

# District 7 Executive Committee Meeting

September 12, 2021

## Minutes

Meeting brought to order at 7:01pm by Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director  
Eldred reviewed meeting housekeeping rules.

The Mission Statements were read by PJ Kleffner, DTM, Immediate Past District Director.

### Adoption of Agenda

Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director moved to adopt the agenda. There were no objections.

### Adoption of 8/22/2021 Minutes

Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director shared the minutes from the 8/22/2021 DEC Meeting. The minutes were also shared via chat. The minutes were adopted with no objections.

### District Success Plan

Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director explained that we did not have a quorum for business at this meeting. The total size of our District Executive Committee is 49. To achieve a quorum we have to have 25 members present. We were only at 23 members at this point in the meeting, and only achieved 24 later on. With this, we were unable to make any modifications to the District Success Plan and budget. This was confirmed by David Shehorn, District Parliamentarian.

Jim Robison, DTM, Club Growth Director asked if an old change can be added to the District Success Plan (based on an edited incentive). Without a quorum, the committee is unable to do so, but Eldred confirmed with the Parliamentarian that if we achieve a quorum, later in our meeting, we can move to reconsider the District Success Plan.

There was some confusion over whether Eldred needed to call for a motion to allow the committee to reconsider the plan later in the evening. Renee Taylor, Area 22 Director moved for this and Jim Wolak, Area 32 Director seconded. In the end, these motions were found to be out of order (Renee withdrew her motion), and it was clarified that a motion to reconsider could occur only after quorum is achieved.

### Trio Reports

Jim Robison, DTM, Club Growth Director

Club Coaches. We reappointed 3 club coaches whose terms expired. There are 17 active club coaches in 14 clubs. If you know someone who would like to be a club coach, please refer them to Jim or Tamsen Corbin. There are nine current club mentors serving five clubs. New Club Leads: AssuredPartners had their Demo Meeting was held on September 8th with 48 attendees (35 were staff members who were interested in being part of this new club). The Debate Club is meeting every 4th Friday of the month at 6:30pm. A new club, Let's Get Digital, is focused on helping people with online meetings. They plan to have a demo meeting on October 8th at 6pm.

Incentives. There has been a change in one incentive. For clubs that started the year with less than 20 members: the first 40 clubs who reach the DCP member strength necessary to be eligible for DCP status by March 15th will receive a Speechcraft

digital bundle. The September 15th deadline in the original incentive is no longer in effect.

Survey Update. Last Friday we received approval from Toastmasters International for two surveys. The New Member Survey will be sent to new members. The Guest Survey will be provided to all clubs so the clubs can send the survey to guests and ask them to complete it. The New Member Survey will be taken care of by Jim. Link to Guest Survey: <https://forms.gle/BafYEigo5PSiAbTX7>

October Dues Renewal. There are 17 clubs that have reached their qualifying status. All other clubs need to get caught up. Division E has five clubs who have already submitted enough dues. Division B and C don't yet have any clubs who have reached the minimum amount.

Area Director Club Visit Reports. 14 have been completed already by Area Directors. Special thanks to: Gwendolyn Avington, Area 73 Director; Charley Kellermann (former Area 72 Director); Ayu Anantya (former Area 22 Director); and Daniel Brewer, DTM, Area 91 Director.

Lorri Andersen, DTM, Program Quality Director

501 officers were trained out of the 124 clubs that are meeting: this means we trained 57.7%. We also train people from other Districts. 86 clubs had four or more trained officers, or 69% of all active clubs. Fourteen clubs trained seven officers, another 14 trained six, 32 trained five, and 26 trained four. Lorri is proud of her Division Directors for assisting with this.

Incentives. Club's submitting a Club Success Plan before the end of September 2021 will receive an incentive. Please send them to Eldred, Jim, and Lorri. Clubs who complete a Moments of Truth before the end of October 2021 will also receive a reward. The Pathways Mentoring Program is being offered this Toastmaster year. It is a great experience for you and your club to be involved in these programs. In a Learning Lab, Gwendolyn Avington, Area 73 Director is talking about this mentoring program.

Area Directors and Division Directors please submit your success plans (due September 30th). If 75% of your clubs or area directors complete the plan, you may receive a reward.

TLL: December 3rd-4th, 2021. Lorri's personal goal is to find out what education the District needs. We've already started our May Conference planning. This will have a keynote speaker from India.

Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director

District Leadership Team. There were two resignations: Area 54 Director Charley Kellermann and Area 72 Director, Bryson Lafferty. Seven directors were added: Area 22, Renee Taylor; Area 45, Valerie Nichols; Area 54, David Freedman; Area 72, Raymond Chong; Area 93, Bob Pugh, DTM; Area 94, Cate Arnold, DTM; and Area 95, Matthew Douglass, DTM. We now have a full team of Area and Division Directors for the year.

With this addition of area directors, our training percentage is now 60.5%. Makeup training is now being scheduled and our deadline is September 30th. The Distinguished District goal is 85% trained, or 37 of 43. Eldred is actively setting up

additional sessions and is trying to get them grouped together as group discussions are helpful for the learning process.

Realignment (to be presented at the District Council Meeting): MultCo Toasties (dead club) was moved to Area 63 to clear Area 62 for removal. This move will not affect the club base in the District, Division E, or Area 63.

Jim Robison, DTM, Club Growth Director wanted to make a quick correction on his report. Greg Hawkins, Area 81 Director also submitted the club visit reports.

#### New Business

Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director called for new business. There was none.

#### Announcements

Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director announced that on September 15th, Pathways Webinar #1 is to be led by Dave Bones, DTM, Division D Director. Dave wanted to make clear that the event will be in two parts. First part is Pathways fundamentals. The second part will include an open discussion of any topic in Pathways. Dave says "Naysayers are Welcome." Dave will be moderating this. Dave Shehorn, District Parliamentarian asked if it will be recorded, Dave Bones confirmed that it will be.

Eldred announced that September 18th is our District Council Fall Business Meeting. At this meeting we will seek to approval the District Budget, Success Plan, Realignment Changes, and new Division and Area Directors. Please get the word out to your clubs about this. Jim Robison, DTM, Club Growth Director asked for clarification regarding proxy votes for this. Eldred confirmed that there are no proxy votes for online meetings. PJ Kleffner, DTM, Immediate Past District Director also reminded everybody that pre-registrations are what count towards quorum.

PJ Kleffner mentioned the September 25th Celebration of Leadership. Right now we have 28 people registered. We'll be celebrating the Toastmasters year with various awards.

Gwendolyn Avington, Area 73 Director announced the October 6th Learning Lab. It's called Mentorship: Molding Toastmasters for the Future. We need to make sure we're engaging people to become the future of Toastmasters. This will be an interactive session.

Our Next DEC Meeting is on Sunday, October 24, 2021 7:00-8:30pm. We will not have an additional September DEC meeting.

#### Adjournment

We did not achieve quorum. There can be no call to reconsider the budget and success plan. There were no objections to adjournment. Eldred Brown, DTM, District Director adjourned the meeting at 7:39pm.

Minutes compiled and submitted by

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