

**District 65 Council Meeting
Fall Conference – November 18, 2006
District Council Meeting Minutes**

The meeting started at 2:45 pm by Beth Miller, District 65 Sgt. At Arms.

Betty Muka, DTM, led the invocation.

District Governor Sam Mehta called the meeting to order and led the group in reading the Mission of the District. He said the District is in good health but we have lost 5% of our membership in the latest October dues renewal. We have lost 4 clubs (3 Western Division, 1 Central Division). Over 50% of the club officers were trained and 100% of the District Officers were trained. The Annual Budget and District Success Plan (DSP) were sent to TI on time. 56 of 89 clubs have fewer than 20 members, and 13 have fewer than 10 members. Division and Area Governors are trying to turn this around. 3 clubs have not paid dues. On a positive note, a Central Division club has 28 members, up from 8 less than a year ago, so clubs can turn around .

Credentials Committee – Kay Whipple The Quorum Requirement is 62 District Council members present. We have 76, which is a quorum.

Agenda Tom Sergent, Area 1 Governor, moved to approve the agenda with the provision the District Governor can make changes during the meeting if needed. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report Dan Ferens, District 65 Secretary, distributed copies of the minutes of the April 22, 2006 District Council meeting. No corrections were requested. Gordon Penniston, Immediate Past District Governor, moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Appointment of District officers: Sam Mehta read the list of appointed District Officers for 2006-7. Gordon Penniston moved we adopt the list. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. (The list is included as Attachment 1.)

Audit Report Audit Committee Chair Joyce Nakada presented the report and thanked committee members Carol Stafford and Tom Lehman for their work. Warren Musselman, Area 15 Governor, moved the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report Matt Banazek, District 65 Treasurer, presented the budget for 2006-2007, that is also posted on our District web site. Betty Muka asked why, on Page 3 of 7, travel Item 4C, the LGM received zero funding for attending the International Convention. After some discussion, it was clarified that this question pertains to next year's budget. Gordon Penniston moved that we approve the budget. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Some expenses for reproduction are less since most people now get electronic copies of documents. Sam acknowledged Melinda and Andrew Schmidt for work on District Web site. Two other District Governors (from other regions) asked if they could copy some of the information and format of the district 65 website.

District Public Relations Report Kay Whipple, District Public Relations Officer (PRO), gave this report. She submitted newspaper articles on District Officers and trip to Antarctica by a member. There is a PRO page on the District web site with resources. Kay will send the names of the contest and other award winners from this conference to newspapers. Currently, our Focal Point is being mailed in digital form to 1500 members. Kay requested that if a club has a single

e-mail address for all members, it be sent to her to lessen her e-mail mailing load. Kay said that pictures from this conference will be made available in digital form on our website in two weeks, and thanked Melinda Schmidt for helping to take pictures. Kay also asked for human interest stories, and said she will answer e-mail and phone calls promptly.

LT Governor Marketing Report – Taz Cannon, ATMG, CL

Taz thanked Gordon Penniston, Tammy Miller, Kay, Beth, Dan, Bob, and Sam for their help. The good news is that several clubs are forming, including one at Lockheed in Syracuse with help from Lorraine Mott, Eastern Division Club Extension Specialist. He has assembled a “without weakness” (WOW) demo team for visits at Lockheed Martin in Endicott and Owego, and the Ithaca library and a retirement home in Ithaca.

LT Governor Education and Training Report – Bob Logan, ATM-G, CL

The educational completion numbers are looking good. There are 8 new Competent Leaders, including Betty Tomlin who is the first in District 65 to earn one under the new program. There have been two Advanced Leadership awards, 34 Competent Communicator awards, and eleven Advanced Communicator awards. 50% of our club officers have been trained, but we should have 75% since trained officers result in successful clubs. Winter Division training needs to occur between December 1, 2006 and February 28, 2007. The six Area and three Division contests he attended went very well. He encouraged us to make training something valuable, and not just something to gain a DCP point. Some possible topics are the new Leadership program, rules for a Table Topics contest, keeping club enthusiasm strong, and keeping club membership information updated with TI. He urged all of us present to set educational goals for June 30, 2007. He thanked Area Governors and Division Governors for their work.

District Governor Report – Sam Mehta, DTM

“The buck stops here”. The number 1 issue is membership; we had 1349 members in October, 2006 for a loss of 381 members. However, we have 186 new members since July 1, 2006, and new clubs on the horizon. Things will improve if 3 clubs pay their (overdue) dues. He acknowledged Lorraine Mott’s work in the Eastern Division and called Harry Carlson of the western Division a “club making machine”. However, there have been no new clubs in the Southern and Central Divisions for more than 1 year and 3 ½ years respectively. We need to turn things around in these two Divisions. We have always exceeded TI education goals and are doing well in this area. 18 of 19 Areas held contests this fall. We have had three Executive Committee meetings and a leadership breakfast since June 17, 2006. There were 42 club representatives at the leadership breakfast in September. The District Directory and newsletter were distributed in August, 2006.

Central Division – Tammy Way-Kornow

Overall, things are going very well. 121 officers were trained in the summer. Winter training will be held January 11, 2007 and February 10, 2007, and homemade soup will be supplied. The second Division Council meeting will be held in 2 weeks. There is a possibility of three new clubs. There have been few returns of a survey sent out to assess training types and needs, but several members of the audience said they did respond.

Eastern Division – Pat Janacek

Officer training will be held December 5, 5-9 PM, at CXTEC in North Syracuse with a make-up session in January. The UCF club was chartered on November 14, and a club in New Hartford is expected to be chartered in January. We want to build membership in the Crown City, Energetics, and Syracuse 580 clubs. In Area 18, there are problems with the Fluid Speakers club, but the other 3 clubs are doing well.

Southern Division – Robin Bartholomew

There are plans for multiple officer training sessions this winter. All 4 Areas had contests, and the Division contest had an overflow crowd; Dan Ferens drove down to be the test speaker for the evaluation contest. Membership in some clubs is declining, but we are working on new clubs. High Noon celebrated their 20th anniversary. Speaking with Honors gained 20 members and won a Smedly award.

Western Division – Marion Gurowicz

The Division is alive and well, but there are some issues. Small training sessions have not been effective; the next session will be December 9 at M&T Bank, and any club supplying a brunch will be admitted free. Corporate clubs are having problems because of layoffs. The new North Point Club chartered a month ago.

Unfinished business: None.

New business: None

International Director Candidates:

John Rich, DTM, IPDG Dist 60 Gave 2-minute presentation.

Joan Benetti, DTM Dist 60 PDG – Harry Carlson spoke for 2 minutes on her behalf.

Announcements:

Gordon Penniston announced there is a March 20 deadline for nominations for candidates for District 65 officers for 2007-2008. He is looking for a nominating committee of two Toastmasters from each Division who are not currently District officers. He also announced that the Region VI Conference will be held June 1-2, 2007 at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Rochester, and educational presenters and other roles will be sought.

Bob Logan announced that briefings for the Humorous Speech contest will be held at 4:40 PM today.

Sam Mehta announced that the next District 65 Council meeting will be held April 21 at 2:45 PM at the Holiday Inn at Carrier Circle in the Syracuse, NY area.

Adjournment: Gordon Penniston moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Ferens, DTM
Secretary District 65

Attachment 1: District 65 Appointed Officers

District 65 Appointed	Officers for 2007-2008
Name	Office
Matt Banazek	Treasurer
Dan Ferens	Secretary
Tom Sergent	Area 1 Governor
Marc Campos	Area 2 Governor
Peter Cooper	Area 3 Governor
Patricia McGrath	Area 4 Governor
Joan Post	Area 5 Governor
Kate Flanagan	Area 6 Governor
Ruth Parmenter	Area 7 Governor
Linda Juteau	Area 8 Governor
John Montgomery	Area 9 Governor
Glenn Hughes	Area 10 Governor
Roger Leeson	Area 11 Governor
Chris Phelan	Area 12 Governor
Ed Parmenter	Area 13 Governor
Bud Kolich	Area 14 Governor
Warren Musselman	Area 15 Governor
Cathy Shannon	Area 16 Governor
Vicky Weinke	Area 17 Governor
Tom Scott	Area 18 Governor
Charles Deacon	Area 19 Governor