

District 55 Council Meeting

May 4, 2013 Spring Conference San Antonio, TX

Call to Order and Welcome Message – The meeting was called to order at 3:37 p.m. by District Governor Sharon Brown, DTM.

Inspirational Opening – provided by Rikkita Hughs, ACB, ALB.

Credentials Committee Report & Certification of Quorum – The Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Past District Governor Doug Kelly, DTM, presented the credentials report. There was a quorum with 132 votes, which exceeded the required 125 votes by seven votes. The majority was 82 votes, and 2/3 was 108 votes.

Adoption of Agenda – The agenda was unanimously adopted with one change: Debi Christensen read the mission statement.

Secretary's Report – There were no corrections to the fall council minutes. The title of the March 9th 2013 minutes states "District Council" and must be changed to "District Executive Committee Minutes". No other changes were noted and the minutes stand corrected with the noted change.

Confirmation of Appointed District Officers – DG Sharon Brown, DTM, announced and confirmed the appointment of Area Governors Dave Cornell (I-70) and David Roun (H-81). Rikkita Hughes, ACB, ALB, was nominated and elected Division F Governor for the remainder of the 2012-13 Toastmaster year.

Mid-Year Report of Audit Committee – Albert Gallatin, DTM, summarized the Auditor's Report and recommendations. The Auditor's Report was unanimously adopted.

Treasurer's Report – District Treasurer Susan McClure, DTM, presented the Treasurer's Report. The complete report will be filed on the District 55 website. Sharon Brown DTM commended Susan McClure, DTM, for her work as treasurer.

Realignment Committee Report – Bill Greenham, DTM, LGET, and Realignment Chair, thanked his committee members, presented the report and answered questions. The realignment was unanimously adopted.

Procedures Committee Report – David Estrada, DTM, PDG, thanked his committee and reported on recommendations for amending the District Procedures. The chair considered the amendment *en grosse*, and the procedures were adopted.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers – Linda Williams, DTM, PDG, announced the nominations of the following Division Governors:

Division F Governor, Rikkita Hughes, ACB, ALB;
Division G Governor, Humberto Vela, ACB/ CL;
Division H Governor, Michael Joseph, DTM;
Division I Governor, Linder Oliver, DTM;
Division J Governor, Joe Jarrett, ACB/ALS;
Division K Governor, Ken Estes, DTM;
Division L Governor, Richard "Dick" Starie, CC/ALB; and
Division M Governor, Khamphoy Sayavong, ACB.

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TRIO Nominations:

District Governor, Bill Greenham, DTM;
Lt Governor Education & Training, Crystal Dyer, DTM; and
Lt Governor Marketing, Marie-Pier Clark, ACS, ALB.

Sharon Brown, DTM, asked for further nominations for District Governor. There were none and nominations were closed. She instructed the Secretary to cast one single ballot for each candidate.

District Secretary Debi Christensen, ACB, CL, cast one single ballot for William "Bill" D. Greenham, DTM, for District Governor. The Chair declared him elected to the office of District Governor.

District Secretary Debi Christensen, ACB, CL, cast one single ballot for Crystal Dyer, DTM for Lt. Governor Education & Training. The Chair declared her elected to the office of Lt. Governor Education & Training.

District Secretary Debi Christensen ACB, CL, cast one single ballot Marie-Pier Clark, ACS, ALB, for Lt Governor Marketing. The Chair declared her elected to the office of Lt. Governor Marketing.

All Division Governor elections were considered en masse except for the contested position of Division H Governor.

The Division H position was a contested position between nominee Michael Joseph, DTM, and floor candidate Linda Stough, DTM.

Sharon Brown, DTM, asked for further nominations for each Division Governor position. There were none and nominations were closed. She instructed the Secretary to cast one single ballot for each candidate.

The District Secretary cast one single ballot for each of the following:

Division F Governor, Rikkita Hughes, ACB, ALB;
Division G Governor, Humberto Vela, ACB/ CL;
Division I Governor, Linder Oliver, DTM;
Division J Governor, Joe Jarrett, ACB/ALS;
Division K Governor, Ken Estes, DTM;
Division L Governor, Richard "Dick" Starie, CC/ALB; and
Division M Governor, Khamphoy Sayavong, ACB.

The Chair declared all elected.

Linda Williams, DTM, declared Linda Stough an eligible candidate. The Division H nominee Michael Joseph, DTM, and floor candidate Linda Stough, DTM, each spoke before the Council.

The Council voted, and ballots were taken for counting.

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Reports by Senior District Officers –

Public Relations Officer – Mike Johnston ACG, ALB, reported on public relations progress and distributed website ribbons.

Lt. Governor Marketing – Crystal Dyer, ACS, ALB, reported on marketing events, thanked all participants, and promoted Club Fitness.

Lt. Governor Education & Training – Bill Greenham, DTM, reported on club officer training. He encouraged everyone to help their clubs meet goals by the end of June.

District Governor – Sharon Brown, DTM, reflected that their goal was to leave the district stronger than they found it. She recognized Division F and Area G-91.

Results for Division H Governor – There were 153 votes cast and six votes were ineligible; 77 were required for election.

Results: 55 Michael Joseph, DTM
 92 Linda Stough, DTM

The Chair declared Linda Stough, DTM, Division H Governor.

Unfinished Business and General Orders – There was no unfinished business or general Orders.

New Business – DG Sharon Brown, DTM, announced the site of the Fall district conference.

Fall 2013 Division M Austin

Spring 2014 Divison F

Fall 2014 Division K

Spring 2015 Division I Doug Kelly, DTM, moved and the conference division host was unanimously decided.

Date and Place of Next District Council Meeting:

November 9 – District 55 Conference – Holiday Inn Austin NW-Arboretum Area

Adjourn – 5:00.

(Signed) Debi Christensen, ACB, CL, District 55 Secretary