



District 68 Toastmasters

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Meeting Minutes of District 68 Toastmasters Council

April 27, 2024

The District Council consists of the entire District Executive Committee as well as the Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education (VPE) for each club in good standing within the District. Prior to the council meeting, the meeting agenda, prior meeting minutes and the DLC reports were emailed to the members of the council and posted on the District website for review prior to the meeting.

The council meeting virtually convened on April 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM with District Director Hazel Mascarenhas, DTM presiding. The District Mission was recited and all members were encouraged to keep the District mission in mind with everything being done during the meeting and as new leaders take on new responsibilities. Numerous district leaders and club members were present.

1. Special Presentation

- a. Gant Laborde, DTM, a member of New Orleans Toastmasters' Club 234 gave a twenty-minute presentation on "Membership Building and Retention"

2. Adoption of meeting agenda

- a. The members reviewed and unanimously voted to adopt the agenda as presented by the District Director, Hazel Mascarenhas

3. Parliamentarian

- a. The parliamentarian for this meeting was Eddie LeBoeuf, DTM from Naturally N'Awlins Toastmasters Club.

4. Credentials Committee Report

- a. Credentials Committee Report was given by David Nobles, the Credentials Committee Chair for the virtual business meeting. A quorum was met.

5. Approval of September 23, 2023 District Council Meeting Minutes

- a. The chair entertained a motion by Jeff Harris, DTM to approve the minutes from the September 2023 Virtual District Council Meeting, as presented by the committee and previously distributed. Glenn Pellegrin seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed.

6. District Alignment Report

- a. Phil Varona, DTM, PRA, PDG presented the Club Alignment Report as follows:

i) Division A: Due to growth near Texas-Louisiana border, Area 1 is splitting to Area 1 (Beaumont area clubs - Westlake chartering) and Area 4 (Lake Charles area), Area 2 (Lafayette/Morgan City), and Area 3 (North Louisiana).

ii) Division B: Centered around Baton Rouge - no changes were proposed. Area 5 (Prison Clubs), Area 6 (West Baton Rouge), (Area 7, which are clubs along I-12 - anticipating the reinstatement of

Lions Toastmaster Club, - necessary to keep TMI standards in keeping an Area, specifically Area 7) and Area 8 near I-10.

iii) Division C

No changes in the area.

iv) Division D

Four areas will remain intact. Changes in both Area 13 and Area 16. Area 13 - YLC briefly been suspended but working to get that good standing. Area 16 - District lost the club Ochsner Health & Wellness; USDA Toastmasters Club expected to charter and will be in A16. Note: Jefferson Chamber changed its name to Lagniappe.

- b. Eddie LeBoeuf, DTM motioned to approve the Toastmasters District Sixty-Eight Realignment of Clubs. Tina Guillot, DTM seconded the motion. The motion having been duly made and seconded, and a favorable vote received, District Director, Hazel Mascarenhas, declared the motion adopted on April 27, 2024.

7. Nominations and Elections

- a. The District Leadership Committee (DLC), compiled a list of candidates for the designated positions.
- b. The DLC, led by Immediate Past District Director, Taofeeq Ashiru, presented a slate of officers who had been through the standard vetting process.
- c. The officially nominated candidates for District Leadership roles are as follows:

District Director

Maria G. Izaguirre

Program Quality Director

Erika Deris-Rodriguez

Club Growth Director

Open

Division A

Open

Division B

Kenneth Zeillmann

Division C

Open

Division D

Open

No nominations from the floor were received for the Open positions.

- i) The District Director Hazel Mascarenhas entertained a motion to dispense with the secret ballot for each uncontested office and to instruct the secretary to cast a single ballot in a voice vote for each candidate (in terms of the District Director); The motion was approved. Maria Izaguirre, was elected to serve as District Director for the 2024-2025 TM year.

- ii) The District Director Hazel Mascarenhas entertained a motion to dispense with the secret ballot for each uncontested office and to instruct the secretary to cast a single ballot in a voice vote for each candidate (in terms of the Program Quality Director); The motion was approved. Erika Deris Rodriguez, was elected to serve as Program Quality Director for the 2024-2025 TM year.
- iii) There was no appointment for Club Growth Director.
- iv) There was no appointment for Division A Director.
- v) The District Director Hazel Mascarenhas entertained a motion to dispense with the secret ballot for each uncontested office and to instruct the secretary to cast a single ballot voice vote for each candidate (in terms of Division B Director). The motion was approved. Kenneth Zeillmann is appointed to serve as Division B Director for the 2024-2025 TM year.
- vi) There was no appointment for Division C Director.
- vii) There was no appointment for Division D Director.
- viii) There were no appointments for Administrative Manager, Finance Manager and Public Relations Manager.

8. Stewardship reports

The following reports were presented during the council meeting.

a. Finance Manager’s Report

Cindy Nobles, Finance Manager presented the Financial Report as follows:

As of 03-31-2024

	Actual	Budget	%
Revenue	\$14,317.19	\$16,268.00	88%
Expenses	\$ 9,566.63	\$ 16,272.00	59%

Available Funds as of 3-31-2024: \$4,678.42

c. Mid-Year Audit Report

Cindy Nobles, Finance Manager, presented the Mid-Year Audit Report as follows:

The Audit Committee chaired by Kandy Rose, member of Celebration Kenner Toastmasters, reviewed the Mid-Year Audit Report and the Profit and Loss statements to ensure the documents accurately reflected the year’s income and expenses. The receipts on hand were verified to determine that the business expenses were appropriate and in line with the Toastmasters District Sixty-Eight mission statement. A certificate of completion was approved and submitted for the Mid-year Audit Report.

d. Presentation of Reports

District Director Hazel Mascarenhas, Program Quality Director Santhi Perilloux, Club Growth Director Glenn Pellegrin, Public Relations Manager Christy Killelea and Division Directors presented their respective Reports. No action needed.

9. Information

District Sixty-Eight will be moving to Region 4 due to redirecting of all international clubs.

10. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

11. Adjournment

The Toastmasters District Sixty-Eight Council Meeting Adjourned at 11:41AM on April 27, 2024.

Julianna N Porche

Digitally signed on 7/24/24 at 3:30pm

Julianna Porche
Administration Manager, 2023-2024
District 68 Toastmasters

Hazel Mascarenhas

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Hazel Mascarenhas, DTM
District Director, 2023-2024
District 68 Toastmasters