical Support, chat with Zoom Master.
4. Do NOT use "chat with everyone" as it is very distracting during the meeting.
5. Turn off your video if doing something distracting.
6. Comments during debate will be limited to 2 minutes.
7. The meeting is being recorded.

## **WELCOME**

Nancy Potts welcomed members, friends and recognized dignitaries.

Rick Sydor, PID, DTM, RP-R

George Jarosik, PDG, DTM

Brian Hatano, PDG, DTM

Russ Steele, PDG, DTM

Louise Houdelette, PDG, DTM

Gary Pettigrew, PDG, DTM

Nancy Potts appointed Linda Bedell as Zoom Master and Minda Fernish as timer without objection.

## **INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT**

Denise Alder-Gutherz, Program Quality Director, gave an Inspirational Thought. "Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." Hal Borland.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The National Anthem was shared by Lance McMahan.

## **READING OF DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

Laura Gregory, Club Growth Director, elect, read the District Mission Statement, "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence."

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Nancy Potts called for a moment of silence for the Toastmasters who've passed in the last Toastmaster year.



## ROLL CALL/CERTIFICATION OF QUOROM

Administration Manager Minda Fernish called roll. 24 of 47 officers are required for a quorum.  
27 District Officers were present. District Parliamentarian Rick Sydor certified a quorum was present.

1. Nancy Potts, District Director
2. Denise Alder-Gutherz, Program Quality Director
3. Lance McMahan, Club Growth Director
4. Veena Vijayaraj-Kadidal, Public Relations Manager
5. Minda Fernish, Administration Manager
6. Gary Pettigrew, Finance Manager
7. Louisa Swann, Division A Director
8. Laura Gregory, Division B Director
9. Adrienne Haylor, Division C Director
10. Lynda Mendez, Division D Director
11. Pat Knight, Division G Director
12. Kathie O'Ray for Michael Lamont, Division H Director
13. Jim Prestwood, Div I Director
14. Jay Chacko, Division J Director
15. Mike Sullens, Area 11 Director
16. Kathleen Sandoval, Area 12 Director
17. Russ Steele for Art Grossman, Area 14 Director
18. Linda Bedell for Paula Murphy, Area 21 Director
19. Louise Houdelette, Area 51 Director
20. Grace Frasche, Area 71 Director
21. Sheikh Zulkader, Area 72 Director
22. Rose Cooke, Area 74 Director
23. Mandaris Moore, Area 84 Director
24. Deborah Littleton, Area 91 Director
25. Kristin Bahler, Area 92 Director
26. Susan Sontra, Area 94 Director
27. Lieutenant Coopwood, Area 01 Director

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was adopted as posted.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April meeting minutes were approved as posted.

## DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

Administration Manager, Minda Fernish

- There was no correspondence from TI to report.

Finance Manager, Gary Pettigrew

	April 30, 2022	Year to Date
Revenue	\$2,396.25	\$34,867.67
Expenses	\$244.36	\$15,048.12
Net Income	\$2,151.89	\$19,819.55
District Reserve		\$70,310.95

Public Relations Manager, Veena Vijayaraj-Kadidal

- Posted info about contest winners
- 4500 views on Facebook page
- Created a new advertisement for TLI on June 18, Veriti Price, keynote speaker

Club Growth Director, Lance McMahan

- 3 more days to submit club visit reports
- 7 Clubs with Base+5 will receive \$75 gift certificates. Lodi (11), Redding Evening (7), Greater N Stockton (6), NSCAR (5), Roseville Communicators (5), East End Orators (5), Speaking Machine (5).
- 55 clubs added members in April, 23 clubs added 36 members in May. Spin for \$25 gift certificate. April winner, Carson Communicators. May winner, Roseville Toasters.
- 17 clubs entered club officer lists.
- 110 clubs have renewed 8 or more members.
- Incoming PQD team include Jonathan Faridian Chief Judge, Julie Mattox, Spring Conference chair.
- For more details, see Lance's report as posted on the District website.

District Director Nancy Potts

- Welcomed incoming District Officers:
  - o District Director, Denise Alder-Gutherz;
  - o Program Quality Director Lance McMahan,
  - o Club Growth Director, Laura Gregory,
  - o Veena-Vijayaraj-Kadidal, Public Relations Manager,
  - o Minda Fernish, Administration Manager,
  - o Gary Pettigrew, Finance Manager,
  - o Rose Cooke, Division G Director,
  - o Susan Sontra, Division I Director.
- Recognized award recipients
  - o Russ Steele, Herb Yarborough Sustained Service
  - o John Passamonte, Toastmaster of the Year
  - o Jim Prestwood, Division Director of the Year
  - o Susan Sontra Area Director of the Year
  - o Angie Rodriguez, Respect award
  - o George Jarasik, Integrity award
  - o Kathie O'Ray, Service award
  - o Veena Vijayaraj-Kadidal, Excellence award
- Recognized Contest winners
  - o International, 1. Dory Cox, 2. Marcy Johnson, 3. Donny Crandall
  - o Humorous, 1. Dharmisha Doshi, 2. Janine Romney, 3. Keerthi Karnati
  - o Evaluation, 1. Vickie Musni, 2. Gary Lee, 3. Marcy Johnson
- Acknowledged Realignment Committee, upcoming changes:
  - o Dissolved Division J
  - o Dissolved Area 14 in Division A
  - o Dissolved Area 54 in Division E
  - o Dissolved Area 64 in Division F
  - o Dissolved Area 74 in Division G
- 11 clubs have reached Distinguished so far
- 112 clubs are in good standing, 8+ members
- 10 clubs are at charter strength, 20+ members

- Area Directors completed 75% of club visit reports
- Round 2 has been extended to June 15.
- Challenges include retaining members and building new clubs, completion of club visit reports, filling all 2022-2023 leadership roles, club officer lists submitted.
- For more details, please see Nancy's report as posted on the District website

## DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORTS

### Division A Director, Louisa Swann

- All club visit reports have been completed
- 47 new members since July
- Sierra Sunrise club is Select Distinguished
- Working on building membership

### Division B Director, Laura Gregory

- Continue to build club memberships
- Paula Murphy will be A22 Director
- Sue Bukowy will be A23 Director
- Many clubs are below their base membership level
- 3 clubs have submitted officer lists

### Division C Director, Adrienne Haylor

- Redding Evening club is growing
- Pathways adoption rates are improving
- A32 Director Lauren Carly has been promoting Pathways
- All club visit reports have been submitted
- 2 clubs have folded, Paradise #299 and Tehama #
- Northern Lights is now in good standing

### Division D Director, Lynda Mendez

- NSCAR is a Distinguished club
- There is more participation in Pathways
- There is no A41 Director
- Will continue as Division D Director next year

### Division E Director Nisreen Jaradat

- No report given

### Division F Director, Amrik Chima

- No report given

### Division G Director, Pat Knight

- 389 members, 63 new members since July
- No new clubs
- 93% club visit reports submitted
- Area Directors have been more focused on Pathways
- Over 100 education awards this year
- Current leadership team will mentor Rose Cooke, incoming Division Director

### Division H Director, Michael Lamont

- No report given

### Division I Director, Jim Prestwood

- Stockton club is celebrating 70 years, is Pres Distinguished
- Sigma Kappa Pi is Pres Distinguished
- A94 is Select Distinguished
- All incoming leadership positions are filled

### Division J Director, Jay Chacko

- No A5 Director
- Contests have been completed
- Membership drive is happening now

### Program Quality Director, Denise Alder-Gutherz

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- 7 clubs are Distinguished
- All conference events have been posted to the District YouTube channel
- 30+ clubs have more that 5 DCP goals

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parliamentarian Report, Rick Sydor District Parliamentarian

- International convention will be in Nashville
- Louise Houdelette is proxy chair. Club Presidents' and Secretaries can cast a vote or vote by proxy. Proxies can be sent to Incoming District Director, Denise Alder Gutherz or anyone who will be attending the business meeting.
- 12 proposals will be voted on.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next DECM: July 9, 2022.
- Next District Council Meeting will be September 10, 2022
- Next TLI/COT will be June 18 from 9:00 to 1:00
- Division and Area Director training will be June

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.

Minda Fernish, DTM  
Administration Manager, 2021-2022