

SPRING DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DISTRICT 10
Barrette Center, Walsh University
North Canton, Ohio
Saturday, May 11, 2019

1. Minutes from the Spring District 10 District Council Meeting, held Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.
2. Call to Order - District Director, Vicky Nann, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. EDT.
3. District Mission – We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.
4. Welcome and Introductory Remarks

The District Council is made up of the District Executive Committee (Current and Immediate Past District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Public Relations Manager, Administration Manager, Finance Manager, Division Directors, and Area Directors) and each club's president and vice president of education. In the event the club president or vice president of education is not in attendance at the meeting and has not designated, in writing, an active individual member of the club to act as his or her proxy at the meeting, the officer or proxyholder in attendance shall be deemed to hold the proxy of the other and may therefore cast two votes at such meeting. There are no proxies for district officer positions. Officers or their proxies were instructed to register at the Credentials Desk prior to this meeting to obtain their ballots. Has everyone done so?

Standing Rules

- Any person addressing the chair shall wait to be addressed, hold up their ballot and then state their name, their club name and club number.
- All motions will be made in the positive, not in the negative.
- All motions will start with "I move" and state the motion or "I second the motion" and state the motion.
- Only delegates holding a ballot may address the committee and vote. Paper ballots will be used in the event the District Director cannot determine a majority vote visually, or by voice, or if two or more candidates are running for office.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

The proposed Agenda was published and distributed to the District Council members. A motion to adopt the agenda is now in order.

Motion made by:

Eric Resnick
Toastmaster

637
Club #

Toastmasters' Canton Public Speaking Club
Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Marc Dukles</u>	<u>6938941</u>	<u>Medina Leaders' Speak Club</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

6. Credentials Report

- Our parliamentarian for today's meeting is Past District Governor/Past District Director, Distinguished Toastmaster, Dave Wiley.
- Our Credentials Chairman for today is Past District Governor, Distinguished Toastmaster, Doug Thiessen.
- Our standing Administration Manager for today's meeting is Kathleen Pennell, CC, ALB.
- Our Timer is Distinguished Toastmaster, Rose Sloat.
- Our Counters are Past Division Director, Past Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, Past District Director, Distinguished Toastmaster, Jenilee Taylor and Distinguished Toastmaster, Tricia Spayer.

Credentials Committee Report – Our Credentials Chairman for today is Past District Governor, Distinguished Toastmaster, Doug Thiessen.

At this time, District 10 has **92** eligible clubs.

The number of available club ballots is **184**.

The number of District Executive Committee officer ballots is **37**.

The total number of available ballots is **221**.

A quorum for the Council is one third of the Club presidents and vice presidents' education, or their proxies. In that there are **92** clubs in District 10, the quorum would be **62**. The number of clubs represented today is **44**. The Credentials committee has certified the presence of **84** club presidents and vice presidents of education or their proxies as well as **17** members of the District Executive Committee. **We do** have quorum.

A motion to accept the Credentials Committee Report is now in order.

Motion made by:

<u>Richard Gurin</u>	<u>3418923</u>	<u>Toast of Rockwell</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Rosita Turner</u>	<u>1553591</u>	<u>Wings to Fly</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

7. Administration Manager's report and Adoption of the Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 Business Meetings have been printed and distributed to all council members. Because we did not have a quorum on the September 23, 2018, District Council conference call, the May 5, 2018, Business Meeting Minutes could not be approved at that time. Our administration manager, Kathleen Pennell, will note corrections to the minutes from the May 5, 2018, Business Meeting Minutes, if needed.

Spring 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

A motion to dispense with reading the May 5, 2018, Business Meeting Minutes is now in order.

Motion made by:

<u>Marc Dukles</u>	<u>6938941</u>	<u>Medina Leaders' Speak Club</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Amy Fahnestock</u>	<u>2502</u>	<u>Western Reserve Toastmasters</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

A motion to accept the Spring 2018 Business Meeting Minutes as presented is now in order.

Discussion ensued. Tricia Spayer, DTM, Eastside Advanced Toastmasters Club # 934375, stated that there should be a correction made on page 10 of the minutes. The minutes state Ines Jimenez, 2018/2019 Southern Division Director. Ines' title is Western Division Director.

No further discussions or changes.

A motion to adopt the minutes as amended is now in order.

Motion made by:

<u>Sharon Stadul</u>	<u>3578</u>	<u>Word Warriors</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Eric Resnick</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>Toastmasters' Canton Public Speaking Club</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

Fall 2019 Business Meeting Minutes

Our administration manager, Kathleen Pennell, will note corrections to the minutes from the September 23, 2019, Business Meeting Minutes, if needed.

A motion to dispense with reading the September 23, 2019, Business Meeting Minutes is now in order.

Motion made by:

<u>Richard Gurin</u>	<u>3418923</u>	<u>Toast of Rockwell</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Jenilee Taylor</u>	<u>2878837</u>	<u>Cuyahoga Falls Toastmasters</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

Are there any changes to the Fall 2019 minutes? Yes. A motion was then made to dispense with the adoption of the September 23, 2019, Business Meeting Minutes as written.

Motion made by:

<u>Pete Shelling</u>	<u>1203767</u>	<u>Progressively Speaking</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Bill Simpson</u>	<u>2917</u>	<u>Talk of the Town Club</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No further discussion.

The ayes have it. Motion carried.

Are there any discussions or corrections to the minutes? Yes, Michele LaBasi, Club 6466977, Thursday Night Toastmasters, brought up these corrections to the September 23, 2019, meeting minutes:

Minutes incorrectly read:

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8 b. Southern Division Director, Lenroy Jones – Thursday Night Toastmasters are chartering and having a Chartering Ceremony. Area Directors are doing a great job. There is a new club in Ashland, Ohio. TLI will be in a different location next year.

Corrections:

b. Southern Division Director, Lenroy Jones – Thursday Night Toastmasters ~~are chartering~~ **are chartered*** and having a Chartering Ceremony. Area Directors are doing a great job. ~~There is a new club in Ashland, Ohio.~~** TLI will be in a different location next year.

Comments from Toastmaster LaBasi:

*Thursday Night Toastmasters chartered on July 19, 2018.

**There was not [is not] a new *or prospective* club in Ashland, OH...no paperwork has been filed.

Minutes should be corrected to read:

b. Southern Division Director, Lenroy Jones – Thursday Night Toastmasters is chartered and having a Chartering Ceremony. Area Directors are doing a great job. There is interest in starting a new club in Ashland, OH. TLI will be in a different location next year.

Any there any other changes or corrections?

No further discussion.

A motion to adopt the Fall 2019 Business Meeting Minutes as amended is now in order.

Motion made by:

John Kavouras
Toastmaster

1424
Club #

Independently Speaking Club
Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Sravanthi Vallampati</u>	<u>4667023</u>	<u>Progressive Insurance Advanced Toastmasters Club</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

Confirmation of Appointed District Leaders and the DEC's Action to Fill District Office Vacancies

A duty of the district council is to confirm the District Executive Committee's action to fill any district office vacancies. On February 10, 2019, the District Executive Committee acted to fill the following offices for the remainder of the 2018-2019 year:

Club Growth Director – Alicia Smith-Kirk
Mark Timm – Area 23 Director
Michele LaBasi – Area 32 Director
Jolyn Brown Redic – Area 41 Director

A motion to confirm appointed district leaders is now in order.

Motion made by:

<u>Marc Dukles</u>	<u>6938941</u>	<u>Medina Leaders' Speak Club</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Angela Alicea-Serrano</u>	<u>2358921</u>	<u>Beacon Toastmasters</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

Report of the Audit Committee – 2018-2019 Mid-Year Report

Each year, in compliance with District 10 bylaws, the District Director will appoint an Audit Committee that shall conduct an interim mid-year audit and an end of fiscal year (June 30) audit. The Audit Committee report will be presented by committee member, Michael Fink.

The Audit procedures can be summarized in the following broad categories:

Organization, Substantiating Transactions, and Policy Review.

The 2018-2019 Audit Committee consists of Audit Chair, Sharon Brustoski (Bridgestone Firestone Club #3315), Michael Fink (Beacon Toastmasters Club #2358921) and Daniel (“win”) Nguyen (CWRU Toastmasters Club #3055923).

Are there any questions? – No questions

A motion to accept the Mid-Year Audit as presented is now in order. *No second is required in that the Committee is comprised of more than one person.*

Motion made by:

<u>Sharon Stadul</u>	<u>3578</u>	<u>Word Warriors</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Discussion – none

1 nay; the ayes have it. Motion carried.

Presentation of the Treasurer’s Report

Our District Finance Manager, Richard Brandenburg, Downtown Toastmasters Club, #1894, provided the Third Quarter Profit and Loss Report.

Are there any questions? None

Control returned to District Director, Vicky Nann

Adoption of Alignment of Clubs

In accordance with District 10 bylaws, the member Clubs of this District shall be organized into Areas, the number and composition of which shall be determined by the District Council at its Annual Meeting in the Spring, to become effective the following July 1. The District may further organize Areas into Divisions. Any such division of the District into Divisions or Areas shall be accomplished at the Annual Meeting in the Spring, to become effective the following July 1. The alignment committee consisted of Martin Cole, Marc Dukles, Ines Jimenez, Tim Juda, Laura Simon, and Vicky Nann.

A copy of the recommendations was distributed to the district council members prior to the meeting. Vicky Nann presented the alignment recommendations. A motion to accept the

Alignment Report as presented is now in order. *A motion coming from a committee does not need a second.*

Motion made by:

<u>Alicia Smith-Kirk</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>Westlake Toastmasters</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Any discussion? None.

A motion has been made to accept the Alignment report. All delegates holding ballots may hold up their ballots and give a voice vote.

All those in favor indicate by say Aye.

All those opposed, saying Nay.

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

District Leadership Committee Report (Nominating Committee)

Each year, in compliance with District 10 bylaws, the District Director will appoint a District Leadership Committee, also called the Nominating Committee, which shall follow the Procedural Rules established by Toastmasters International to make every effort to find and nominate candidates for district office that are qualified and able. Chairman of this year's District Leadership Committee is Distinguished Toastmaster Past District Governor/Past District Director, Dave Wiley. Chairman Wiley will introduce his committee members and present their report.

Nominations have been accepted for the following individuals and their credentials have been verified by the District Leadership Committee:

District Director:	Sravanthi Vallampati
Program Quality Director:	Alicia Smith-Kirk
Club Growth Director:	Jolyn Brown Redic
Central Division Director:	Norberto Flores
Eastern Division Director:	Rayshawn Eatmon
Northern Division Director:	Wendi Polman
Southern Division Director:	Lenroy Jones
Western Division Director:	Ines Jimenez

A motion to accept the Nominating Committee Report as presented is now in order. No second is required since the Committee is composed of more than one person. This motion does not mean we are voting in each of these candidates; voting will be done as a separate agenda item after we ask for any nominations from the floor.

Motion made by:

<u>Amy Fahnestock</u>	<u>2502</u>	<u>Western Reserve Toastmasters</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

A motion has been made to accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

All delegates holding ballots may hold up their ballots and give a voice vote.

All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

All those opposed, saying nay.

The ayes have it; motion is carried

Election of 2019-2020 Top Officers

In accordance with Toastmasters International Procedural Rules for Campaigns for District Office and the Elections of District Officers, the election process will be conducted as follows: Nominations from the floor will be accepted for the positions of District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, and the five Division Directors. I will announce the names stated by the Nominating Committee and then ask for additional nominations. Floor nominees must be eligible, have agreed to serve if elected, and must have signed, or immediately sign, the Officer Agreement and Release statement published by Toastmasters International.

After nominations for each of the top three offices are closed, if there is only one candidate for any office, I will instruct the Administration Manager to case a unanimous ballot for that candidate. If there is only a single nominee for any of the Offices of Division Director, I will instruct the Administration Manager to cast a unanimous ballot for each candidate. In the event there is a contested office, each candidate is entitled to a two-minute speech; the order of speaking is alphabetical by candidate last name. The election of a contested office shall be completed, and the winner announced before moving to the next office to complete nominations for that office.

District Director

For the office of District Director, Sravanthi Vallampati, DTM, has been nominated. Sravanthi, will you please stand. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Seeing there are no further nominations, I hereby instruct the District Administration Manager to cast a unanimous ballot for **Sravanthi Vallampati as the 2019-2020 District Director**.

Program Quality Director

For the office of Program Quality Director, Alicia Smith-Kirk, DTM, has been nominated. Alicia, will you please stand. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Seeing there are no further nominations, I hereby instruct the District Administration Manager to cast a unanimous ballot for **Alicia Smith-Kirk as the 2019-2020 Program Quality Director.**

Club Growth Director

For the office of Club Growth Director, Jolyn Brown Redic, DTM, has been nominated. Jolyn, will you please stand. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Yes, Toastmaster John Betterson nominated himself. Discussions ensued whether Toastmaster Betterson could nominate himself since he was a speaker at the Spring conference. No actual rules were found to prohibit nominating yourself for a district leadership position if you are presenting at the conference. However, Eric Resnick, Toastmasters' Canton Public Speaking Club, #637, nominated Toastmaster John Betterson for the position of Club Growth Director. Toastmaster Betterson accepted the nomination.

Are there any other nominations from the floor? No. Seeing no further nominations from the floor, I hereby declare nominations closed for the Office of Club Growth Director.

Dave Wiley verified Toastmaster Betterson's credentials.

Each candidate gave a two-minute speech. Voting took place by secret ballot and the results were as follows:

For Club Growth Director - John Betterson - 32 votes; Jolyn Brown Redic - 68 votes, (1 spoiled vote)

Jolyn Brown Redic – 2019-2020 Club Growth Director

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Top Officers (Trio)

Sravanthi Vallampati, 2019-2020 District Director
Alicia Smith-Kirk, 2019-2020 Program Quality Director.
Jolyn Brown Redic, 2019-2020 Club Growth Director

Election of 2018-2019 Division Directors

If there is only a single nominee for each of the Offices of Division Director, we will dispense with the secret ballot for all such uncontested offices and I will instruct the Administration Manager to case a unanimous ballot for each candidate.

In the event there is a contested office, each candidate is entitled to a two-minute speech; order of speaking is alphabetical by candidate last name. The election of a contested office shall be

completed, and the winner announced before moving to the next office to complete nominations for that office.

Central Division Director

For the office of Central Division Director, Norberto Flores, ACS/ALB, has been nominated. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Seeing there are no further nominations, I hereby instruct the District Administration Manager to cast a unanimous ballot for **Norberto Flores as the 2019-2020 Central Division Director**.

Eastern Division Director

For the office of Eastern Division Director, Rayshawn Eatmon, DL1, has been nominated. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Seeing there are no further nominations, I hereby instruct the District Administration Manager to cast a unanimous ballot for **Rayshawn Eatmon as the 2019-2020 Eastern Division Director**.

Northern Division Director

For the office of Northern Division Director, Wendi Polman, DL3, has been nominated. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Seeing there are no further nominations, I hereby instruct the District Administration Manager to cast a unanimous ballot for **Wendi Polman as the 2019-2020 Northern Division Director**.

Southern Division Director

For the office of Southern Division Director, Lenroy Jones, CC, CL, has been nominated. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Seeing there are no further nominations, I hereby instruct the District Administration Manager to cast a unanimous ballot for **Lenroy Jones as the 2019-2020 Southern Division Director**.

Western Division Director

For the office of Western Division Director, Ines Jimenez, DTM, has been nominated. Are there any nominations from the floor?

Yes, Toastmaster Marc Dukles, ACS, ALB, nominated himself.

Are there any other nominations from the floor? No. Seeing no further nominations from the floor, I hereby declare nominations closed for the Office of Western Division Director.

Dave Wiley verified Toastmaster Dukles' credentials.

Each candidate gave a two-minute speech. Voting took place by secret ballot and the results were as follows:

For Western Division Director – Marc Dukles – 25 votes; Ines Jimenez - 74 votes

Ines Jimenez – 2019-2020 Western Division Director

Congratulations to the new District Division Officers:

Norberto Flores, 2019-2020 Central Division Director
Rayshawn Eatmon, 2019-2020 Eastern Division Director
Wendi Polman, 2019-2020 Northern Division Director
Lenroy Jones, 2019-2020 Southern Division Director
Ines Jimenez, 2019-2020 Western Division Director

Reports by District Officers

These reports are for your information and do not require any action by the Council. The target time for each report is 5 minutes. Timer Rose Sloat was instructed to begin applauding when 5 minutes was up. Only highlights from the reports are included below.

District Director Report – Vicky Nann provided the District Director Report. Vicky reviewed the District 10 Performance dashboard and reports online.

Program Quality Director Report – Program Quality Director, Sravanthi Vallampati provided her report. It was a year of change and a year of challenge. Sravanthi discussed the areas within her responsibility as District 10 Program Quality Director: 1) Conference; 2) Training; 3) Education (69 Triple Crown); 4) Contests. Sravanthi encouraged members to: 1) Show up; 2) Participate in meetings; 3) Show up outside your club; 4) Give back.

Club Growth Director Report – Club Growth Director, Alicia Smith-Kirk, provided her report as to the areas where the District can improve.

Club Retention – Base is 104; there are 90 clubs to date in good standing; 9 clubs are below 8 members (not in good standing). Club retention is everyone's job.

Membership base is 4,176 members; to date, there are 3,776 members. We need 463 more members to earn distinguished (4,239). Challenge issued – If all clubs can get 5 new members, we can achieve Distinguished District Status. “We rise by lifting others.”

Immediate Past District Director Report – None

Public Relations Manager Report – Public Relations Manager, Monica Reusser could not be present; however, District Director, Vicky Nann, read Monica’s report to the Council. In summary, there are five (5) new marketing booths for a total of six (6) now in District 10. The “We Miss You” postcards were received. Please mail them to former members to bring them back to the club/meetings. New business cards were designed and purchased for the District. New website (GoDaddy.com) for District 10 will be live by the end of June 2019. Monica acknowledged Kim Krajci, David Caban, and Molly Ketcham for their help and for sharing information.

Unfinished Business

Question from Pete Shelling – Can clubs buy their own marketing booth?

Answer – Toastmaster Shelling was advised that each division director has a marketing booth (table top display) that can be borrowed.

New Business

No new business

International Director Candidate Speeches

None

Announcements

The District Council meeting will be held by September 30, 2019; watch for information from Sravanthi Vallampati, District Director.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting is now in order.

Motion made by:

<u>Sharon Stadul</u>	<u>3578</u>	<u>Word Warriors</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

Seconded by:

<u>Bill Simpson</u>	<u>2917</u>	<u>Talk of the Town Club</u>
Toastmaster	Club #	Club Name

No additional discussion

It has been moved to adjourn the District 10 Annual Council Meeting.

All delegates holding ballots may raise their ballots and give a voice vote.

All those in favor, indicate by saying Aye.

All those opposed, indicate by saying Nay.

The ayes have it. Motion is carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. EDT by District Director, Vicky Nann.