



District 68 District Council Meeting

October 5, 2024

Meeting Minutes of District 68 District Council Meeting
Saturday: October 5, 2024

Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education (VPE) for each club in good standing within the District were present along with the District Executive Committee. Prior to the council meeting, the October 5, 2024 meeting agenda, the April 27, 2024 meeting minutes, the proposed District 68 Budget for 2024-2025 and the District 68's Appointments for Approval 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 October 5, 2024, at 9:00 AM with the district Director Maria Izaguirre, ALB presiding. The District mission statement was recited by all attendees and lead by Gant Laborde, DTM. 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. There were 34 members present representing 20 clubs.

Meeting started at 9:03

1. Special Presentation

- a. District Director Maria Izaguirre, acknowledgement of District Leadership Erika Deris Rodriguez, ACG Program Quality Director, Gant Laborde, DTM, Club Growth Director, Johnmarie Bougere, Public Relations Manager, Aravind Anand, Finance Manager, and our Past District Director Hazel Mascarenhas, DTM.

2. Credentials Committee Report

- a. Phil Verona, DTM, PDG, PRA read the Credentials Committee Report to adopt with No objections

3. Adoption of meeting agenda

- a. Jodie Sanders, DTM, PDD Dist.25 read the Rules of Order and Debate. Agenda adopted as is. No corrections needed.

4. April 27, 2024 minutes approval

- a. No corrections needed on minutes pertaining to April 27, 2024. Minutes adopted as is.

5. Nominations and Elections

- a. Earlier this year, the District Leadership Committee (DLC), compiled a list of candidates for the designated positions: District Director, Program Quality Director and Division B Director.
- b. The DLC, led by Immediate Past District Director, Taofeeq Ashiru, DTM, 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, ACB

Program Quality Director

Erika Deris-Rodriguez, ACG

Division B Director

Kenneth Zeillmann

- d. After July 1, 2024, the District Director found the following people to appoint in the following positions:

Club Growth Director

Gant Laborde, DTM

Finance Manager

Aravind Anand

Webmaster

Wes Lockwood

Division A Director

Tina Alderson

Division C Director

Marcio Oviedo

Division D Director

Sandra Mesa, PhD

Area Directors:

Div. A - Area 2 Director: Chris Wilson

Div. A – Area 4 Director: Charles King

Div. B – Area 5 Director: Deairen Williams

Div. B – Area 6 Director: Manuel Sierra

Div. B – Area 7 Director: Katie Carpenter

Div. B – Area 8 Director: David Odland

Div. C – Area 9 Director: Hollie Domiano, ACS

Div. C – Area 10 Director: Solomon Washington

Div. C – Area 11 Director: Beryl Harris, DTM

Div. D – Area 15 Director: Jean-Paul Detiege

6. Approval of District 68 District Budget 2024-2025

- a. There were no questions asked nor any corrections needed on the proposed budget.
- b. District Budget for 2024-2025 adopted as is.

7. 2023-2024 Financial Audit Report

- a. Kandice Rose presented the financial audit report. She commended all involved in getting the audit together. She did suggest that backups (ie: checks) be provided when future audits are being made.

8. Reports

- a. Regarding club members and payment status, Maria mentioned that there are 45 clubs and 547 paid members out of 1437. As of this date, we have 682 members and growing. Maria reminded us that this is the end of the 1st quarter. During the 2nd quarter, all Club Leadership must remember to encourage clubs to conduct Open Houses, which are very important, and that Speech Contests are around the corner.
- b. Gant Laborde, DTM, Club Growth Director gave a good report on Club Growth while working with Glenn Pellegrin, DTM to achieve District goals. He stated he has a good list of Coaches as well.
- c. Maria Izaguirre, ALB, District Director gave the Finance reports, bank balances and a brief overview of Distributions, while acknowledging new Finance Manager, Aravind Anand.
- d. Johnmarie Bougere, Public Relations Manager, reported on her active life as Public Relations in the community with distribution of Flyers, Open Houses and Facebook posts

for District 68. She stated there is a lack of re-posting/shares or comments and encouraged all to do.

- e. We all heard from all the Division Directors starting with Tina Alderson - Division A Director, giving us the paid status reports on Areas 1-4 in Division A. Kenneth Zeillmann - Division B Director, gave a brief report on Division B. Marcio Oviedo – Division C Director gave an overall report on Division C, and Dr. Sandra Mesa - Division D Director, mentioned that two clubs are not able to get their Club Success Plans in and several clubs have met 6 goals so far this quarter om Division D.

9. New Business

No new business to mention

10. Announcements

- Renewals are essential for club growth and club meetings.
- Pathways will be down from Oct 9th – Oct 25th and maybe down longer. Be sure to notify the members to print their Pathway Level to continue on their learning/speaking journey during the down time.

All of the following information is on the District Calendar:

- November 16th 2024: Mid-Year Club Officers Training near Alexandria, LA
- May 3rd 2025: District 68 Council Meeting
- May 16 and 17th 2025: District 68 Spring Conference in Lake Charles/Beaumont area.
- Looking for Sponsors throughout the year especially for the Spring Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54

SIGNATURES:

Laura Golob, Secretary Pro TEM

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MARIA G. IZAGUIRRE, DISTRICT 68
DISTRICT DIRECTOR (2024-2025)