

**GEORGIA DISTRICT TOASTMASTERS  
DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING**

May 5, 2007  
Renaissance Concourse Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia

**Meeting was called to order by District Sergeant At Arms, Eloise Ford Wright.** She also led the pledge of allegiance and read the District Mission Statement. She introduced District Governor, Lee Holliday. Lee remarked this was the most well attended council meeting he had attended. Today the council would be making decisions that will make a difference in how the district runs over the next year.

**Credentials Committee Report – Mary Williams**

District 14 has 238 clubs, requiring 79 clubs to be represented to make a quorum. In attendance are representatives of 101 clubs. This makes possible 202 club votes and 35 district officer votes for a total of 237 possible votes to be cast.

**Adoption of Agenda** – Lee Holliday directed attendees to page 21 of the conference program, where they would find the proposed agenda. John Lewallen made a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded, and question was called. The motion to accept the agenda passed.

**Secretary's report** – The minutes of the last District Council Meeting, November 4, 2006, had been distributed to attendees to be read silently. Hearing no corrections, Ron Jones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. John Matthews seconded the motion, question was called and the minutes were accepted as presented.

**Report of the Nominating Committee** – Felicia Artis, immediate Past District Governor, named the members of the nominating committee; Yolanda Berta, Oscar Jones, Octavia Taylor, Rachel Hilger, and John Watkins. Felicia presented the following as nominees for Division Governors: Division A, Twanda Joseph; Division B, Mabel Ruth; Division D, Tony Setser; Division E, Tony Singleton; Division F, Beth Bradley; Division G, Lana McFarlane; Division H, Steve Davis; Division I, Mark Sturm; Division J, Kene Iloenyosi. For Lt. Governor of Marketing, Sharon Jones, Teresa Spralling, and Laird Van Gorder. For Lt. Governor of Education and Training, Cindy Cannon. For District Governor, Joy Lewis.

**Lee Holliday asked if there were any nominations from the floor.**

V.J. Roberts nominated Sabrina Mathews for Division C Governor. This was seconded by David Caraway. Dwight Jones nominated Tonya Smith for Division I Governor. This was seconded by Valerie Ganga. Lee called twice more for nominations from the floor. Motion to close nominations was made by Joseph Beckenbach and seconded by V.J. Roberts. A vote was called for and passed unanimously.

Having only one contested Division Governor position, Lee stated he would entertain a motion that with the exception of Division I, to call for a vote of acclamation for Divisions A through H and J. Adrienne Dunnock made such a motion and John Matthews seconded. The motion passed. Clement Brown made a motion, seconded by John Matthews, to cast a single ballot for these positions. Vote was called for and passed. Lee instructed the secretary to cast a single ballot and he congratulated the newly elected division governors, Twanda Joseph (A), Mabel Ruth (B), Sabrina Mathews (C), Tony Setser (D), Tony Singleton (E), Beth Bradley (F), Lana McFarlane (G), Steve Davis (H), and Kene Iloenyosi (J).

Lee called for a vote for the office of Division I governor. Steve Williams called a "point of order," reminding him the candidates are to be allowed a two minute presentation. Tonya Smith gave a two minute presentation, stating she has mastered being a successful club president and a successful Area Governor. (Mark Sturm, the other candidate, was not in attendance.) Vote was called. Instructions how to use the ballots were given by Lee Holliday. Steve Williams called for and collected the ballots, to be counted by himself, David Caraway and Joann Jones.

**Report of the Audit Committee** – Theresa Wash

The audit committee met in January to review the records for July through December of 2006. They found no discrepancies in the monies of the district. They recommended in the future that a single deposit slip be used for each deposit made to the district account, instead of grouping several deposit slips together for one deposit. This would make it easier to match the records to each other. Also, that each debit/credit card use be matched by an expense report, documenting the purchase. Motion to accept the reading was made by Clement Brown and seconded by Matthew Merchant. Vote was called and unanimously passed.

**Treasurers Report** – Greg Ford

Greg presented a report of the finances for the month of March, 2007. At the beginning of the month, the district had \$18,688.15. To this was added \$18,688.15 in membership income and disbursement of \$967.47 for district orders. This left a \$65,320.74 in the account at the end of month. A full report will be posted on the district

website for all to view. Ellen Lorenz asked how this compares to the budget for the year. Lee Holliday answered that overall the district is well below the budget. Ellen added she would like to be able to see how the finances compare to the figures from last year.

#### **Club Realignment for 2007-2008 – Joy Lewis**

Joy had prepared a report and placed copies on the tables. She explained the listings on the left of the report were the current alignments and the listings on the right are the proposed alignments. These have been approved by the executive committee at the last DEC meeting, to be presented here for council approval and adoption. After a few minutes of silent review, Rusty Shoemaker made a motion to accept the realignment and John Mathews seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion.

Alicia Miranda stated in area 41, club 620271 was a closed club and needed to be removed from the list. John Lewallen questioned having eight areas in Division G. Lee referred the question to International Director, James Fair, who said this was all right. John also asked if club 898793, Century Center, E-54, was not in the same geographical location as club 1901, Dogwood, I-95. Dwight Jones answered that Century has always been in division E.

Adrienne Dunnock proposed placing club 1619, Chamber Masters, in H-81. This club was thought to be closed and had been left out of the alignment. She also proposed moving clubs 93 and 3933 from A-17 to A-13.

Kelly Johnson proposed to move 898793, Century Center from E-54 to I-94, due to geographical location.

Kene Iloenyosi asked were club 884885, Safeco, J-3 had been moved. It was realized the club had mistakenly been omitted from the list and should remain in J-3. Kene also noted the club number of Gwinnett Harbingers needed to be corrected in the proposed alignment.

Janice Jones proposed moving club 3411, City of Atlanta and club 5997, Capitol Hill back to H-82, stating interaction between clubs in this area would be better. This was seconded by Carol Clark. There was some discussion about moving these to H-81. The question was called and defeated.

Octavia Taylor proposed moving the above mentioned clubs to H-81. Cathy Soule seconded. The question was called and defeated.

Sharon Jones proposed moving club 7384, Big T, from H-86 to H-81, and club 3411 from H-87 to H-85. Chamber Masters to be placed in H-81. She questioned if G.P. Talks, club 8359, was closing. Lee responded the club is remaining open. Steve Davis seconded this proposal. There was no discussion. The vote was called and passed. V.J. Roberts stated club 9136, Milledgeville, C-33 was closing and should be removed, and club 9507, CSU, C-31, wishes to close. She asked if the two new clubs which are forming could be placed in C-31. She also proposed club 589248, Ridgemasters be moved from C-32 to C-35 and club 2896, Speakeasy, be replaced in C-32 instead of moving to C-35. This was seconded by Sergio Romero. In discussion, Octavia Taylor asked if this would be a good balance of clubs per area. V.J. responded it would balance struggling clubs with stronger clubs. Vote was called and passed.

Someone pointed out a "typo" beside club 5489, Russell Building, H-85. The club will remain in H-85.

Steve Williams called for a vote to accept the realignment as amended. This was seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the new alignment as amended.

**Results of the Division I elections – Steve Williams** reported of 203 votes cast, 6 were invalid. 178 votes had been cast for Tonya Smith and 19 were cast for Mark Sturm. Lee Holliday declared Tonya Smith had won the election and congratulated her.

#### **Election of District Governor and Lt Governor of Education and Training**

Lee Holliday stated as the positions of District Governor and Lt. Governor of Education and training were both uncontested, he would entertain a motion for a vote of acclamation for these two offices. It was so moved, seconded and unanimously passed. Mary Williams moved to cast a single ballot for Joy Lewis as District Governor and Cindy Cannon as Lt Governor of Education and Training. This was seconded and unanimously passed. Lee Holliday instructed the secretary to cast a single ballot for these two offices as stated. Joy and Cindy were offered congratulations.

#### **Election of Lt Governor of Marketing**

Lee Holliday asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Lt. Governor of Marketing, repeating the question twice. Hearing none, it was moved, seconded and passed to close the nominations. Each candidate was given two minutes to give a presentation.

Instructions were given how to use the ballot. Ballots were cast and collected. The candidates were given the option to have an observer watch over the ballot count.

**Will Snader**, former District Governor of District 66 and candidate for International Director from Region 8, was given the opportunity to give a two minute presentation.

**Lt. Governor of Marketing Report – Cindy Cannon**

Cindy reminded us there are 60 days left in this Toastmaster year. She stated we are all building membership. Tell the clubs how to increase their membership. Remember the "Beat the Clock" contest is ongoing, to add two more members per club. The "Stretch Goal" Contest is also ongoing, to add 5 new members per club.

**Lt. Governor of Education and Training Report – Joy Lewis**

It has been a pleasure to serve, but there is still work to do. I am impressed with the number of awards recognized during lunch, but don't stop now. Get the speeches in to earn the awards and get them reported. Club presidents, look at the report for your club on the T.I. website. See what you lack and work toward achieving distinguished. T.L.I. will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> this year, in order to train the new club officers before they take office. Online registration will open next week. She encouraged members to work in the leadership book to earn a CL or if you have been an officer in the past, work toward achieving an "old" CL award. There are two months left to soar – do it.

**District Governor Report – Lee Holliday**

This year is 10/12s done. I am proud of what you've accomplished so far. Go from here re-energized to go further. We are so close to becoming the #1 district in the world. No district has yet met the four critical success factors. We are only two away. We need 500 more new members and 6 more CC's. But it really gets important to drive after these four have been met, for that is where the competition toward #1 begins. I do want to sit where George Kan sat a few years ago. But while I sit there it will be with full awareness that it is you that made it happen. But I want you there with me, as all Toastmasters of the top districts are allowed onstage for a victory cheer. "You Can – Dare To Soar"

**Beth Bradley introduced for a preview of the Fall Conference –**

Five months from today I expect to see all of you in Augusta at the Augusta Marriott Hotel and Suites. The hotel is situated on the Savannah River, at the River Walk. Activities for your significant others will be planned. Tomorrow during the wrap up meeting, there will be a drawing for a full conference registration, the winner to be notified.

Lee called for any unfinished business.

**Bids for spring 2008 Conference were open for consideration.**

Ellen Lorenz, for Division D, proposed a bid to host the spring, 2008 conference.

Other bids were called for three more times.

Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the bid. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

There had not been any report from the counting committee for the contested position. Lee advised one candidate would need to have 50% of the total vote, or there would be a second vote between the two candidates having the most votes on the first ballot.

**A short recess was called**, with the instruction to return to the room as soon as possible in case a second vote was needed.

**Steve Williams entered the room calling for the District Governor, to report the outcome of the vote.**

Lee called the meeting back to order and reported of 218 votes cast, 1 was determined invalid, leaving 217 valid ballots, requiring 109 votes for 50% of the total ballots. Of those Sharon Jones had received 77 votes, Theresa Spralling had received 101 votes and Laird Van Gorder had received 39 votes. Lee called for a second ballot, instructing the members to write the name of the candidate they wish to vote for, Sharon Jones or Theresa Spralling, on the ballot. The ballots were collected and the counters and observers left the room.

**A recess was called** with the same instructions as given before.

**When the votes were counted and the meeting called back to order**, Lee reported that of 197 ballots cast, 2 were deemed invalid and 99 votes were needed for 50%. Sharon Jones had received 63 votes and Theresa Spralling had received 132 votes. Lee declared Theresa Spralling the winner and congratulated her.

**Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM**

Respectfully submitted  
Catherine Holliday  
District Secretary, 2006-2007