

**District 6 Toastmaster
District Council Meeting**

April 25, 2009

District Governor Joan Watson called the meeting to order at 3:00.

Inspirational Opening was given by Joan Reed, ACB, ALB.

David Goldsworthy, DTM read the District Mission.

District Governor Joan Watson welcomed everyone and gave introductory remarks.

Sally Muraski, DTM gave the Credentials Report. Based on the most current information posted on the Toastmasters International Website, District 6 has 278 active clubs or 556 eligible votes. Sally reported that there were 137 voting delegates registered. Of the 137 registered votes 31 were District Officers. 185 votes are needed in order to conduct business. There was no quorum. The Credentials Report was adopted as read.

The Meeting Standing Rules were presented by Sarah Schuck, DTM and adopted as presented.

District Governor Joan Watson presented the Adoption of the Agenda. The Agenda was adopted as printed.

District Governor Joan Watson presented the Approval of the Minutes. The Minutes were adopted as posted.

B.J. Olson, DTM was appointed as Timer.

Teresa Fehn, ACS, ALS was appointed as Teller.

Terry Ragen, DTM presented the Adoption of the Realignment of Clubs. There was a motion to approve the Adoption of the Realignment of Clubs which was seconded by Allan Bernard, DTM. The motion was adopted.

Pat Croal, DTM presented the 2009 District 6 Nominating Committee Report. Committee members included: Ann Sullivan, Sue Koenig, Toyin Alowonle, Keith Hardy, Brian Hinton, Brian Rohrenbach and Lyndah Korpela. The following Toastmaster were verified as being qualified to serve as District Officers and had met with the Nominating Committee.

District Governor - Allan Bernard (Crest O' the Hill #981)

Lt. Governor Education & Training – Stephen Shaner (ID Lighthouse #693734)

Lt. Governor Marketing – Catherine Rai-Cardenuto (Word Masters #2848)

Central Division Governor – Sarah Bateman (Realtors #2512)

Eastern Division Governor – Colleen Morse (Golden Rule #1274552)

Frontier Division Governor – Julia Schlack (Wordsmiths #374)
International Division Governor – Nancy Shaner (Duluth #1523)
Metro Division Governor – Kathy Elkin (Stagecoach Speakers-HMMC #931300)
Northern Division Governor – Brian Rice (Tri-Dynamics #841690)
Prairie Division Governor – Diane Windingland (Rogers #7734)
Rivers Division Governor – Faye Haffele (Riverbluffers #2426)
Southern Division Governor – Linda Larson (Voice of Leadership #3670)
Western Division Governor – Dave Deutsch (Carlsonics #6393)

Jodi Schoh submitted the Audit Committee Report. The report was adopted as read.

Duane Rivard read the Treasurer’s Report. The report was filed for audit.

Officer Reports

District Governor – Joan Watson, DTM

Critical Success Factors

- **Membership Growth**
- **District membership payments must grow by 2% or more from the previous year.**
 - **2007-2998: 10,502**
 - **2008-2009: 10,750**
 - **So far this year 10,044 93% of goal**
- **Club Growth**
- **District must have a new growth of at least 3%**
 - **2007-2008: 275 clubs**
 - **2008-2009: 238 Clubs 278 paid**
- **Competent Communicator**
- **Number of CC’s must equal or exceed 3.5% of district membership**
 - **2007-2008: 342**
 - **2008-2009: 368 290 achieved – 79% of goal**

District Governor Joan Watson submitted the following ballot to all the club presidents in District 6 to ratify the business meeting on April 25, 2009. A majority of the clubs (140 out of 278) was required to ratify the votes.

- **147 ballots were received by May 15, 2009**
- **The district officers and realignment were ratified**
- **The International Candidate endorsement for Theo Black was ratified with 119 yes votes and 28 no votes**
- **The ballots and totals were validated by Joan Watson and Teresa Fehn counting individually**
- **The business at the Spring Convention has been ratified.**

Dear Club Presidents,

District 6 conducted our semi annual business meeting during the Spring Conference on April 25, 2009. Unfortunately, we did not reach a quorum. Per the [District Administrative Bylaws](#) (pg. 10, Article X, Section C) in order to ratify the district business that was transacted at the district business meeting, each club must ratify the actions taken.

You may have already received and responded to a similar email regarding this matter. Please disregard it as there were errors in the original. In order to correct it, you are being asked to respond to this updated email. Even if you already responded to the first email, I need to receive a response to this email. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and greatly appreciate your cooperation.

We need an affirmative vote of a majority of the clubs in the district in order for the district business that was transacted to be deemed as valid.

Please select yes or no to ratify each action listed below.

1. District officer elections for 2009-2010 program year
2. Endorsement of an International Director candidate
3. District alignments for the 2009-2010 program year

1. Assembly voted to approve the following elected district officers for the 2009-2010 program year. Please select yes or no to ratify this action.

___ Yes

___ No

<i>District Governor</i>	Allan Bernard
<i>Lt. Governor Education & Training</i>	Stephen Shaner
<i>Lt. Governor Marketing</i> Cardenuto	Catherine
<i>Central Division Governor</i> Bateman	Sarah
<i>Eastern Division Governor</i> Morse	Colleen
<i>Frontier Division Governor</i> Schlack	Julia
<i>International Division Governor</i>	Nancy Shaner
<i>Metro Division Governor</i>	Kathy Elkin
<i>Northern Division Governor</i>	Brian Rice
<i>Prairie Division Governor</i>	Diane Windingland
<i>Rivers Division Governor</i>	Faye Hefele
<i>Southern Division Governor</i>	Linda Larson
<i>Western Division Governor</i>	Dave Deutsch

2. Assembly voted to endorse International Director Candidate, Theo Black. Please select yes or no to ratify this action.

Yes

No

3. Assembly voted to approve the linked district alignment for the 2009-2010 program year. Please select yes or no to ratify this action.

(<http://www.d6tm.org/2009SpringBusinessReference>)

___ Yes

___ No

Information Items Only:

These are update reports and are being provided for your information only. They *do not* require ratification. (<http://www.d6tm.org/2009SpringBusinessReference>)

4. Assembly reviewed the report of the district audit committee.

5. Assembly reviewed the treasurer report of the district.

Please respond to toastmasterjoan@hotmail.com by May 15, 2009 with your club response.

Thank you for your timely response.

Joan Watson

District 6 Governor

2008-2009

Allan Bernard, DTM - Lt. Governor of Education and Training

Encouraged everyone to submit any Competent Communicator designations which have been completed.

- **District 6 accomplished 149 Advanced Communicator Designations out of a goal of 150.**
- **District 6 posted 290 Competent Communicator Designations out of a goal of 368.**
- **41 Competent Leader Designations**
- **36 Advanced Leader Bronze Designations**
- **19 Advanced Leader Silver Designations**
- **A total of 96 Leadership Designations**
- **188 clubs had 4 or more officers trained during the last training session**
- **35 clubs were Magnificent 7**

Stephen Shaner – Lt. Governor Marketing

- **District 6 is at 98% of their goal – 278 of 283 clubs**
- **11 new clubs chartered**
 - **Escalate – Eagan – Eastern – Area 12**
 - **Toastmasters of Pharmacy Services – Mpls – Metro – Area 41**
 - **Deloitte Mpls Toastmasters – Mpls – Northern – Area 55**
 - **BWBR Flying Toasters – St. Paul – Eastern - Area 13**
 - **Elocution Architects – St. Louis Park – Northern – Area 53**
 - **Golden Rule – St. Paul – Eastern – Area 16**
 - **Critical Chatter – Fridley – Frontier – Area 24**
 - **Tech Masters – Twin Cities – Edina – Area 3**
 - **Pain Free MCS – Mpls – Northern – Area 51**
 - **Change Agents – Minnetonka – Western – Area 92**
 - **Elk River Area Toastmaster – Prairie – Area 63**
- **Clubs in Progress**
 - **Downtown St. Cloud – Demo April 22**
 - **United Health Group – Demo April 30**
 - **Cargill – 70 members – Splitting**
 - **United Health Care – Duluth – Planning – May 7th**
 - **St. Paul Women’s Group – 18 Meeting**
 - **Anderson Corporation – Planning – 2 clubs possible**
 - **Cirrus Designs – Duluth**
 - **Grand Marais**
 - **Wells Fargo – Application to Charter submitted**
 - **University of St. Thomas – 10 meeting**
 - **148th Fighter Squadron – Duluth – Planning**

- Harborview Toastmasters – 50 – May split
- Ceridian – 2 clubs possible
- **Membership Goal**
 - District 6 is at 93% of our goal – 10044 of 10750 membership payments
 - 706 membership payments to reach goal

Jackie Doehling – Public Relations Officer

- 57% of sites listed in the District 6 “Find a Club” page have a website.
- There are still 119 clubs that do not have a website
- 51 open clubs do not have a website – call to action by Division
 - Central - 5
 - Eastern – 5
 - Frontier – 4
 - International – 6 (3 in Canada)
 - Metro – 5
 - Northern – 4
 - Prairie – 7
 - Rivers – 2
 - Southern – 11
 - Western – 2

Division Governor Reports:

Gretchen Coons, DTM, Central Division Governor

- 30 Competent Communicators
- 7 Advanced Communicator Bronze
- 8 Advanced Communicator Silver
- 4 Advanced Communicator Gold
- 4 Competent Leader
- 4 Advanced Leader Bronze
- 3 Advanced Leader Silver
- 4 DTM – Bob Nowak, Sarah Bateman, Rosemary Fosseen, Frank Mayers
- 6 Magnificent 7 clubs
- #2 on clubs visited
- 3 Distinguished clubs
- New club – Tech Masters

Gretchen Coons, DTM, Eastern Division Governor

- 31 Competent Communicators

- **8 Advanced Bronze Communicators**
- **5 Advanced Silver Communicators**
- **1 Advanced Communicator Gold**
- **9 Competent Leader**
- **6 Advanced Leader Bronze**
- **1 Advanced Leader Silver**
- **#1 on club visits**
- **5 Magnificent 7 clubs**
- **2 Distinguished clubs**
- **2 Select Distinguished clubs**
- **1 Presidents Distinguished club**
- **3 new clubs – Escalate, BWBR Flying Toasters, and Golden Rule**

Lesa Kennedy, DTM, Frontier Division Governor

- **New club – Critical Chatter**
- **2 revitalized clubs – Eclectics Toastmasters and Toast and Jam Toastmasters**
- **MNRPCV Club put their meeting on the Roseville and local neighborhood cities local cable channel.**

Melissa D'Aloia, ACS, International Division Governor

- **Harborview brought in 25 new members this year**
- **63% of officers trained this spring**
- **Area 31 is distinguished**
- **Unfortunately we say good-bye to three clubs**
 - **Big Wind**
 - **Voyageurs**
 - **Sunset**
- **Area governors have done a fabulous job during a tough year**
- **Upcoming demo meeting at United Healthcare**

Kent Hawks, ATMB, Metro Division Governor

- **9 Magnificent 7 clubs in the fall and 7 in the spring with several achieving Magnificent 7 in both sessions**
 - **Bullseye**
 - **Russell H. Conwell**
 - **Stagecoach Speakers- HMMC**
 - **Thrivent**
 - **Word Merchants**
- **More than 40 communication designations**
- **13 Leadership awards**
- **147 new members with 7 clubs having gains of 8 or more**
 - **Stagecoach Speakers (15)**
 - **Golden Toasters (12)**

- Thrivent (10)
- Metro Speakeasy (9)
- One Voice of Ameriprise (8)
- Roller Toasters (8)
- Word Merchants (8)
- Hosted a Club Coach Training Session in April

Elizabeth Montgomery, ALB, Northern Division Governor

- 1st Place in the number of new clubs – 3 new clubs
- Deloitte Minneapolis Toastmasters, Elocution Architects & Pain Free MCS
- 2nd Place in the number of new members – 276 new members
- 56% (19 clubs) gained the 1st membership goal of 4 new members
- 9 clubs blew their membership goals out of the water
 - GRE Energizers (24)
 - Tic Talkers (18)
 - Deloitte Mpls (16)
 - Happy Talkers (15)
 - Pacemasters (15)
 - Anoka (12)
 - TCO Speakos (10)
 - Stock Tockers (10)
 - Pru Toasters (9)
- 18% of Northern Division clubs are Magnificent 7 for the second round of training
- 4 clubs were Magnificent 7 for both rounds of training
 - High-Tech Talkers
 - Happy Talkers
 - Stagecoach Speakers-RCIS
 - Stock Tockers

Mark Ziegler, ACB, Prairie Division Governor

- Area 63 is Presidents Distinguished
- Area 65 is Distinguished
- Area 61 and 64 are close to being Distinguished

Michael Casey, DTM, Rivers Division Governor

- Provided a worthy contender for the District International Speech Contest
- During the second round of officer training 22 out of 28 clubs had 4 officers trained
- 2 out of 5 areas have reached distinguished status
- 4 Distinguished clubs
- 3 Select Distinguished clubs
- 1 Presidents Distinguished club – Big Apple Toastmasters – Area 73
- 14 Advanced Communicator Bronze

- **3 Advanced Communicator Silver**
- **4 Advanced Communicator Gold**
- **8 Advanced Leader Bronze**
- **3 Advanced Leader Silver**
- **40 Competent Communicators**
- **14 Competent Leaders**
- **3 Distinguished Toastmasters**
- **4 Leadership Excellence**

Al Risberg, DTM, Southern Division Governor

- **Area governors have been diligent in their visits and are ahead of last years pace**
- **Both Fall and Spring contests had nearly 80 in attendance**
- **Unfortunately Southern Division lost the B-town club**

Dru Jorgenson, ALB, Western Division Governor

- **259 new members**
- **The Division Leadership club changed their name from “Nomads” to “Leadership Summit”**
- **A demo meeting is planned for April 30th at United Health Group**
- **New club – United Health – Change Agents**
- **Trade Masters 2 – submitted their paperwork to charter**
- **32 Competent Communicators**
- **16 Advanced Communicators**
- **13 Competent Leaders and Advanced Leaders**
- **3 Magnificent 7 clubs**
- **3 Distinguished clubs**
- **1 Select Distinguished club**

Respectfully Submitted
Sarah Bateman, DTM
District 6 Secretary