

District 52 September 2018 minutes

19:00

Zoom call meeting opened by Erik Fonseca, District 52 Director.

Announced this being the first virtual business meeting for District 52. Toastmasters International wants officers to focus on completing their district officer roles, and has therefore eliminated for districts worldwide the fall season in-person conference. There will be a spring in-person conference.

19:01:50

Announced this call will be recorded and asked if any objections.

No objections raised.

Confirmed call will be recorded.

19:03:30

District officer roll-call started

Division A

Red Runyon - Division A Director

Joyce Higgins

Sonia Maslovskaya

David Ballantine

Janette Jackson (present)

Division B

Christy Kadharmesta - Division B Director (present)

Jim Kearney (present)

Benny Yeh

Mayank Shah

Marc Richards (present)

Division C

Aasiyah Ghazi - Division C Director (present)

Marcia Iturbe (present)

Maria Gonzalez

Erin Godley

Jose Cruz

Division D

Jaime Lozano - Division D Director (present)

Monika Vega

Kristy Ibarra-Armas

James Park

Mariano Moreno

Division E

David Jenkins - Division E Director (present)

Brandon Mann

Jorge Alvarez (present)

Tazrrin Tamanna

James Smith

Division F

Agnes Lewis - Division F Director (present)

Tonik Nadzharyan

Melissa Stephenson

Patrick Selway

Mary Kelly (present)

Senior leadership

Ricardo Vasquez, finance manager (present)

May Cheng, public relations manager (present)

Darren Robinson, administration manager (present)

Ingrid Mendez, Club Growth Director

Serena McCullough, Program Quality Director (present)

Erik Fonseca, District 52 Director (present)

Past District Director

Kathleen Lubin (present)

Parliamentarian

Lance Webster (present)

Also present:

Anita Kugler

Circe Denyer

Dawn Jenkins

Debbie Elish

Kathleen Duke

Linnaea Mallette

Marcia Bush

Marko Obradovic

Richard Bell

Suzanne Bertain

Yoshi Takahashi

Zelong Jia

Division director reports

19:07:05

Division B, Christy Kadharmesta

Out of 20 clubs, 8 had all 7 officers trained

2 Clubs in B20 & B21 did not officers trained due to clubs not meeting until October

Completed all success plans and submitted by July 30th

Area directors did club visits July and August

One club in B20 that doesn't meet, other 4 submitted

Dues:

B20 one club outstanding

B21 two clubs outstanding

B22 one club outstanding, but payment should be made tonight

B23 one club (Champagne) missing

19:12:10

Division C, Aasiyah Ghazi

All clubs have been through training. Nestle toastmasters listed as ineligible - TI will remove after 6 months. and one club that has been disbanded (Valley Vocalizers). One club (Burnt Toastmasters) is missing a few officers being trained.

C30, C31, C32 close to 90% trained

Area report

Erin Godley about to start working on area reports, targeting submission by end of October

Distinguished singles club may not have base 8 members

All area reports from Marcia done, with exception of one (for club that meets monthly)

Maria has completed all of her area visits and will be submitting reports soon

Jose Cruz also visited all clubs and just needs to submit

Dues in Division C

Have been polling via email and clubs have been submitting payments

Clubs PDT and LA3 merged, and Nestle are ineligible

19:18:00

Division D, Jaime Lozano

Had a number of trainings in Downtown but many officers couldn't attend due to timing.

One area complete on payment, about half of other areas are paid. Some of the clubs are corporate sponsored so don't have control on when payment will be processed by organization.

Some clubs meeting only once per month.

19:20:30

Division E, David Jenkins

Started with 18 clubs but one (Spring) closing due to insufficient members, hence down to 17 active clubs

13 of the 17 clubs had 4 or more officers trained

All 4 area directors have submitted their area success plans, and division success plan submitted to Erik

11 of 17 clubs have completely paid dues, expect 15 out of the 17 to have paid by end of the weekend

Challenges with downtown include Pathways not fully integrated. Need to work on getting clubs trained - especially VPEs. High member attrition due to members not getting the attention needed.

19:23:30

Division F, Agnes Lewis

Had technical difficulties connecting. Report read by Lance Webster later in the call (see below)

19:24:40

Club Growth Director report

Ingrid Mendez, unable to attend due to death in family. Status delivered by Aasiyah. To make distinguished needed 1554 payments, but currently have 1362 in to date.

Demo meeting with Cal State LA October 10th. Chartered first new club in the year - 207 Smooth Talkers, in Glendale.

Unpaid as of 9/27 per latest report, 1945 members have not yet submitted payment to TI. Looking to create 10 clubs. Have a couple of leads. Trying to assemble a demo team.

19:29:30

Program Quality Director report

Serena McCullough

Focusing attention on three events coming up. Have the first TLI, conference and second TLI. First TLI date will be January 12th, 2019 at Glendale community college. Will be sending survey to members to understand what membership is looking for, then make decision in couple of weeks. Conference date not yet set. Second TLI date not yet set. Working on Pathways education sessions, including webinars and in-person training. Goal is to get as many people as possible through training and everyone enrolled in pathways. Had first webinar, and will be doing more of those. Looking for donations for raffles at TLIs.

19:35:30

Administrative Manager - May 5th minutes

Darren Robinson

Confirmation quorum not reached for voting

19:36:50

Division F, Agnes Lewis report read by Lance Webster

Last minute reached out to clubs that have not paid and all area directors have responded and following up with club presidents on the phone. One club 'On The Level' of concern due to low membership and disinterested president, working with area director Tonik on emergency plan. All area directors have submitted success plans, and all area directors have done either two or three of their club visits, and on track for all reports by end of October.

19:38:15

Voting - Administrative Manager

Darren Robinson - emails should have been received with links to materials on district52.org being voted on.

Susan Stuart created May 5th minutes, requesting vote to confirm minutes are an accurate record of the meeting.

Voting will be open until Sunday 5pm Pacific Time. Simple majority will apply.

Minutes are on the district52.org website. Select Login and enter the password toast52 in order to view minutes and other documents being voted on.

19:44:00

District Alignment - Ricardo Vasquez

Three clubs ineligible, but still listed on the TI so listed in the club alignment document (but cells in black and marked ineligible).

Clubs not meeting are listed in red cells - #6276 Valley Vocalizers, #7145 Spring, #3 Los Angeles. Every area has four or five clubs, with exception of A12 which has six clubs, although one (Blackline Corporate) might be in trouble.

Please review and vote. Asked if any discussion.

David Jenkins asked if 333G had moved into Area E52. Confirmed as yes.

19:47:25

Budget - Ricardo Vasquez

District budget summary - shows revenue at top, then below are expenses. Three sources of revenue, membership (25% of payments to TI goes to the district), and are very important since it's the main source of revenue. Other sources are the spring conference, and TLI. Main expenses are conference, TLI and administration expenses including training and convention attendance. Other expenses including marketing. Previous administration left surplus of \$41000, but must retain \$13351 for next administration (as required by TI). Budget designed to break even and leave cushion for future administration. Looking to spend \$10400 on conference, ~\$17000 on marketing, ~\$16404 for educational training and TLIs, including incentives to be distributed throughout the year. Total district expenses for year projected to be \$63165

19:53:10

Erik Fonseca,

Thanked Ricardo and prior administration for leaving district finances in good shape.

Confirmed District success plan will not be reviewed today, but it is almost complete.

19:54:50

Closing remarks

Thank you to everyone for attending the virtual business meeting.

Confirmed call did not have quorum to complete voting on the call, but voting open until Sunday 5pm PT

Repeated instructions for voting using emails sent to the email on record with TI

Lance asked that any VPEs on the call that don't have their club's presidents on the call (or vice versa) to please follow up with their counterparts to vote.

Serena McCullough, the club Motivated is distinguished with six goals. District pizza party tomorrow to follow up with 1945 unpaid members via phone reminding them to pay their dues. Currently have 1004 paid.

Request for spare lectern to be donated to club via Jim Kearney

Call closed at 8pm PT

Vote summary:

Budget - executive committee (22 votes out of 37 possible = 59% participation rate)

100% - yes

Budget - VPEs/Presidents (40 votes out of 212 possible = 19% participation rate)

89% - yes

9% - abstain

2% - no

Club alignment - exec committee (22 votes out of 37 possible = 59% participation rate)

100% - yes

Club alignment - VPEs/Presidents (42 votes out of 212 possible = 20% participation rate)

83% - yes

13% - abstain

4% - no

Spring Minutes - exec committee (21 votes out of 37 possible = 57% participation rate)

100% - yes

Spring Minutes - VPEs/Presidents (41 votes out of 212 possible = 19% participation rate)

78% - yes

17% - abstain

4% - no