



District 56

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District Director

Kathryn R. Kest, DTM

Program Quality Director

Rose W. Bradford, DTM

Club Growth Director

Jo Idoux, DTM

Public Relations Manager

Amish Patel, DTM

Administration Manager

Karen Charleston, LD2

Finance Manager

Becky Noe, DTM

Immediate Past Distinguished District Director

Sheryle H. Warren, DTM

Parliamentarian

Richard Zamecki, DTM

District website

www.tmd56.org

Toasters International

www.toastmasters.org

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL MISSION

We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.
DISTRICT MISSION

We build new sustainable clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

District 56 Council Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/568125218>

Saturday, May 23, 2020

10:00 – 12:30 pm

Call to Order

The Chair, Kathryn Kest, DTM 2019 – 2020 District 56 Director – opened the meeting at 10:00 am. The Administration Manager substitute, Kimberly Thomen, DTM, taking meeting minutes.

Pledge

Led by Jo Idoux, CGD, DTM,

Mission of Toastmasters International, Core Values & District Mission

Rose Williams Bradford, PQD, DTM. Recited all.

Moment of Remembrance (four members who passed this year)

Led by Pamela McCown, PID, DTM

Adoption of Agenda

The Chair asked if there were any questions, any debate. There was no debate nor any objections. Motion adopted.

Introduction of Officials

The Chair announced each person holding a position of importance who was helping with the meeting.

Voting Procedures

Were explained for e-Ballot by Stephen W. Jones, DTM, Credential Committee Technical Co-Lead.

Certification of Quorum

Bill Sullivan, DTM, provided the credentials report. The Quorum was set at 126.
Total Eligible voting members: 129
Total present 186 – Quorum met.

The Chair declared there was quorum.

Approval of the Minutes – Spring DCM Meeting, May 4, 2019.

The Administration Manager entertained a motion for the adoption of the minutes.

Motion was adopted.

The Chair declared minutes were adopted with no objections by acclamation.



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Presented Alignment Committee Report

Harold Eaton, DTM - Presented the 2020 – 2021 Proposed Alignment Report which was accepted as presented.

The Chair declared the adopted report accepted as published.

The Chair asked for questions on 2020-2021 Alignment.

The Chair entertained a motion to adopt 2020-2021 Alignment.

Motion to approve the Alignment Report as published by Area N23 Director, Ron Levine, VC1; seconded by Lee Krause, CC, CL – President of GE Westway Toastmasters. There was no further debate.

Vote 1: 2020 – 2021 Alignment Report, motion carried: 166 votes

Procedures Amendment

Kathy Kest, DTM - Presented the two Procedures that were to be amended.

One procedure discussed was the distance that must be traveled by a District Officer prior to being eligible to be reimbursed for travel. The change in question on this Amendment was to reduce the number of miles traveled from 75 miles one way to 25 miles one way.

The other half of these proposed amendments was to choose the venue for the next conference.

There was a lot of discussion about if these two amendments could be grouped and the decision was made to separate them and vote on them independent of each other.

Senior Reports:

Jennifer Nelson, DTM - January 21, 2020 Mid-Year Audit. Stated that all reports were audited and properly recorded. All reports are located on tmd56.org 2019-2020. The Audit Report is received as published and approved.

Becky Noe, DTM, Finance Manager Presented her report on the Budget and Profit & Loss Statement. The Budget and P&L Reports are received as published and approved.

Amish Patel, DTM, Public Relations Manager presented a report on the website activity, email and social media for District 56. Established that a challenge exists of marketing to club members and in general, Houston at large.

Jo Idoux, DTM, Club Growth Director, presented Growth and Loss report. 16 New Clubs with 4 chartered during COVID-19. Action needed, clubs, looking for coaches to step up to support the more challenged clubs, 155 area reports completed. The CGD Report was accepted without objections.

Rose Williams Bradford, DTM, Program Quality Director, presented report. We have 8 suspended clubs. 55% of our club officers were trained. 80% is the prescribed standard of success. Educational report to date: 34 Triple Crown members and 39 new DTM's.

Pathways: 73% adoption rate for the District but a little less than 50% new members involved in Pathways. The PQD Report was accepted without objections.



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Sheryle H. Warren, DTM, District Leadership Committee (DLC) Chair, Immediate Past Distinguished District Director. Presented the DLC Report.

Nominated 2020 – 2021 District Leadership

For District Director:	Rose W. Bradford, DTM
For Program Quality Director:	Jo Idoux, DTM Rhonda Reeves, DTM
For Club Growth Director:	Chandra Munagavalasa, DTM Samantha Traylor, DTM
For Division L Director:	Camille Morales, DTM
For Division M Director:	Sharla Ozen, DTM
For Division N Director:	Brenda Villagran, ACS, ALB
For Division O Director:	Otto Fanini, ACG, ALB
For Division P Director:	Patricia Carreras, DTM
For Division Q Director:	David Bell, ACG, ALB
For Division R Director:	Tamesia Garner, DTM

The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **District 56 Director, Rose Williams Bradford**, Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **District 56 Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, Rose Williams Bradford.

The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **Division L Director, Camille Morales**. Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **Division L Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, Camille Morales.

The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **Division M Director, Sharla Ozen**. Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **Division M Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, Sharla Ozen.

The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **Division N Director, Brenda Villagran**. Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **Division N Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, Brenda Villagran.



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The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **Division O Director, Otto Fanini**. Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **Division O Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, Otto Fanini.

The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **Division P Director, Patricia Carreras**. Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **Division P Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, Patricia Carreras.

The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **Division Q Director, David Bell**. Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **Division Q Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, David Bell.

The Chair stated: There is only one uncontested candidate for the office of **Division R Director, Tamesia Garner**. Without objection the Chair will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare elected, **Division R Director**, Distinguished Toastmaster, Tamesia Garner.

The Chair: For the **Office of Program Quality Director**, we have two candidates. Both are Distinguished Toastmasters. Each candidate will now give a two-minute speech. We will go in alphabetical order by last name. Jo Idoux will speak first. Rhonda Reeves will speak second.

The Chair: Voting will begin for the office of Program Quality Director.

The Chair: Voting is now closed for the office of Program Quality Director.

I declare elected, **Program Quality Director, Distinguished Toastmaster, Jo Idoux**.

The Chair: For the **Office of Club Growth Director**, we have two candidates. Both are Distinguished Toastmasters. Each candidate will now give a two-minute speech. We will go in alphabetical order by last name. Chandra Munagavalasa will speak first. Samantha Traylor will speak second.

The Chair: Voting will begin for the office of Club Growth Director.

The Chair: Voting is now closed for the office of Club Growth Director.

I declare elected, **Club Growth Director, Distinguished Toastmaster, Chandra Munagavalasa**.



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We have the District Leader Election Results. Those listed in italics are appointed positions of the Newly elected District 56 Director

The winners are for 2020 – 2021 District 56 term of Office

For District 56 Director:	Rose W. Bradford, DTM
For Program Quality Director:	Jo Idoux, DTM
For Club Growth Director:	Chandra Munagavalasa, DTM
<i>For Finance Manager:</i>	<i>Rae Ann George, DTM</i>
<i>For Public Relations Manager:</i>	<i>Terrie Green, DTM</i>
<i>For Administrative Manager:</i>	<i>Robert Bailey, DTM</i>
For Division L Director:	Camille Morales, DTM
For Division M Director:	Sharla Ozen, DTM
For Division N Director:	Brenda Villagran, ACS, ALB
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Kathryn Kest, DTM, presented closing topic of **"It's Time... Whatever You Want to Be."**

Announcements:

Spring Conference to be held April 30 and May 1, 2021. Registration is open.

Meeting Adjourned:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m. Submitted by Kimberly Thomen, DTM – Guest Administration Manager.

Dated: May 23, 2020.