

District 6 Toastmasters
Semi-Annual Meeting of the District Council
Fall Conference
Sugar Lake Lodge, Cohasset, Minnesota
October 17, 2015

District Director, Larry Marik, DTM, called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM, welcomed everyone, provided opening remarks and ground rules.

District Administration Manager, Sandi Robarge, DTM, read the District Mission.

Credentials Chair, Keith Hardy, DTM, PDG, announced that there was not a quorum.

The numbers required for a quorum were represented as follows:

- 270 active clubs with 2 votes per club equals 540 Total Votes
- 1/3 are needed for a quorum = 90 clubs = 180 votes required
- Club votes accounted for 57 clubs = 114 votes
- District Officer votes = 25
- Total votes = 139

The Credentials report was adopted.

With no quorum, Larry Marik followed the business meeting rules when there is no quorum. No new business will be done at this meeting.

District Administration Manager, Sandi Robarge, DTM, announced that the minutes from our Spring Convention have been available to members on the District 6 website since mid-August 2015. They are currently posted in the hotel lobby. Review and approval of these minutes will be handled during the District Council Meeting at our Spring Convention to be held on April 30, 2016 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, in Minneapolis, MN.

Finance Manager, Kimberlee Redington, DTM, announced the budget has been posted in the lobby for everyone to review. The budget has been submitted to Toastmasters International and it is being reviewed by World Headquarters to ensure it follows proper guidelines.

Audit Committee Chairman, Jim Miller, DTM, PDG, presented the year-end audit report. The audit of the 2014-2015 District 6 year was completed and all files are in order. There was a coding glitch with the 2014-2015 year that Clinton Hunt, DTM, PDG and Toastmasters International are working on. This glitch did not affect the audit.

District Director, Larry Marik, DTM, announced that at the 2015 Spring Convention Business Meeting, he moved to form a reformation committee with Dru Jorgensen as

the Chair. The formation of this committee was approved unanimously at our October 10, 2015 District Executive Council Meeting.

At the 2015 International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, International President, Jim Kokocki, mentioned that District 6 needs to start the reformation process. President Kokocki discussed the reformation of District 6 with the Board of Directors during their board meeting. He requested that District 6 provide an update at the District Mid-Year Training in January in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Reformation Chair, Dru Jorgenson, DTM, PDG, provided a history of District 6 and a timeline of the proposed 3 year process including desired results, tentative boundaries and expected opportunities. Please refer to the attached document:



D6 Reform
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The reformation for District 6 will be voted on during the Spring Convention's District Council Meeting on Saturday, April 30th. For any questions or concerns regarding the reformation report, please contact Dru Jorgensen via the District 6 Contact us page.

District Director, Larry Marik, DTM, presented his report regarding District 6:

As of the end of September, District 6 Membership Payments totals were at 3,946 as of (10/11/2015). This is higher than the past 5 years where we reached 3504 payments in 2010-2011.

It is important that dues are paid for all our members and that all clubs retain a minimum of 8 members.

Club Alignments and the District Leadership lists have been submitted Toastmasters International.

100% Area & Division Governors have been trained

The Trio was trained in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 17-18, 2015.

Our District Success Plan has been completed and submitted to World Headquarters.

All requirements have been met to participate in the Distinguished District Plan, where our plan is to be President's Distinguished!

As started earlier, our District Budget has been completed & submitted to World Headquarters.

Program Quality Director, Diane Windingland, DTM, presented her report regarding Education and Training:

Our District is doing well on education and training goals

First Round Club Officer training

Comparing last year to this year, we did have a slight drop in trained club officers, most likely because of the increased minimum time of 2.5 hours for the first round of training. The biggest drop was in the number of clubs that had all 7 club officers trained (last year was 37%; this year was 24%), however for the DCP requirement of 4 trained officers, the percentage of clubs meeting that goal was only 4% less, at 82% for this year.

Club officers trained	2014-15	2015-16
All 7	37 %	24 %
% of all	76 %	69 %
4 or more	86 %	82 %

Compared with the other districts in region 4, our 82 percent of clubs with 4 or more club officers trained was significantly higher. The average for the other 5 districts is 72%

District	% 4 or more
D6	82
D19	72
D24	69
D42	74
D64	70
D78	76

Division and Area Director Training: 100% of 10 Division Directors and 61 area directors were trained

Club DCP Goal achievement: 91% of clubs have at least one goal achieved

Significant educational goal achievements:

- 21 Triple Crown Awards
- 15 Distinguished Toastmasters

Moments of Truth Program: Clubs are encouraged to finish a Moments of Truth Program, to self-evaluate their clubs and to form improvement action plans.

Club Growth Director, Harold Osmundson, DTM, presented his report regarding Marketing:

The Club Growth Director is responsible for increasing the reach of Toastmasters, both in terms of clubs and membership. The report below covers the three major areas under the Club Growth Director's responsibility: new clubs, existing clubs, and membership payments.

New Clubs

As of 10/17/2015, 3 new clubs have chartered in the 2015-2016 program year. A 4th new club's charter paperwork is at World Headquarters for processing. By 12/31/2015, at least 4 more new clubs should charter.

Within District 6's geography, there's incredible potential for new clubs. Our team is gaining momentum, and there are new opportunities for new clubs each week.

Existing Clubs

District 6's club base for the 2015-2016 program year is 287 clubs. As of 10/17/2015, 270 clubs are currently paid. 2 clubs were immediately lost on 7/1/2015, and another 2 clubs have disbanded since. 13 clubs are currently short of 8 paid members, the minimum number of paid members for a club. For those 13 clubs, there's plenty of time to work with our team to grow membership and rebuild. There's no reason to give up now.

94.5% of District 6's club base is paid, making it 13th in the world and 1st in Region 4 in terms of club growth.

One of our biggest challenges to helping existing clubs is the availability of club coaches. Our clubs need more coaches to help them grow and rebuild.

Membership Payments

District 6's membership payments base for the 2015-2016 program year is 10,984 payments. As of 10/17/2015, 4,669 membership payments have been made. 42.5% of the payments base has already been paid, making District 6 19th in the world, and 1st in Region 4.

We expect the number of payments to increase in the coming months as members renew and clubs add more members.

The following nominations were announced at the meeting:

Diane Windingland, DTM, declared her candidacy for the position of District 6 Director for the 2016-2017 Toastmasters year.

Harold Osmundson, DTM, declared his candidacy for the position of Program Quality Director for the 2016-2017 Toastmasters year.

Nick Nelson, ACS, ALB, declared his candidacy for the position of Club Growth Director for the 2016-2017 Toastmasters year.

Patrice Pariseau, DTM, declared her candidacy for the position of Club Growth Director for the 2016-2017 Toastmasters year.

New Business: No new business discussed

Upcoming Dates:

The next District Council Meeting for District 6 will be held on April 30, 2016 during the Spring Convention at the Ramada Plaza, Industrial Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM (CST) by Larry Marik.