

**District 55 Council Meeting**  
November 9, 2013 Fall Conference  
Holiday Inn NW Arboretum, Austin, Texas

**Call to Order** — The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by District Governor William Greenham.

**Inspirational Message** — Division I Governor Linda Oliver, DTM gave an inspirational message regarding the nature of change.

**Reading of the District Mission** — District Secretary Carol Davis, ACB,ALB presented the District Mission Statement.

**Welcome/Introductory Remarks** — District Governor Bill Greenham welcomed attendees to the District 55 Council Fall Business Meeting, thanked all who had worked to make the conference a success, and introduced the District Officers and Dignitaries present.

**Certification of Quorum** — The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Past District Governor Gloria Williams, DTM presented the report. She stated that there are 197 eligible clubs, and that each has 2 votes. 1/3 of these votes (i.e. 131) would be required to make a quorum. 146 club votes were represented at the Business Meeting and Gloria certified that a quorum was present. The Credentials Committee Report was adopted unanimously.

**Adoption of Agenda** — The date of the next District Council meeting will be corrected to read “May 17, 2014”. With that amendment the agenda was unanimously adopted.

**Secretary’s Report** — No corrections were required to the Minutes of the District Council meeting of May 4, 2013 or to the minutes of the District Executive Committee meeting of September 14, 2013 and these minutes stand approved.

**Confirmation of the 2013-2014 Appointed District Officers** — District Governor Bill Greenham reported that members of the assembly had been provided with a list of appointed Area Governors, appointed District staff members, and other committee chair appointees. He stated that all three lists appear on the District 55 website. There was no objection and all appointed officers were confirmed.

**2012-2013 Year-End Audit Committee Report** — David Estrada, DTM presented the Audit Committee report in the absence of Albert Gallatin, Audit Committee Chairman. He stated that the report was well organized, and that the committee had reviewed all appropriate papers, and found no problems. The auditor’s report was unanimously adopted.

**Adoption of District Budget** — In the absence of District Treasurer Judith Lackritz, District Governor Bill Greenham presented the 2013-2014 District Budget; he answered questions regarding incentives, travel and gift certificates. Desi Mora moved the adoption of the District Budget. His motion was unanimously adopted.

**Treasurer’s Report** — District Governor Bill Greenham presented the Treasurer’s Report which showed a balance of \$76,000 although there are outstanding vouchers that will be distributed for payment throughout the year. DG Bill Greenham stated that we are currently under budget and commended the Treasurer for a job well done. Susan McClure raised a question regarding balance sheets. This issue will be researched and a report made to the District Executive Committee at its next meeting. The complete Treasurer’s Report will be filed on the District 55 website.

**Reports by Senior District Officers**

- A. Public Relations Officer: PRO Jerry Barrett, DTM reported that the District 55 website has been organized to make information easy to find. He asked that suggestions be sent to [webmaster@d55.org](mailto:webmaster@d55.org). He reported that, of 125 open clubs in the District, 106 have websites. He stated that his initiatives are to encouragement the development of websites for all clubs and to make sure all are current. He will also be contacting clubs to show them how to use *Easy Speak* to store club information. In addition, he will be promoting District contests as well as outside events such as marketing events at book fairs.
- B. Lt. Governor Marketing: LGM Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM reported that 6 new

clubs have been chartered since July 1<sup>st</sup>. She expects an additional 9 clubs to be chartered before Christmas. She mentioned the incentives that support new and existing clubs. These are listed on the District website.

- C. Lt. Governor Education & Training: LGET Crystal Dyer, DTM announced Upcoming Training Leadership Institutes for club officers; by attending the 4-hour trainings officers help their clubs become distinguished. Dates of trainings are posted on the District calendar. It is important that officer candidates are able to attend training so that they will be capable of fulfilling their duties.
- D. District Governor: DG Bill Greenham, DTM commended his team and all District 55 members, affirming that we are “leading the way” with 6 new clubs, 9 more in the making, and 500 more membership payments than at this time last year. Information about two new awards, the District Governor award and the Lone Star award, was provided and is posted on the website.

**Nominations Committee Report:** In the absence of Nominations Committee Chair Doug Kelly, PDG Linda Williams, DTM, RA gave the Nominations Committee report. She suggested that leaders recruit assistants and train them to be next year’s leaders. She provided the outline timings for the nominations process and these will be posted on the District Website in the near future.

**Unfinished Business and General Orders** — There was no unfinished business nor any general orders.

**New Business** — DG Bill Greenham stated that District procedure requires that the sites of District Conferences shall follow the Division rotation G, J, H, M, F, K, I, L. Each site must be decided two years in advance. The rotation sequence established to date is as follows:

Fall 2013	Division M
Spring 2014	Division F
Fall 2014	Division K
Spring 2015	Division I
Fall 2015	Division L

Dick Starie, Division L Governor, moved that Division L host the fall 2015 conference. The motion was adopted unanimously.

### **Announcements**

1. First Timers will meet here immediately following this meeting.
2. Unused ballots should be returned.
3. Time and place of next District Council Meeting: May 17, 2014, Airport Hilton, San Antonio.
4. Next District Executive Committee meeting will take place in San Marcos in January and details will be posted on the District website.

**Adjournment:** DG Bill Greenham adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.