

**District 35
2015 Spring Convention**

**District Council Meeting
Hotel Marshfield, Marshfield, Wisconsin
May 2, 2015**



The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by District 35 Master Host Jeff Ebel, DTM.

Inspirational Reading by Kathleen Rader.

District Governor Craig Carpenter, DTM welcomed members to the District 35 Council meeting. Anyone addressing the chair must be a voting/credentialed member of the District.

Credentials Committee Report—Jennifer Smith, DTM, IPDG

There are 113 clubs in District 35.

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

Therefore, $113 \times 2 = 220 \times 1/3 = 75$ for a quorum.

58 clubs with 101 votes are registered for this District Council Meeting.

16 Area Governors and 9 other District Officers are also registered.

Total possible votes is 126.

A majority is 50% plus one or 64 votes. 75% is 95 votes.

A quorum is present for this District Council Meeting.

District Secretary—Kris Pool, ACS, ALB

Written report submitted.

Minutes from the November 8, 2014 District Council Meeting are posted on the TM35 website. The minutes were reviewed by a subcommittee and approved as posted.

In addition to the meeting minutes, all individual reports are posted on the TM35 website under the Public Downloads section.

District Treasurer—Sue Kohut, ACG, ABL

Written report submitted.

The District 35 mid-year audit was completed successfully and submitted on time. The committee noted a few corrections, including adding vouchers for debit card items and acquiring signatures on some paperwork.

The required third quarter narrative regarding District expenses was signed and submitted to Toastmasters International by the April 30 deadline.

At the end of March, there was \$13,075.17 in the checking account. The March reserve statement had a balance of \$60,955.48, of which approximately 25% is held in reserve at Toastmasters International. Items still budgeted for the remainder of the year include the billboard campaign and Spring Convention expenses.

The report will be filed for audit.

Public Relations Officer Report—presented by Kris Pool, ACS, ALB on behalf of Richard Seelig, DTM, PDG

Written report submitted.

The primary Public Relations efforts for this year focused on two major projects: phasing out the old website and converting to the new district Toastmasters website and continuing the highway billboard advertising campaign throughout designated areas in the state during May and June.

Re-Districting Committee Report— Jennifer Smith, DTM, IPDG

No written report submitted.

Proposed changes are due to the growth of the District. Each Division Governor was contacted to discuss the challenges and create the best alignment solution to allow for growth and leadership opportunities. The proposed changes have been posted on the TM35 website.

Central Division: C1 will have 4 clubs; C2 will have 4 clubs; C3 will have 6 clubs (includes a new prospective club); C4 will have 6 clubs; C5 will have 4 clubs.

Eastern Division: E1 will have 6 clubs; E2 will have 5 clubs; E3 will have 4 clubs.

Metro Division: M1 will have 6 clubs; M2 will have 6 clubs (includes a new prospective club); M3 will have 6 clubs; M4 will have 6 clubs; M5 will have 6 clubs.

Northern Division: N1 will have 4 clubs; N2 will have 5 clubs; N3 will have 5 clubs.

Southeast Division: S1 will have 6 clubs; S2 will have 5 clubs; S3 will have 6 clubs (includes a new prospective club); S4 will have 4 clubs; S5 (new area) will have 5 clubs.

Western Division (new Division): W1 will have 3 clubs; W2 will have 5 clubs; W3 will have 6 clubs (includes a new prospective club).

Jennifer Smith, DTM moved to adopt the new realignment of the District as proposed; Kathy Shine, Allis Chalmers Club 189 seconded. Discussion ensued about the fluidity of the proposed document and how future realignment and growth can occur, but these changes will best help the District over the next five years. Three clubs in an area is the minimum requirement and allows for opportunities for growth. Motion passed by voice vote; 125 yes, 1 no.

Nominating Committee Report— presented by Kris Pool, ACS, ALB on behalf of Richard Seelig, DTM, PDG
Written report submitted.

The presented slate of candidates for office are:

- District Director: Rhonda Williams
- Program Quality Director: Cindy Laatsch
- Club Growth Director: Keith Cumiskey and Edward Thelen
- Division Director – Eastern: TBD
- Division Director – Central: TBD
- Division Director – Northern: Mark Nienow
- Division Director – Metro: Julia Katherine Boss
- Division Director – Southeast: TBD
- Division Director – Western: Heidi Schreiner

Additional nominations from the floor:

- Linda DeClute, Fond du Lac Club 498, nominated Vincent Treague, DTM for the position of Division Director - Eastern; seconded by Julie Ritzman, Fond du Lac Club 498. Vincent Treague accepted the nomination.
- Jerry Ward, Reedsburg Club 2789, nominated Brian Cychosz for the position of Club Growth Director; seconded by Heidi Schreiner, Chippewa Valley Club 6173. Brian Cychosz accepted the nomination.
- Kris Pool, Cream City Communicators Club 739100, nominated Nancy McCulley for the position of Division Director – Central; seconded by David Dopkins, Rolling Hills Toastmasters Club 588762. Nancy McCulley accepted the nomination via an email request to Kris Pool to be nominated for the position.
- No nominations were made for the position of Division Director – Southeast.

Election of 2015-2016 District Officers—Craig Carpenter, DTM

Jan Ward, Reedsburg Club 2789, moved to close nominations, the rules be suspended, and the secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for the slate of uncontested officers; seconded by Kathy Shine, Allis Chalmers Club 189. Motion passed unanimously.

There were three candidates for Club Growth Director. A second ballot/voting was not required.

The 2015-2016 District Officers are:

- District Director: Rhonda Williams
- Program Quality Director: Cindy Laatsch
- Club Growth Director: Keith Cumiskey
- Division Director – Eastern: Vince Treague
- Division Director – Central: Nancy McCulley
- Division Director – Northern: Mark Nienow
- Division Director – Metro: Julia Katherine Boss
- Division Director – Southeast: OPEN
- Division Director – Western: Heidi Schreiner

Division Governors' Reports

Central Division—Peggy Lee Hanson, ACS, ALB

- *Written report submitted.*
- The Division lost three clubs and chartered one new club, with several prospective clubs in the pipeline. Speechcraft programs have been held and generated interest in Toastmasters.

Eastern Division—Linda DeClute, ACG, ALB

- *Written report submitted.*
- Northern clubs will be going through an upcoming realignment.
- Area E1 has worked well together to increase networking opportunities.
- Juliet Kosarzycki, previous E1 area governor, has been assisting with the E3 clubs and several others took over the UP clubs. Copper Country TM had great welcome signs to their location; with supportive members stepping in to fill officer roles as needed and a celebration of each member's achievements.
- Area E2 clubs are doing well.

Metro Division—Keith Cumiskey, DTM

- *Written report submitted.*
- Over 75 attendees at each contest with a lot of first timers volunteering for contest roles. Successful officer training held with 63% attending. Monthly Council meetings held.
- Areas of improvement, including officer training and Area Council meetings.
- Division is already Select Distinguished.

Northern Division—Barbara Weisenberger, DTM

- *Written report submitted.*
- Record number of officers trained this past TLI, Speechcraft programs, and getting the word out about Toastmasters, amazing speech contests.
- Struggles are being worked on in all areas to turn into opportunities.

Southeast Division—Douglass Anderson, CC

- *Written report submitted.*
- Four new clubs in the Division and a new S5 area with the realignment.
- Need to focus on leadership for the upcoming year.

Lt. Governor Marketing Report—Cindy Laatsch, ACG, CL

Written report submitted.

113 clubs as of 5-2-15 which includes 8 new clubs.

Five clubs in the pipeline with three chartering in the near future.

District continues to add Club Coaches. District currently has 22 coaches supporting 14 clubs.

Lt. Governor Education and Training—Rhonda Williams, ACS, ALS

Confident we will reach Distinguished District goal; we are halfway to the goal of 46 Distinguished Clubs.

Immediate Past District Governor Report—Jennifer Smith, DTM, IPDG

No report.

District Governor Report—Craig Carpenter, DTM

Written report submitted.

We are on track to be a Distinguished District thanks to the work at the club, area, and division levels.

The Trio has a weekly call to discuss District business. New this year, the Division Governors were included on a monthly conference call with the Trio during their regular Sunday calls.

Area and Division Governors will continue to work with clubs and members for the remainder of the Toastmasters year.

New Business—Craig Carpenter, DTM

No new business presented.

Announcements—Craig Carpenter, DTM

International Speech contest at 4:15 p.m. followed by networking and first times receptions.

The District Council meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Pool, ACS, ALB

District Secretary