



Aloha Toastmasters District 49
"One Canoe, Many Paddles"
District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday, December 1, 2007



I. Call to Order

District Governor Kevin Doyle called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and took a recess. The meeting was reconvened.

The following members were in attendance:

Kevin Doyle	Lisa Foster	Carolyn Sawai
Gloria Shishido	Anne Myers	Beth Hoban
Nelson Nakagawa	Kathy Helfrich	Khem Sharma
Yisa Price	Lorene Fujimoto	Michael Mackey
Gail Hamada	Tapp Titherington	Ron Mobley

Guest: Mercedes Balli

II. Pledge – Kevin Doyle led the Flag Pledge.

III. Inspiration – Nelson Nakagawa shared inspirational words about the University of Hawaii Warriors Football team with a chance for a perfect season.

IV. Reading of the District Mission – Kevin led the reading of the District Mission.

V. Minutes – Kevin Doyle

The minutes of the October 20, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

VI. Officers' Reports

A. District Governor – Kevin Doyle

Kevin's written report is on file.

Kevin updated on the critical success factors. We have registered at Toastmasters International (TI) 39 Competent Communicators (CCs) with 43 to go which means two more CCs by December 31st and we will be at the 50% mark. We are a little bit ahead of schedule and it is the same for Advanced Communicators (ACs) where we need two more to be at 50%. For membership payments, we are lagging behind and require 73 to be at the 50% mark. We need to charter one more club. We will be getting Windward Winners and Kevin thanked Gloria for getting this club in.

TI changes to be put before the International membership in August with discussions and finalizations at the February board meeting.

The current proposals are to eliminate the two International Directors at each region, to increase the number of regions from 8 to 15, and to have one International Director

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per region. There will be 10 regions within North America and 5 outside of North America where now there is 7 within North America and 1 outside of North America. There are a number of Districts Not Assigned to Regions (DNARs). These changes reflect the growing membership around the world outside of North America.

The changes to the International Directors will be to serve on the board and focus on strategic direction to TI and spend less on training and providing guidance to the region, which is the current focus of the International Directors. The region focus will be replaced by three appointed advisors or consultants with one each for Leadership, Education and Training, and Marketing. These are 1 year terms with a maximum of a 2 year term. Some concern has been brought up regarding the loss of control at the region level.

Gloria shared the district organization chart and what TI is thinking about. There will be two people elected one is the District Governor and the other will shadow the District Governor. There are two other positions one for Marketing and one for Education and Training. The region will probably pattern after TI. This is presented to introduce the changes and if there are any strong comments, be sure and have them ready as the proxies will be out in March. The proposals will be sent to all of the club presidents. Kevin said possibly the region change may not go through this year as these are a lot of changes.

Kevin thought the region makeup will also have to change. He is thinking the regions will shrink to about six districts in each. There is a concern of what will happen to Hawaii and which region Hawaii will go in. We are in Region 2 now encompassing Southern California, San Francisco, and Las Vegas, Nevada. If this gets voted in August, it will be most likely take effect the following year.

B. Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training – Lisa Foster

Lisa provided a written report for file.

Lisa presented the LGET's challenge results of 2 CCs or 1 AC from October 1 through November 30, 2007. The Hilo club will get 2 sets of manuals. Lisa made a certificate for the clubs and also there is a coupon they can redeem for club manuals. Lisa provided the latest bookstore listing. Lisa handed out the certificates to Kevin Doyle for Na Hoku Kai, Gail Hamada for Abe Lee Realty Club, Tapp Titherington for the Hilo Club, and Jeff Beard will be given the Ho'oponopono Pa'ahao Club certificate.

Lisa said Kevin has already gone over the critical success factors. The district has 45 CCs to go and 14 ACs to go. She will be starting the LGET's Spring Challenge in March or April. This challenge did not reflect the CLs, ALs, ATMs, DTMs, or HPLs. Lisa was happy the clubs were getting other achievements.

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The Second Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) is on January 19th at the Queen's Conference Center. We are also gearing up for the Spring Conference at the Pagoda Hotel.

Lisa distributed a listing of the Distinguished District Progress to show Area Governors and Division Governors how their clubs are doing and if the clubs are giving manual speeches. She said to encourage the clubs to do manual speeches.

Kevin said there are differences in timing on the reports thus, there are 39 CCs. There is one sheet that shows 35 and the other shows 39. The Hilo club just submitted four awards and they already have eight DCP points already. They have met the District Governor's Challenge.

Gail asked about manual speeches. The Area Governors (AGs) should be encouraging the clubs to make manual speeches.

C. Lieutenant Governor of Marketing – Carolyn “Cat” Sawai

Cat's written report is on file.

Cat passed out a calendar that was handed out the Area Governor get together. She hopes the calendar helps you to keep track of upcoming events and tasks. Please give Cat any input for the calendar.

She updated the table outlining who needs to turned in such items as the Area reports and officers' reports. There are three outstanding Officers' Lists including Waianae Coastmasters and Kamanaina. Kevin said for the club to call TI if they do not see the officer list report updated.

Cat email distributed documents on how to submit dues renewals, officer lists, and area visits. In the future, when dues are due, send out the documents to the club presidents. This is the same for officer lists.

If you do not have the documents, please let Cat know and she asks for any input.

A lot of the clubs moved out of the “Clubs to focus on membership” (low membership clubs) but there are a new set of clubs on the list. Cat will be working with the Area Governors and will be going out to visit these clubs. She asked that during the area visits to key on the clubs on the list.

D. Public Relations Officer – Flo Johnason

Flo was not present at the meeting.

E. Treasurer's Report - Robert Lum

Robert was not present at the meeting.

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F. Immediate Past District Governor – Gloria Shishido

Gloria challenges each of the Area and Division Governors to become distinguished by March 31, 2008. The reward is to have dinner with Kevin and Gloria.

Gloria distributed the individual Area Governor handouts. The first page has statistics and they will be going through the goals during the Area/Division Governors' training. She went through how to read the area TI reports. Check the TI site regularly for updates to your Area reports.

Individual clubs in meeting their DCP goals for the District Governor's challenge will receive a complete set of the advance manuals. This will then promote the club in earning CLs, ALBs, etc.

Gloria also attached the agenda of what she will cover at the Club President's training for the Area Governors. She will check with the Presidents on where they are, what strategies they have, and the possible new proposals. On April 1st, the blue proxies will be mailed to them and then the blue envelopes with the signed proxies must be sent to Kevin.

Please promote the Spring Conference, which will start early at 7:00 AM.

Lastly, Gloria connected the dots by saying the Club Presidents work very closely with the members, the Area Governors work very closely with the Club Presidents, the Division Governors support the Area Governors, and the district officers support everyone.

G. Division and Area Governor Reports –

1. Division A Governor – Beth Hoban

Beth's written report is on file.

Beth developed a form with grids for the AGs to keep track of how they are doing.

For Areas 1 and 2, all visits have been submitted. Area 3 needs visits for No Ka Oi and Olelo. Area 4 needs visits for Winner's Circle and Ha' Aheo.

All Areas renewed online.

Two toastmasters from Area 2 placed 2nd and 3rd at the District Contests. The Division A Spring Contest is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th, place to be determined.

Beth handed out a calendar covering January to June 2008 for the Area Governors to use to keep track of important dates.

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2. Division B Governor – Nelson Nakagawa

Nelson's written report is on file.

Area 5 – Khem said all clubs are progressing except for Palolo. Palolo is trying to rebuild their membership. They recently added two new members. Membership at Kamehameha is plus four and DBEDT is plus two. Kamehameha is looking for another location. They currently are at the YMCA and meet on Monday. The problem with the Y is it was a small meeting room and the parking is a problem. Another problem experienced is that there is no cushion on the time as they need to get the class back in order and depart. Palolo is now at the Hongwanji.

Area 6 – Clubs are doing well. Club needs to focus on manual speeches. Ala Moana's membership is at 27 with 13 new members. Area 6 Spring Contest is scheduled for March 13th.

Area 7 – Lorene has begun scheduling the second round of club visits. Waikiki is also looking for a new location, last meeting at Wailana. Area 7 Spring Contest is scheduled for March 7th.

Area 8 – Pacific Voices added 10 more members and at 16. Hickam is at 24 with an increase of 10 and have already completed 4 DCP goals.

Division B International and Table Topics Speech Contests are scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2008.

3. Division C Governor – Debora Tandal

Debora was not present.

Area 12 – Tapp reported on Area 12

All four area visits were submitted. All four clubs are working on their DCP. The Kalani club is discussing forming their own club. Hilo is leading with eight DCP goals completed. They are trying to come up with other goals such as ten plus five more goals to keep the momentum going.

The Area contest is scheduled for March 22nd. The second round of visits is on Tapp's calendar and in the process of getting on the clubs' calendars.

Hilton is really working hard to resurrect themselves. Lucky that Debby Revilla moved to the Big Island and is attending all the meetings at Hilton. Debby works for Grand Vacations in Hilton, which is next door.

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Kona is doing a demo meeting for Keahou Resort and is planning a dinner club meeting at King Kam.

East Hawaii is a closed club for Bank of Hawaii in Hilo. Tapp is working with them on membership.

Hilo has a constant stream of visitors. Tapp reported they have a lot of momentum. Kevin said Hawaiian Electric formed an alternate club scheduled on the alternate days. Tapp stated that she is having discussions with Stacey Chun-Fat on forming another club in the evening. Ron said they can just change from a corporate club to a community club by changing on TI.

Tapp will be putting on an all Big Island training session in January or early February focusing on evaluation and mentoring.

Area 11 – Gail has a scheduled meeting in January with Nooners. Transportation President is very motivated. DBA is very formal. Edean and Patty are helping with Hawaiian Dredging. For Abe Lee, Gail relies on Mercedes.

Area 9 – Ron reported Paradise Club has 2 CCs. Kevin announced again from earlier that Gloria had gotten the final paperwork for Windward Winners.

IX. Committee Reports

Conference

Gloria's handout is on file.

Gloria recapped the conference was on November 10th and the expenses were much higher than was brought in by the registrants. Thank goodness for the Silent Auction, this put the conference in a tiny positive. Next year's Spring Conference will be on May 10, 2008 and November 22, 2008 for the Fall Conference with International President Jana Barnhill attending. Gloria will be working on the educational presentations. Gloria thanked all of the chairs who did a great job.

X. Confirmation of Quorum –

Ron Mobley confirmed quorum of 14 of 22 voting members of the DEC were present.

XI. Unfinished Business -

No unfinished business.

XII. New Business –

No new business.

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XIII. Announcements

Kevin acknowledged the hard work that everyone is doing. He and the Region are very pleased with how well the District is doing. One district is anticipating a loss of 20 clubs pointing out that corporate clubs can be affected by economic downturns. We only had Allan Place that closed. Our role is to help the clubs. Kevin thanked everyone for their support.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM. The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 8:00 AM at the Queen’s Medical Center, Queen’s Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Myers

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