



# District 86 Toastmasters

Located in Southwestern and Central Ontario, Canada

## District 86 District Council Meeting Draft Minutes

**April 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m. EDT**

**Online on Zoom, Registration Required**

**Presiding Officer:** District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

**Recording Secretary:** Administration Manager, Nicole Holas, DTM

**Parliamentarian:** Ramanujam Raghavan, DTM

7:00 p.m. **Call to Order** – District Logistics Manager, Bill Kirby, DTM

- Reading of Toastmasters International and District Missions
- Review of Standing Rules
- Leadership Quote
- Introduction of the District Director

7:04 p.m. **Welcome Remarks**– District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- District Director Anne Dockeray, DTM welcomed all to the District Council meeting, and introduced the Program Quality Director, Bhushan Rele, DTM and the Club Growth Director, Jeff Burroughs, DTM.

7:07 p.m. **Credential Committee Report** – Credential Committee Chair, Cathy Herschell, DTM, PDD

- The Credentials Chair reported that registration is now closed. Responsibilities of the position, how the quorum was established, and who could vote were reviewed.

Active Club Presidents and VP Eds	189
Quorum (1/3 club votes)	63
# of club Ballots Issued	85
# of District Ballots Issued	26
Total Ballots Issued	111
Simple Majority	56
2/3 Majority	74

- District Director Anne Dockeray, DTM announced we have met quorum.

7:09 p.m. **Meeting Protocols** – District Parliamentarian: Ramanujam Raghavan, DTM

- Explained that the District Council meeting follows Robert's Rules of Order. Explained basic definitions the steps in processing a motion, how to obtain the floor to make remarks, and various mechanisms including points of order.

7:19 p.m. **Adoption of the Agenda** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

**Motion:** moved by Division W Director Parven Johal, DTM and seconded by Angela Becker, VP Education of Saugeen Toastmasters, # 906010, to adopt the Agenda as presented/amended. Voting was conducted by the raising of electronic hands with 44 voting in favour and 0 opposed. Motion carried.

7:25 p.m. **Acceptance of the District Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024**

– District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

**Motion:** moved by Division T Director Anja Gangur, and seconded by Area W64 Director Randy Moore, DTM to accept the District Council minutes of September 23, 2024 as

presented/amended. Voting was conducted by the raising of electronic hands with 83 voting in favour 44 and 1 opposed. Motion carried.

7:28 p.m. **New Clubs Assignments**– District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- No report

7:29 p.m. **Confirmation of District Officer Appointments** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director presented the District Appointment:
  - Area T91 Director Bill Kirby, DTM

**Motion:** moved by Division F Director, Ian Horne, DTM, and seconded by Carl Naus, DTM, President of Port Credit Club, # 1474, to confirm the appointment of Bill Kirby, DTM, as the Area T91 Director. Voting was conducted by the raising of electronic hands with 49 voting in favour and 0 opposed. Motion carried.

7:33 p.m. **Alignment Committee Report** – Alignment Committee Chair, Division L Director Myrna Barthe, DTM, PDD

- The Alignment Committee Chair reviewed the Toastmasters International direction that as of July 1, 2025:
  - There is to be a minimum of four (4) Clubs / maximum of six (6) Clubs per Area.
  - Each Division must have a minimum of four (4) Areas per Division.
- As a result of this direction, Division F will be dissolved and amalgamated to other Divisions as of July 1, 2025.
- The Alignment Chair presented charts for each Division, showing the current and proposed alignments.

**Motion:** moved by Alignment Committee Chair, Division L Director, Myrna Barthe, DTM, PDD, and seconded by Carl Naus, DTM, President of Port Credit Club, # 1474, to adopt the proposed District Alignment Report for the year 2025-2026 as presented by the Alignment Committee. Voting was conducted by Election Runner. Motion carried.

#### **Teller's Report – Adoption of the Proposed District Alignment Report:**

Number of Votes Cast	78
Necessary for Approval	40
<b>Votes In Favour</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Votes Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>
Total Votes	78

7:57 p.m. **District Leadership Committee (DLC) Report** – DLC Chair, Iona Rodricks DTM, PDD

- Announced the DLC is responsible to find, interview and nominate qualified candidates to lead District 86 for 2025-2026 and in the years ahead.
- Presented the DLC Committee:
  - Bryn Snow, Division C
  - Guy Tripp, DTM, Division C
  - Richard Morgan, DTM, Division E
  - Chelsea Zheng, Division F
  - Novelette Gordon, DTM, Division L
  - Lance Mercer, DTM, Division S
  - Rozy Rana, DTM, Division T
  - Margaret Waechter, DTM, Division W
- Shared the list of Nominated Candidates for 2025-2026 (in alphabetical order of last name):
  - District Director                      Bhushan Rele, DTM
  - Program Quality Director              Jeff Burroughs, DTM
  - Club Growth Director                  Bill Kirby, DTM
  - Club Growth Director                  Cheryl Rankin
  - Division C Director                      Xiaodong Zhu
  - Division D                                  Sana Qalbani

- Division E Director                      Joshua Quilatan
- Division L Director                      Ryan Kaupert, DTM
- Division S Director                      Lakshmi Gannavaru
- Division T Director                      Randy Moore, DTM

**Motion:** moved by Area T92 Director, Cynthia Ayres, DTM, and by Area S74 Director, Marsha Bergeron, to accept the District Leadership Committee Report as presented. Voting was conducted by the raising of electronic hands with 46 voting in favour and 4 opposed. Motion carried.

8:07 p.m. **District Officer Reports**

**Finance Manager Report – Presented by District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM for Finance Manager Hanley Jung**

- The District Director presented the Profit and Loss Statement from July 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025
  - Total Net Income Actual:                      \$18, 858.79
  - Budget Variance of                                      (\$91.78)
  - Total Net Income Variance:                      \$18,950.57
- The District Director presented the Balance Sheet from July 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025.
  - The District has assets of \$83,726.23

8:09 p.m. **Audit Committee Report – Presented by District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM for Audit Committee Chair, Rosario Shaw**

- The District Director reported on the Status of Audit Committee Report:
  - Mid-Year Audit report with deadline on February 15, 2025.
  - The Audit Committee still working on the expenses review and policies
  - The Audit Committee guidelines is signed and ready to be send it to TI
  - The Audit Committee received the budget for 2024-2025
- The District Director reported the Audit Committee's Comments and Recommendations:
- Comments:
  - The expenses have been approved and are in compliance with TI policies.
  - No expenses over \$500 were found without supporting documentation.
- Recommendations:
  - Ensure expenses are well-supported with clear documentation.
  - For expenses related to Shipping and Supplies purchases, it is recommended to include a picture of the purchased item attached to the invoice for better support.

8:11 p.m. **Public Relations Report – Public Relations Director, Cheryl Rankin**

- District website regularly updated
- Regular newsletter
- Clubs added to Meetup
- Videos from the Conference will be added to the YouTube channel
- District website's calendar of events is the central hub of upcoming events and registration details.
- Twenty-two blogs published in the current Toastmasters year
- Emails: Average open rate of 66.2%. Highest open rates for DEC and District Council emails
- Ten newsletters sent over the Toastmasters year
- Facebook Member Group:
  - 360 posts in the past 9 months
  - 1339 members with 642 active members
- Facebook Page
  - External Facing Page promotes to the public.
  - 1600 followers
- LinkedIn:
  - District 86 Toastmasters International has 747 followers
  - Toastmasters District 86 has 419 followers
- District 86 YouTube Channel:
  - 360 posts in the past 9 months
  - 1339 members with 642 active members

- Success Tip: Follow District 86 on social media
  - Send an email to your club members with all of the links to the club social media, club website and District level social media and website.

8:16 p.m. **Club Growth Director Report** – Club Growth Director, Jeff Burroughs, DTM

- Reported number of paid clubs as of April 16:
  - Base: 115
  - To Date: 94
  - As of April 22, 96 clubs
- Reported
  - Number of Low Membership, Ineligible and Suspended Clubs for each Division as of April 13, 2025
  - Clubs that are Eligible For, Already Have or Have Requested a Club Coach
  - New Club Prospects and Leads as of April 13, 2025
- Membership Payments
  - Base: 4570
  - To Date: 3906
  - District 86 is 802 memberships away from goal of 4708 for Selected Distinguished Status.
- April Membership Renewals were reported according to Division

8:22 p.m. **Program Quality Director Report** – Program Quality Director, Bhushan Rele, DTM

- Reported District needs 46 Distinguished clubs for District to be Distinguished. As of April 22 the District has 29 Distinguished clubs.
- Reported 11 clubs have nine or ten Distinguished Club Program points
- Reported the District's Educational Achievements:
  - Two Distinguished Toastmasters (DTMS)
  - Members from three clubs completed Pathways Mentor module
  - Pathways Workshops – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7 p.m.
  - Triple Crowns achieved by 62 members. Five members completed 10 or more levels.
- Shared percentage of Club Officers trained by Division and the number of clubs with four or more Club Officers trained in both rounds
- Eight clubs had all seven Club Officers trained in both rounds!
- Announced District-level International Speech and Evaluation Contests will be held at District Conference with 8 contestants in each contest. All 8 Divisions are represented.
- District 86 Conference April 26 and 27 at Four Points Sheraton, Thorold, Ontario. Registrations are closing soon. Close to 100 registrations to date.

8:28 p.m. **District Director Report** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- Reported goal to be President's Distinguished in payments is attainable. District's performance is not out of line with rest of the region
- Presented District 86's performance as of April 15, 2025

Paid Clubs		Payments		Distinguished Clubs	
Base	To Date	Base	To Date	Base	To Date
115	94	4,570	3,886	115	29
Goals		Goals		Goals	
Distinguished		Distinguished		Distinguished	
115		4,616		46	
Select Distinguished		Select Distinguished		Select Distinguished	
116		4,708		52	
President's Distinguished		President's Distinguished		President's Distinguished	
119		4,799		58	
Smedley Distinguished		Smedley Distinguished		Smedley Distinguished	
121		4,936		64	

- Reported status of Area Director Club Visits as of April 15, 2025:
  - Over 20% of Area Director Reports submitted
  - Area Directors have until May 31 to submit reports.
- Club Elections – District Director reminded attendees:
  - Share Club Executive roles and responsibilities with club members. Include pros and cons, and the time limit
  - Run club elections the first or second week of May 2025
  - Attend club officer training. Two sessions offered by the District
  - Submit incoming executive team on Club Central and explain how it affects the Distinguished Club Program (DCP points)

**Motion:** moved by Area L51 Director Tova Gaisin, DTM and seconded by Nancy Movrin, DTM, IPDD, to accept the District Officer Reports. Voting was conducted by the raising of electronic hands with 43 voting in favour of accepting the motion and 0 opposed. Motion carried.

8:35 p.m. **New Business** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

**District Realignment** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director reported that on July 1, 2025, District realignments will take effect impacting select Districts in Regions 1 and 3 in the United States and Canada.
  - Districts 2, 9, and 32 in the United States will become District 2.
  - Districts 21 and 96 in Canada will become District 21
  - The boundaries of Districts 3, 25, 26 and 55 will expand to include all clubs in District 23

8:37 p.m. **Other Business** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director announced the date for the next District Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2025 pending District Council approval.

**Motion:** moved by Division W Director Parveen Johal, DTM, and seconded by Area T92 Director Cynthia Ayres, DTM to schedule the next District Council meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025.

**Amended Motion:** Following discussion, the motion was amended to change the date from September 22, 2025 to September 15, 2025. Area T91 Director Bill Kirby, DTM, moved to schedule the next District Council meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025. Nancy Movrin, DTM, IPDD, seconded the amended motion. Voting was conducted by the raising of electronic hands with 39 voting in favour of the amended motion and 0 opposed. Amended motion carried.

8:44 p.m. **Announcements** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director announced upcoming events and dates
  - Area Director Club Visits to be completed by May 1, 2025. Remind clubs to hold Open Houses
  - District Conference April 22 to 27, 2025, with guest speakers Matt Kinsey, DTM PIP and Verity Price, DTM WCPS 2021 and International and Evaluation Contests
  - Reminded attendees to hold Club Elections by May 1
  - Beat the Clock Membership Drive May 1 to June 30
  - Club Officer Training online, Saturday, June 7 and 14, 2025.
  - Recognition Picnic June 21, 2025
  - International Convention, August 20-23 in Philadelphia, PA
  - Next District Council Meeting on September 15, 2025

**International Candidates for 2025-2026** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director announced the following International Officer candidates:
  - Stefano McGhee, DTM – Candidate for International President-Elect
  - Gauri Seshadri, DTM – Candidate for First Vice President
  - Jean Gamester, DTM – Candidate for Second Vice President
  - Melissa McGavick, DTM – Candidate for Second Vice President
  - Abhijeet Joshi, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 1
  - Michael Bown, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 1

- Chris Raneri, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 3
- David Storey, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 3
- David Woodcock, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 3
- Andrew Horberry, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 5
- Jing Humphreys, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 5
- Ramona Baylor, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 7
- Vickie Goodman, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 7
- Victoria Noethling, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 7
- Katrina Letargo, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 9
- Hani Nur Zaihanirah Zaini, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 9
- Patrick Oluyide, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 11
- Nikki Quinn, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 11
- Suganthi Periasamy, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 13
- Charles Tan Chia Lih, DTM – Candidate for International Director from Region 13

8:48 p.m. **Meeting Recess** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director announced that the District Council Meeting is recessed until April 24, 2025 at 7 p.m.
- The meeting was recessed at 8:49 p.m.





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## District 86 District Council Meeting – Elections Draft Minutes

**April 24, 2025 7:00 p.m. EDT**

**Online on Zoom, Registration Required**

**Presiding Officer:** District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

**Recording Secretary:** Administration Manager, Nicole Holas, DTM

**Parliamentarian:** Ramanujam Raghavan, DTM

7:00 p.m. **Recessed Meeting Called to Order** – Acting District Logistics Manager, Jimmy Chien

- Reading of Toastmasters International and District Missions
- Review of Standing Rules
- Introduction of the District Director

7:05 p.m. **Welcome Remarks**– District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- District Director Anne Dockeray, DTM welcomed all to the District Council meeting, and introduced the Program Quality Director, Bhushan Rele, DTM and the Club Growth Director, Jeff Burroughs, DTM.

7:07 p.m. **Credential Committee Report** – Credential Committee Chair, Cathy Herschell, DTM, PDD

- The Credentials Chair reported that registration is now closed. Responsibilities of the position, how the quorum was established, and who could vote were reviewed.

Active Club Presidents and VP Eds	189
Quorum (1/3 club votes)	63
# of club Ballots Issued	106
# of District Ballots Issued	33
Total Ballots Issued	139
Simple Majority	71
2/3 Majority	93

- District Director Anne Dockeray, DTM announced we have met quorum.

7:10 p.m. **Adoption of the Agenda** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director reported that the Agenda was not updated on the District 86 website. The date of the next District Council meeting is September 15, 2025, not September 22, 2025.

**Motion:** moved by Division W Director Parven Johal, DTM and seconded by Area L54 Director Mary Helwig-Hall, DTM, to adopt the District Council Agenda of April 24, as presented/amended. Voting was conducted by the raising of electronic hands with 65 voting in favour and 0 opposed. Motion carried.

7:14 p.m. **Meeting Protocols** – District Parliamentarian: Ramanujam Raghavan, DTM

- Explained that the District Council meeting follows Robert's Rules of Order. Explained basic definitions the steps in processing a motion, how to obtain the floor to make remarks, and various mechanisms including points of order.

7:23 p.m. **District 86 Nominations & Election of Trio** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director reported that the District Council heard the report of the District Leadership Committee on April 22, 2025.

- For the following District Officer positions, the District Director directed the Administration Manager to cast one vote in favour of each uncontested candidate. Each candidate was declared elected to that District position.
  - 2025-2026 District Director Bhushan Rele, DTM
  - 2025-2026 Program Quality Director Jeff Burroughs, DTM
- There were two candidates for the position of 2025-2026 Club Growth Director. Each candidate was given two minutes to speak to Council members prior to the vote. Voting was conducted via Election Runner. Bill Kirby, DTM, was declared elected to the role of 2025-2026 Club Growth Director.

**Teller's Report for Election of the Club Growth Director**

Number of Votes Cast	110
Necessary for Election (Majority)	56
Bill Kirby, DTM	76
Cheryl Rankin	34
Ineligible	0
Total	110

7:52 p.m. **District 86 Nominations & Election of Division Officers** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director reported that the District Council heard the report of the District Leadership Committee on April 22, 2025.
- For the following District Officer positions, the District Director directed the Administration Manager to cast one vote in favour of each uncontested candidate. Each candidate was declared elected to that District position.
  - 2025-2026 Division C Director Xiao Dong Zhu
  - 2025-2026 Division D Director Sana Qalbani
  - 2025-2026 Division E Director Joshua Quilatan
  - 2025-2026 Division L Director Ryan Kaupert, DTM
  - 2025-2026 Division S Director Lakshmi Gannavaarpu
  - 2025-2026 Division T Director Randy Moore, DTM

8:00 p.m. **Announcements** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- The District Director announced that the next District Council meeting is on Monday, September 15, 2025. Advanced registration is required. A Zoom registration link will be shared.

8:01 p.m. **Adjournment** – District Director, Anne Dockeray, DTM

- Motion made by Area L51 Director Tova Gaisin, DTM, to adjourn the District Council Meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.