



District 115

District Council

District Council Virtual Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2020

Reports are posted at - <https://www.d115tm.org/virtual-dc-meeting/>

- I. **Call to Order** - Steve Goldstein, DTM, DD
District Director Steve Goldstein called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm. He welcomed district leaders and guests.
- II. **Inspirational Moment** – Division D Director, Kelvin Bell, DTM
Kelvin Bell provided an inspirational moment for the meeting.
- III. **Mission Statements** – Division E Director, Jean Williams, DTM
Jean Williams read the TI, District, and Club mission statements.
- IV. **Adoption of Agenda** – DD Steve Goldstein, DTM
Steve Goldstein called for any proposed changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted as presented.
- V. **Certification of Quorum** – D. George Lund, DTM, PDD
Credentials Chair D. George Lund reported that we have 59 clubs eligible to vote. Each club has two votes - the club President and the club Vice President-Education. The total number of potential voters for this meeting is 118. A quorum requires not less than one-third (39) of the voting members. Since there are 49 voting members pre-registered, a quorum is confirmed. In addition there are 20 members of the District Executive Committee in attendance who are not counted in the quorum but are eligible to vote. The total number of voting participants is 69.
- VI. **Audit Committee Report** – D. George Lund, DTM, PDD
Audit Committee Chair D. George Lund reported on the audit conducted on February 15, 2020. The committee reported one finding related to an invoice from the D115 kick-off event, and one recommendation: A procedural rule to require the remaining two of the top three officers to sign off on a reimbursement from the third member or his/her company. The report is posted on the D115 website.

DD Steve Goldstein noted that the receipt was located and attached to the invoice. The Committee's recommendation has been adopted by the District trio.

VII. Administration Manager's Report - Ken Richardson, DTM

The minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting of the DC were previously distributed to the D115 leadership. There were no corrections requested.

DD Steve Goldstein stated that, unless there is an objection the minutes will be approved. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved. A copy of the minutes are posted on the website.

VIII. Finance Manager's Report – Rosemary Lato, DTM

Finance Manager, Rosemary Lato, DTM reported revenues totaling \$19,176 vs. a budgeted amount of \$24,097. The primary reason for the variance is the loss of membership. Expenses totaled \$23,945 vs. the budgeted amount of \$23,620. The District has \$4,300 in cash and \$18,934 in reserves at TI. After accounting for required reserves, the District has \$16,315 available. The report is posted on the D115 website.

DD Steve Goldstein called for any objections to accepting the report as presented. Hearing no objections, the report was accepted.

IX. Reports (2 minutes each)

Division A – Bill Bruninga, DTM



2020-05-31 Division
A report.pdf

The revised Division A report is embedded here.

Division B – Kevin Kiefer, DTM



Division B Directors
Monthly Report For

The revised Division B report is embedded here.

Division C – Jodi Shepler, DTM

The Division C report is posted on the D115 website.

Division D – Kelvin Bell, DTM, EC5

The Division D report is posted on the D115 website.

Division E – Jean Williams, DTM

The Division E report is posted on the D115 website.

Public Relations Manager – Nadia Gilkes, DTM

The PRM’s report is posted on the D115 website.

Club Growth Director – Carol Campbell, DTM

Club Growth Director Report
May 2020

Wow has COVID 19 caused some speed bumps. We have 2 clubs that are in the middle of chartering. When these corporations get back to together, I see us moving forward. We have at least 4 others that when employees come back want more information. We currently have 15 club coaches serving 12 clubs. One of those coaches has already brought her club to distinguished or better.

Incentives: We had our talk it up Toastmaster incentive in which the following clubs earned it. Ahead of the Curve, Lion’s Roar, Pro Toastmasters, Southern Hills, Summerlin Toasters, Holistic, and Cause Masters, We are currently running the Toastmasters membership drive “Beat the Clock” It ends June 30, 2020. In addition to that we are also holding an open house incentive which ends tonight. Hopefully you have had your open house. Five clubs that I know that have already achieved this open house incentive are Nubian Voices, Bachelors and Bachelorettes, Saturday Morning Live, Vegas Stars, and Lions Roar. Please remember to email me your branded flyer and 2 pictures and to fill out the incentive form on d115tm.org/incentive so that you can receive your TI bucks. You have until midnight tonight

As of May 29, 2020 we have 59 clubs in good standing. Our membership numbers are 2,254. I have sent each president and vice-president of membership a script that they can use to contact previous members. There are many clubs that are just that close to achieving their goals. Let’s continue to work hard to share Toastmasters with those in our district. As Jesse Oakley says “It ain’t June 30th yet?”

Program Quality Director – Kristin Baker, DTM



PQD Report as of
May 2020 (1).pdf

The revised PQD's report is embedded here.

District Director – Steve Goldstein, DTM

The DD's report is posted on the D115 website.

X. **Online Voting Guidelines**

The District's online voting platform is Election Buddy. Eligible voters will receive an email and code to allow them to vote. The vote counters will move to a separate "room" to count the votes.

Since there is only one officer position contested (Club Growth Director) participants can mark "abstain" on the ballot for all other questions. They need only cast a vote for either Jean Williams, DTM or Kelvin Bell, DTM.

XI. **Club, Area, and Division Alignment** – Guy Dawson, DTM, PDD

Guy Dawson reported on the previously approved District realignment. To remain compliant with TI requirements, we need to reorganize areas and reduce the number of Divisions from five to four. This is due to the loss of members and the impact on our clubs. The realignment was approved by the DEC at their meeting on May 17, 2020. A copy of the realignment is posted on the D115 website.

XII. **District Leadership Report** – Sherrie Parker, DTM, PDD

Sherrie Parker reviewed the report of the District Leadership Committee. The Committee is responsible for interviewing candidates for District leadership and making recommendations to the District Council for the top three District Leaders and the Division Directors. Sherrie recommended the following candidates.

District Director – Kirstin Baker, DTM
Program Quality Director – Carol Campbell, DTM
Club Growth Director – Kelvin Bell, DTM
Club Growth Director – Jean Williams, DTM
Division A Director – Jason, LeDuc, ALC, ALB
Division B Director – Gene Dunford, DTM
Division C Director – Michelle Patrick, CC, ALB
Division D Director – Ronnie Collins, LD5

A copy of the Committee's report is posted on the D115 website. Sherrie noted that we still have open positions for Area Directors.

XIII. Election of Officers – Steve Goldstein, DTM, DD

DD Steve Goldstein noted that there are no nominations from the floor in a virtual meeting in accordance with TI policies. He reiterated that there is only one contested position which members will vote for shortly. A single vote will be cast for the candidates who are running uncontested.

District Director – Kristin Baker, DTM

DD Steve Goldstein noted that in accordance with Toastmasters' International policy, there is no need to vote in an uncontested election. He instructed the Administration Manager, Ken Richardson, DTM to cast a single vote for Kristin Baker.

Program Quality Director – Carol Campbell, DTM

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Club Growth Director- Kelvin Bell, DTM and Jean Williams, DTM

Since there are two candidates for the position of Club Growth Director, each candidate was given two minutes to address the Council.

After each candidate's presentation, council members were instructed to vote for the candidate of their choice. At the closure of voting, it was announced that 21 votes were cast for Kelvin Bell and 45 votes were cast for Jean Williams. Jean Williams is, therefore, elected to the position of Club Growth Director.

Division A Director – Jason LeDuc, ACB, ALB

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Division B Director – Gene Dunford, DTM

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Division C Director – Michelle Patrick, CC, ALB

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Division D Director – Ronnie Collins, LD5

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XIV. International Director Candidates for Region 2

Steve Goldstein introduced Tod Henry, DTM and Karen Marie Lucas, DTM. Tod and Karen are running for the International Director position for Region 2. He gave each candidate two minutes to address the council.

XV. New Business

DD Steve Goldstein called for any new business to be brought before the committee. Hearing none, new business was closed.

XVI. Good of the Order

DD Steve Goldstein noted that District Officer Training will be held in July, 2020. The date and time have not yet been determined. The TLI/Club Officer Training will be held on June 27, 2020.

DD Steve Goldstein called for any additional business to be brought before the DC for the good of the order. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm. The next meeting of the District Council will be held in September, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Richardson, DTM
D115 Administration Manager, 2019-2020