



2024-2025 District 45 Council Meeting

September 14, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Order	Notes
Mandatory Check in	Some members reported they were not allowed to join the meeting because they had exceeded the check-in time window of 8:00 AM- 8:45 AM. The correct check-in time was posted to the agenda that was sent at least 14 days before the meeting and on the District 45 website 30 days prior to the meeting. The published check-in was adhered to.
Call to Order and Welcome Recording for minutes only	The District 45 Council meeting was called to order at 9 AM Eastern / 10 am Atlantic / 10:30 am Newfoundland time by District Administration Manager, Carol Coolidge.
Welcome Review of the District Mission	<p>District 45 Director, Sharon Joseph DTM addressed the District Council by crediting the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linda Starr - Region 9 Advisor• Angela Stoddart - Credentials Chair• Bill Kirby - Parliamentarian• Carol Coolidge - District Administration Manager• Sherry McDonald - Program Quality Director• Tom Macisso - Club Growth Director• Lawrence Kelly - Public Relations Manager• Rosie Wolf William - Finance Manager• Claudette Joseph - Meeting Secretary <p>District Director Sharon Joseph, DTM read the district mission statement.</p>
Review of Voting Procedures District 45 Standing Rules	<p>Parliamentarian Bill Kirby, DTM took the floor and explained the standing rules including the two ways of being recognized at the meeting: the electronic raised hand or the physical raised hand. Both serve as ways to be recognized by the Chair. Non-voting members will not be recognized by the chair.</p> <p>All voting will be done with the use of Election Buddy or electronic raised hands.</p>
Credentials Report	Credentials Chair Angela Stoddart reported that club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education totaled 153 therefore 52 club ballots were required for quorum. 81 club ballots were issued. This established the meeting

	<p>quorum. An additional 15 district ballots were issued for a total of 96 ballots issued.</p> <p>Election Buddy ballots were issued by email. Originally, the Election Buddy limited a 10-minute return time. Credentials Chair Angela Stoddard proposed changing the response time to 12 minutes. The suggestion carried to insert a buffer for technical issues should they arise.</p>
<p>Meeting Agenda</p> <p>Review & Acceptance</p>	<p>The meeting agenda was sent to members and posted on the district website at least 14 days ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made by Veerendra Nagalla, Division C director to adopt the amended meeting agenda of the September 14th 2024 District Council. It was seconded by Ronald Cartwright, President of Fidelity Orators. There was no discussion on the motion. All were in favour. Motion carried.</p>
<p>District Council Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2024 - Review & Acceptance</p>	<p>The meeting minutes for the May 4, 2024 annual District Council meeting was posted on the District 45 website and distributed to the District Council members at least 14 days before the meeting for review.</p> <p>A motion to adopt the May 4, 2024 annual District Council meeting was made by Sherry MacDonald, PQD and seconded by Carol Coolidge, Administration Manager. There was no discussion on this motion. All were in favour. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Budget Presentation & Vote</p>	<p>The District Budget is also posted to the Website and is credited to Rosie Wolf Williams, Finance Manager.</p> <p>Two items created a pivot on this year's budget: new club development and the 10X30 Next Gen initiative for Toastmasters under the age of 30. The 2024 year ended with a \$0 balance. The Conference was self-sustaining.</p> <p>Tom Macisso, CGD moved to accept the District 2024-2025 budget as presented. Seconded by Lawrence Kelly, Public Relations Manager. There is no allocation of funds for next year. Money spent in July 2025 will be covered in the projected budget. Toastmaster Alan Idler, VPE of Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club concurred that money is held back by TMI. Shelly Petit, Area 2 Director noted these funds were to start the new year and for emergent reasons.</p> <p>Email from Election Buddy indicated that ballots had been sent. Issues arose - Election Buddy would not initially accept the District Credit card until the Toastmasters International zip code was provided. This caused a delay in ballots being issued in a timely manner and for some, the ballot was found in junk mail. Time was allocated to</p>

	<p>provide those members an opportunity to cast their ballots.</p> <p>94 ballots were cast of which 91 ballots were cast in favor of the budget; three opposed. Motion carried.</p>
2023-2024 Audit Committee Report	<p>The 2023-2024 audit report was presented by the audit committee chair Bob Bechtold, DTM. The audit committee includes Olivette Aviso, DTM; Grete Heimgartner; Louise Mielke Somerville and Jeff Herbert, DTM.</p> <p>Motion to adopt the Audit Report was made by Aaleyah Evans, Division D Director and seconded by Shelly Petit, Area 2 Director. There was no discussion. All were in favour. Motion carried.</p>
2023-2024 Profit & Loss Statement	<p>Cecilia Dahl, 2023-2024 Finance Manager presented the 2023-2024 profit and loss statement. Good membership and a self-sustained conference made a break-even situation. Expenses for the hotel were not accounted for, but club growth was right on target. More money was made than planned and earned more money than expected.</p> <p>Motion was made by Tom Macisso, CGD to accept the Profit and Loss Statement. It was seconded by Carol Coolidge, Administration Manager. There was no discussion on the matter. All were in favour. Motion carried.</p>
Appointment Report Review & Acceptance	<p>District Director Sharon Joseph, DTM presented the following district appointments :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance Manager: Rosie Wolf Williams ● Public Relations Manager: Lawrence Kelly ● Administration Manager: Carol Coolidge ● Credentials Chair: Angela Stoddart ● District Leadership Chair: Angela Chute, DTM, IPDD ● Alignment Chair: Crystal Cobb, DTM, PDD ● Parliamentarians: Bill Kirby, DTM, Erin McMenemy, DTM ● District 45 Representative for District Alignment Committee: Patricia McNevin, DTM, PDD ● Area 7 Director: Lorri Menard ● Area 8 Director: <vacant> ● Area 12 Director: Adam Burch ● Area 15 Director: David Dougher ● Area 16 Director: Reese Eskridge, DTM ● Area 5 Director: Rishabh Keskar ● Area 6 Director: Donna Tasker, DTM ● Area 10 Director: Aanchal Gupta ● Area 14 Director: Carol Niles

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 2 Director: Shelley Petit • Area 4 Director: Stephen Clark, DTM • Area 13 Director: Lorna Walters, DTM • Area 17 Director: Irina Albert Mateos • Area 1 Director: Stanley Orajiaka • Area 9 Director: Tamara Elwood • Area 11 Director: Joyce Ding • Area 18 Director: Pranit Shrestha <p>Motion to accept the District 45 appointments as presented was made by Immediate Past District Director Angela Chute. Motion was seconded by Tom Macisso, CGD. There was no discussion on the matter. All were in favour. Motion carried.</p>
District Leadership Committee (DLC) Overview	DLC Chair Angela Chute, DTM IPDD presented the DLC timeline.
Division Director Reports	Division director reports were presented by Division A Director Joseph Reid, Division B Director Patricia Saucier DTM, Division C Director Veerendra Nagalla and Division D Director Aaleyah S. Evans.
District Reports	<p>Leadership Team Reports were presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLC chair Angela Chute, DTM, IPDD • Division A Director Joe Reid • Division B Director Patricia Saucier, DTM • Division C Director Veerendra Nagalla • Division D Director Aaleyah Evans • Administration Manager - Carol Coolidge • Public Relations Manager- Lawrence Kelly • Club Growth Director Tom Macisso, DTM • Program Quality Director Sherry MacDonald, DTM • District Director Sharon Joseph, DTM <p>Motion to accept all District Officer reports as presented was made by Tamara Elwood, Area 9 Director. Seconded by Division C Director Veerendra Nagalla. There was no discussion on the matter. Motion carried.</p>
International Updates	District Director Sharon Joseph announced plans on October 24, 2024 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Toastmasters!
New Business (if applicable)	<p>Christopher Hannon presented the 10x30 Next Gen program which focused on growing the 18–30 year age demographic.</p> <p>Veerendra Nagalla, District Speechcraft Chair spoke about the importance of Speechcraft in helping to grow clubs.</p> <p>There was no new business for the good of Toastmasters.</p>

Next District Council Meeting	The District 45 Annual Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 3rd, 2025 online using zoom. The meeting is to start at 9 am Eastern / 10 am Atlantic / 10:30 am Newfoundland time. Motion to accept the date of the District 45 Annual Council Meeting was made by Shelley Petit, Area 2 Director and a second by Barbara Bauman, President Green Mountain Toastmasters. There was no discussion on the matter.
Meeting Adjourned	Paul Coddington, VPE Spotlight Toastmasters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. No seconder required. Meeting adjourned.