

## District 27 Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 2023

### Call to Order

District Administration Manager Deborah Jones gaveled the meeting to order.

### Welcome

Presiding Officer, District Director Distinguished Toastmaster LaShawn Foster, welcomed attendees and recognized all dignitaries that were present.

### Adoption of Agenda

The agenda can be found on pages 3-4 of the Delegate's Package which was sent to the District Council via email. The Delegate's Package was also posted in the chat box during the business meeting. There were no amendments to the agenda and the agenda was adopted.

### Meeting Officials

Officials for the meeting were:

- Timer: Toastmaster Deborah Jones. Deborah is a member of SPICE, club # 1472420 and DTM Masters, club # 4054648.
- Credentials Committee Chair: Distinguished Toastmaster Iris Taylor, PDD. Iris is a member of Library of Congress Toastmasters Club, club # 4103. Credentials Committee Member: Beverly Byam-Hercules. Beverly is a member of several clubs in District 27, as well as other districts.
- Parliamentarian: Distinguished Toastmaster, Elizabeth Holland. Elizabeth is a member of Maple Springs Baptist Church Toastmasters Ministry, club # 03278350.

### Inspirational Moment

District Chaplain, Tiffany Ross provided the attendees with encouraging words.

### District Mission and Vision

District Administration Manager, Deborah Jones read the District Mission and key factors required to meet the mission.

### Meeting Rules

District Parliamentarian, Distinguished Toastmaster Elizabeth Holland explained the voting procedures, election, and discussed the rules for the meeting.

### Credentials Report

District Credentials Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Iris Taylor, PDD presented the Credentials Report. There were 79 eligible clubs in the district, each club represents two votes, one for Club President, one for Vice President Education, for a total of 158 votes. To achieve a quorum, one-third of Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education of eligible clubs must be checked in, which is 53. There are 28 Club Presidents and 35 Vice Presidents Education checked in. A quorum has been achieved, which is 63. There are also 18 District Executive Committee Members checked in, they do not count towards achieving a quorum, total ballots available are 81, if everyone votes, a simple majority would be 42 votes. District Credentials Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Iris Taylor, PDD. moved that the report be adopted.

Seconded by Distinguished Toastmaster Bernadette Catalan.

Without objection, the credentials report was adopted.

Voting

One item of business required a vote using the Election Buddy software app.

1. District Alignment Report 2023

The vote will take place immediately after the Alignment Report is given by District Alignment Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Jenny Genser-White.

Approval of Minutes of the September 17, 2022, District Council Meeting

The details of the minutes can be found on pages 8-13 of the Delegate's Package.

Without objection, the minutes were approved as written.

District Alignment Report

District Alignment Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Jenny Genser-White presented the Alignment Report. The details of the report can be found on page 14 of the Delegate's Package.

Members of the Alignment Committee included the following: • Area 12 Director Hasani Jaali, representing Division A • Division B Director Maria Killian, representing Division B, replaced Carol Nicholas • Division C Director Johnnie Patterson, representing Division C • Scott Perdue, representing Division D, along with Division D Director Sonya Ponds • Jennifer Ferguson, representing Division E, along with Div. E Director LaMonica Nelson • Area 63 Director Xavier Wong, representing Division F • Past District Governor Aref Dajani, subject matter expert, nonvoting member • Program Quality Director Jeanna Lee, nonvoting member.

The proposed alignment is for 2023-2024 and will not take effect until July 1, 2023.

Questions:

- 1 - Taken from chat: FCC the Communicators was not mentioned?

Answer:

District Alignment Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Jenny Genser-White: FCC HQ has moved to northeast DC. The club will be going to District 36, starting July 1, 2023.

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- 2 – District Leadership Committee Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Bessie Johnson: In the report presented, one of the clubs within Division F shows up in two places.

Answer:

District Alignment Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Jenny Genser-White: The duplication was due to a typo.

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- 3 – Credentials Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Iris Taylor: There are 10-11 clubs in Division D, instead of getting rid of the entire division could you have moved one of the virtual clubs into Division D, making it equal with Division B.

Answer: There weren't enough clubs to make both Division B and D viable. Division D was easier to split. Removing Division B would have been more difficult, the clubs would have to go into Division A because of their location.

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4 – Distinguished Toastmaster Beverly Byam-Hercules: Based on the report Area 33 has seven clubs, there are supposed to be six clubs per area, is requesting clarification.

Answer:

District Alignment Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Jenny Genser-White: The map does not reflect the changes to the alignment due to a typos

Point of Order – District Director Distinguished Toastmaster LaShawn Foster confirmed with DAC Distinguished Toastmaster Jenny Genser-White that the written language provided in the Delegates Package is correct and what is being voted on.

District Finance Manager, Distinguished Toastmaster Joshua Smith moved to approve the alignment report provided in the Delegates Package.

Seconded by District Leadership Committee Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Bessie Johnson.

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5 – Public Relations Manager, Distinguished Toastmaster Veleana Hurd-Whitaker: Speakup Club, #727 in Area 32 was not listed.

Answer:

District Alignment Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Jenny Genser-White: Shared the 2023-2024 District 27 Alignment Proposal, which listed Speakup Club under Area 32.

#### District Alignment Vote

District Credentials Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Iris Taylor explained the voting process. Voting instructions can be found on pages 5-7 of the Delegates Package. The voting was launched at 2:00pm and will end, the earlier of the two; when all ballots have been received or when the time to vote has expired.

#### Voting

Item of business requiring a vote using the Election Buddy software app:

1. District Alignment Report 2023-2024

While voting continued, the remaining reports were delivered.

#### Finance Manager Report

District Finance Manager, Distinguished Toastmaster Joshua Smith presented the Finance Manager Report, which can be found on pages 15-17 of the Delegates Package.

#### Audit Committee Report

District Audit Committee Chair, Heather Horton presented the Audit Committee report, which can be found

on page 18 of the Delegate's Package.

Audit Committee members; Michelle Brackman, Adrian Price, and Toni Estrada.

#### Public Relations Manager (PRM) Report

District Public Relations Manager, Michelle Carter presented the Public Relations Manager Report, which can be found on pages 19 of the Delegate's Package.

#### District Director Report

District Director, Distinguished Toastmaster LaShawn Foster presented the District Director report which can be found on pages 20 of the Delegate's Package.

#### Program Quality Director Report

Program Quality Director, Distinguished Toastmaster Jeanna Lee presented the Program Quality Director report, which can be found on page 21 of the Delegate's Package.

#### Club Growth Director Report

Club Growth Director, Distinguished Toastmaster Tommye Grant, DTM presented the Club Growth report, which can be found on pages 22 of the Delegate's Package.

#### Division Director Reports

Division A Director, Toastmaster Annette Sanks; Division B Director, Toastmaster Maria Killian; Division C Director, Distinguished Toastmaster Johnnie Patterson; Division D Director Toastmaster Sonya Ponds; and Division E Director, Distinguished Toastmaster LaMonica Nelson, Division F Director, Toastmaster Thanh Trang, provided reports highlighting the accomplishments of their respective divisions. All Division Director Reports can be found in the Delegate's Package on pages 23-28.

#### District Leadership Committee Report

The District Leadership Committee (DLC) Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster and Past District Director Bessie Smith acknowledged and thanked the DLC Committee members and presented the DLC report which can be found on pages 29-31 of the Delegate's Package.

District Leadership Committee members; Anton Vanterpool, DTM, Christine Hobbs, DTM, Brian Glover, PM3, Jennifer Ferguson, DTM, Ralph Jones, DTM, Thomas Holloway, DTM, and Sandra Coles-Bell, DTM.

The DLC submitted the following District leader nominations:

For District Director: Distinguished Toastmaster Jeanna Lee

For Program Quality Director: Toastmaster Annette Sanks

For Club Growth Director: Toastmaster Ida King

For Division A: [No candidate]

For Division B: [No candidate]

For Division C: Distinguished Toastmaster Dr. Janice Boss

For Division D: [No candidate]

For Division E: [No candidate]

For Division F: [No candidate]

District Director Distinguished Toastmaster LaShawn Foster recognized the DLC Chair and committee members for a job well- done!

Without objection the members named were nominated for the positions identified.

District Officer Elections

There was one ballot submitted for the uncontested candidates for each of the following offices by District Administration Manager Toastmaster Deborah Jones: District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, and Division C Director.

Seconded by DLC Chair, Distinguished Toastmaster Bessie Smith

Election Results

After the presentation of reports the results were announced by District Director Distinguished Toastmaster LaShawn Foster.

The following candidates are elected for 2023-2024:

District Director: Distinguished Toastmaster Jeanna Lee

Program Quality Director: Toastmaster Annette Sanks

Club Growth Director: Distinguished Toastmaster Ida King

Division A: TBD

Division B: TBD

Division C: Dr. Janice Boss

Division D: TBD

Division E: TBD

Division F: TBD

*Alignment Report*

56 Approved, 6 Rejected, 0 Abstention votes were received. The Alignment Report was approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah. Jones

District 27 Administration Manager, 2022-2023



LaShawn Foster, DTM

District 27 Director, 2022-2023