

Minutes of Business Meeting-District 24 Toastmasters Spring Conference

May 9, 2009

Howard Johnson's, 72nd and I-80, Omaha, Nebraska

District Governor Pat Hannan called the meeting to order.

Past District Governor Chris Czerwinski delivered the invocation.

Toastmasters District Mission was read.

Past District Governor Chris Czerwinski delivered the Credentials Report:

58 club votes were verified to represent 66 active clubs and 20 votes were verified out of 28 Executive Committee votes, for a total of 78 votes verified for the meeting.

Majority vote requires 40; 2/3 vote requires 52.

Therefore, meeting met quorum.

Fairview Toastmasters member Jean Dyer moved to adopt business meeting agenda. Lt. Governor Education and Training Elden Plettner seconded and agenda was adopted without objection.

Welcome and Introductions

® Special Guests

® Judy Southwick, International Director

® Past International Directors: Randy Prier and Floy Westermeier

® Past District Governors

® Current District Officers

Lt. Governor Education and Training Elden Plettner

Lt. Governor Marketing George Volz

Public Relations Officer Rick Jensen

Acting Secretary Stephanie Andersen

Treasurer Kendra Beckstead

All officers were present with the exception of Treasurer Kendra Beckstead.

® Current Division Governors

® Current Area Governors

Housekeeping

It was explained that Unanimous Consent will be declared if there are no stated objections from the floor. Membership participating in the meeting will state their Name, Club, and Club Number (if known).

Appointments

Teller: Jean Dyer

Timer: Rick Jensen

Acting District Secretary: Stephanie Andersen

Secretary's Report

It was moved by Division A Governor Robert Puhalla and seconded by SE Toasters member Joyce Keel that reading of the Minutes from October 2008 Fall District Conference be suspended. Motion carried.

NOTE: Minutes have been posted to the District 24 website and have been distributed.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report provided electronically by Kendra Beckstead, District 24 Treasurer, as of 3/31/09

Current Balance: \$11,470.06

District Reserve: \$24,401.61

Audit Report

Matt Binderup and the audit committee have completed the financial audit. There was one minor deficiency of \$274. which will be corrected or reimbursed by June 1, 2009.

Additional recommendations were made on how to better identify and report education funds as well as costs for featured speakers drawn from the funds.

Lt. Governor Education and Training Elden Plettner moved to approve the financial audit. NPPD Toastmasters member Sharon Brown seconded the motion, and audit report was approved.

Questions in regard to expense reports, reimbursements or other financial information can be directed to District Governor Pat Hannan or District Secretary Kendra Beckstead.

Nominations and Elections-Report of the Nominating Committee

by Leo Allen, Nomination Chairman

The following nominations were received for district offices, with no further nominations from the floor:

District Governor – Elden Plettner

Lt. Governor Education and Training – George Volz

Lt. Governor Marketing – LuAnn Anglo

Division C Governor – Marilyn Champoux

Division D Governor – Sheri Wells-Chesley

Division E Governor – Louis Lester

Division A Governor position was open. Principal Club member Joann Heckman made a motion to nominate Prime Time Toastmasters member Nadean Thompson from the floor for the position of Division A Governor. Division A Governor Robert Puhalla seconded the motion and nomination of Nadean Thompson was confirmed.

With all nominations in, elections for 2009-2010 Toastmasters year began. District Governor Pat Hannan asked that Acting Secretary Stephanie Andersen cast one unanimous ballot for each officer candidate. With that completed, officers were elected for 2009-2010 as listed above.

Reports of Officers and Special Committees

NOTE: All reports have been turned in and are posted online.

District Governor Pat Hannan thanked all officers and members for their hard work and accomplishments and reported that District 24 again received Distinguished District status. She proudly informed that District 24 was the first district in the world to send in record of accomplishments and have Distinguished status received and reported by Toastmasters International, as of April 22, 2009.

She also spoke of having Jim Key, World Champion speaker, come for Fall District Conference 2009, to be held at Mahoney State Park. In addition, she gave a brief report of District 24 fundraising activities.

Lt. Governor Education and Training Elden Plettner reported that the following designations were achieved throughout the District as of May 5, 2009:

CC's: 102; AC's: 37; CL's: 28; AL's: 19; Triple Crowns: 6.

Lt. Governor Marketing George Volz reported that although we lost 5 clubs this year, we also chartered 4 clubs, and have at least 5 clubs in line to charter in the near future. We are ahead of our goal of 64 clubs by one. Club building should continue to be strong into the next year. We also need to focus on strengthening existing clubs. Every division has clubs with fewer than 20 members. Any club that grows to 20 members or more will be given a special ribbon delivered by the leadership team. A special gift will be given for hosting a visitors' night before the end of the year.

Public Relations Officer Rick Jensen reported on special events we sponsored this year, including presentations in Omaha and Lincoln by 1990 World Champion of Public Speaking David Brooks; presentations by 2001 World Champion of Public Speaking Darren LaCroix in Omaha and Grand Island; and a proclamation of District 24 Membership Month by former Governor Dave Heineman, whose wife is a Toastmaster. Toastmasters received media attention related to all of these events.

Division A Governor Robert Puhalla reported that, like all divisions, he has had both struggling clubs and clubs that are growing. The last four years have been full for him, as he has assumed the roles of both Area and Division Governors. He expressed gratefulness for all the help he has received in fulfilling double roles.

Division C Governor Marilyn Champoux reported that new clubs are growing stronger in her division and participation in Area Contests was high. One major accomplishment was to hold an Area Contest at the Innovators Club. There are several clubs in her division which have achieved Distinguished or President's Distinguished. Innovators 4362 achieved 10 out of 10 again!

Division D Governor LuAnn Anglo reported that her Division is on track to become a President's Distinguished Division! Accomplishments in her four Areas are truly impressive! Check the website for details.

Division E Governor Louis Lester reported that his Division is home to two members who earned a Triple Crown! Two new clubs joined the Division this year. The Division achieved President's Distinguished. Contest participation this year was strong. Realignment of the Division may help make competition throughout the Division more fair. Division E members have earned a notable 83 total certificates this year.

Realignment Chairman Randy Prier briefly recapsulized the message brought from International Director Judy Southwick on global restructuring of Toastmasters, tentatively set to become effective in 2010. To achieve more equitable global representation, Toastmasters is proposing to divide the world into 14 regions, each of which will have 1 region advisor. A couple of advantages to this reorganization include training more leaders world-wide and carrying out contests in a more cost-effective manner. Discussion ensued as to pros and cons of the restructuring. In conclusion, we are encouraged to vote "Yes", and a decision was reached to allow our representatives at the upcoming Regional Convention enter votes on our behalf.

Assignment of New Clubs to Areas and Divisions

Con Agra Foods, Club #1234525, Area 42, Division E

On Time Delivery, Werner Enterprises, Club #1198189, Area 44, Division E

Club Sandwich, Lincoln Benefit Life, Club #1266707, Area 22, Division C

Advanced Toastmasters of Omaha, Club #1282109, Area 30, Division D

Unfinished Business – none

New Business

Region IV Conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, June 4-6, 2009, at the Marlborough Hotel. Remember that passports are required to travel into Canada. Go to: www.regioniv.net for more information.

Next business meeting will be at the District 24 Fall Conference, October 10, 2009, at Mahoney State Park near Ashland, Nebraska. Meeting time will be posted on the District website. World Champion of Public Speaking Jim Key is scheduled as our special guest speaker. Registration is available for \$50 at Spring Conference, through May 9, 2009. After May 9, 2009, pricing increases to \$55.

Meeting was adjourned.

To view current Minutes and detailed reports, log on to <http://www.district24toastmasters.com/Members/index.cfm>

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary,

Stephanie Andersen

