



District 18 Spring Business Meeting

April 26, 2025

District 18 Logistics Manager and Fall 2024 Business Meeting Sergeant-at-Arms Nora Wade, DTM opened the meeting and welcomed District 18 Director John Comberiate, DTM.

John recognized meeting officials:

Timer: Naomi Savarro, Finance Manager

Credentials Chair: Ben Crist, ACB/ACL and Past District Director

Parliamentarian: Oscar Zalamia, DTM and Past District Director

Nora read the District Mission.

Oscar reviewed the Rules of Order.

Ben reviewed the Credentials Report and Quorum Status. There are 92 eligible clubs; each club receives two votes represented by the president and VPE. To achieve a quorum, one third of the club representative votes must be present (62). There are 77 club representative votes present, therefore quorum is achieved. In addition, there are 18 District Executive Committee (DEC) members present. DEC members do not count towards quorum. The total ballots available are 97; majority would be 49, two-thirds would be 65. John called for objections; there were none, so the credentials report was adopted.

John reviewed the meeting agenda and called for amendments. No amendments were given.

1. Adoption of Agenda

John called for objections; there were none. Administration Manager Regina Pepper cast a vote for the agenda's adoption.

2. Approval of the Fall 2024 Business Meeting Minutes

John called for objections/corrections; there were none. He requested the minutes be added to our archive. Administration Manager Regina Pepper cast a vote for the minutes' approval.

3. Approval of the District Alignment Committee Report/Proposal

A townhall meeting was held on April 22, 2025 for discussion. John called for objections; there were none, so the report/proposal was adopted.

4. District Leadership Committee (DLC) Report

Oscar announced the following candidates for the 2025-2026 leadership team:

- Catherine Damavandi for District Director (DD)
- Vincent "Taz" Ellsworth for Program Quality Director (PQD)
- Shea Lynch for Division C Director
- Dallas Ebenez for Division D Director
- Jayaprakash "Jay" Radhakrishnan for Division E Director
- Laura Magoon for Division F Director
- Dr. Dana Thurston for Division G Director

The DLC reviewed and endorsed two floor candidates: Mona Mohamed for Club Growth Director (CGD) and Lauren Hansen for Division A Director.

John called for objections; there were none, so Administration Manager Regina Pepper cast a vote for the report's adoption.

5. Elections

The DLC vetted and approved two floor candidates; John nominated Mona Mohamed for Club Growth Director and Lauren Hansen for Division A Director. Both candidates accepted; there were no opponents, so Administration Manager Regina Pepper cast a vote for each candidate.

6. Additional Reports – Area and Division Directors, Public Relations Manager, Club Growth Director, Program Quality Director, District Director

Division Directors Reports:

Division A Director Kathy Love-Moore gave her report.

Division B Director Jessica Kehne gave her report.

Division C Director Dr. Roxanne Liebermann gave her report.

Division D Director Dallas Ebenez gave his report.

Division E Director Chad Welch gave his report.

Division F Director report (given by John Comberiate for Carl Barsky.)

Division G Director Dr. Michele Canopii gave her report.

District Leaders Reports:

Logistics Manager Nora Wade gave her report.

Finance Manager Naomi Savarro gave her report.

Public Relations report (given by John Comberiate for Mitchell Garber).

Club Growth Director Vincent “Taz” Ellsworth gave his report.

Program Quality Director Catherine Damavandi gave her report.

District Director John Comberiate gave his report.

7. New Business

A townhall meeting was held on April 22, 2025 to discuss new business. John moved to remove the current conference planning rotation method and restore the default method of Toastmasters International of leaving the location decision to the PQD. John called for a second; CGD Vincent “Taz” Ellsworth seconded the motion. John called for objections; there were none. Administration Manager Regina Pepper noted that new business was approved by unanimous consent.

8. Unfinished Business

At the fall 2024 business meeting, it was decided to table approval of the Spring 2024 business meeting minutes until they could be corrected. The minutes were corrected and posted to our website. John called for additional corrections; there were none. Administration Manager Regina Pepper cast a vote for the approval of the Spring 2024 business meeting minutes.

9. Announcements

From April 1-June 30th, an incentive is being offered for members who complete the Competent Communicator Manual. To qualify, each manual speech **MUST** correspond to a Pathways speech project and be signed by a club officer. After completion of the manual, members will receive a Toastmasters pen and a detailed letter from John to employers.

The Hail and Farewell celebration will be held from 1-4 pm on June 21st at the Olive Grove Restaurant, located at 705 N. Hammonds Ferry Road, Linthicum Heights, Md. Early bird tickets are \$30 until May 18th; please join us as we give a warm welcome to our new leaders and sincerely thank those who are departing for new journeys.

Our next District Council meeting will be determined by our District Director-Elect and shared to the incoming 2025-2026 District Council.

Adjournment.

John called for a motion to adjourn. Stanley McCluskey (proxy for Kritikos 1686) made a motion to adjourn. PQD Catherine Damavandi seconded the motion. There were no objections, so the motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Pepper. Administration Manager/Southern Delaware VPE