

District 64 Council Meeting June 25, 2022
Minutes

Agenda Item		Discussion / Resulting Action
Call to Order and Welcome	Alfred Kerperin, DTM	Hybrid Meeting called to order at 9:00 by presiding officer.
Director and Manager Reports	Verbal reports were presented by: Public Relations Manager Stephen Bryden Club Growth Director David Storey Program Quality Director Michael Bayer District Director Alfred Kerperin	Written reports are summarized below and attached to these minutes.
	Public Relations Manager Stephen Bryden	<p>-An amazing Public Relations team delivered promoted clubs, resolved challenges and achieved successes.</p> <p>-Celebrate growth we've experienced together.</p> <p>- I thank Sheryl Poirier, Liz Jonasson, Lloyd Gwilliam, Laverne Wojciechowski, and Glen Wark!</p> <p>-District's PR Contest winners! • Club Promotion Awesomeness Contest - Confidently Speaking -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Electronic Guest Kit - Centennial Toastmasters • Best Club Website Contest - Headliners Toastmasters • Leadership Promotion Contest <p>- Healthy Talkers/ASAP/ Confidently Speaking *will make a draw)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am energized by the emerging CGD team, Liz Jonasson, Doreen Roman, Laverne Wojciechowski, Catriona Younger, Laurette Greenlay, Man Doan and Lillian Mabon.

<p>Club Growth Director David Storey</p>	<p>-A.S.A.P Toastmasters became President's Distinguished, joining the 6 other clubs who have already become Distinguished or better. Congratulations.</p> <p>-Confidently Speaking becoming Select Distinguished.</p> <p>-Thanks to the Club Growth Director Team.</p> <p>Club Extension Chair – Ken Hartz, ACB</p> <p>Community Liaison Coordinator Shelley Walker DTM</p> <p>Speakers Bureau – Greg Wood DTM, AS</p> <p>Youth Leadership – Susan Kotello, DTM</p> <p>Club Coachs – Oddny Johnson, DTM</p> <p>Traveling Gavel – Michael Zacharias, DTM</p> <p>Club Growth Administrative Manager and Mentor – Sylvia Nilsson-Barkman, DTM</p> <p>-I saw, in spades, teamwork and efforts of many toastmasters to retain members and work to bring clubs back into good standing. Those efforts still continue today and into the future.</p> <p>-Karen Kiazzyk Kaatz and her Fall Rally team are putting together an excellent product for us to return to in September.</p> <p>-My TLI Chairs are in place and planning has begun there too.</p> <p>-We also have a good start on the team for our Spring Conference.</p> <p>Nancy [Ellenson?] is the incoming Club Officer Training Coordinator.</p>
<p>Program Quality Director Michael Bayer</p>	

<p>District Director Alfred Kerperin</p>	<p>-Our year was different than anticipated. Nevertheless clubs got together at hybrid meetings.</p> <p>-We did not build any clubs and lost others. We built determination to make the District better. We set the stage for the next year as you heard and that is good.</p> <p>-Let's celebrate the team that presented the TLI's and our first in person/hybrid Conference.</p> <p>-Division and Area Directors built a fabulous team and helped each other.</p> <p>-I thank all the teams I had throughout the last three years. It was a pleasure to work with David, Laverne, Michael and David.</p> <p>-Don Wood kept us on the straight and arrow with the District finances.</p> <p>-Lynn who made sure that the administration stuff was done right and not to forget -- Stephen, David and Michael certainly had a positive impact for the District.</p> <p>-Once more than you for the trust you put in me to lead your District.</p>
<p>Division A Director Kerri Vandenberg - no report presented or received</p> <p>Division D Director Michael Hofer - report presented</p> <p>Division E Director Catriona Younger - report submitted and attached</p>	<p>Written reports are summarized below and attached to these minutes</p>

Division B Director
Debb Solvason, DTM - report
submitted and attached

-Division B may have limped out of the starting blocks, but it soon became clear that in each of the area's, a club would rise to acclaim by the end of this TM term.

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Area 22 was without an Area Director this year and it appeared as if this area would finish the season with no more than 1 club checking in with Official Status. And then, Four Directions began to rise from the ashes with 4 exhausted members requesting help so they could re-group with 9 members and earned official club status. Four Directions Aboriginal Toastmasters is the star of Area 22.

-Hemant Bhavsar, Area 23 Director, had barely taken off his coat when spring contests were being arranged. Thankfully he is a quick study and was able to get right down to business and introduce himself to his clubs during his club visits. The star of Area 23 turned out to be Downtown Toastmasters. Despite being a low member club, Downtown Toastmasters managed to earn 4 goals, just missing the designation of Distinguished by 1 DCP point and 5 new members. Watch this club next year exceed this year's level of success.

-Area 24 leader Marcus Lenahat

Division C Director
Connie Bok - report submitted
and attached

-None of the clubs in Division C became a distinguished club but that a lot of good work happened in the background.
-I want to celebrate the ambition and hard work that went into this year with each of our clubs who were building the blocks for next year to be a successful one.
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HSC Toastmaster completed 6 DCP goals and gain 3 new members
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-In Area 33
Vital Words gained 4 members and was our TOP DCP earner for Division C, completed 7 DCP goals.
Franc Parleurs gained the biggest amount of members at 7 as well as completed 4 DCP goals
River City toastmasters worked hard and maintained club in good standing status
Island Shore gained 4 members

Division D Director
Michael Hofer

Michael reported that several Division D clubs met requirements for Distinguished, but not the number of members. He highlighted that Division D did very well in the 2022 speech contests and that many individual members celebrated successes.

Division E Director
Catriona Younger - report
submitted and attached

-Division E members, clubs, and Area Directors have continued to focus on excellence!

-In Area 51, Healthy Talkers continued to have excellent meetings with good attendance and participation!

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Selkirk Toastmasters has earned **President's Distinguished Status** with **9 out of 10 goals** and every officer trained in both rounds of Training. **Congratulations!**

Speaking Made Easy is also a **President's Distinguished** club with **all 7 officers trained** in both rounds. This club has now achieved **President's Distinguished Status** for the **10th year** in a row! Wow!

Congratulations to the executive and the members for this great achievement!

-Area 52 Director Denise Joss is very proud of what all her clubs have accomplished.

-In Area 53, Testament Toastmasters have **three goals** achieved. **Goodbye Litters** is

Finance Manager Don Wood - report submitted and attached		<p>-As my final report for the year, I have a profit & loss statement for 11 months ending May 31, 2022.</p> <p>-Revenue is as follows: Membership Revenue: \$23,278 vs budget of \$25,907. Budgeted revenue is provided by Toastmasters International in advance. Conference revenue of \$10,259, District Store Revenue of \$73 and no Fundraising revenue as at the end of May.</p> <p>-Expenses: Conference Expenses \$13,400. No Fundraising expenses or District Store Expenses. Most expense categories are under budget. Administrations costs are higher than budgeted – this is from extra costs from Conference Calls, Webcams and Storage Locker Fees.</p> <p>This concludes my report. Supplemental question: what does the District receive from Toastmasters International for each member? \$22.50 USD per year.</p>
Division E Director Catriona Younger	TI Proposed changes to club votes at TI Council meetings	Catriona raised concerns about the changes resulting in clubs being disenfranchised as a result of executive members unable to attend meetings.
District Director Alfred Kerperin	Triple Crowns	Presented to Marion Kremers, Doreen Roman, Catriona Younger, Karen Chambers and Brenda.

Announcements		-Franc Parleur will be a sunshine club alternating weeks between English and French meetings -Lillian thanked all who helped at the Spring convention and the club Officer training -Laverne reminded the group of the District info session on June 26 at 9:00.
Next Meeting		
Meeting Adjourned	At 11:00	

Minutes recorded
Lynn Silver

ATTACHMENTS

District Director Report

Fellow Toastmasters, we had a year that was different than I anticipated. Never the less we had a year where clubs found ways to get back together. Hybrid meetings are popping up everywhere.

We did not build any clubs and lost others. The team for next year is well on the way to find ways to get some of the clubs that we lost back into the fold. Through all of that we also built a determination to make the District better. We set the stage for the next year as you heard and that is good.

Lets celebrate the team that put together the TLI's and our first in person/hybrid Conference. They deserve applause for their work and success. I believe we had a great visit from our President elect and he was happy to be here. Let's celebrate our Division and Area Director who came together when they had to. Through determination they built a fabulous team and helped each other. A huge thank you to all of you.

I have to thank so many people that supported and mentored me over the last few years. I thank all the teams I had throughout the last three years. It was a pleasure to work with David Laverne and Michael and David. Not to forget the man who kept me on the straight and arrow with the finances of the district, Don. Lynn who made sure that the administration stuff was done right and not to forget Stephen who certainly made an impact for the District with his PR Campaigns.

I would be amiss if I did not mention my wife Lois who gave me the freedom to do this journey in Toastmaster Leadership. I will have a bit more time for her. From now forward I hope. The

new trio tells me that I am not off the hook yet.

Lastly I have to mention that because the TI Store is not operating yet we will have one more meeting this summer. I am planning something in a park like setting. At this meeting we will present our incentive winning clubs with their prizes. We will recognize all our Teams at that meeting. Michael, David and myself will present thank you gifts to our teams. Unfortunately due to the pandemic we had a hiccup getting those.

Once more than you for the trust you put in me to lead your District. It was a fun ride to be on! Thank you!

Club Growth Directors Report

Greetings all

Here we are just days away from the new Toastmasters Year. There is still time to get that last speech, or member in that you need to make your club distinguished. As of last night when I was writing this, A.S.A.P Toastmasters became President's Distinguished, joining the 6 other clubs who have already become Distinguished or better. Congratulations to all of them. Carol, I saw your email about Confidently Speaking becoming Select Distinguished and look forward to seeing it on the dashboard.

The new year also marks a time where I bid a fond farewell to my Club Growth Director Team. Unfortunately logistical issues with orders from the US that were cancelled on me and TI Store still being closed has thrown a real downer into how I wanted to thank my team today, but I still want to recognize them verbally in front of the District and give them my thanks until I can recognize them properly.

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My Club Growth Administrative Manager and Mentor – Sylvia Nilsson-Barkman, DTM

The Pandemic certainly played the major role in the minimal success for new clubs being chartered and hampered efforts in getting form 1's in for those already interested. What I did see in spades was the teamwork and efforts of many toastmasters to retain members and work to bring clubs back into good standing. Those efforts still continue today and must continue into the future.

To Stephen, I promised you that I would give you a portfolio that you could hit the ground running with. You have assembled an excellent team, and I look forward to working with you on achieving the District Mission.

To Alfred and Michael, I want to thank you for showing and explaining a multitude of things to me when I first stepped into the seat of CGD. I felt like Bambi in headlights, which according to our Region 4 Peer Group meetings is not just accurate, but fairly common for the new kids

on the block. I look forward to another amazing year with the new District Leadership Team and supporting all of our members, clubs, areas and Divisions.

To my incoming team, although we officially have not started, many good things are happening. Karen Kiazzyk Kaatz and her Fall Rally team are putting together an excellent product for us to return to in September. My TLI Chairs are in place and planning has begun there too. We also have a good start on the team for our Spring Conference. Nancy, you will do excellent as the new Club Officer Training Coordinator. I very much am looking forward to working with all of you.

Public Relations Manager Report - June 25, 2022

Thank you Mr District Director and fellow Toastmasters!

This will be my last report as District 64 Public Relations Manager.

I am feeling a little sad to be leaving this position. Twelve months ago I felt nervous excitement for what could be. I assembled an amazing Public Relations team, we planned and delivered promotional content the best we could in the service of all clubs and members in the District. We encountered challenges to solve and achieved successes. Now we can reflect and celebrate on all fun and growth we've experienced embracing the Toastmasters program together.

District leadership has decided to postpone more formal recognitions and awards until our next District event. However in advance I want to express my gratitude and thanks to: Sheryl Poirier, Liz Jonasson, Lloyd Gwilliam, Laverne Wojciechowski, and Glen Wark!

Now, it is finally time to announce the District's PR Contest winners! Due to TI store ordering complications and year end transitions, the contest winners will receive TI gift certificate of approximate equal value to the prizes.

The Public Relations Contest Winners Are...

- Club Promotion Awesomeness Contest - ***Confidently Speaking*** - \$100 USD TI gift certificate.
- Best Electronic Guest Kit - ***Centennial Toastmasters*** - \$50 USD TI gift certificate.
- Best Club Website Contest - ***Headliners Toastmasters*** - \$50 USD TI gift certificate
- Leadership Promotion Contest - ***Healthy Talkers/ASAP/Confidently Speaking*** \$100 USD TI gift certificate. (*****will make a draw from a hat or bowl - live*****)
Many congratulations to all the winning clubs!
Now turning to look ahead to the new Toastmasters year ... I am feeling even more energized for what the future holds!

- *I am excited to... complete PRM transitions with the incoming Public Relations Manager, Greg Wood and some of his team Kim Hrubá and Adam Belaire.*
- *I am charged up about... embracing my new role as Club Growth Director that starts July 1!*
- *I am energized to... work with my emerging CGD team, Liz Jonasson, Doreen Roman, Laverne Wojciechowski, Catriona Younger, Laurette Greenlay, Man Doan and Lillian Mabon.*
- *I feel elevated, encouraged and supported by ... Michael Bayer, David Storey, Alfred Kerperin and Laverne Wojciechowski who all have walked the same CGD path I am on and who have blaze a trail for me to step into, grow and learn from!
I am looking forward to continuing to serve District 64 and all of our members to achieve success together!*

Give me a show of hands and virtual emoji love ... if you are feeling as energized and I am travelling on your toastmasters journey!

In closing I would like to acknowledge Alfred Kerperin District Director, for having the trust and confidence to ask me to serve as Public Relations manager this past year. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to continue serve and grow on my journey ... I now hand the lectern back to you ... Mr District Director!

Stephen Bryden
Public Relations Manager District 64
Toastmasters International

June 25, 2022

Report to District Meeting,

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This concludes my report.

Supplemental question: what does the District receive from Toastmasters International for each member?

\$22.50 USD per year.

Submitted, Don Wood, DTM
D64 Finance Manager, 2021-22

Division B Director Report for June 25 2022 submitted: Debb Solvason DTM

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Area 21 led by Area Director Thanh Lam

It was one of the district's older clubs that earned accolades in Area 21. Centennial Club missed the membership goals to become distinguished, but they clearly worked the program well- meeting all administrative goals and finished the year with 6 DCP goals. They are the cream of the crop in Area 21. This is a club that works the program hard even with so few members. It shows us how much can be done even by small member clubs. Membership is something to work on for next year, however, in the meantime Congratulations Centennial club and thank you for setting such a good example on how low member clubs can still work the Program successfully.

Area 22 was without an Area Director this year and it appeared as if this area would finish the season with no more than 1 club checking in with Official Status. And then, Four Directions began to rise from the ashes with 4 exhausted members requesting help so they could re-group. It was an exciting day to see that this club found it's mojo when they enlisted new members with the help of their office managers and re entered the district with 9 members and earned official club status just a couple of weeks ago. Four Directions Aboriginal Toastmasters is the star of Area 22.

Area 23 Hemant Bhavsar Area 23 Director had barely taken off his coat when Spring contests were being arranged. Thankfully he is a quick study and was able to get right down to

District 64 Profit & Loss Statement

July 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022

	Year-to-Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
District Revenue			
Membership Revenue	23,278.00	25,907.00	(2,629.00)
Conference Revenue	10,259.00	14,350.00	(4,091.00)
Fundraising Revenue	0.00	375.00	(375.00)
District Store Revenue	73.00	875.00	(802.00)
Total District Revenue	33,610.00	41,507.00	(7,897.00)
District Expenses			
Conference Expenses	13,402.00	12,200.00	1,202.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
District Store Expenses	0.00	445.00	(445.00)
Recognition	1,478.00	2,550.00	(1,072.00)
Club Growth	385.00	3,485.00	(3,100.00)
Marketing Outside of Toastmasters Expenses	309.00	2,365.00	(2,056.00)
Public Relations Expense	936.00	2,605.00	(1,669.00)
Education & Training Expense	669.00	3,625.00	(2,956.00)
Speech Contest Expenses	280.00	1,330.00	(1,050.00)
Administration Expenses	3,218.00	2,443.00	775.00
Food and Meals Expense	328.00	650.00	(322.00)
Travel Expense	1,472.00	4,400.00	(2,928.00)
Lodging Expense	248.00	2,415.00	(2,167.00)
Allocation Expenses	1,250.00	1,225.00	25.00
Total District Expenses	23,975.00	39,788.00	(15,813.00)
Total Net Income	9,635.00	1,719.00	7,916.00

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Area 24 leader Marcus Lenabat also had a late start to his role as a Division B Area Director, however, Marcus managed to get things done regardless including his contests. While his own club, Princess Auto sets a high bar for the other clubs in Area 24 the Club that gets top honours, is Ice Breakers Toastmasters. This is a baby club barely chartered 1 year ago. Icebreakers is the lone club in Division B with positive membership growth @ 22 members. If they had achieved one more level 2, this new club would have walked away with Distinguished club status in their first year of their charter.

It was a tough year for most clubs in Division B, but they persevered. I'd like to thank my Area Directors for their dedication and hard work and for helping me become a better leader myself.

So, as we are about to step into a new toastmaster year, I have many fond recollections from this year as the Division B Director. As I leave I'd like to say something to a few ears:

To my spectacular Area Directors, Thahn, Marcus and Hemant Have a wonderful summer and realize that the District 64 leadership team will always need guys like you so don't stop now

To: Icebreakers, Centennial, Four Directions and Downtown Winnipeg Clubs, congratulations on your many successes this year and I encourage you to build on those successes next year. The journey of a thousand miles, begins with a single step.

And finally, to all of you – you have all summer to recharge your batteries get ready for the next challenges and goal sets. So, I'll see you in September.

Division C Report – June 25, 2022

Good Morning Toastmasters,

As we are closing out our Toastmaster year in Division C. It may feel like the end of the story of 2022 but its really the beginning of so many different stories.

The 2021-2022 year was mostly still dealing with the effects of the pandemic and now towards the end we are seeing things slowing come back to life. Yes there has been some struggles and disappointments but I am a firm believer if you are struggling then you are progressing and progress is always a good thing.

I am sorry to report we had no clubs in Division C that became a distinguished club but that doesn't mean there wasn't a lot of work going on in the background. It is also what I want to celebrate today. I want to celebrate the ambition and hard work that went into this year with each of our clubs who were building the blocks for next year to be a successful one.

In division C we saw work being done building on our memberships and our educational levels. Clubs are starting to meet in Hybrid. Most clubs have not made it back to full strength, but they are progressing and working on their individual club battles. I am confident that they will get there and that is all that we can ask of them.

In Area 31 with Kamla Hanna

HSC Toastmaster completed 6 DCP goals and gain 3 new members

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River City toastmasters had a few struggles this year with losing members but the club worked hard and was able to maintain a club in good standing status

Island Shore After the beginning of the year not sure they would be able to keep going have gained 4 members and completed 6 DCP goals.

Serendipity Toastmasters have made the difficult decision to fold the club..

In Area 34

Lions Place Toastmasters have been able to maintain their club in good standing and completed 2 DCP goals

Elmwood Seniors gained 4 members, complete 4 DCP goals

Daytimers Club gained 2 members and completed 2 DCP goals

Comedy Club Eh! Maintained their club in good standing and completed 2 DCP goals.

I want to take the time to thank the clubs in Division C. You all worked so very hard and are just starting to see the fruits of your labor. Keep working the fundamentals and you will get back to where you were before the pandemic started. For those clubs that had to make the difficult decision to fold I want to thank you for the fight that you have all put in to staying alive. We all need a little bit of that dedication like in the district.

Next I want to thank my two area directors. Lilian for your guidance and TM Wisdom for being someone who I can and enjoy learning from. For always having that positive attitude even when you were stressed. To Kamla thank you for all your amazing hard work this year. She was instrumental in helping to complete the club visits in division C with being down 2 area directors. I wouldn't have gotten through the year with out you.

Lastly, I want to thank the leadership group and the other division Directors. It was my first year as a Division director and I was and still am a newbie. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you and learn from you. I had a lot of firsts this year and its been amazing to create the friendships that I have.

They say everything will work out in the end, but if it doesn't then it doesn't mean it's the end just yet. I have said it at least once this year. Tough times never last but tough people do. With all our struggles this year I feel like we have all come out of the last two years so much stronger and confident ready to take on anything. If we can get through a pandemic and survive, we can do anything. Thank you, Toastmasters for my year as your Division C Director.

Mr. District Director, Head Table, Fellow Toastmasters and Guests

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In **Area 53, Testament Toastmasters** have **three goals** achieved. **Goodbye Jitters** is sitting at **only 3 members**. **St Ignatius** has 8 goals, 15 members, and 3 triple crowns. At **Keystone Speakers** every member presented a Keynote Speech and received detailed feedback on it. That was their goal and is truly the club's focus – enhancing their Professional Speaking and ultimately achieving the coveted **Accredited Speaker** designation.

Young Professionals was suspended on **March 31**, but have returned and are currently at **7 members** with the 8th almost there. They have written to **Toastmasters International** and are expecting to be reinstated. This will allow all them to register their members, their members to choose their Path, the club to access all the learning and supports that Toastmasters International offers.

They elected a full slate of officers this week, with no person taking on two roles. That's right, folks, every member is an officer. **Derek Kim**, their newest member joined only 11 days ago! He said **yes** to letting his name stand for election and immediately accessed Club Officer

training, **PLUS** he gave his ice breaker this past Thursday **AND** co-hosted the Zoom meeting as the **SAA-Elect**. That is exactly the kind of energy and enthusiasm you can enjoy at this club. Many thanks to **Lloyd Gwilliam, Sherri Wood, Debb Solvason, David Woodcock and Stephen Bryden**, for taking time to join meetings, model roles and help re-build this club to its full strength.

In Area 54, Oddny Johnson completed official visits to both **Toastmasters In The Arts** and **Westwinners**! **Westwinners** has achieved **7 goals with only 14** members and in the home of Area 54 Speech Contest winner! **Toastmasters In The Arts** are a great club to visit for their joy, laughter and creativity! **Red River Communicators and Birchwood** are 8 members and counting and always happy to welcome Toastmaster guests.

Thank you to my wonderful team of Area Directors – **Robert McDowall, Denise Joss, and Oddny Johnson**. It has been my honour to serve with you as Division E Director.

I am very proud to announce that **Area Director Denise Joss** has achieved **Select Distinguished Area Status** with **75 percent of her clubs** achieving **Distinguished Status or better**! **Denise** is also our **Division E Director-Elect**, so **Division E** will be in excellent hands.

In the 1800s, renowned clergyman, author, and ant-slavery activist, Henry Ward Beecher said “We should not judge people by their **peak of excellence**; but by the distance they have traveled from the point where they started.”-

It is true we have come a long way this year! We have lost some clubs, but retained many of their members, we’ve encouraged and supported other clubs to thrive, and we have all worked with your club leaders to help you serve your members well. **Congratulations** to each of you who **took on meeting roles, brought guests to meetings, and set and achieved your own personal goals**.

And that, my fellow Toastmasters and friends, is what makes **Division E a Division of Excellence**!

Mr, District Director!