



MINUTES OF FALL 2009 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on November 7, 2009 by District Governor, Wendy Harding, DTM.
Inspirational Opening	Area 11 Governor Darlene MacDonald, ACS/ALB, presented an inspirational opening.
Reading of District Mission Statement	District Secretary Patricia MacNevin, ACB/ALB, read the District Mission Statement.
Welcome & Opening Remarks	District Governor Wendy Harding, DTM, welcomed everyone to Saint John, New Brunswick. District Governor, Wendy Harding, DTM, introduced the District Team.
Credentials Committee Report	Past District Governor Gerry Higgins, DTM presented his report. Based on 103 clubs each having 2 votes a total of 206 votes is eligible to be counted. A quorum is 1/3 or 69 votes represented. He announced that a quorum was present.
Secretary's Report	The Minutes from the Spring 2009 District Council Meeting were distributed in hardcopy. The Minutes were approved as corrected and placed on file. Motion for approval by Wayne Mercer, LGM, seconded by Sue Francesco, LGET. MOTION CARRIED.
Confirmation of Appointed Officers	District Governor Wendy Harding, DTM read the list of Area Governors, noting that Division B Governor Nita Patel, DTM will also serve as the interim Area 5 Governor. Motion to approve by Melinda Scott, Area 19 Governor, seconded by Judy Maguire, Area 20 Governor. MOTION CARRIED.
Report of 2008-2009 Audit Committee	Immediate Past District Governor Candace Buell, DTM presented the 2008-2009 Audit Committee report for approval. The report is available on the District 45 website. There were no discrepancies in the report. The 2008-2009 Audit Committee report has been received, accepted and filed at Toastmasters International Headquarters.
Adoption of District Budget	District Treasurer Shane Walsh, DTM presented the 2009-2010 District 45 Budget for approval. The budget was circulated and filed. Motion to approve by Dan Bell, DTM, Schooner #3978, seconded by Kristine Smith, Area 6 Governor, Club #7268. MOTION CARRIED.
Treasurer's Report	District Treasurer Shane Walsh, DTM presented the September 30, 2009 financial report. The report will be posted online on the District 45 website and sent to Toastmasters International by November 15, 2009. Motion to approve by Shawn Jones, Division 'C' Governor, seconded by Melinda Scott, Area 19 Governor. MOTION CARRIED.



Reports by Senior District Officers

Public Relations Officer: Louise Bernier, DTM, advised that the District 45 website has been updated and continues to be *work in progress*; feedback would be appreciated. Social networking mediums continue to be utilized to promote Toastmasters. Watch for further information in the near future. Louise reminded members to update their contact information on the World Headquarters website to ensure communications are received.

Lieutenant Governor Membership: Wayne Mercer, DTM, shared background information regarding the "Northern Gavel" (a large wooden gavel), which has become a competitive symbol within the Divisions. Wayne sparked interest within the room to become the next "champion" of the gavel. He emphasized the importance of including membership recruitment and retention in TLI training sessions.

Lieutenant-Governor Education & Training: Sue Francesco, DTM, shared that 110 educational awards have been received this year to date. Sue emphasized the importance of the TLI training for January 2010 and challenged members to have 75% trained.

Immediate Past District Governor: Candace Buell, DTM advised that she will serve as this year's Realignment Committee chairperson as there has been club growth within our district and more growth is anticipated. The Audit Committee report was submitted to TM International and accepted.

District Governor: Wendy Harding, DTM advised that the District Team continues to work hard and are available to support you in your responsibilities as Division and Area Governors and Club representatives. Wendy emphasized that Toastmasters is all about members – they are number one for the Team. Wendy reported that membership payments are ahead of schedule (a great positive!) and educational achievements are on track. Member retention and recruitment are a priority for the District. She enthusiastically announced that the "Dream Book" is in its 3rd volume.

Division A Governor: Dawn Knight, ACB/CL, provided a summary of her Division's accomplishments and challenges. Ms. Knight reported that promotion of Toastmasters and recruitment and retention will be pursued within all clubs in Division A in the coming months.

Division B Governor: Nita Patel, DTM reported on her Division's challenges and accomplishments. Ms. Patel highlighted the 50th anniversary of the Brunswick Club, as well as a Proclamation by the Governor of Maine noting the week of October 18, 2009 as TM Week and October 20, 2009 as TM Day.

Division C Governor: Shawn Jones, ACB/ALB provided a spirited summary of Division C's accomplishments, noting that this Division has many advanced designations.

Division D Governor: Wayne Mercer, DTM, reported on behalf of Karen Beehan. Division D is the proud Division that has inducted



	the District's first new club. Mr. Mercer thanked the mentors and sponsors from the Dartmouth TM Club in achieving this accomplishment.
Unfinished Business	There was no unfinished business.
New Business	<p><u>District 45 Newsletter:</u> Michael Thompson, Club #3978 inquired if there would be a D45 newsletter soon. District PRO, Louise Bernier, DTM, advised that a newsletter would be posted on the website within two weeks and another edition shortly thereafter.</p> <p><u>Challenges:</u> District Governor Wendy Harding announced the winners of the two challenges offered to the Area Governors during the September teleconference. Area 5 Governor Nita Patel is the recipient of a prize for being the first AG to submit all club dues before October 1, 2009 (she had 100% on September 28/09). Area 6 Governor Kristine Smith is the recipient of a prize for being the first AG to complete all Club visits and reports by October 1, 2009 (she submitted 100% by September 25/09). Congratulations! DG Wendy Harding advised that there will be other challenges in the future.</p>
Announcements	International VP Pat Johnson presented a corporate award to NB Power for their support of the Point LePreau TM Club. Janice McLean, Point LePreau TM Club representative, accepted the award on behalf of NB Power.
Next Meeting	The District Council will meet on May 29, 2010 at 3pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fredericton, New Brunswick.
Adjournment	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.
Respectfully submitted by Patricia MacNevin, District Secretary, ACB/ALB	Signature: _____
Minutes accepted and approved by District Governor Wendy Harding, DTM	Signature: _____