

District 7 - Spring Conference
Business Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2011
Location: Benson Hotel

1:19 pm Cathey Armillas, District Governor calls meeting to order. Seated on her right is PJ Kleffner, Parliamentarian and on her left is Gabrielle Proust, District Secretary.

Packet was emailed to all voting parties. It is also displayed on the screen.

DG Armillas

Welcome/Call to Order **Cathey Armillas**, *District Governor*

Recognizes dignitaries in attendance today: PDG D15 Rose Johnson; PDG D7 Allan Edinger, Alexis Mason, Adele O'Neal, Marsha Ware and Ann Snelling.
Scott Stevenson, PDG Region 2 Advisor.

Certification of Quorum **Lou Bilancia**, *Credentials Chair*

Pleased to announce we have a Quorum: 173 clubs are represented. This is equal to 46%; we are required to have at least 33%.

Motion to adopt credential report made by Lou Bilancia, Second, Marc Bettinger. **Passed.**

Nominations Report **Scott Stevenson**, *Immediate Past District Governor*

The 2011 District 7 Nominating Committee met on March 25, 2011. The 2011 nominating committee was composed of the following members: Scott Stevenson, Le Snelling, Bryndl Rohan, Janice Hallmark and Rusty Lee. Candidates were notified that they have been nominated for office and have reconfirmed their willingness to fulfill the duties of office if elected by the District Council at today's Business Meeting.

Election of District Officers **Cathey Armillas**, *DG*

District Governor: *Deveny Bywaters, ACB, CL*

Lt. Governor Education and Training: *Rose Wellman, ACG, ALB*

Lt. Governor Marketing: *Sharon Kuroda, DTM*

There were no other nominations from the floor. Above candidates were selected.

Division A Governor: *Tom Goodwin, ACS, ALS*

Division B Governor: *Mary Walston, ACS, CL*

Division C Governor: *Jan Jackson, ACG, ALB and Darla Thompson, ACB, ALB*

These will be decided on ballot number one.

Candidates each gave a 2 minute speech. D. Thompson first, then J. Jackson.

Results are: Jan = 93 votes, Darla = 70 votes. Jan Jackson will be new Division C Governor (1:56 pm)

Division D Governor: *Chris Jentz, ACB, CL*

Division E Governor: *John Rumler, DTM*

Division F Governor: *Michael Ard, ACS, ALB*

Division G Governor: *Jenna Austin-Nisbett, CC*

Division H Governor: (no candidates were submitted for consideration to the committee. From the floor:

Renay Jacob motions to nominate Phyllis Harmon, Second by Roger Cook. Accepted.

Division I Governor: (no candidates were submitted for consideration)

Janice Hallmark motions to nominate Pat Lynch, Second by Marsha Ware. Accepted.

District Alignment Report, Cathey Armillas, DG

There are no clubs to re-align at this time.

Rusty Lee - How do we participate?

DG Armillas – We contact all areas, clubs and officers for both the current area and the future area to discuss the moves and any possible issues.

S. Stevenson = send all suggestions to DG Armillas.

Secretary's Report, Gabrielle Proust, Dist. Secretary

Motion by DS Proust to accept the minutes as submitted, Second by S. Stevenson, PDG. Passed.

Audit Report, Marsha Ware, PDG

The books were audited for the first half of the year found no irregularities.

Motion to accept the Audit Report, by Michael Ard. Second by PJ Kleffner. Passed

Treasurer's Report, Leslie Keating, District Treasurer

The District is in a great cash position. We are only slightly behind last year for membership revenues. Report is YTD July -> March. Fall conference lost about \$1100. The District should break even for this conference. Treasurer Keating is happy to hear about possible sponsorships for future conferences. No questions (no vote required), report will be filed.

REPORTS FROM THE D7 STAFF

Lt. Governor Marketing - Rose Wellman

New Club Activity

The District has 5 new clubs for the year; one in Division "B", one in Division "F", and three in Division "G". There are 173 active clubs to date for District 7 as of 5/7/11, reaching our goal for the year. Membership Payments Base (from last year): 6763. Membership Payments to Date: 5983. District is behind by 915 paying members.

Existing Club Activity

District 7 has 159 clubs with April membership renewals paid, 14 clubs are not paid, and 3 clubs are below on the minimum requirements. We are looking forward to 4 Clubs that submitted their charter fee and are on target to charter before the year end. Ten coaches have been assigned to 7 clubs this year. This makes a total of 20 active coaches for 14 clubs.

Conference Attendance Statistics

We welcome 35 non-members to our conference today. Thank you to those who brought guests. We have approximately 85 Clubs represented today. 5 Clubs met the criteria for the Club Attendance Program.

Attendee Award: Babbleon will receive a free banner; they have 11 members here today. Welldiggers came in second with 6 members and will receive 60% off their banner.

Southern Oregon Speechmasters had 5 members, **University Toastmasters** and **Eugene Lunch Bunch** both had 3 members who traveled over 100 miles to be here today. Each of these clubs will also receive 60% off of their new banner.

Lt. Governor Education & Training - Deveny Bywaters

Educational Goals

As of 4/1/11, the members of District 7 have earned enough Competent Communicator awards to be at 94% of our goal. We only need 14 more CC awards to meet the goal for the year. We have met and exceeded our goal for Advanced Communicator awards; at 135.8%. For Advanced Leadership awards, we are at 85.6% and need only 23 more to meet our goal.

Thank you's

Thank you the exceptional conference planning committee for their hard work and attention to details in putting this conference together.

Thank you to the District Officers, the Division Governors, the Area Governors, for your dedication to self-improvement, to the Mission of Toastmasters International, and to the Mission of the Club. You are making a difference.

District Governor - Cathey Armillas

Critical Success factors: The District is falling a little bit short of individual members, keep working on that between now and end of June. Thank you to everyone for a great year. The power of leadership is when you have good people behind you. Personally, I want to say thank you all to everyone who makes this District run. We worked on being successful to the full extent possible. Thank you to all the Area and Division Governors who helped make it a wonderful year. Especially to Rose and Deveny, they are hard working and dedicated to Toastmasters.

Other Committee Reports - NONE

Unfinished Business - NONE

New Business - NONE

Announcements (this was done while the ballots were being counted for Division C Governor)

Simon Bosley = PSU has new club, 15 members; they meet Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.

PDG Ware = Please buy tickets for the raffle to benefit the clubs at correctional facilities.

Thank you to those who donated items and everyone who is buying tickets. These clubs help change a lot of lives.

LGET Bywaters = We are looking for Sponsorships for future District 7 conferences. The conferences are great, but we need help. It is a great opportunity for a company or organization to publicize their products and services.

DG Armillas = Toastmasters International is embarking on a brand refresh. The logo has been the same for 87 years. Research from outside council was done around world to ask why no one has heard of TM. Results were that there are too many logos, messages, etc. TMI is moving to one new brand with a single logo. Once it gets going it will be great. Pre-order for new banners will be 20% off prior to Aug. 20th. There will be some opportunities for clubs to earn D7 dollars to use towards new banners.

LGM Wellman = Branding will be discussed at June 18th Training and Leadership Institute (TLI).

Club officers need to be elected by the end of May and registered by June.

Next Meeting Leadership '11—November 5, 2011
