



Toastmasters International Spring 2017 Conference
District 21 Council Business Meeting Minutes
Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, Surrey, BC
Saturday April 22, 2017

Recorder: Administration Manager Ros Hansen DTM

1. Call to Order

Logistics Manager Ron Newell DTM called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm.

2. Reading of District Mission

Program Quality Director John Sherber DTM read, *'We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence'*.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Presiding Officer District Director Alan Warburton DTM delivered an inspirational opening, welcomed special honoured dignitaries, offered thanks to everyone who worked so hard this year, and to those Toastmasters who agreed to serve during the meeting.

4. Remembrances

Club Growth Director Michael Bown DTM led the attendees in a short remembrance of our fellow Toastmasters who have passed away since we last gathered.

5. Credentials Committee Report

Chairman Deborah Richards ACG, CL submitted an official count of the voting members:

Member Clubs	141
Total Possible Club Votes	282
1/3 required for Quorum	93
Clubs present	73

and declared "Quorum ACHIEVED" based on these results:

Club votes Present today	146
District Officer Votes	33
Total votes	179

6. Meeting Standing Rules

District 21 Parliamentarian Carlos Martins DTM reviewed the Standing Rules. Hearing no objection, the Standing Rules as presented were adopted for this Council Meeting.

7. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Brian Dodd DTM (Club 38, First Canadian Toastmasters Club) that the agenda as presented be adopted. Seconded and CARRIED without dissent.

8. Approval of Minutes of Previous Business Meeting

Hearing no corrections and without objection the Presiding Officer declared the minutes of the November 12, 2016 District Council Meeting of District 21 approved.

9. Recognition of Those Supporting District 21 Initiatives

Moved by Jan Ireland DTM (Club 4671, Master Motivators Club) that **Virginia Keast CC** be confirmed as District Public Relations Manager. Seconded and CARRIED without dissent. The Presiding Officer also acknowledged the work of **Deborah Richards ACG, CL** (Credentials) and **Mike Robinson DTM** (C & L Award).

10. District Officer Reports

a. District Director Alan Warburton DTM

- we always start meetings with the D21 mission, reflecting the Toastmasters inverted pyramid structure, where all club efforts filter out to the District level.
- we've made excellent progress with membership payments, and with the number of Distinguished clubs. Our area of challenge is that we need twelve new clubs in the next few weeks to reach our big D21 Goal.
- many other goals were accomplished along the way:
 - District-Sponsored COTs
 - Inspirational and Educational visits by Ted Corcoran and Peter Kossawan
 - Upgraded D21 Website
 - Increased Social Media Presence
 - High-Quality Monthly Newsletter
 - Contract with Redbird – PR Company
- special thanks to Club Presidents and Executive Officers, Division and Area Directors, the four District Managers and the members of the trio, who have worked together to establish a clear Pathway and an excellent foundation for next year's team to build on.

b. Program Quality Director John Sherber DTM

- the training at the COTs, aka Accredited Club Training (ACT) was consistently successful.
- remote Club Officer Training has been spectacular, thanks to **Marg Hope DTM** and her Toastmentors Team.
- highlights include the Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017 Conferences
- the Pathways rollout will be next Spring...we need to make sure our members are trained.
- thanks to all who helped us move forward with our D21 goal of 63 Distinguished Club

c. Club Growth Director Michael Bown DTM

- club growth came about as a result of fantastic teamwork...from club coach coordinator, demo team leads, sponsors mentors to our many support people.
- paperweight gavels were awarded in recognition of the incredible work of club coaches.
- D21 is currently #29 in the world for Membership payments.
- many fantastic leads came from members and Redbird.
- our two newest chartered clubs are Seymour Synergy (Victoria) and Slice of Speech (Richmond).

d. Public Relations Manager Virginia Keast CC

- the focus is on recognition and celebration of exciting achievements. Members have done a great job using the communication tools at hand: D21 website, D21 Facebook, Twitter, Newsletter and E-Blasts...please join up and help keep District informed.

e. District Auditor Doug Anderson DTM

- the Audit Committee Report for the period **June 30, 2016 – Dec 31 2016** is attached.
- the Committee (including **Hans Kermer DTM**, **Fonny Kermer DTM**, and **Finance Manager Monica Neville CC, CL**) did a great job.

- IRS controls our books; they are audited by TI, and Monica starts anew. Finances have been handled superbly.

f. Finance Manager Monica Neville CC, CL

- the D21 Financial Report for the months ended March 31, 2017 includes membership revenue of \$13,025. We've benefitted from increased membership, early submission of fees, and currency conversion (the club pays in US dollars. We get 25% back in US dollars, which is then converted back to CAD funds).
- education and training accounts for a large variance in our budget.
- revenue will decrease a bit once all expenses are submitted.
- the District Reserve (held by TI in CAD funds) is \$103,441, for a total of \$145,152 in available funds. NB: Districts are not allowed to help the clubs pay fees to keep the cost down.
- the team has been very fiscally responsible.

11. Realignment Committee Report, Karen Knight DTM

- alignment is done each year to be sure D21 meets TI guidelines and that D21 offers the best possible service to others to benefit all clubs (report attached).
- thank you to the Committee, Division Directors, with a special acknowledge of **Chris Kozakowski DTM** for her extensive work last year.
- the original written proposal contains a typo.

Moved by Karen Knight DTM, that the original written proposal be altered to read 'Division G will encompass Langley, Abbotsford and Chilliwack, as intended originally'. Discussion... a small sliver of Division G includes two Surrey clubs (Riz Aseem ACG, ALB). Seconded and CARRIED.

Moved by Karen Knight DTM, that the recommendations of the Realignment Committee be adopted by District Council. Discussion...Division C realignment could be difficult (Chris Kozakowski DTM). Seconded and CARRIED.

12. District 21 Leadership Committee Report, May Soo-Tveita DTM

- thank you to the committee of leaders who followed a rigorous procedure for selecting appropriate candidates for the **District Executive Council for the 2017-2018 Toastmasters Year** (report attached).
- a list of District Team and Division Director nominees was distributed.
- Area Directors are based on appointment by the District Director.

13. Election of Officers for 2017/2018 Term, District Director Alan Warburton DTM

- According to TI protocol # 9.0, elections are done one at a time so someone not elected in one position is able to run in another position. In the case of only one nominee, the Administration Manager is asked to cast a single vote. For each position, the name of the nominated candidate is announced, and three calls are made for nominations from the floor. Candidates are each allowed a chance to speak for two minutes. Contested positions are decided by a secret ballot.

- Election results were as follows:
 - i. **District Director John Sherber DTM**, nominated candidate. **Shawn Gold DTM** Richmond Toastmasters Club nominated **Carol Carter DTM**. **Carol Carter** was declared elected.
 - ii. **Program Quality Director, Michael Bown DTM** nominated candidate. Michael withdrew his name as a candidate for nomination. **Jennifer Oakes ACB, ALB** nominated **Barbara Westlake DTM**, who declined. This position will remain vacant for now. It will be appointed and confirmed at the Fall Conference.
 - iii. **Club Growth Director Joe Guenette DTM**, nominated candidate, declared elected.
 - iv. **Division A Director, Jennifer Oakes ACB, ALB** nominated candidate. **Denis Lessard ACB, ALB** nominated **Andy Vuong CC, CL**. **Andy Vuong** was declared elected.
 - v. **Division B Director, Nils Erzinger ACB, ALB** nominated candidate, declared elected.
 - vi. **Division C Director, Ryan Henderson ACG, ALB** nominated candidate, declared elected.
 - vii. **Division E Director, Yuhan Chen ACB, ALB** nominated candidate, declared elected.
 - viii. **Division F Director, Leah Cheyne ACS, ALB** nominated candidate, declared elected.
 - ix. **Division G Director, Jen Li DTM** nominated candidate, declared elected.
 - x. **Division K Director, Jennifer Mlazgar ACB, ALB** nominated candidate, declared elected.
 - xi. **Division L Director, Denis Lessard ACB, ALB** nominated candidate, declared elected.

14. Candidate for Region 1 International Director Candidates for Region 1

International Director Mary Morrison DTM spoke on strategic planning and helping people how to think deeply on their resources and talents and turn dreams into realities through team work. She has a deep knowledge of the organization, wants to share that with you, and asks you to please cast your vote for her.

15. New Business

There was no new business.

16. Announcements

The 86th Annual Toastmasters International Convention (August 23-26, 2017) will be held at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre in Vancouver BC.

17. Next District Council Meeting

The next District Council Meeting will be held Saturday November 11, 2017 at the Delta Ocean Pointe Resort Hotel in Victoria, BC.

18. Adjournment

Moved, Alexis Rothschild CC, ALB (Club 3767, Rich-Del Club) that this meeting be adjourned.

With no further business on our agenda, and with no objections, the Presiding Officer adjourned this District Council meeting at 5:25 pm.