



District 86 Toastmasters

Located in Southwestern and Central Ontario

Margaret Waechter, DTM
2022-2023 District 86 Administration Manager

District Council Business Meeting Minutes District Reports and Alignment

April 22, 2023
Virtual

Chair: District Director, Deridor Collier, DTM

Secretary: Administration Manager – Margaret Waechter, DTM, AM

Quorum Present

9:30 am Call to Order -- District Logistics Manager, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- Reading of District Mission, District Vision Statement
- Review of the Standing Rules
- Introduction of the District Director

9:35 am Welcoming Remarks – District Director, Deridor Collier, DTM

In her remarks, the District Director encourages the Council members to keep the Toastmaster values in the forefront as we meet our challenges, achieve our goals and as a team, collectively elevate District 86 towards being a distinguished District. The members are the heart of the District 86.

9:40 am Credentials Chair Report – Credentials Chair, Avis Brodie, DTM, PDG

Attendance registration was closed at 9am. There was a slight delay in presenting this report due to tabulating the validated voters. The Credentials Chair reviewed the responsibilities of this position, how the quorum was established and who could vote.

Active Club Presidents and VP Eds	216
Quorum (1/3 club votes)	72
# of club Ballots Issued	115
# of District Ballots Issued	31
Total Ballots Issued	146
Simple Majority	74
2/3 Majority	97

Kristina Johnston, DTM, PDD was the teller, Matthew Ogbulafor was the timer and Feng Fang was the observer for CGD candidate, Bhushan Rele.

- **Motion** was made by Anja Gangur, Area Director T94 and seconded by Karen Dupuis, Club President Saugeen Toastmasters, to accept the Credentials Report as presented. By show of electronic hands, 83 raised hands in favour of acceptance and 5 raised hands opposing the motion. The Credentials Report was accepted.

10:00 am Review Voting Procedures & Consent Agenda – Parliamentarian, Bill Kirby, DTM

The Parliamentarian reviewed the features of Election Runner and advised the Council voting members on what they must do for each vote. The District Director conducted a practice vote using the Election Runner voting platform.

10:20 am Consent Agenda Explanation-- District Director, Deridor Collier, DTM

- **Motion** was made by Gillian Sheldon, Division L Director and seconded by Harold Usher, Club VP Education, Thames Valley London to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. By show of electronic hands, 87 raised hands in favour of acceptance and 1 raised hand opposing the motion. The Consent Agenda was accepted.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Council Business Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2022 -- The District Director announced that the actionable items from the September 13, 2022 Council Business meeting will be addressed when the appropriate officer presents their report.
- New club Assignments --

Club name	Charter Date	Area
TD Syntex	March 23, 2023	E5
East Canada Club	March 3, 2023	F14
West Canada Club	March 3, 2023	F14

10:15 am Alignment Committee Report — Alignment Chair, Clifford Graham, DTM

This annual exercise as dictated by Toastmasters International, helps the District determine the best support to clubs. Charts for each Division, showing the current and proposed alignments, were presented. A correction will be made to the Division C alignment report to show that the C41 Finastra TM club was not included in the new alignment.

- **Motion** made by Nicole Holas, Area L54 Director and seconded by Anja Gangur, Area T94 Director to accept the 2023-2024 Alignment Report as presented with correction. By show of electronic hands, 86 raised hands in favour of acceptance and 1 raised hand opposing the motion. The 2023-2024 Alignment report was accepted with correction.

10:35 am District Leadership Committee Report – DLC Chair, Myrna Barthe, DTM, IPDD

The DLC chair acknowledged the DLC committee members:

Division C	John Constant, DTM
Division D	Carl Naus, DTM
Division E	
Division F	
Division L	Gillian Sheldon, DTM
Division S	Sue Storie, DTM
Division T	
Division W	Margaret Waechter, DTM

There were three Divisions lacking representation on the District Leadership Committee; hence an Advisory report was presented to the District Council in lieu of a Nominations Report. All candidates must run from the floor. How the floor candidate process works was explained by Myrna Barthe along with updated sections in Toastmasters International’s District Administrative bylaws Article VII-e and Protocol 9.0 (6) and (9).

District Leadership Committee Advisory Report	
Candidate for: District Director	Nancy Movrin, DTM
Candidate for: Program Quality Director	Anne Dockeray, DTM
Candidate for: Club Growth Director	Sylvette Mahoney, DTM and Bhushan Rele, DTM
Candidate for: Division L Director	Jeff Burroughs, PM5, EC5
Candidate for: Division S Director	Lorne Devarajan, PM5

10:50 am District Officer Reports

- **Finance Manager Report** for the period ending January 31, 2023 was presented by Sylvette Mahoney, DTM. The District is performing well with the revenue profit so far; however, there will be accruals from the previous year yet to be applied. Toastmasters International is two months behind in their reporting. The Balance Sheet at January 31st is very healthy. The Finance Manager urged members of Council to use the District incentives so that funds in the budget get used. When reserve account gets too large, TI will reduce it and give the money to other clubs that need financial assistance. Use the funds or lose them.
- **Audit Committee Report** was presented by Committee chair, Julie Whitely, DTM. On March 15, 2023, the Q1/Q2 mid-year report was submitted to Toastmasters International. Special attention will be given to ensure the recommendations from Q1/Q2 Report are addressed: attach approvals for entries over \$500^{USD} and no expenses over \$30^{USD}. Currently waiting for TI financial reports.

- **Public Relations Manager Report** was presented by Matthew Ogbulafor, DTM. It was reported that the website had an increase in visitors to the District Calendar page and access to the District resource information and tools page. Over 8900 users since July 1, 2022, with 8.4K new visitors. The Website Resources contained 19 blogs with a wide variety of topics. Tools to help clubs maximize their growth in strength & quality are posted. The PRM encouraged Council members to share their success stories with the PRM. Regarding the Newsletter & Emails, people are clicking to see what's going on – please read and share the information with club members. Meetup page continues to be the heartbeat of social media. Please use Meetup to promote club meetings and events to non-Toastmasters. A District Press Release was issued featuring District Director having a leadership team from several countries. Traction is increasing with Facebook Group and the demographics for Facebook page is holding strong.
- **Club Growth Director Report** was presented by Jayapriya Muthukumar, DTM. An overview of the District's Dashboard status was presented. Charts displayed this information by Division.

Activity in District 86	108 paid clubs and 4,014 membership payments
Club Coaches Required	48
Clubs with Low Membership Base	14
Prospective Clubs	4
Newly Chartered Clubs	3 – TD Syntex, East Canada and West Canada

The CGD reviewed the support activity given to District 86 clubs since the September Council meeting. Also, the CGD Incentives pertaining to Membership Growth for a club and for members were reviewed. Council members were encouraged to go to the District 86 website to download the CGD resource page for earning incentives.

- **Program Quality Director Report** was presented by Nancy Movrin, DTM. This report included all actionable items from the September 13, 2022, Council meeting. An overview of the training conducted, and the achievements earned in the District was presented. The Distinguished Club Program reflects a club's service to its members and was explained. Action items to help make a club Distinguished by June 30th was presented.

<i>Workshops</i>	23 educational workshops have been conducted
<i>Club Officer Training</i>	Round 1: 113 clubs with 4+ trained club officers Round 2: 107 clubs with 4+ trained club officers
<i>Distinguished Toastmaster Award</i>	6 DTMs earned between July 1, 2022 and April 8, 2023
<i>Educational Awards</i>	914 educational awards achieved. 97 completed Level 5 pathways 16 Pathways Mentor program 87 Toastmaster Triple Crowns (earn any 3 education awards in a single program year) 36 District 86 Triple Crowns (earn 3 education awards in any combination of levels 3, 4 or 5 in a single program year)
<i>Distinguish Club Program</i>	19 Distinguished Clubs (have 5-6 goals & 20 members or a net growth of at least 3 new members as of April 18, 2023.) 13 Select Distinguished Clubs (have 7-8 goals & 20 members or a net growth of at least 3 new members as of April 18, 2023.) 9 President's Distinguished Clubs (9-10 goals & 20 members or a net growth of at least 3 new members as of April 18, 2023.)

- **District Director Report** was presented by Deridor Collier, DTM. Member success is at the heart of the Club and District success! Engage members in a supportive learning environment to maximize their potential. A recap of the District dashboard related to club growth and program quality was presented. Many incentives are available to members, Club Officers, Area and Division Directors. Council members were encouraged to check out the District 86 resource page on the website for incentive awards. The official *Area Director club visit report* provides the Area Director, Division Director and District Trio with practical information on how they can best support members and clubs. 95 clubs have received an Area Director visit and a report. Chartering new clubs enables others to grow and benefit from Toastmasters. An explanation of opportunities & incentives available pertaining to chartering new clubs was given. Keep motivating and inspiring members, Club Officers, and each other to achieve success through Toastmasters by sharing successes and strategies. A listing of annual District 86 recognition awards was reviewed as well as some strategies to employ to build success in the clubs.
 - **Action:** Area Directors were reminded to submit their official Area Director club visit report by May 31, 2023, for each club in their area regardless of their status.

11:25 am **New Business & Update from International** -- District Director, Deridor Collier, DTM. Council members were reminded of the three informational emails from Toastmasters International regarding Member Self-Pay, discontinuation of printed Pathways and Membership dues increasing October 2023. The District Director enlightened the key points on each email. The Region 6 North & South Advisors were announced, and the outgoing Region 6 Advisors were thanked for their support to District 86.

11:30 am **Other Business** -- District Director, Deridor Collier, DTM. The next proposed date for the District 86 Council meeting was September 12, 2023.

- **Motion** made by Harold Usher, Club VP Education for Thames Valley London and seconded by Nicole Holas, Area L54 Director to make the next District Council Meeting be September 12, 2023. By show of electronic hands, 73 raised hands in favour of the motion and 1 raised hand opposing the motion. The date of the next District Council Meeting is September 12, 2023, was accepted.

11:35 am **Announcements** -- District Director, Deridor Collier, DTM. The District 86 2022-2023 budget submissions met the deadline issued by Toastmasters International. In November 2023, Pathways will be released into a few more languages. Council members were encouraged to visit the Candidate Showcase prior to returning for the afternoon session of the Council meeting.

- **Action:** It was suggested that when referencing email notices from TI, that the presentation slide include a dateline of that notice.

11:40 am **Reconvene Meeting at 1:30 pm**

District Council Business Meeting Minutes District Officer Elections

April 22, 2023
Virtual

Chair: Club Growth Director, Jayapriya Muthukumar, DTM

Secretary: Administration Manager – Margaret Waechter, DTM, AM

Quorum Present

2:00 pm Reconvened Meeting Called to Order -- District Logistics Manager, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- Reading of District Mission, District Vision Statement
- Review of the Standing Rules
- Introduction of the District Director

2:05 pm Welcoming Remarks – Club Growth Director, Jayapriya Muthukumar, DTM

2:10 pm Credentials Chair Report – Credentials Chair, Avis Brodie, DTM, PDG

Attendance registration was closed at 2 pm. Quorum was achieved.

Active Club Presidents and VP Eds	216
Quorum (1/3 club votes)	72
# of club Ballots Issued	116
# of District Ballots Issued	31
Total Ballots Issued	147
Simple Majority	72
2/3 Majority	98

Kristina Johnston, DTM, PDD was the teller, Matthew Ogbulafor was the timer and Feng Fang was the observer for CGD candidate, Bhushan Rele.

- **Motion** was made by Harold Usher, Club VP Education, Thames Valley London and seconded by Nicole Holas, Area L54 Director to accept the Credentials Report as presented. By show of electronic hands, 81 raised hands in favour of acceptance and 1 raised hand opposing the motion. The Credentials Report was accepted.

2:20 pm Review Voting Procedures & Consent Agenda – Parliamentarian, Bill Kirby, DTM

The Parliamentarian reviewed the features of Election Runner and advised the Council voting members on what they must do for each vote. The District Director conducted a practice vote using the Election Runner voting platform.

2:45 pm District 86 Leadership Elections -- Club Growth Director, Jayapriya Muthukumar, DTM

- For the following District Officer positions, the CGD directed the Administration Manager to cast one vote in favour for each uncontested candidate. Each candidate was declared elected to that District position.

2023-2024 District Director	Nancy Movrin, DTM
2023-2024 Program Quality Director	Anne Dockeray, DTM
2023-2024 Division L Director	Jeff Burroughs, PM5, EC5
2023-2024 Division S Director	Lorne Devarajan, PM5

- There were two candidates for the position of 2023-2024 Club Growth Director. Each candidate was given 2 minutes to speak to Council members prior to voting. Bhushan Rele was declared elected to the role of 2023-2024 Club Growth Director.

Teller's Report for Election of the Club Growth Director	
Number of Votes Cast	116
Necessary for Approval (majority)	59
Sylvette Mahoney, DTM	44
Bhushan Rele, DTM	72
Total Ballots Issued	116

- The following 2023-2024 Division Director positions had no candidates.

2023-2024 Division C Director
2023-2024 Division D Director
2023-2024 Division E Director
2023-2024 Division F Director
2023-2024 Division T Director
2023-2024 Division W Director

- Since TI President, Matt Kinsey was not online at this time, the installation of the newly elected District Leadership Team was deferred as part of the April District Conference program on Saturday.

3:25 pm Announcements & Adjournment -- Club Growth Director, Jayapriya Muthukumar, DTM.

As decided at the morning business session, the next district 86 Council meeting will be held on September 12, 2023.

- Motion** was made by Clifford Graham, Club VP Education, Energetics to adjourn this District Council business meeting.
- Meeting ended at 3:30 pm.