

**DISTRICT 22 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 21, 2009**  
**Topeka, Kansas**

The meeting of the District Council was called to order by Annette Rude, District Governor, on November 21, 2009 at 4:30 in Topeka, Kansas.

David Jay, Division K Governor, gave the inspirational message.

The District Mission Statement was read by David Whitner, Division R Governor.

Michael Tuttle, Past District Governor and Credentials Chair, reported that the District currently has 105 clubs each having two votes for a total of 210 ballots. The requirement for a quorum is 1/3 of the total ballots which would be 70. The Credentials Chair has accepted 80 ballots therefore this meeting has a quorum. In addition, the Credentials Chair pointed out that there are also 28 registered members of the Executive Committee each bearing one ballot. This brings the total ballots distributed for this meeting to 108.

Annette Rude, District Governor asked for adoption of the agenda.

Corrections/Additions to the agenda are as follows:

Change the Certification of Quorum to Michael Tuttle as Credentials Chair.  
Addition to Announcements for delivery Hal of Fame awards, requested by Cyndra Melville, Immediate Past District Governor. The agenda was accepted as changed.

Cheri Standiford, District Secretary, stated that the minutes of the April 18 District Council meeting were included in the agenda packet. After asking if there were any changes or additions to those minutes, they were approved as printed.

Annette Rude, District Governor requested the acceptance of the following District appointments:

Treasurer – Evie Curtis ATMG ALB  
Area Governor K41 – George Long CTM  
Area Governor K42 – Leslie Mitchell ACS CL  
Area Governor K43 – Kay Burnett CTM CL  
Area Governor K44 – Brenda Christensen CTM CL  
Area Governor L32 – Fred Washington ACB CL  
Area Governor L33 – John DiLeo ACB ALB  
Area Governor R62 – Ed Marrow ACS ALB  
Area Governor S72 – Matt Champ CC CL  
Area Governor S73 – Dawna Cape CL  
Area Governor S75 – Kay Franklin CC ALB  
Area Governor T13 – Sherelia Webb ATMB CL

**Assistant Division S Governor – Martha DeMond DTM**  
**Assistant Division L Governor – Sheree Lowe CTM CL**  
**Assistant Area K43 Governor – Jennie Darby CC CL**  
**Assistant Area S71 Governor – Venkoba Sah Pawar Narayana Sah ACB CL**  
**Assistant Area T11 Governor – Carl Prioleau CC**  
**Assistant Area T12 Governor – Fritz Theole CC CL**  
**Auditor – Al Voorhees DTM PDG**  
**Bulletin Editor – Maureen Dwyer CC**  
**TLI Coordinator/KC Metro – Ken McClendon ACB ALB**

**Dale McCurley, Downtown Toastmasters, moved to accept the above referenced appointments, Margaret Hodge, Division S Governor seconded. No discussion ensued therefore the motion carried.**

**John DiLeo mentioned that he filled a vacancy and was not appointed. Annette clarified that the position he filled was an appointed position even though it was vacant.**

**Al Voorhees, District Auditor, asked if these appointments would be full term and Annette confirmed that all but Sherelia Webb would be full term appointments for full credit.**

**Annette Rude requested approval of District Governor recommendations to fill vacant positions as follows:**

**Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training – John Mulroy ACG ALB**  
**Division Governor T – Pat Barrett ACS CL**  
**Division Governor L – Susan Swanson ATMS**

**Rob Christenson moved to correct the recommendation as listed on the agenda from Lieutenant Governor of Marketing to Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training. Dale McCurley seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.**

**John Mulroy moved to accept Sherelia Webb as Area Governor T13 and Paul McDonald seconded the motion. The discussion included the fact that Sherelia was already accepted in her position earlier in the meeting. No other discussion was given and the motion carried.**

**Dan Oas moved to accept the two Division Governors mentioned to fill the referenced vacancies. Rhonda Green seconded the motion, and with no discussion regarding the matter, the motion carried. These officers will be installed at the evening banquet.**

**The Audit Report dated June 30, 2009 was given by Evie Curtis, District Treasurer, for Bill Conaway, Auditor 2008-2009. The report can be located on Page 7 of the**

agenda packet. The Committee is comprised of David Wootan, Dan Roberts and William Conaway. Monthly report reconciliation of bank accounts and original documents have been properly classified and were done with required District approval. Evie Curtis indicated that a decimal point error a few years back was made and indicated that \$18,433.04 is the correct year-end total in the bank.

Page 9 – 16 outlines the 2009/2010 District Budget. Marketing will focus on bringing in more guests and will give attention to low membership clubs, club prospects, new prospects, and assistant club coaches. Marketing will also focus on helping members earn educational awards and assist new Area Governors to complete their club visits early. Earning goal getter awards by December is another way to ensure club success. The District is budgeting additional dollars for Area Governors and Division Governors to visit their remote clubs.

Reimbursements are still valid for DEC and Business meeting mileage. Dale McCurley, Downtown Toastmasters, asked for clarification of what FFN stands for. Evie Curtis indicated FFN stood for Friday Fun Night. Evie moved to approve the 7/1/09-6/30/10 budget and John Mulroy seconded the motion. Discussion included Steve Hassler asking if the District would reimburse travel expenses for Area Governors and Division Governors to visit their remote club's contests. Annette Rude confirmed that those expenses would be reimbursed by the District. Dale McCurley suggested how expenses could be cut if the Trio were to car pool for the mid-year training in St. Louis, Missouri. Marianne Lee, Past District Governor, clarified that the contests that mileage would be reimbursed for are membership contests not speech contests. No other discussion ensued. Annette called for the vote and the motion carried.

Evie Curtis, District Treasurer presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report and indicated that it could be found on page 17 & 18 of the agenda packet. 25% of all dues collected by clubs is shown as the biggest source of income for the District. District conferences and speech contests can be used to build membership. Club excellence comes from training club and district officers. Evie suggested offering a club contest for "on time dues" submittal as well as reimburse Area Governors and Division Governors for their mileage for training and club visits. Annette explained that some of the expenses on this year's report are from the prior year. In addition, expenses for Governor training and summer club officer training are light because the bulk of those expenses were paid in the prior year." Evie Curtis returned the control of the meeting to District Governor Annette Rude.

Annette Rude, Division Governor, made reference to the District Success Plan shown on Page 2 of the agenda. Each club's distinguished goals not only contribute to their club but to the Area, Division and District goals as well. Less than 1/2 of all member payments have been received so far. Educational awards are on track. 100% of all Area Governors and Division Governors were trained. Destination: Distinguished May 1, 2010.

**John Mulroy, Lieutenant Governor of Education & Training, reported there are 51 Competent Communicator awards, 26 Advanced Communicator awards and that we are making progress compared to this same time last year. We are on track and gaining ground in leadership with 60 leadership awards. Our goal for the year is 80. John reports “We’re in great shape but don’t stop now”. Distinguished Club Plan numbers show Boeing Achievers have 8 out of 10 points to date. 6 more clubs are at 5 points or better and all 6 are good in membership, above charter strength or have new members. 8 clubs are at 4 DCP points, 3 of those 4 are membership challenged. John expressed how important it is to “Engage all members, speeches speeches speeches”.**

**Rob Christensen, Lieutenant Governor of Marketing, mentioned we should all have a “verbal” business card. We develop employees into effective leaders and communicators. Rob did research in finding Ed Tate to be our Keynote speaker. Ed Tate had great ideas for building business as well as club membership. He said we join Toastmasters because we want to learn Communication & Leadership skills. Rob asked us to think about our club goals and numbers. We have 28 clubs out of 105 at charter strength. We also have 39 clubs that are coach eligible which means they have 12 members or less. We need to look to successful clubs for club coaches to help those struggling clubs. Rob’s Marketing Report will be on the District website in a couple of weeks. Contact your Area Governor and Division Governor if you are interested in being a club coach. The club needs to ask for a club coach before one can be assigned. Several clubs have reached their membership goals for DCP. Membership issues are everywhere and the District is here to help.**

**Annette Rude, District Governor, asked that all other reports be limited to 2 minutes.**

**Marilyn Schwartz, Public Relations Officer, indicated that the Public Relations Officer’s job description is on the District’s website. She is working to increase awareness of Toastmasters. She also reported that the Public Relations Officer trains all of the Vice President of Public Relations at Toastmasters Leadership Institute. She is also working with webmaster Jason Schultz to update the District’s webpage to include Ron Kirchgessner’s interview. Club Website Contest winners have already been revealed. Every one of the club websites submitted were good and you should be proud of that because your club website is your voice to the world. Submitting articles and pictures for printing in the gavel are important. Her updated Media list is very important and will be posted on the District’s website when complete. Marilyn is working with Paul McDonald regarding the Speakers Bureau, updates, and establishing a District picture taker group.**

**Reports by Division and Area Governors for T.A.L.K.R.S. are as follows:**

**Division T – presented by Pat Barrett  
Goal: President’s Distinguished Division**

**Challenge:** 4 clubs less than 10 members, visiting remote Areas, Area 13 is a continuing challenge  
**Progress:** Working with Sherelia to visit all outlying Areas and follow through, forming 2 new clubs  
**Plans for Success:** Work on club officer training.

**Division A – presented by Rhonda Green**  
**Goal:** Presidents Distinguished  
**Challenge:** 5 low member clubs  
**Progress:** Conducting large membership campaigns with open houses  
**Plans for Success:** New club forming has 17 members should be chartered by 12/17.  
Other new clubs are being formed.

**Division K – presented by David Jay**  
**Goal:** Select Distinguished  
**Challenge:** Membership struggles  
**Progress:** 17 active clubs 9 at charter strength  
**Plans for Success:** Remain optimistic and earn those educational awards

**Division R – presented by David Whitner**  
**Goal:** No goal given  
**Challenge:** Membership - Struggling clubs may dissolve (2)  
**Progress:** Strengths in the members themselves  
**Plans for Success:** Continue to encourage members

**Division S – presented by Margaret Hodge**  
**Goal:** Select Distinguished  
**Challenge:** Struggling with earning educational awards, membership  
**Progress:** 3 current club coaches, 5 clubs at charter strength  
**Plans for Success:** Active clubs have been visited & submitted

**Annette Rude, District Governor, asked if there was any unfinished business. No comments were made.**

**Annette Rude, District Governor, asked if there was any new business. No comments were made.**

**Annette Rude, District Governor, asked for announcements.**

**Cyndra Melville asked for volunteers to deliver Hall of Fame awards. The following people volunteered, Margaret Hodge, Marilyn Schwartz and John Kartsonis.**

**John Mulroy announced the date and place of the next meeting. He referenced the flyer for the Spring Conference indicating that Division L will host the Conference at the KCI Airport Hilton, on April 30 & May 1, 2010. The District Council meeting will be held on May 1, 2010. Please turn in the bottom portion of the flyer to be entered in a drawing at Spring Conference.**

**Meeting adjourned by District Governor Annette Rude.**

**Submitted by Cheri Standiford  
District Secretary  
January 12, 2010**