

## MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order	District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, called the meeting to order at 10 am ET.
Inspirational Opening	Patricia Saucier, DTM, Area 5 Director, delivered the inspirational opening: <i>“No matter how bad things look, there’s always a train of rainbows.”</i>
Reading of District Mission Statement	Sarah Wright, PM5, SR1, Area 15 Director, delivered the District Mission statement.: <i>“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.”</i>
Welcome and Opening remarks	District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, provided welcome and introductory remarks.
Credentials Committee Report	Michael Thompson, DTM, Credentials Chair, stated that, with 93 paid clubs, the number of potential club votes is 186 (for Presidents and VPEs). Quorum requires 62 members. We received 73 club ballots and 33 DEC ballots that members would attend the meeting. The total number of potential votes is 106, and quorum has been reached.
Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2021	District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, asked if there were any errors or additions to the minutes from the previous District Conference that was held on May 15, 2021. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as posted.
Confirmation of Appointed Officers	District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, presented the list of appointed for the 2021 – 2022 year. She stated that she was pleased that all appointments were filled by the end of June. She entertained a motion to accept the report.
Confirmation of Appointed Officers (continued)	Moved by Andrew Chadbourne, ACS, CL, MS3, Area 24 Director, to accept the appointed officers list as presented. Seconded by Barbara Bell, DTM, VPE of Sackville Club. Motion was carried, and appointments were confirmed.
Audit Committee Repo	Included in page 7 of the DC packet, Cornelia Burhmann, ALB, ACB, IP3, Audit Committee Member, shared highlights of the Audit Committee Report.  District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, entertained a motion to adopt the Audit Committee Report. Moved by Maureen McIntosh, DTM, VPE of Speech Afire Advanced Toastmasters Club. Seconded by Gary Belding, DTM, President of Civil Speakers Club. Motion was carried, and the Audit Committee Report was accepted.

Division Director Reports	<p>Each of the six Division Directors listed below presented a 2-minute report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Goodwin, DTM, PDG, Division G Director</li> <li>• Jim Kokocki, DTM, PIP, Division C Director</li> <li>• Kelley Demers, DTM, Division A Director</li> <li>• Madhu Kanji, DTM, Division E Director</li> <li>• Tom Macisso, CC, CL, MS5, SR2, Division B Director</li> <li>• Suzanne Weiss, ACB, CL, DL2, LD1, Division D Director</li> </ul>
Senior District Leader Reports	<p>The following SLT members delivered a 2-minute report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne Doucette, ALB, ACB, MS5, IP5, LD5, Public Relations Manager</li> <li>• Sherry MacDonald, DTM, Club Growth Director</li> <li>• Crystal Cobb, CC, CL, ED5, PI5, DL4, Program Quality Director</li> <li>• Jonathan Bohm, DTM, Immediate Past District Director</li> <li>• Heather Perkins, DTM, District Director</li> </ul>
District Success Plan	<p>District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, stated that the DSP that was sent to TI on September 2 (well in advance of the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline) and has been uploaded on the D45 website.</p> <p>She entertained questions on the plan. There were none.</p>
Proposed Budget 2021 - 2022	<p>Ken Hubley, IP3, PI1, Finance Manager, moved that the 2021 – 2022 Budget be approved by the District 45 Council. District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, stated as the motion was approved by the DEC, the motion does not need a seconder.</p> <p>After questions on the budget, it was adopted without objection.</p>
Unfinished Business	<p>There was no unfinished business.</p>
New Business	<p>Jonathan Bohm, Immediate Past District Director, moved that the Humorous Speech Contest only be held if the 2022 Annual District 45 Conference is held online. District Director Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, stated as the motion was approved by the DEC, the motion does not need a seconder.</p> <p>The motion was carried by a vote of 60 % in favor and 39 % against.</p>

Announcements	<p>Announcements were made just before the break at 11:20 am ET.</p> <p>Crystal Cobb, CC, CL, EC5, PI5, DL4, Program Quality Director, gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three out of our four January TLI dates have been finalized: January 12/13; January 17/18; and February 9/11. The fourth TLI session will be all day one Saturday in January and the date will be announced once we know when January leadership training will take place (so the two sessions do not overlap).</li> <li>• We have monthly webinars on the last Sunday of each month. Our first will be held on Sunday, September 26 at 7 PM ET and will consist of two sessions, one -on Free Toast Host and one on easySpeak.</li> </ul> <p>Anne Doucette, ALB, ACB, MS5, IP5, LD5, Public Relations Manager, has created a poster on our webinars and it has been posted to the D45 website.</p> <p>Andrew Chadbourne, ACS, CL, MS3, Area 24 Director, is our LinkedIn Committee Chair. He asked members to like the D45 LinkedIn page and shared the following link with members in chat:  <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/district-45-toastmasters/">https://www.linkedin.com/company/district-45-toastmasters/</a></p> <p>Heather Perkins, DTM, PDG, PRA, District Director, announced that we will be celebrating Toastmasters Day on the evening of Friday, October 22, with a presentation by our newly elected Second Vice President Radhi Spear, DTM. More details are to come.</p>
Time and Place of Next DC Meeting	Date TBA – depends on when and where we have our Spring Conference (in-person or online)
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:40 ET.
Minutes Recorded	Minutes recorded by: Administration Manager Albert Cormier, MS5, EH5, PM1.