

**District 55 Council Meeting**  
May 17, 2014 Spring Conference  
Airport Hilton Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

**Call to Order** — District Governor Bill Greenham, DTM called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**Inspirational Opening** – The inspirational opening was given by Region 3 Adviser Past District Governor Linda Williams, DTM.

**Reading of the District Mission** — District Secretary Carol Davis, ACS, ALB presented the District Mission Statement: *“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.”*

**Welcome/Introductory Remarks** — District Governor Bill Greenham welcomed attendees to the District 55 Council Spring Business Meeting, thanked all who had worked to make the conference a success, and introduced District Officers and dignitaries present. He then explained how he would call for a motion when necessary.

**Credentials Committee Report** — Past District Governor Gloria Williams, DTM reported that there are currently 194 clubs in the District, each of which has two votes, for a total of 388 votes. One-third of these votes (129) constitutes a quorum. With 153 votes represented at the Business Meeting, Gloria certified that a quorum was present. The Credentials Committee report was adopted.

**Adoption of Agenda** —The agenda was adopted unanimously.

**Secretary’s Report** — No corrections were required to the Minutes of the District Executive Committee meeting of March 15, 2014 and these minutes were adopted.

**Confirmation of Appointed District Officers**—District Governor Bill Greenham, DTM reported that he has appointed Ronald Sheaffer as Area K-50 Governor. There was no objection and his appointment was confirmed.

**2013-2014 Mid-year Audit Committee Report** — Audit Committee Chair, Past District Governor Tonia Norman, DTM presented the Audit Committee report. She made several recommendations aimed at helping the District Treasurer understand the nature of expenditures and commended Judith Lackritz, ACS, CL for a job well done. She also recommended that the District Gift Certificate program be discontinued because of the difficulty of keeping it current. The Audit Committee report was unanimously adopted.

**Treasurer’s Report** —Treasurer Judith Lackritz, ACS, CL presented her report stating that the District checking account shows a current balance of \$60,000. She reminded officers to turn in reimbursement forms promptly because the fiscal year ends on June 30 and the District closes its books on June 15. The detailed Treasurer’s Report will be filed on the District 55 website. The report was filed and the District Governor also commended Judy on her outstanding efforts as District Treasurer.

**Realignment Committee Report**—Realignment Committee Chair, LGET Crystal Dyer, DTM, reported that, on the recommendation of three international directors, her committee realigned the District into six divisions instead of eight. They examined club strength for every club in the District from 2002 to the present and, in order to give every

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District leader a chance to be successful, the committee created areas balanced in geography and club strength. Crystal moved that her report be adopted.

The motion was put to a vote which was confirmed by a “Standing Count” and adopted by majority vote (130 to 86). In discussion following the report, Nasser Shukayr, DTM thanked Crystal for giving a very detailed report involving much work on her part and on that of her committee members.

**Procedures Committee report**—David Estrada, DTM reported that District procedures must be reviewed each year and that such review is primarily concerned with travel reimbursement. Expenses of leaders can be reimbursed only up to the allotment set by Toastmasters International. The committee this year recommends changing daily reimbursement for accommodation from \$50.00 to \$80.00 and further recommends allowing an additional day of lodging for conventions held outside the Western Hemisphere. There being no questions, the recommended procedural amendments were approved by majority voice vote.

**Nominating Committee Report** —In the absence of Past District Governor Harry Truman,DTM, Committee Chair, who had been called away, Past District Governor Gloria Williams, DTM, gave the Nominating Committee report. She stated that the Committee had nominated the following officers:

District Governor -	Crystal Dyer, DTM
Lt. Governor Education & Training -	Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM
Lt. Governor Marketing -	Amy Espinosa, DTM
Division F Governor -	Gwendolyn Fuller, CC, CL
Division G Governor -	Vacant
Division H Governor -	Edward Biggers, ATMB, ALB
Division I Governor -	Nasser Shukayr, ACS, ALB
Division J Governor -	Irma Martinez, CTM, CL
Division K Governor -	Bart Loeser, CC
Division L Governor -	Mercedes Bali, DTM, PDG
Division M Governor -	Vacant

She reported that Gwendolyn Fuller had withdrawn her nomination for Division F.

She also reported that Anna Jaworski, DTM had announced her candidacy for the Office of District Governor and that Jim Barshop, DTM had announced his candidacy for Division G Governor. They were both announced as floor candidates.

Nominations were called for the position of District Governor and, in addition to the nominee Crystal Dyer, DTM, Anna Jaworski, DTM, was nominated from the floor.

Nominations were closed and each candidate gave a two-minute speech outlining her qualifications. Voting commenced. Ballots were distributed and collected: 216 ballots were cast with 109 ballots being required for a majority.

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Crystal Dyer, DTM received 130 votes and Anna Jaworski, DTM, received 86 votes. Crystal Dyer was elected to the position of District Governor.

Further nominations were called for all remaining positions and Jim Barshop, DTM was nominated from the floor for Division G Governor.

There were no further nominations for the remaining leadership positions and there was no requirement to fill the positions of Division F Governor Division M Governor after the realignment was approved.

Nominations were closed and District Secretary, Carol Davis, ACS, ALB, was instructed to cast a single vote in favor of each of the following:

Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM for Lieutenant-Governor Education and Training  
Amy Espinoza, DTM for Lieutenant-Governor Marketing  
Jim Barshop, DTM for Division G Governor  
Edward Biggers, DTM for Division H Governor  
Nasser Shukayr, DTM for Division I Governor  
Irma Martinez, DTM for Division J Governor  
Bart Loeser, DTM for Division K Governor  
Mercedes Balli, DTM for Division L Governor

The election of Officers was now concluded.

**Reports by Senior Officers**

- A. Public Relations Officer Jerry Barrett, DTM reported that most of his work involves maintaining the website, publicizing training workshops, and supporting leaders. He stated that members can contact him at [webmaster@tmd55.org](mailto:webmaster@tmd55.org) with queries concerning the website.
- B. Lieutenant Governor Marketing Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM reported that the District has 11 new clubs this year with 10 more in the making. She stated that we establish new clubs by giving Demonstration Meetings and thanked all those who participated in such meetings this year. The marketing effort continues in full bloom until June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Lieutenant-Governor Education and Training: Crystal Dyer, DTM commended District members for reaching out to clubs that historically have not been successful. She also reported that this year to date 1200 education awards have been earned in District 55.
- D. District Governor: DG Bill Greenham, DTM reported that it had been a tough year and that being the District Governor has been an interesting challenge but that he had given his all to ensure we were in a strong position at the end of his term. He complemented the efforts put in by his outstanding team. He reported that the District has been fiscally responsible this year and that we had concentrated on building stronger clubs throughout the District, providing better-trained leaders and ensuring there will be more money to operate with

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for the coming year. He reported that the changes implemented this year will benefit all the members of the District. He concluded by thanking his Leadership Team, his DEC and all the District members for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

The members present gave DG Bill Greenham a standing ovation in recognition of his efforts on behalf of District 55.

**Unfinished Business and General Orders—none.**

**New Business—**The new rotation sequence for District Conference hosting is GJHKIL. Thus, Division G is in line to host the spring 2016 conference. Irma Martinez moved that Division G sponsor the conference of spring 2016. The motion was adopted.

**Announcements:** DG Bill Greenham made the following announcements:

- 1) This year's transition meeting of the District Executive Committee will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church in San Marcos on Saturday, June 14, 2014.
- 2) The first District Executive Committee meeting of the new Toastmasters year will be held on July 19, 2014 at the First Lutheran Church in San Marcos.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm