

**District 35  
2019 Spring Convention**

**District Council Meeting  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center—Green Bay, Wisconsin  
May 11, 2019**



The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by District 35 Master Host Jackie Scott, ACS, ALB.

District Director Ed Thelen, DTM welcomed members to the District 35 Council meeting.

**Credentials Committee Report**—Keith Cumiskey, DTM, IPDD

There are 117 clubs in District 35.

A quorum is 1/3 of Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education.

Therefore,  $117 \times 2 = 234 \times 1/3 = 78$  for a quorum.

130 clubs with 31 District Executive Committee votes are registered for this District Council Meeting.

Seven Area Directors and 12 other District Officers are also registered.

Total possible votes is 161.

A majority is 50% plus one or 81 votes. 75% is 121 votes.

A quorum is present for this District Council Meeting.

**District Administration Manager**—Robin Grabinski

Minutes from the September 15, 2018 Council Meeting are published on the TM35 website under the forms section. The minutes were reviewed by a subcommittee and approved as published.

In addition to the meeting minutes, all individual reports will be posted on the TM35 website.

**District Finance Manager**—Jason Feucht, DTM

At the end of March, there was \$19,363.42 in the checking account. The March reserve statement had a balance of \$25,631.73. \$11,995.10 of the actual balance must remain in reserve with Toastmasters International.

**Report of Audit Committee**—Thomas Rozga, DTM, PDG

Annual audit held on February 9, 2019 to review last year's books. All calculations were correct and reports submitted on time. Ensure tax exempt number is used for all purposes. Everything over \$500 is required for approval by the Trio. Face to face contact is important and would like funds allocated to such for DEC meetings.

**Alignment Committee Report**—Cindy Laatsch, DTM, PDD

Potential loss of 13 clubs for the district. No other changes to Eastern division except for losing two clubs.

Chairperson Cindy Laatsch made a motion to adopt the realignment report as submitted; motion seconded by Rick Griggs, Eastside Madison, Club #1466.

Discussion by Dimitri A1: was it correct that it was the right club listed, because there are 2 similar clubs with that name (Speak Up! and Speak Up Milwaukee).

**District Officer Elections**—Tom Rozga, DTM, PDG

District Leadership Committee report read by District Director Ed Thelen. Ed Thelen announced the withdrawal of Northern Division Director candidate Ken McKenzie. The floor was open for additional nominations.

Jim Hughes, Keynoters, Club #3390, nominated Robert Wall for Club Growth Director. The nomination was seconded by Jesse Franklin, Speak Up Milwaukee #3408269. Robert accepted his nomination.

Teri McGregor, Eastern Division Director, nominated Paul Freiberg for Eastern Division Director. The nomination was seconded by Dick Seelig, Menomonee Falls, Club #1188276. Paul accepted his nomination.

Rozaline Janci, Program Quality Director, nominated Craig Carpenter for Northern Division Director. The nomination was seconded by Justin Gottfreid, Milwaukee Metro Speakers, Club #945. Craig accepted his nomination.

Judy Bauer, Area F3 Director, made a motion for uncontested positions to dispense with the secret ballot and have the Administration Manager cast a single ballot for these positions. The motion was seconded by Kris Pool, Club Growth Director.

Teri McGregor and Robert Wall made two-minute presentations for their candidacy. A secret ballot vote was held. The results of the election were: Teri McGregor, 107 votes and Robert Wall, 44 votes.

The elected officers for 2019-2020 are as follows:

- District Director - Rozaline Janci
- Program Quality Director - Kris Pool
- Club Growth Director - Teri McGregor
- Division A Director - Dmitry Lapan
- Division B Director - Raj Kumar
- Central Division Director - Tom Carlson
- Division D Director - Janet O'Rourke
- Eastern Division Director - Paul Freiberg
- Division F Director - Jennifer Kibicho
- Northern Division Director - Craig Carpenter

## **Division Officer Reports**

### **Division A—Carl Ervin, PM1**

- Written report submitted.
- Toastmasters in Control achieved the honor of being named Presidents Distinguished.
- A1 clubs earned four awards in the traditional program and completed 10 levels in Pathways.
- A2 earned 21 awards in the traditional program and completed 14 levels in Pathways.
- A3 earned nine awards in the traditional program and completed two levels in Pathways.
- 67 officers trained in the summer training period and 50 in Winter TLI.

### **Division B—Ronda Borowski, DTM**

- Written report submitted.
- Loss of High Pointe Club but Inpro Toastmasters is close to chartering.
- Brookfield Toastmasters is at Select Distinguished.
- Oconomowoc Pewaukee Speaks and Pro Speaks qualify for a club coach.
- All areas had at least four or more officers trained.
- All four speech contests were well attended.

### **Central Division—Rick Griggs, CC, ALB**

- Written report submitted.
- Lost two clubs this year but gained one new club, Blackhawk Credit Union, in Janesville.
- A bilingual club in Madison is in the formative stages.
- Transitioning Words on Water Club in Sauk Prairie into another club affiliated with the hospital in town.
- Growing and keeping membership is the biggest challenge, possibly due to transition to Pathways.

### **Division D—Shamaine Schoenherr, ACS, ALB**

- Written report submitted.
- Lost Prostmasters and The Best “U” clubs.
- Transitioned members from Baird Speaks to Smokey’s Sensations.
- Trained 53% of club officers.
- Advanced two contestants to the D35 speech contest.
- Four clubs have achieved Distinguished status or higher, two have achieved President’s Distinguished, North Shore Badgers has achieved Select Distinguished, and Rumble Don’t Mumble has achieved Distinguished status.

**Eastern Division**—Teri McGregor, VC1

- Written report submitted.
- 56% of all club officers were trained.
- All areas hosted contests with the highlight being E2/E3, having 11 contestants.
- Most clubs have adapted Pathways with 54 Pathways education awards received by Eastern Toastmasters.
- Hosted Spring District Convention.

**Division F**—Jackie Scott, ACS, ALB

- Written report submitted.
- Great area directors helped with encouragement of clubs.
- Several of the clubs have members completing books, paths, and one DTM.

**Northern Division**—Angela Graham, ACG, ALS

- Written report submitted.
- Eau Claire club ended its 12-year run.
- One of the area directors had to leave mid-year.
- Challenge to collect yearly dues.
- Division will get a realignment.
- Training was difficult to complete, but some officers were trained in the first round.

**Public Relations Manager Report**—Kamal Soan, DTM

Constant communication was done through D35 Facebook page, D35 group, critical updates on LinkedIn, and email as required. Based on a survey of 2018-2019 VP PRs, educational sessions were provided to District 35 and will be available for future incoming officers to view. Information is detailed on the TM35 website.

**Club Growth Director Report**—Kris Pool, DTM

In July 2019, we began the year with 131 clubs and as of the spring convention, we are at 117.

We have four new clubs: Speak Up!, Words Properly Spoken, Johnsonville Toastmasters Club, and EQ Leadership. More clubs are in the works for meetings and paperwork.

As of April 30, 2019, membership payments were down 16.7% from our base number of 4,690.

All club and district officers are asked to participate in the “Beat the Clock” membership campaign to gain additional members before the end of June.

Tom Gust is the Club Extension Chair who supports the mission of building new clubs.

**Program Quality Director Report—Rozaline Janci, DTM**

Toastmasters International records indicate that D35 ranks number 13 in the adoption of Pathways out of 116 districts around the world thanks to the efforts of Kathy Shine.

75% of our clubs had more than four officers trained during the Summer and Winter TLIs.

Winter TLI as held December 1, 2018 at the Monona Terrace in Madison. There were over 250 people who attended.

A new incentive program was tried for D35 called the Toastmaster Baseball League.

**Immediate Past District Director Report—Keith Cumiskey, DTM**

94% of our clubs either voted in person or assigned a proxy for the Toastmasters International business meeting last August in Chicago. Members are reminded that they learn better when they are having fun. A District Document Management System was created to give information to future leaders for knowledge of procedures. Give club members reasons to remain committed. Some clubs are using MeetUp as a marketing tool. Will be recommending the District expand the use of MeetUp to other areas within the District.

**District Director Report—Ed Thelen, DTM**

How we have been dealing with the path toward Distinguished:

- 1) Slow and Steady Wins the Race
- 2) Unsung Heroes
- 3) Feather in my CAP (Change, Attitude, and Pathways)

**Presentations from International Director Candidates**

1<sup>st</sup> candidate – Mohamad Qayoom, DTM

2<sup>nd</sup> candidate – Monnica Rose, DTM

**Announcements—Ed Thelen, DTM**

Proposals for the International Convention were sent through email this past week. The next District 35 Council meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

The District Council meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Grabinski  
District Administration Manager