



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020

Time: 10am

Location: GotoMeeting virtual platform

Presiding: Cristol Johnson, DTM --> District 18 Director

Call to Order – 10:00am

Greetings & Welcome - District Director Johnson... Thank you for joining us today! What's most important to is that we are still able to meet by virtual means and that we stay safe. Voting members, please check your spam or junk for the Election Buddy ballot.

Dr. Elizabeth Carter is currently counting to see if we have a quorum. Prerequisite number of voting members present to make quorum; however, she is still counting.

88 Presidents & Vice Presidents of Education

20 District Executive Council members

Timer: Isabel Kadoorie

SAA: Tennille Coombs

Vote master: Oscar Zalamia

Chat master: Frank Storey

Credentials Committee Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Carter

Parliamentarian: Marion Boatwright

Parade of Banners and District Recognition (*YouTube Link is on the website*)

Greeting from Club Growth Director ---> Benjamin Crist

Thank you for committing your Saturday morning with us for our business meeting. This pandemic has never been seen before in Toastmasters history, however, through your tenacity and your ability to grow yourselves on this virtual meeting platform, you have risen to the challenge and have adapted successfully.

Greetings from Program Quality Director--> Cynthia D. Williams

Our tenacity is overwhelming. I appreciate everyone for joining us today. I am overjoyed that we have quorum. This speaks volumes as to what District 18 as a group can do. Let's get this party started.

Review of the District Mission

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence This year's theme is...

Team Lift: Together Everyone Achieves More. Leading Is Fun Together

Review of the Meeting Agenda

Please go to the District 18 website to review the documents. After your review, we need those documents to be accepted and adopted. Opening page will have all the listed documents.

Division A Director Vince Fazio noticed a mistake in his report and asked how he can correct that. Director Johnson suggested that he emailed the corrections to the Trio at trio@toastmasters-d18.org.

Error: Astra- Zeneca was reported as close to suspension, which is incorrect. He apologized for that error.

The agenda has since been adopted. Nobody voiced any objections.

Timer Kadoorie was asked to put 2 minutes on the clock.

Voting Procedures: Marion Boatwright, District 18 Parliamentarian

We will be using the Election Buddy platform to cast our votes today. As previously stated, we have reached quorum so we will hopefully conduct all our business live today. One of our past district governors Oscar Zalamia will tabulate the vote and record them during the call. Prior to the meeting, all voting members should have received instructions via a test vote.

The question was... Did your club participate in the parade of banners?

Oscar, can you provide us with the results of that election?

Vote master Zalamia:

District 18 put out a test vote. One question was asked and that was.... Did your club submit a photo to the parade of banners? Here are the results:

- 70 eligible voters responded
- Out of that 70, 38 casted their votes
- 38 out of 70 is 54 %.
- Out of the 38 who responded, 33 responded with yes and 5 with no.
- Therefore, the Yes votes vote 80.5%.
- This was the result of the test result. This concludes my report

Only members of the District Executive Committee are required and allowed to vote. Voting will close tonight and we would like to announce the results today. We do have a contested role so please help us to complete the required number of votes. Thank you and back to you, District Director Johnson.

Director Johnson asked Vote master Zalamia to show the attendees what the ballot looks like. Vote master Zalamia asked if it could be resent as he had closed out of it, thinking his role was done. Fortunately, Director Johnson had a blank ballot to show everyone. A visual of the test ballot and the graph of how the vote went. We do not have the ability for members to go into a private room to watch the ballots being counted so we are going to use this method to show you the results of the votes today. Are there any questions about the voting? Anyone who had questions put in the chat window.

Credentials Committee Report Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Carter, PHD, DTM Immediate Past District 18 Director

- 127 clubs eligible in district
- Each club receives two votes (President and Vice President)
- 127 clubs x 2 = 254 eligible voters
- 1/3 of 254 = 84 registered today

On the call, we have a total of 104 Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education. As such we have achieved a quorum. We also have 26 District Executive Council members but they do not count for the quorum. It did include the maximum of no individual carrying more than 2 votes, unless they are a District Executive Council member. District Executive Council members get a maximum number of 3 votes. There were two individuals who were over the two maximums and were cut down to the correct amounts.

For a majority vote, which is one more than half. That number is 64 votes. For two thirds of the vote, we would need 87 votes affirmative on that particular matter. Thank you and I turn it back over to you, District Director Johnson.

District Director Cristol Johnson:

Any questions on the Credentials Report were put into the chat window.

Election Buddy is a separate software platform. You should have received an email with a unique voting link for the test vote. If you had not registered and did not get a test vote...a ballot was sent out last night at around 1: 45 am Eastern time. Please check your email to see if you received your ballot to vote. It will be sent to the registered email address for today's meeting.

There is no document for New Business.

There is a short paragraph directly on the agenda. We will allow you to ask questions on what is being proposed. **Without any objections, the credentials report has been accepted.**

The copy of the meeting minutes from our last business meeting were made available for your review on the District 18 website. However, there were some corrections that were made early this morning and they may not yet be posted to the District 18 Website. The documents are ready for your review. Have you all had the chance to read the meeting minutes from our three fall business meetings starting in September?

Hearing no objections, we will dispense with the reading of the minutes from our last meeting.

Melissa Dittmar, Administration Manager will summarize the meeting minutes. She asked District Director Johnson if an explanation was needed as to why we had three business meetings in the fall.

Reading of the Minutes - Administrative Manager Melissa Dittmar:

The reason why we had three business meetings in the fall was because we failed to make quorum. These minutes are a combination of all three business meetings.

A proposed item was brought up during the 2nd business meeting, which I filed under new business. **Soaring Eagles President Nick Deplitch made a motion that the Training Extravaganza be moved to August or July so that we can incorporate a TLI to the event in order to get more people to come.**

- Charles Reinecke seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.
- Diana Curtis likes the idea.
- Vincent "Taz" Ellsworth said that the Training Extravaganza is an 8-hour event and TLIs have to be 4-6 hours long, which would make it a 14-hour event or a 2 day event.
- Theresa Hoeltzel asked how we would integrate this.
- Division G Director Michael Hoy suggests designating a hotel in the area where the event will be held. Theresa Hoeltzel agreed.
- Mary Ann McCloskey thinks that we need to think about logistics and distance.
- Charles Reinecke suggested combining it with a TLI in that particular area.
- John of Kritikos wanted information on whether the Chief Judge is doing a judges workshop. Vincent "Taz" Ellsworth answered that he would like to print out booklets detailing the judging criteria. He emphasized making sure that your contestants read the contest rulebook as changes have been made.

Due to meeting brevity, this was not discussed at this meeting*

Budget Approval

- Many people asked if they needed to be on the call if they already voted. District Director Johnson answered that they still needed to be on the call.
- District Director Johnson stressed that if anyone did not receive the Election Buddy voting poll, please email her at cristol2@hotmail.com with the correct email address. If it was a work email address, please give her an alternate email address.
- Carina Miranda asked whether Director Johnson needed a confirmation email showing that we voted. Director Johnson said no.
- Many people also asked Director Johnson to resend the voting link to their emails, which she did after the business meeting concluded.
- Jeff Melby asked Director Johnson to put on the screen the email showing the Vote Now: District 18 Link.
- Christina Malliakos asked: Is the idea that we will have three contests at the Spring Conference? Or is the idea that there will be two contests? Director Johnson answered that ideally, there will be 3 but it is dependent on the venue, if we are able to get the time that we need. The Conference Committee will have to work on the logistics for that, if it's possible.
- What contest do the voting members prefer to be at the conference? The International Speech Contest is a given.
- Kathy Love-Moore asked: What is the quorum needed to pass the budget and do we know how many people have already voted?
- Director Johnson said that we need a quorum of 90 votes. At the time of the call, the number of votes we had was 82. 82 ballots out of 90 gives us 46% of the vote.
- Program Quality Director Cynthia D. Williams confirmed that we had 91 participants on the call.
- Cristina Limparis asked a question about not receiving the voting email.
- However, Director Johnson did not want to jeopardize her Wi-Fi connection because she was using Hotspot. Director Johnson was able to look at her email to see who has responded about not receiving the email about voting. This numbered 30 people.
- Sunil Patil 's wife informed us that she was using a regular phone and was having trouble connecting in order to vote. She could not use another phone as her husband

was on a conference call. Director Johnson walked her through the process of accessing the link.

- When Director Johnson sent the reminder email, 37 people voted.
- At 9:46 pm, Director Johnson said that for those that need to sign off, they can do so. Thank you for all that you do for the District. For those having trouble and want to stay on the line, she will stay online with them. Program Quality Director Cynthia D. Williams also remained on the call.
- Vincent "Taz" Ellsworth asked Director Johnson if we were not already at quorum when we had 91 participants on the call. Director Johnson answered that we still need the votes to be on the safe side.
- Once the call concluded, Director Johnson sent out the Election Buddy voting poll to those who did not receive it previously.
- Director Johnson said that the documents with corrections will be put on the website soon. Amendments made to the documents will replace the ones on the website.

Appointed Officers – Cynthia D. Williams, DTM District 18 Program Quality Director

Document available on District 18 website. Please accept the following appointments for the 2020-2021 Toastmaster year. This is the current list...

- Administration Manager - Isabel Kadoorie, DL1, Wh'y' Not? Toastmasters
- Finance Manager - Kathleen Davis, EH2, Winchester Toastmasters
- Logistics Manager - Open
- District Chief Judge- Mervin Bierman, DTM, Chesapeake Toastmasters
- TLI Dean - Mona Mohamad, DTM, Hopkins Toastmasters
- Parliamentarian - Jeffie M. Jones, DTM, CMS Toastmasters
- District Leadership Committee Chair (Credentials) - Cristol Johnson, DTM, Bank of America Toastmasters, current District 18 Director
- Public Relations Manager - Open
- Club Retention Chair - Open
- Club Extension Chair - Open
- Club Quality Chair - Open
- Webmaster - Open
- Area Directors: Appointed by the incoming District Director with the Support of the Division Directors.

Members who are interested in filling a position should reach out to trio@toastmasters-d18.org

Several Area Director positions are still open. If you are interested for any open positions, please email trio@toastmasters-d18.org. Members on this call are able to chat amongst each other during this call. Be mindful of who you are talking to in order to avoid confusion.

Mid-Year Audit Report / Quarter 3 Profit and Loss Report

Provided by Cristol Johnson, DTM-->District 18 Director

This is our profit and loss statement from July to January. We are currently experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic and this has drastically changed the way our budget looks and how we spend our money. Spending has halted as of the beginning of April.

District revenue comes from membership revenue, TLI monies that we bring in, other revenue and our expenses. Revenue is incoming and expenses are outgoing. Great job of using monies appropriately such as for mileage, training, contests, trophies, administration expenses. We are a lot lower than we did budget. The variance is \$21,732.97. The variance going into July will be higher due to no mileage, no in person contests, and we did not have any opportunity to spend on our conference (\$30,000)

We did get a message from our CEO Daniel Rex saying that it is okay that we end the year with a positive balance due to the effects of the pandemic. Nonprofits are charged with not carrying profits until the following year. We were cautioned that membership revenue is quite low due to the pandemic. These documents are available on the District 18 website.

We do not have a conference to spend on but we are still using our videographer. Our mission right now is to adhere to any outstanding debts going into next year and take on no new expenses. The outstanding balance for the videographer is somewhere around \$11,000 for the infomercial project and the contest filming.

These items are line by line. Taz Ellsworth was looking at the money spent for the TLI but did not break it down for the Training Extravaganza. He was asking for clarification on where the amount was for the Training Extravaganza. Dr. Elizabeth Carter said that we normally put that into the spot where it says TLI so that we can isolate it. Mr. Ellsworth mentioned the amount \$150.00. Dr. Carter responded that it is a coding item but that it will not say Extravaganza because that is not included in their coding.

TLI Room Rental Event \$6,000. Director Johnson said that this was probably it. After it was pointed out to Director Johnson, as she scrolled down, she confirmed that this was the item.

This is not the room rental for the conference. The money for the conference is in the process of being refunded.

Dates live in some other system which we can't show because it shows the account number. The dates are listed by end of month but no specific dates are listed. Dr. Carter said there should be a conference bucket somewhere. We do have an acting financial manager but she is currently ill.

Program Quality Director Williams chimed in:

Two physical checks were paid to the order of The Hotel @ Arundel Preserve in the amount of \$4687.50 each. Total = \$9375.00. One check was sent on September 9, 2019 and the second sent January 25, 2020. These checks are in the process of being returned to the District as the hotel was able to honor the Force Majeure clause in the contract.

Mr. Bobbie Frasier: If TI doesn't show any notes for things, then you need to put in the notes attached to the actual document. Notes should indicate things such as "the expenditures that we put out due to the pandemic, posted check with date it was sent out, in the process of being returned to us, etc.". This is for accounting purposes.

Director Johnson said that the Trio will do this and that Mr. Frasier is referring to the budget narratives. They are working with the current financial manager- if they are able to get this up and running, this will be posted to the District 18 website. If you look at the dashboard, you will notice that our renewals are quite low for this time of year so we don't anticipate having the money in the reserves that we would

have if we were not in a pandemic. We will make sure this is reflected in the budget narrative for the fall business meeting this year.

Division E Director Kim Kilduff asked when the new budget will be prepared.

Director Johnson says that the new budget will be prepared by next year's incoming officers (District Director, Finance Manager, and DEC members). This will be presented at the fall business meeting where we need quorum so that the budget can be approved. Director Johnson said that last year we had a goal to have the budget approved by September but could not use the budget as we did not make quorum until November.

Alignment Committee Report: Team Lift Committee

The report was presented by Carina Miranda. The alignment committee met on April 22, 2020 and reviewed all the clubs in the seven Divisions

Recommendations: Changes in two divisions. We feel that the other divisions are satisfactory at this time. Division F will focus on strengthening clubs as we cannot be sure that the lack of renewal payments is due to the current COVID 19 pandemic. Geography and number of clubs per area were the main focal points driving the recommendations.

- Newly chartered Good Hands Toastmasters, # 00722856 will be placed in Division E, Area 53.
- Divisions A, B, and C had no changes
- Divisions E and F had no changes
- We are recommending that Division D, Area 42 club Hollywood Toastmasters be moved to Area 41 in Division D
- We are also recommending that Division G, Area 73 club A-spiring Toastmasters be moved to Area 72 in Division G

The committee members were Wesley Gibbs from Divisions A and G, Cristol Johnson from Divisions A and G, Carina Miranda from Division D, Kathleen Davis from Division D, and Carl Barsky from Divisions E and F. These recommendations were submitted to the District for review and approval.

Parliamentarian Marion Boatwright pointed out that there was an error in the alignment report

The error was the year listed was 2019 instead of the correct year 2020. Director Johnson will make the corrections and will upload the correct document to the District 18 Website.

District Leadership Reports

District Director Report - Cristol Johnson

District 18 is still in the running for Distinguished District pending the completion of membership renewal payments. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we were not able to have our District 18 Spring Conference. However, we were able to hold our District 18 International Speech Contest.

May 2nd - District 18 International Speech Contest @ 10 AM-2 PM. We have to make sure that Regional Quarterfinals requirements are met. Information regarding the dial in information will be put up and sent out before the contest itself. Rain date is May 9, 2020. Delaware will be continuing social distancing until mid-June. We do not yet know when the finals will be scheduled.

Goals: We would like to continue business as unusual while maintaining core values and engaging in physical distancing, not social distancing.

Program Quality Director Report - Cynthia D. Williams

Education and Distinguished Status

Our members are working diligently on getting their DTMs, we have 23 Distinguished Toastmasters as of April 20. We are at a rate of 83% of Pathways adoption for club officers. We need to improve on members' adoption of Pathways. We have 55 clubs that are almost distinguished. Currently, we have 9 clubs at distinguished status.

Training

- 92% of all district leaders were trained
- 69% during 1st round of club officers training
- 42% during 2nd round of club officers training

We need to increase our focus and have more robust training for the incoming Toastmaster year

Contest

Our conference was postponed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The contest will proceed on May 2nd. We are still working on the platform. The time is from 10 am to 2 pm.

Club Growth Director Report- Benjamin Crist

As far as marketing for the District, we will continue with our relationship with SmartLight USA Advertising company. Mall advertisement - influx inquiries about membership grow when we do this campaign. Regional company relationship during the summer months to tap into an untapped market.

Demonstration teams have been put together in each division with a solid group of people before this pandemic halted our growth. We had two clubs charter this month – one is waiting to be placed.

Continue providing resources to underperforming clubs and strengthening existing clubs

Information gathered and shared on how clubs can create their own mentorship program. He hopes that more clubs will adopt

Due to the pandemic, our club growth has fallen in the red to 39%. We will trudge on and will make this District even better in the new year. We hope that Toastmaster Headquarters is understanding on this. Membership renewal is at an abysmal 26%, which means we are in the red.

Questions/Comments

Division E Director Kilduff said that we have at least one corporate club whose company will not be paying the membership dues at the moment. What does Director Johnson recommend?

District Director Johnson recommends corporate club members pay dues themselves. Program Quality Director Williams dittos Director Johnson recommendation. There has to be some skin in the game from the members. Director Johnson is a member of a corporate club and pays her own dues. Opinion- 8 paid members needed to keep charter

Division E Director Kilduff chimed in to say that she is concerned about the membership requirements when they have met most of the goals. Director Johnson said that this can be discussed further on tomorrow's All Hands Call at 6 pm (April 26, 2020)

Janet Leary-Prowse, President, First Data TM asked why Toastmasters International is not waiving fees. We are an international business and we are obliged to our members and our shareholders to operate as a business during this pandemic. TI did give us an extension on the dues deadline because waiving dues right now would be catastrophic. This was generous of them.

We are an essential nonprofit organization who is funded by our members. The Governor of Delaware did extend his orders but he ordered nonprofits to meet and conduct business during this time. We are both shareholders and stakeholders

Logistics Manager Tenille Coombs asked if easing the membership requirement to meet distinguished status would be possible. Throughout the world, there are already Smedley Distinguished and Distinguished Clubs who would lose credit for their hard work if the membership requirement was eased. We are a bit behind in District 18 but we will keep fighting.

Mary Ann McCloskey, President, Advancing TM, asks whether we have to have the 20 members paid by April 30 or by June 30. Director Johnson says that she would not wait to get fully renewed as a club. Toastmasters gave us an extension to April 30. However, please note that the Distinguished Club Program for this year ends on June 30.

Taz Ellsworth, Vice President of Education, Advancing TM wanted to back up what Club Growth Director Crist said by saying that some of the districts have dropped more than 50% of their clubs and their membership due to the pandemic. We are doing the best we can and we will move forward the best we can. Director Johnson thanked him for his encouraging reports.

Division Director Reports

Division A Director Vince Fazio - The goal of Division A was to be President's Distinguished this year. In order to do that, we needed 26 paid clubs we have a base of 25). As of a week ago, we were sitting at 15 paid clubs. To be a distinguished Division, we would need to have 13 paid clubs. Currently, we have 3 as of a week ago.

- Navient TM Club dissolved 31 March
- Barclays Toastmasters Club was suspended.
- White Clay Toastmasters is in jeopardy but is working with club coach and WCPS Aaron Beverly, Director Fazio is hopeful and confident that they will get everything they need for Aaron.
- We did charter BYU Wilmington Campus in Area 16 10 February
- Two of the area directors are up for appointment in the District Leadership positions for the next Toastmasters year.
- We have been short an Area14 director because the director had to drop out early due to personal issues.

Biggest challenges - diminished membership renewal payments and participation, especially with corporate clubs; not all clubs are meeting virtually; there is diminished progress on DCP goals. Seven (7) clubs have DCP goals met for Distinguished Status but do not have the appropriate membership payments.

Division B Director Chris Jordan - Unfortunately, at the time of the business meeting, we do not have the Division B report. Director Jordan was not on the call for the business meeting. However, we will follow up with Director Jordan and work to get his report up on the website.

Division C Director Annmarie Givans

- We have 12 clubs that are on track to be President's Distinguished.
- The majority of clubs have met the 8 paid members minimum and we are working to go up to full payment.
- We have lost GPI Toastmasters and have gained MD Pros. MD Pros have currently suspended meetings but Director Givans is trying to get in touch with them. However, communication has been poor.
- The area director report submissions are in progress. Area 35 has completed their reports. Area 32 and 33 reports are in progress.
- Most of the clubs are meeting virtually and continue to do fantastically.
- We are on track to be President's Distinguished at the Division, Area, and Club levels.

Division D Director Kathleen Davis

- This year, Division D has had its issues. However, we still strive to be the best we can be.
- We lost one corporate club in Area 42 this year and we are sad to see them go.
- We also gained one corporate club, Lonza Walkersville Toastmasters and they are on the line today too. We are so pleased to have them be a part of this Division.
- We have 3 clubs who have not paid their dues and not at a minimum of 8 membership payments. Those same clubs are not yet meeting virtually.
- We had several clubs attend all the TLIs and got all 7 officers trained.
- We continue to move forward as we are shifting some clubs around.

Director Davis is very excited to announce that Area 41 Director Carina Miranda is running for the Division D Director for the upcoming Toastmaster year.

Division E Director Kim Kilduff - It's been so much fun this year. We have had such a wonderful team of Area Directors. There are a lot of clubs that are very close to being Distinguished. Our challenge is to get the clubs to have the membership requirement. Several clubs are right on the line, including corporate clubs who might not be able to get there due to the pandemic. The clubs feel supported. A lot of the clubs are meeting online.

Division F Director Carl Barsky - Director Barsky does observe the Sabbath so he might not be on the call today. His report is also on the District 18 Website for you to read at your leisure

Division G Director Michael Hoy - Director Hoy was not in attendance for this portion. However, he was on later. His report is also available on the District 18 Website for you to read at your leisure.

Elections Report

All of the candidates for the contested position of Club Growth Director are in attendance today. We have a lot of uncontested positions

- District Director- Cynthia D. Williams
- Program Quality Director- Benjamin Crist
- Division A Director- Andrea Powell
- Division B Director- no candidate - If interested, please reach out to District Director Elect Cynthia D, Williams
- Division C Director- Antoine Gray

- Division D Director- Carina Miranda
- Division E Director- Kim Kilduff
- Division F Director- Frances Smith
- Division G Director- Wesley Gibbs

For all the uncontested positions, we need it to be a unanimous vote.

If there are no objections, Director Johnson asks to dispense with the secret ballot and have the secretary declare the results of this vote. We need a motion.

Vincent 'Taz' Ellsworth, VP of Education, A-Spiring TM would like to make a motion to cast a single vote for each uncontested position.

Diana Curtis, Vice President of Education, Free Speakers TM seconded the motion.

Vicki Fields, Vice President of Education, Hollywood TM acknowledges the seconded motion.

We have one contested position, that of Club Growth Director with one eligible floor candidate.

Director Johnson: At this time, please check to make sure that you have received the voting ballot in your email. It was sent out at 1:45 ET into your email. If you did not receive a ballot, please email the Trio at trio@toastmasters-d18.org. The link will be sent out after the call.

Each candidates' statement of intent has been posted onto the District 18 website. Each candidate will one at a time give us a 2-minute statement.

Annmarie Givans

Kannan Sankara

Tennille Coombs (eligible floor candidate)

District Director Johnson: Thank you all Club Growth Director candidates. We wish all three the absolute best. You have heard from all candidates for this position. However, if we do not get a majority, we will have to have a separate vote, which will happen after a short break.

District Director Johnson: At this time, I would like to move to the New Business portion of the meeting. I now invite Program Quality Director Cynthia D. Williams to speak about the New Business.

New Business

Program Quality Director Cynthia D. Williams

There is one motion that we would like to present and I will start with that. The motion for New Business is that District 18 reverts back to the 2018-2019 Toastmaster International Board of Directors mandate to discontinue Fall conferences which will impact our fall contests and allow for more focus on robust training and Pathways adoption.

District Director Johnson opened this up for 6 minutes of discussion.

Marion Boatwright, VPE Brandywine TM, # 359: Thank you SAA. This question is for the incoming District Director Cynthia Williams. When you say revert back to the 2018-2019 Toastmaster International Board of Directors recommendation, does that mean that clubs would still have their club contests which would go up to the district? What were the guidelines?

Cynthia: Currently, we stepped away from the mandate and did Fall contests during the Fall of this Toastmaster year. Those Fall contests, during the business meeting, it was decided that we would continue to the District level. Prior to the year, the mandate stated that the fall conference impacted the contests.

Marion Boatwright: Just for clarification, this means clubs would no longer hold contests in the fall for the Evaluation and Humorous Speaking Contests.

Cynthia: That can be an option for the club. The mandate stated that we could not call it a contest but it would not continue to the District level. This refers only to the Fall contests and not the Spring Contests.

Division G Director Michael Hoy: SAA Coombs thought he may have stepped away.

Vincent Taz Ellsworth, VPE Advancing TM, Club # 665159: Madame Club Quality Director, just to summarize, we will have no fall contests in the fall, focus only on training and Pathways adoption? We would only have the contests for Table Topics and International Speech contests in the Spring?

Cynthia: This is to free up and put greater emphasis on the strengthening of existing clubs, building of the new clubs, robust training, Pathways adoption... since we are moving onto a new platform and we have to take this on so that we can buddy up and strengthen our trainers so that we strengthen and grow our clubs. We would strengthen our clubs by training, Pathways adoption, and mentoring.

Kathy Love-Moore, VPE Cesar Rodney, Club # 2297: Quick question on Election Buddy: Are we discussing this motion for the old business for the fall extravaganza or the new business?

District Director Johnson: I skipped over the old business and went to the new business because of time. Discussion was needed and I wanted to make sure we had time to get that in. We were discussing the old business momentarily.

Program Quality Director Cynthia D. Williams: I move that the motion for District 18 to revert back to the 2018-2019 Toastmaster International Board of Directors mandate to discontinue fall conferences which impacts fall contests so to allow more focus on more robust training and Pathways adoption.

Cristol: Thank you Cynthia for the motion. Do we have a second?

Tennille Coombs, Past President, CMS TM, Club # 9972 seconded the motion.

Cristol: This was also seconded by **Diana Curtis and Vincent Taz Ellsworth**. Alright, the motion has been properly moved and seconded. Please vote for your pleasure on Election Buddy and cast that vote.

District Director Johnson: Now it is time to move on to Old Business.

Old Business

Director Johnson asks that we table this until the Fall Business meeting because we do not have the ability to leave our homes to attend the Training Extravaganza or discuss any changes to the Extravaganza. If you are okay with tabling this, we do need someone to move and someone to second it. If you want to discuss it, someone needs to make a motion and it needs to be seconded.

Nancy Jane Bailey, VPE MGC Gaveliers TM, Club # 317010: What is the point of information?

Kathleen Davis, Division D Director moves to discuss.

SAA Tennille Coombs noted that the time was 12:06 pm.

Nancy Jane Bailey, VPE MGC Gaveliers TM, Club # 317010: The point of information I wanted to ask is: Does the vote on the amendment (if people vote to not have the contest, does that mean we won't have to discuss it?

Director Johnson: You still need to vote either for or against. At every business meeting, we can make motions, second, and vote. If you vote to table it, you can vote on it at the next business meeting.

Kathleen Davis and Vincent Taz Ellsworth move to discuss. This was seconded by Sasha Flores.

Director Johnson: This was originally brought up by Nick Deplitch. Nick, can you give us some background as to the benefits to making changes to the District 18 Training Extravaganza

Nick: My proposal was to move the Extravaganza to the August/July timeframe and add the club officer training to it. I did not want to extend the time, it can still be the same 8 hour leadership training and part of it (30 minutes) would be dedicated to club officer training. Now that it would help it to count toward TLI some of the leadership training might be altered a bit so that it would satisfy the requirements for TLI. The overall Extravaganza would not change, just the time frame.

Division D. Director Kathleen Davis: I suggest that we do not move/change the date to August. The TLI will have an absolutely different effect on the Division. Not only would you be receiving training from different types of folks. I think it's better to keep it separate and I suggest that we do not move it up. I believe we should still have it in the Fall. It is just one more chance to have a more robust training experience.

Vincent Taz Ellsworth, VPE, Advancing TM, Club # 665159: I enjoyed the timing and the whole experience of the Extravaganza. I have attended all of them and it is very limited to just leadership as far as business owners or a business leader. It's not geared to all the members of District 18 and I think that is where we are lacking. The training needs to go more toward what is needed as a leader in Toastmasters, not just the business world. The money that was spent would be better served to a larger and more robust TLI than just the Extravaganza.

Tennille Coombs, SSA read the following comments from the chat box:

Carmen Lee Pow: 30 minutes is insufficient for club officer training. Sasha states that she agrees with Carmen.

Division D Director Kathleen Davis - Toastmasters should have a minimum of one hour for each officer training during the breakout session.

Amy Culbertson, Area 41 Director agrees with the comments Taz has made.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: Time check is 12:12 pm.

Director Johnson: Lance Miller is currently at our door. What we will do is end discussion on this topic and make your vote accordingly.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: Nick has a follow up comment. How would they discuss this ongoing?

Nick Deplitch's question: What are we voting for?

Director Johnson: We are voting for the option to make changes to the District 18 Extravaganza and that is the Old Business portion. If you vote for change: Yes, I approve. If you vote against change: No, I disapprove. If you vote to abstain, you can but I would advise against it.

Director Johnson: We are currently tabulating the votes. Therefore, I ask for a 5-minute recess so that we can all get ready for Lance Miller to join us. After his discussion, we will announce the voting results.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: Let's start the clock now. 5 minutes recess is now in progress.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: This is the final reminder. You have 4 minutes down and 1-minute left for the countdown. I repeat: 4 minutes down and 1-minute left.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: We are at five minutes. Thank you everyone.

Director Johnson: We are transitioning to Lance Miller in a few minutes.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: Melissa Dittmar, Administration Manager asks " Are we voting now"?

Director Johnson: Yes, the voting has been open since late last night and will remain open until this evening.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: Dr. Elizabeth Carter says that we will receive a confirmation email once your vote goes through.

Director Johnson: Again, if you are having trouble, please continue sending emails our way. We will keep working on it. Alright, I do see that Lance Miller is here with us. Lance, when you're ready, I can make you the presenter.

Keynote Speaker Lance Miller

Director Johnson: It is now 1 pm. If you need to leave, please do so at this time.

Voting Results and Announcements

Director Johnson: Voting ends tonight...just want to take a quick peek at the results here.... then we will go ahead and officially adjourn the meeting.

Director Johnson: We have 120 ballots submitted out of 258 so we are about 47%.

Adopting the business meeting documents...yes

Alignment...yes

Old business...yes

No Fall Contest Season...90%

Oscar Zalamia, Vote master: Club growth director – we do not have a majority.

Vincent Taz Ellsworth, VPE, Advancing TM, Club # 665159: Do you have 100 % of the votes in today's meeting for the club growth director spot?

District Director Johnson: No, we do not. We have 120 ballots out of 258 submitted. That means we have 47%.

Vincent Taz Ellsworth, VPE, Advancing TM, Club # 665159: Since you have a quorum, it's 50% plus 1 of all the people who are present. If you have the 100%, you need to drop off the lower person and revote.

Director Johnson: Right. However, the voting is still open and will be open until tonight.

Vincent Taz Ellsworth, VPE, Advancing TM Club # 665159 If we don't have someone win a majority, we will have to vote again later?

District Director Johnson: Yes, but just for Club Growth Director.

Dr. Carter: There are some people who were on the call this morning who have not yet voted. I have matched up the votes to those who I had attendance for so please go back to your emails and check to make sure that you have submitted your votes. This way we can make sure all the votes are captured, especially for the Club Growth Director, where we need to get to a majority for one person to declare a winner or as Taz said, we will have to go out for a second vote and drop the person with the lowest vote count.

District Director Johnson: Thank you Immediate Past District Director. We will take one final question if they are any. I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: I have Nancy Jane and Nancy said that she moves to adjourn the meeting. Can I have a second?

Tennille Coombs, SSA: I have MaryAnn from Advancing TM and she seconded the motion. I would like to say thank you all. If the Club Growth Director position doesn't get a majority by this evening there will be a second vote. Thanks again.

Tennille Coombs, SSA: I have Heike Heeman with the last question - Is it possible to get a follow up for those who left the meeting because they might have thought they had submitted their votes correctly? They would also need to know about the second vote being needed, if we don't get a majority.

Director Johnson: Yes, actually through the vote, all the members who voted are able to see the results. Then we will go in and clean up the lists again for all the members who did not get links to make sure they get a new one and can vote accordingly. This will be an all-day work in progress.

Director Johnson: Go get some fresh air and stay safe, everyone!

Meeting Adjourned

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