

DISTRICT ONE FALL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 21, 2019*Virtual Meeting***CALL TO ORDER**

The District One Fall Council Meeting was called to order on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. by District Director Distinguished Toastmaster, Ken Starks. Assisting him and serving as District Administrative Manager, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, Hoa Nguyen, and District Parliamentarian, Distinguished Toastmaster, Anthony St. Clair.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

District Director, Ken Starks, welcomed members and guests of the District Council.

ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING RULES OF PROCEDURE

Director Starks presented for approval the Adoption of the Council Meeting Rules of Procedure and Rules of Engagement. The bylaws are stipulated on pages 5 and 6 in the Delegates' Packet which was previously provided to all delegates and is available on the District One website. Pursuant to Toastmasters International bylaws and protocol 7.1, this district council meeting is conducted as a virtual meeting as agreed upon by the majority of the District Executive Committee. Pursuant to Article X, Item E, "In the event that the voting process is conducted virtually, no proxies will be permitted. Each district council member will cast his or her own vote. District Executive Committee members are entitled to one vote and may cast up to one additional vote as a club president or vice president of education of their club. The maximum votes allowed as a District Executive Committee leader delegate are three (3)."

The District Call to Council letter was sent to all delegates on August 21st, and a 2nd Call to Council was sent on September 7, 2019. The Call to Council instructed all delegates to direct all questions and requests for New Business to the e-mail address: info@district1toastmasters.org no later than September 14, 2019. No questions were received prior to this business meeting. Any requests for Motions or New Business not received in advance will not be addressed as part of this business meeting.

For all germane questions or matters being addressed by the Chair for a possible vote, please adhere to meeting protocol:

1. Delegates will address and be recognized by the District Director;
2. When recognized, state your name, club name, and club office; then state your business.

All cell phones and other noise-making equipment must be silenced during the business meeting. Recording devices are not permitted during the meeting, except by permission of the District Director. Procedures related to Debate Discussions, Voting and Parliamentarian Authority are stipulated on page 3 in the Delegates' packet.

Finally, any member experiencing technical difficulties during the virtual meeting is instructed to immediately call the Virtual Business Meeting Assistance Line at 310-869-5542.

READING OF THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT

Director Starks read the Mission of the District as “we build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.”

READING OF THE MISSION OF TOASTMASTERS

Director Starks read the Mission of Toastmasters as “we empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.”

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Starks introduced the Credentials Chairperson, Distinguished Toastmaster, Giovanna Dottore, who presented the following report:

Number of Paid Clubs: 178
 Number of Voting Members: 356 club officers
 Number of Delegates required for a quorum: 119

Number of Club Presidents, VPEs or
 Proxies Voting today: 396

Director Starks stated that “we do not know at this time if we have a quorum, we will continue with the Business meeting to present the reports. All of you, as voting delegates, will be reminded about the ballot measure needing to be voted on.

ADOPTION OF DISTRICT 1 COUNCIL MEETING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Director Starks stated page 4 of the Delegates’ Packet is the District 1 Council Meeting Rules of Engagement for the conduct of business at this meeting.

There were no objections. They were approved.

ADOPTION OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

The business meeting agenda is on page 3 of your Delegates’ Packet.

There were no objections. They were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE May 18, 2019, COUNCIL MEETING

Director Starks presented for approval the minutes from the May 18, 2019, District Council Meeting on page 7 of the Delegates’ packet.

Director Starks announced the individuals served as member of the Minutes Approval Committee. They included:

- Advanced Communicator Bronze, Advanced Leader Bronze, Yvette Ferrer;
- Distinguished Toastmaster Donna O’Connell;
- Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Silver, Carla Taravella.

The Delegates will vote to approve the Minutes from 2019 Spring Business Meeting which is on the ballot received this morning.

APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES APPROVAL COMMITTEE FOR CURRENT COUNCIL MEETING

Director Starks announced that an Addendum to the Delegates' packet will be added showing the following individuals have been appointed to the Minutes Approval Committee for the current District Council Meeting. They include:

- Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, Hoa Nguyen;
- Distinguished Toastmaster, Past District Director, Joyce Howard;
- Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, EC2, Jijo T. John.

There were no objections. They were approved.

YEAR-END AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JANUARY TO JUNE, 2019

The year-end report is on page 10 in the Delegates' packet. This report was filed at Toastmasters International World Headquarters on September 16, 2019. Director Starks introduced Larry P. Cosgrove; however, due to the technical difficulty, Mr. Cosgrove will come back to represent his report.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Director Starks introduced Competent Communicator, Advanced Leader Bronze, Ana Lopez whose report begins on page 13 of the Delegates' packet. She reported that fifty three percent (53%) of the budget was dedicated to Conference and TLI.

YEAR-END AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 2019

Mr. Cosgrove still had technical difficulty and was unable to present his report.

APPROVAL DISTRICT BUDGET

Director Starks announced that the District Budget for the 2019-2020 term has been approved by Toastmasters International World Headquarters on September 6, 2019. A copy of the budget is on pages 13 of your Delegates' Packet.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

District Director Starks, Distinguished Toastmaster, presented his State of the District Report. His report is on pages 16 -18 of the Delegates' Packet.

REPORTS BY SENIOR DISTRICT OFFICERS

Club Growth Director

Club Growth Director, Distinguished Toastmaster, Diane Markham. Her report is on pages 20 of the Delegates' Packet.

Program Quality Director

Program Quality Director, Distinguished Toastmaster, Brad Stauffer, gave his presentation which is on page 19 of the Delegates' Packet.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Division A Director, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advance Leader Silver, Leann Levine. Her report can be found on page 24 of the Delegate's Packet.

Division B Director, Distinguished Toastmaster, Lola! Love. Her report is on page 25 of the Delegate's Packet.

Division C Director, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, Jessica Denham. Her report is on page 26 of the Delegate's Packet.

Division D Director, Advanced Communicator Gold, Advanced Leader Bronze, Tawanda L. Duck. Her report is on page 27 of the Delegate's Packet.

Division E Director, Advanced Communicator Bronze, Advanced Leader Bronze, Jonathan Eckman. His report is on page 28 of the Delegate's Packet.

Division F Director, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, Janell Williams. Her report is on page 29 of the Delegate's Packet.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT FINANCE MANAGER

District Director Starks announced the report from Catherine A. Magruder for her finance report for 2018-2019. She stated that the Audit Committee signed the report on September 5, 2019. There was a surplus of over \$6,000.00 for the year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Submitted by Competent Communicator, Advanced Leader Bronze, MS3, Sylvia Roldán. Presented by Competent Leader Jacob Dailey. The report is on pages 21 – 23.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Starks reminded the Delegates that the ONLY New Business items to be addressed will be those that were previously submitted in writing before or on September 14, 2019. For any lengthy or complicated motions to be addressed at the next business meeting in May 2020 should be submitted in writing to info@district1toastmasters.org

NEW ALIGNMENT REPORT

Director Starks presented the report on the New Alignment of District One on page 31. The alignment was voted on and approved at the last District Council meeting on May 18, 2019. A total of 7 new clubs were added to the approved alignment. Adjustments to the Alignment were made and were submitted to Toastmasters World Headquarters on July 15, 2019 and approved by the deadline of July 30, 2019.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

Director Starks stated that the list of District Officers whose appointments need to be confirmed can be found on page 30 of the Delegate's Packet. These appointments include our Executive Committee Officers and Area Directors. All officers will be confirmed collectively.

Our first group of appointed District officers are:

- District Public Relations Manager, Motivational Strategies, Competent Communicator, Advanced Leader Bronze, MS3, Sylvia Roldán;
- Administration Manager, Advanced Communicator Silver, Advanced Leader Bronze, Hoa Nguyen;
- Finance Manager, Competent Communicator, Advanced Leader Bronze, Ana Lopez.

They have been serving the District since July 1, 2019.

Our second group of District officers is the Area Directors who have been serving the District since July 1, 2019 and in some instances no later than September 1, 2019. Again, their names can be found on page 30 of the Delegates' packet.

Director Starks reminded the Delegates to vote for the 2019-2020 Appointed Officers, which is on the ballot that they are going to receive.

NEXT DISTRICT COUNCIL

The next District Council Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The location is to be determined. At the Spring Conference, we will feature the **"Table Topics"** and the **"International Speech"** Contests.

All Club Presidents are invited to join us for the Presidents' Luncheon, to be held in November 2019 for the celebration and recognition of their achievements. This event is free for the Presidents of each club.

The next Toastmasters Learning Institute ("TLI") training for all Club Officers will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Cal State Dominguez Hills. All officers are encouraged to attend.

Director Starks congratulated the following Toastmasters for earning their District Toastmaster awards. They will participate at the Hall of Fame ceremony at the Spring Conference:

Christopher Gildemeister (Rough Writers)
 Kristina Caruso Thorson (True Blue)
 Michelle D. King (Lakewood Star Speakers)
 Steven Evans (Silicon Speech)
 Tanya Pluckrose (Health and Wellness Toastmasters)
 Saundra Wakefield Davis (Business Trainers)
 Austin E. Iuliano (Century City Toastmasters Club)
 Judith Ferber (Professional Women Toastmasters)
 RC Sawyer (Space Park Toastmasters)

Director Starks advised the Delegates that if they are not receiving communications from Toastmasters International and District One, they may have inadvertently opted-out. To opt back and receive important updates go to www.toastmasters.org

- log-in
- click on the name to go to the profile, and
- choose to start receiving communications

Director Starks reminded the Delegates that dues are due. If they have already given their dues payments to their club Treasurers, make sure dues should be submitted promptly. The deadline will be September 30 at 11:59 p.m. The minimum renewal requirement to keep the clubs in good standing and eligible to vote is eight members.

Director Starks thanked everyone for taking time to be a part of our District leadership team. Please continue to focus on your goals, to support, encourage, and mentor your members and peer officers within your clubs. Volunteer in the spirit of service and step outside of your club to expand your opportunities to grow as a communicator and leader. He is looking forward to the District to work together embracing the new Pathways education program to achieve the goals of the members and Toastmasters as the whole.

Director Starks reminded the Delegates that a ballot will be sent to all voting delegates and District Executive Committee ("DEC") members shortly. The sender's name is District 1 Toastmasters. He encouraged people to vote because their votes are important to establish a quorum for the meeting. The election would be closed at 10:00 p.m. on September 21, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The District One Fall Council Meeting adjourned on Saturday, September 21, 2019, at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Hoa Nguyen, ACS, ALB
Minutes Approval Committee
District One