

**Toastmasters District 55**  
**District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

First Lutheran Church, 130 W. Holland St.

San Marcos, TX 78666

1. **Call to Order:** District Governor Crystal Allbritton, DTM, who welcomed all participants, called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.
2. **Inspirational Message:** Division K Governor Bart Loeser, CC delivered the inspirational thought, stating that we as Toastmasters Leaders inspire others to change their vantage point and reach their fullest potential.
3. **Reading of District Mission:** DEC members recited in unison the District 55 Mission Statement: "We build new clubs and we support all clubs in achieving excellence."
4. **Roll Call:** Lieutenant Governor Marketing Amy Espinoza, DTM called the roll of the 47 voting members of the District Executive Committee. The 31 voting members present constituted a quorum.
5. **Adoption of Agenda:** District Governor Crystal Allbritton, DTM asked for the adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted unanimously.
6. **Secretary's Report:** District Governor Crystal Allbritton, DTM entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last District Executive Committee Meeting. The minutes were approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** District Treasurer Cindy Cross, DTM presented the Treasurer's Report, which is filed on the District Website. She reported that it was important to get reimbursements done in a timely manner so that the financial reconciliations would be more accurate to the budget.
8. **Approval of Appointed of District Officers:** District Governor Crystal Allbritton, DTM called for the approval of appointed officers: Division I Governor Chris Johnson, ACB/ALB; Area I 43 Governor Bill Friedrich, ACB/ALB and Area J53 Governor Joe Jarrett, ACS/ALS. They were approved unanimously.
9. **Mid-Year Audit Report-** The Mid-Year Audit Report was presented by Audit Chairman Susan McClure, DTM. The Audit Committee Report was filed.
10. **Realignment Committee:** Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM presented Realignment Committee Report. Area I40 Governor Greg Pittenger, ACS/CL moved the Escarpment Village Club to be moved to Area I-42. Area H35 Governor Fred Pena, CC/ALB seconded the motion. Motion adopted. Division I Governor Chris Johnson, ACB/ALB moved that Swab the DEC club be realigned into Area H33. Area L74 Governor Melody Moore, ACB/ALB seconded the motion. Motion adopted. Area I42 Governor Farrah Simmons, ACB/ALB moved to place Stone Oak in Area H32 and move David Borden Discussion and Debate to H33. Area H30 Governor Halbert Brown, CC/CL seconded the motion. Motion adopted. Area K63 Governor Jon Nuelle, ACB/CL moved to position University of Texas Club into J55. Area K65 Governor Vivian Daughetee, CC seconded the motion. Motion adopted. Area H35 Governor Fred Pena, CC/ALB moved for the adoption of the Realignment Committee Report. It was seconded by Area I44 Governor Tandelynn Lott, ACB/ALB. Motion adopted and the report will be on the district website as amended by the DEC.
11. **Nominations Committee Report:** Nominations Committee Chair Susan McClure, DTM presented the Nominations Committee Report. The report was approved and filed.

**12. Reports by Senior District Officers:**

- a. Public Relations Officer: Stan See, DTM thanked all those instrumental in making Toastmasters Week a success. The outcome of Toastmasters Week resulted in a media request to promote Toastmasters in a National Magazine, therefore Two Rivers Toastmasters Club will be interviewed by AARP magazine. Public Relations Officer Stan See, DTM will be contacting almost distinguished clubs that lack membership and recommending they do conduct a speech craft.
- b. Lieutenant Governor Marketing: Amy Espinoza, DTM reported the clubs that had chartered since the last DEC meeting. She stated that an email will go out to those clubs that need coaches. She mentioned the different promotions and incentives available that are listed on the district website.
- c. Lieutenant Governor Education and Training: Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM reported how many officers that were trained in the winter officer training. She stated that TLIs in Austin and San Antonio will be held in June and they need to be promoted, along with the COTs; clubs should hold their elections in the first week of May so the newly elected officers can attend officer training. She stated that we need to promote the Spring Conference at the Area and Division Contests.
- d. District Governor: Crystal Allbritton, DTM thanked all the volunteers and encouraged them to finish the race, ending strong. She reminded the team that the focus for Area Governors is to assist clubs in promoting quality meetings and improving the member experience which will result in clubs reaching their goal of being distinguished or better; and the focus for Division Governors continues to be building new clubs.

**13. New Business:** Division L Governor Mercedes Balli, DTM motioned that the issue of district funds being budgeted for contest supplies at Area and Division Contests be referred to the Procedures Committee for consideration and report back at the June DEC Meeting. Area J53 Governor Joe Jarett, ACS/ALS seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**14. Announcements:**

- a. District Governor Crystal Allbritton, DTM reported that the appeal of the DEC's decision to remove Nasser Shukayr from officer as the Division I Governor will not go forward to the DC Meeting as Toastmasters International has advised that he has been removed from membership entirely.
- b. District Governor Crystal Allbritton, DTM announced that the next meeting of the District Executive Committee, if needed, will be held at 7:00 a.m. on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Spring Conference.
- c. The transition DEC Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**15. Adjournment:** District Governor Crystal Allbritton, DTM adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.



Jennifer Wolf, ACS/ALB

District 55 Secretary