

**Minutes of the May 21, 2011
District 55 Council Meeting
San Antonio, Texas**

District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Linda Williams, DTM, District Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, gave an inspirational opening, and Sharon Brown, ACS ALS, District Lieutenant Governor Marketing, read the District Mission.

District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM, gave a Welcome and Introduction to those assembled.

Credentials Committee report: Paula Tunison, DTM

Clubs eligible:	175
Votes Available	350
Executive committee votes	45
Total Possible Votes	395
Votes represented	143 = 41%
Simple majority required:	84 votes
Two-Thirds majority required:	111 votes

A quorum was attained. The credentials committee report was adopted with no opposition.

Adoption of Agenda: A printed copy of the proposed agenda was made available to each committee member. The motion was made to adopt the program agenda. The agenda was adopted.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the Fall District Council meeting (Nov 6, 2010) were distributed electronically. There were no objections to dispensing with the reading of the minutes and they were approved as posted.

Confirmation of appointed District officers: District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM moved for confirmation of newly appointed Area Governors, Mickey Steib, ACS, and Erica DeLaney, ACB ALB. There were no objections and the confirmation was approved.

Audit Committee Report: Cindy Cross, ACG CL, gave the mid-year audit report. She commended the District Treasurer on a job well done and made several recommendations. The audit report was adopted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Storer, DTM, District 55 Treasurer presented the treasurer's report which had earlier been made available on the district website. He reported that the District is in great financial shape with a cash position of about \$30,000 and about \$20,000 in physical assets. The report was approved and will be filed.

Realignment Committee Report: Linda Williams, DTM, reported on and led discussion about the proposed district realignment for the coming year. Time for questions and discussions was limited due to time constraints. Tonia Norman moved that the area numbers for the new division "F" begin with double digits instead of single digits. That was amended to begin with the number "20" to be consistent with the other divisions. The amended motion was passed and the Realignment Committee Report was adopted as amended.

Nominating Committee Report: The following nominations were presented by committee member Jane Coy, ACB CL:

Linda Williams, DTM – District Governor
Sharon Brown, ACS ALS – Lieutenant Governor Education and Training
Bill Greenham, ACG ALB - Lieutenant Governor Marketing

Division Governors:

F Barbara Smith, DTM
G Mickey Steib, ACS
H Susan McClure, ACB ALB
I Amy Espinoza, DTM
J Laura Schleicher,DTM
K Jean Ramsey, ACB ALB
M Frank Jaworski, ACS CL

The District Governor, Grace Jennings, DTM, called for further nominations. There were none. The District 55 officers and division governors were each elected by a single vote cast by the District 55 secretary.

Reports by Senior District Officers:

- A. Lt Governor Marketing Sharon Brown, ACS ALS, reported a total of 20 new clubs this year and 1286 new members.
- B. Lt Governor Education & Training Linda Williams, DTM, reported on the success of the CC-CL, the DCP Plus, and the IRS Incentive programs.
- C. District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM, extended thanks to the many Toastmasters who contributed to the success of District 55 this past year.

Other Committee Reports:

Policy and Procedures Committee – committee chairman Harry Truman, DTM, moved that the District Procedures be amended to cover 50% of the hotel expense for up to three (3) nights as well as travel expenses to the International convention not covered by Toastmasters International. The District Governor, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, and Lieutenant Governor Marketing will receive a 50% Hotel reimbursement not to exceed Seven (7) nights per person. Changes were necessary due to new training requirements for the District treasurer and the Trio. The amendment passed.

Due to the change in number of Divisions, the new order for the rotation of the site of District conferences was amended to G, J, H, M, F, K, I, and L.

Website Re-Design Committee – incoming webmaster, Mario Flores, ACS, demonstrated some of the changes coming to the District 55 website.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Motion was made and passed that Division H host the 2013 Spring Conference.

Announcements: Dan Jackson, DTM, spoke to the council on behalf of David Estrada, DTM, as a candidate for International Director.

The next District Executive Committee meeting will be July 9, 2011 in San Marcos.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: next District Council meeting will be at the Fall Conference, Nov 19, 2011 in Austin.

Meeting adjourned: 4:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Tim Williams, DTM, District 55 Secretary