

District 26 Spring Conference__Business Meeting Minutes
Embassy Suites Hotel
4705 Clydesdale Parkway. Loveland, CO 80538

“Tackle Your Dreams”
May 21, 2011

District 26 Governor, Julia K. Davis, DTM, called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.

Invocation: Niki Moore

Pledge of Allegiance: Julia K. Davis

Reading of Mission Statement: Julia K. Davis

Introduction of Head Table: Julia K. Davis, District Governor; Mohan Devarajulu, Parliamentarian;
Carol Harris, District Secretary

Credentials Committee Report: Tina Hubis, Credentials Chair

169 clubs in District 26; each club has two votes. To have a quorum, 1/3 of presidents and vice presidents of education must be present. District officers are also entitled to one vote. District officer votes do not factor into the quorum.

Required number of votes to constitute a quorum is 113

Present club officers-139

District officer votes-30

Total of 169 votes; therefore a quorum is achieved.

For matters requiring a simple majority vote, the necessary number of votes will be 86.

For matters requiring a 2/3 majority, the necessary number of votes will be 113.

Administrative Announcements

Julia K. Davis, District Governor offered the following announcements:

Unanimous means “without objection.”

If you want a debate, say “I object.”

Two-minute rule for speakers

Roberts Rules of Order are the procedure for conducting the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Appointments:

Approval of vote counters/tellers: Diane Sunder, Ken Beazer, and Pat Reed

Appointed as today’s timers: Pat Upchurch and James Williams

Appointment of microphone runners: Mark Krekeler and Lori Bennett

The agenda was distributed and approved without objection.

November 13, 2010 District Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Approval of the 2010-2011 Mid-year Audit

The Audit Committee included Chuck Maher, Michael Corin, Gina Curley, and Jessica Fish, none of whom were present. The Chair called on Gus Ray to give the 2010-2011 Audit Report.

As of May 15, 2011, known accounting and financial reporting issues were discussed and resolved and a District 26 Treasurer has been appointed to fill the remainder of the term.

--Amy Krug, MoneyGrams, M4 area governor, and member of Excelsior, questioned the specific issues.

--District Governor, Julia Davis responded, “We lost our treasurer and did not receive all the financial records until after January 1, 2011. Some expense vouchers were not turned over or signed; missing one expense voucher.”

The Mid-year Audit Report was approved.

Treasurer’s Report-Gus Ray

The district finances are in good shape. Income and expenses are inline with expectations. There are some positive variances partially due to budgeting the expenses monthly rather than at a specific time. The positive variances indicate we are not spending the money.

Gus thanked all those who supported his appointment at mid-term.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

APPROVAL OF 2011-2012 ALIGNMENT

Norm Frickey, DTM, Lt. Governor Education & Training presented the proposed realignment stating one major move was the addition of one club in D7, which would make it easier for area governors to fulfill their responsibility.

Foothills division has lost some clubs and therefore is removing one area. It will require area governors to do a little more traveling.

F1 is now Grand Junction and Eagle Valley. F2 is old F3.

Excelsior is being moved to F5 and Rocky Flat to F2.

We need a minimum of three clubs in an area and three areas for a division.

US Speakeasy is being relocated downtown to Centennial.

--Joyce Feustel noted that F4 has just three clubs plus one forming

--Brenda Penn of Speak Easy questioned when the club will charter? Why not balance with four and four in each area until new club forms?

Opinion was noted.

Dispute

--Member of Arvada Speakeasy #6835 suggested we move Talking Ideas into the new F4.

--Gayle Laraway, Wisecrackers # 84003, called to second a motion.

--Amy Krug, M4 area governor, said the motion was not clear.

Motion was restated

--Dirk Kittridge, Front Range Toastmasters, said that moving one club from F3 has no geographic balance or other purpose.

--Brenda Penn suggested we balance areas as they exist now; do not assume something (new club) will happen.

--Norm Frickey-If balance is the issue, move Double Talk.

--Larry, #44789, asked if we are we looking for balance for the interim.

--Norm Frickey responded "Once we set the alignment, we cannot move clubs again until next year."

Motion-those in favor of moving Talking Ideas Club from F2 to F4?

Motion Denied

--Motion made by Annette Shockey-Moody, E3 area governor, to move Double Talk from F3 to F4.

--Terry Ploski of Evening Stars seconded the motion.

--White-Eagle Perry, M1 area governor, called for a discussion and questioned where Double talk is located relative to Opportunity Talks and other clubs in F4.

--Norm Frickey-"They meet in people's homes; no set physical location."

Motion to move Double Talk from F3 to F4

Voice count was indeterminate

Hand count was indeterminate

Ballot issue #1

Decided to move on while ballots were being counted.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Amy Krug, Alan Swartz, and Bob Baxter

2011-2012 District 26 officers

District Governor-Norm Frickey

Lt. Governor Education & Training- Gavin Kirton and Bea Macliz

Lt. Governor Marketing-Tom Hobbs

Denver Division Governor-Glenn Conrad

Eastern Division Governor-Gayle Perron-Krawetz

Foothills Division Governor-Ed Morgan

Metro Division Governor-Elaine Love

Northern Division Governor-Janice Haldi

Southern Division Governor-Tom McKenna

Positions were handled one at a time beginning with District Governor.

--With no nominations from the floor and no opposition, Norm Frickey was entered as the District Governor 2011-2012.

--Bea Macliz and Gavin Kirton each presented a two-minute speech as candidates for Lt. Governor Education & Training. Written ballots were cast and a call was made to vote for Lt. Governor of Marketing while ballots were counted.

--Gordon Savage of Gates to Excellence made a point of order as to whether it was appropriate to move forward since whichever candidate was not elected would have the option of running for Lt. Governor of Marketing.

--Julia Davis deferred to Emmy Hager, Region 1 international director who had no comment.

--Terry Smith, of club #5216, made a motion that we return to the alignment issue while we wait the outcome of the ballot count for Lt. Governor Education & Training.

--Niki Moore, Southern Division Governor, seconded the motion.

--A voice count carried and we tabled the election to return to the alignment issue.

A short break while Norm Frickey was called to the lectern.

Results of the realignment were "Yes."

Double Talk will be moved to F4.

--Bob Baxter of #6300 called for an exact vote count for matters of record.

Yes-78 and No-60

--Amy Krug, M4 area governor, stated that 78 does not represent a majority of 86 per credentials committee.

--Someone noted that members can abstain.

--A member of Speak with Ease stated that if the motion was not carried by a majority, it needs to be voted on again.

--Betty Chavira, Club Coach Chair, questioned how we know we have a majority in a voice vote.

--Darryle Brown, D6 area governor, stated that if it dies, it doesn't need a majority.

--Bob Baxter called on the Parliamentarian to make a ruling.

--Mohan Devarajulu stated that any voting member has the right to abstain.

Double Talk will be moved from F3 to F4.

--Karen Gibsby, club #298, "As a point of order, are we voting on the entire alignment?"

--Julia Davis put the question to the floor, "Should the new alignment of the areas and divisions be approved?"

--The response was a resounding YES!

--The election was resumed and the vote was 57 for Gavin Kirton and 99 for Bea Macliz.

--Bea Macliz was entered as the Lt. Governor of Education & Training 2011-2012.

--With no nominations from the floor and no opposition, Tom Hobbs was entered as the LT. Governor of Marketing, 2011-2012

--All division governors were approved.

--Carol Harris was appointed Public Relations Officer

--Connie Akins was appointed District Secretary

District officer reports on the state of the district

District 26 governor-Julia K. Davis, DTM

Memberships are coming in and we rank 60% in the world. We have new clubs forming and we will be a Distinguished District by June 30, 2011.

Lt Governor Education & Training-Norm Frickey, DTM

CC awards-Goal-241 / Actual-242

AC awards-Goal-69 / Actual-106

Leadership awards-Goal-157 / Actual-133

District officers trained-Goal-85% / Actual-98%

Club officers trained-Goal-1174 / Actual-1250

Lt Governor Marketing-Jennifer Zerba

Club base-166
Active clubs-169
Paid clubs to date-162
June 30, 2011 goal-170
Behind by 8
Suspended clubs-8
Renewals not in-8
Membership payments base-6907
Membership payments to date-6414
June 30, 2011 goal-7045
District is behind by 631

New Clubs for District 26

N4- Chadron Toastmasters, #1146642
M6-Spirited Speakers, #1440289
F2-Eagle Valley Toastmasters, #1464508
M5-Talk @ Chuck, #1509839
D4-BNI Powerful Presenters, #1563812
S2-BNI Pikes Peaks Speak toastmasters, #1563822
D5-Anadarko Rockies Toastmasters, #1574648
D1 Davita Toastmasters, #1588275

New Club Chairs-Brenda Smull-July 2010-January 2011 and Tom Hobbs-January 2011-present
Club Coaching Chair-Betty Chavira-January 2010-present

Public Relations Officer-Gavin Kirton, DTM

Gavin recognized the web team (Joseph Esler, Alex Pyle, Adam McCormick, Trent Turner, David Lampe, and Rob Greathouse) for keeping everyone informed. He commended Gordon Savage and Carol Harris for their work on redesigning the newsletter and noted the positive feedback it has generated from District 26 members, TI, and leaders in other districts. He stated that the branding initiative will reflect positively on the district and its members and thanked everyone for their support. D26 expanded the Speaker's Bureau this past year to include special interest groups, which opened up opportunities for members to showcase their talents to other organizations. The public relations office issued more than 100 press releases to the media. We have a presence on the Colorado Radio Network (KCRN), which reaches most of Colorado and Clear Channel Communications, which covers most of Wyoming as well as many local and regional newspapers.

Denver Division Governor-Tom Hobbs, DTM

Membership is within 90% of last year and we currently have 670 members in the Denver division. We have lost many members due to deployment and corporate relocations.

Six clubs sponsored workshops and judges' training (open to the public) that has increased membership and branding recognition.

Lost clubs-1

New clubs-4

The growth in clubs leads to the proposal to add a 7th area to the division. We are currently at 25 clubs with three clubs forming and near charter strength.

12 clubs have more than 21 members

3 have more than 34 members

2 clubs have a membership waiting list

6 clubs are coach-eligible due to low membership

The Denver division is on track to be Distinguished or higher by June 30, 2011.

Eastern Division Governor-Pat Upchurch

Eastern will be a Distinguished division by June 30. The division has done several demonstration meetings for potential clubs with three clubs working on chartering. The division has achieved approximately 50 educational awards (no breakdown provided)

Foothills Division Governor-David Lampe

CCs-43

ACs-15

CLs-10

ALs-10
DTMs-2

1 Distinguished club
2 Select Distinguished clubs
2 President's Distinguished clubs
21 clubs had 4 or more officers trained in the fall
20 clubs had 4 or more officers trained in the spring
18 club visit reports have been entered for spring; still a few short
2 Distinguished areas
3 areas are very close to achieving Distinguished
One new club, Eagle Valley Toastmasters, chartered on 10/04/2010
Lost two clubs and possibly a third
F4 and F6 are Distinguished areas (congratulations to Tent Turner, F4 area governor and Linda Van Wert, F6 area governor for their hard work)

Metro Division (acting) Governor-Elaine Love

Achieved Select Distinguished division
2 Presidents Distinguished areas_M5, Brenda Smull, area governor and M6, Elaine Love, area governor
1 Select Distinguished area-M4, Amy Krug, area governor
1 Distinguished area-M1, White Eagle Perry, area governor
2 Presidents Distinguished clubs (4 more will be by June 30)
Meridian Mid day achieved all 10 goals!
4 Select Distinguished clubs
7 Distinguished clubs (7 or more can reach Select by June 30)
Every club in M4 qualified for DCP
13 of 28 clubs in the Metro division qualified for the DCP (potential for 24 of 28)
CCs-565
ACs-21
CLs-14
ALs-24
Lost three clubs and added three new clubs.
With the new Opp Talk, there are approximately 620 members in the Metro division.

Northern Division Governor

18 clubs and 17 renewed their dues by April
July membership base is 253, currently there are 220 active members; a 33 member deficit.
Communicadores de Cheyenne in N4 has not renewed their dues.
Smooth Talkers #338 (N2 area) has paid dues but was suspended for insufficient number of members. The additional dues have been paid and the club president is working with TI to reinstate the club.
Yellowstone Toastmasters club has paid dues but is considering disbanding.
6 clubs (3 in N1 and 3 in N4) are coach-eligible; none assigned.
New club-Chadron Toastmasters
N2 is the only area governor who has submitted a report.
The other three area governors have made their club visits and will submit reports by the May 31st deadline.
CCs-12
ACs-5
CL/ALs-5
New members-50
Clubs with five goals met-2
Officers trained-59

New club potentials:

Torrington, WY-demo meeting held in April; potential new club for N4.
Inquiries from Rawlins about chartering a club and division governor has been in contact with J. Willis but has not been able to obtain a club sponsor. Mr. Willis has put a lot of effort into organizing a potential club and it needs to be pursued. The club could be in N2 or N3.
Club realignment proposed for business meeting: N4-all Nebraska clubs and potentially adding Torrington if they charter a club next year. Roadmasters and Communicadores de Cheyenne would move to N3.

Southern Division

Struggled somewhat in the beginning; however, it appears to have made a comeback and will finish the year at least as a Distinguished division.

CLs-18

AL/DTM-15 combined total

1 President's Distinguished area

3 Select Distinguished areas

1 Distinguished area

The area governors have completed major portion of club visits and all except for S6 have reported cub dues.

New members-190

The Southern division held two TIs with record-breaking attendance. Contests were all rigidly conducted ensuring all judges were trained and contest procedures followed. Southern division area governors worked as a team and met every other month.

Book Store Report

Another banner year for the book store! Sales increased and the variety of materials is more diverse. Setup was modeled after each step in the DTM process to help members better identify what resources applied to each step. New accounting procedures were district-wide and a new process was implemented for the book store. Leaders, not book store manager, will leave the event with all cash and checks.

Other Committee Reports

Club Coaching Chair Report_Betty Chavira

As of May 13, 2011, Toastmasters International "Distinguished Club by Division/Area_District 26" report states:

Clubs with 12 or fewer members (coach-eligible)-51

Breakdown by division:

Denver-9

Eastern-7

Foothills-9

Metro-7

Northern-9

Southern-10

Currently 17 clubs have a coach assigned (as of 5-21-11)

Presidents and VP Education for coach-eligible clubs should contact Betty Chavira. Any toastmaster interested in serving as a coach and earning advanced leader credit; please see Betty during the conference.

The District 26 Dialogue-Gordon Savage, DTM

Gordon Savage noted copies were being passed out. New design has received positive feedback. Members are submitting articles; please get them in by the 15th of each month. Purpose is to inform so we need articles and feedback on what readers want.

District 26 Web Site-Carol A. Harris, District Secretary

The new home page will be a marketing tool and will feature district toastmasters with a link to their web site or the speakers bureau. Individuals will change at set intervals. Find a club will appear on every page of the web site and link directly to TI site. We will eventually have a hit counter so we can determine what kind of traffic we're generating. We are striving to create a revolving door that will keep viewers coming back.

Region 1 Candidates_ each was given two-minutes to speak.

First Speaker-John Barnes

Second Speaker-Randy Penn

Third Speaker-James Sultan

Unfinished Business-no

New Business

--Brenda Smull, Region 1 advisor and brand ambassador stated that all district sites must display the new brand.

--Elinora Reynolds of Absolutely Articulate questioned why we don't emphasize dual club membership?

--Betty Funderburke of Absolutely Articulate said dual membership expands creative ideas.

--Bob Baxter, former district governor, questioned the necessity for the body to approve interim appointments.
--Frances Scott, acting F2 area governor, was approved at the last meeting.
--Norm Frickey, club #9407, made a motion that we approve Gus Ray as treasurer until June 30, 2011.
--Terry Smith, club # 316 seconded the motion.

Announcements

1. The first TLI will be held on June 11, 2011 in Nebraska. Details on the D26 web site.
2. The international convention is August 17-20 in Las Vegas. Details on TI web site.
3. The next meeting of the district council will be held on November 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs.

--Amy Krug gave a quick update on the Silent Auction.
--Ann Kerr, of Titan Toastmasters, asked who in the club has the vote for the regional director?
--Norm Frickey replied that the club should reach a consensus.
--Elaine Love asked for clarification on how to cast vote.
--Julia Davis stated an email was sent to club presidents from TI. Any club that did not receive the email can contact TI to get the instructions resent to them.
--Norm Frickey stated the district may cast split votes.

Darryle Brown, D6 area governor, made a motion to adjourn.
Numerous members called out to second the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.