# Meeting Minutes of District 106

District Executive Committee Meeting October 26, 2024

# Call to Order:

District Director Katy Hursh called the meeting to order.

# Division Director Reports:

Lesley Harding - Division A (Matt Villella on behalf of Lesley Harding)

* Currently, two speech crafts are being run in the division
* 4 of the 12 area director reports are completed
* Thunder Bay had an all-club meeting to celebrate the 100th. Mayor came and did

Proclamation

* Greysolon is currently under suspension
* Paul Bunyan and Focus had a joint meeting, thank you Paul Bunyan for making

that happen

* Congratulations- Paul Bunyan who has completed 6 out of their 10

DCP goals this year already.

* Congratulations also to ALLETE Power Cords for having 34 paid members which

makes it the strongest club in our District.

* A few clubs in our division are under 8, they will need help to get

to their 8 mark immediately.

* Looking forward to hosting the conference in Thunder Bay in May.

Chengtao Wang - Division B:

Good morning, district Directors and leaders. I’m Chengtao Wang, reporting on the

progress of Division B. We recently completed our division contests with great

success—3 of our 5 areas participated, and the quality of speeches was outstanding.

Special shout-out to Area directors Andrew Boho, Angie Knollenberg, Dan Whalen,

Matthew Fong, Anitha Asokan, and Randy Casper for organizing an efficient event.

As for club visits, 33% of them have been completed, and I’m pleased to report that

several clubs are on track for Distinguished status. However, we do have two clubs that

are struggling with membership—Area director contacted district club growth team

and invite them to join Club Coach Program.

I’d like to recognize Area Director 13 director Matthew Fong for his dedication in visiting

all clubs early in the cycle and for going above and beyond to complete club visit

report.

One challenge we’re working through is scheduling difficulties for some clubs, but

We’re on track to wrap up all visits by the deadline. Overall, I’m proud of the progress

we’re making, and I look forward to closing out this year on a strong note.

Seth Baetzold – Division C:

No report submitted

Beth Plamondon – Division D:

* Division D has 20 clubs with 265 members.
* We have completed 14 of 20 club visits. The site reflects 55%, so we have a few

reports to mark completed. We are on track to complete all visits and reports by

the end of November.

* We have one suspended club - Stagecoach Speakers - Metropoint.
* We have 3 clubs working closely with the Division team to help

them get back on track.

* We are planning a Club Outreach event for January. This will be an in-person

event at Ridgedale Library for all Division D clubs to give them a chance to

collaborate and interact with each other.

* All clubs have paid dues. 2 are below 8 members.
* Division D has earned 34 achievement awards. Leading the Division, Tri-

Dynamics has 7 awards, Crosstown Talkers and Allianz Toasters each have 6

awards.

Christa Walters – Division E:

Shout-out to the 4 Division E Area Directors on the call today - Alane Matko, Jennifer

Flo, Robert Tinsley, and Courtney Wilke.

**Area Director Club Visits**

* 11% Complete for Division – 2/18 visits complete. 21 clubs total (3 not

TMI area visit dashboard)

**Contests News**

* Division E Contest occurred 10/23 w/ 2 participants. Johanna Rasmussen

took first place. Barbara Jungbauer took second place.

**Training**

* In person training – 16 people, including trainers that received credit.

Training score of 4.5/5

* 11 Clubs trained 4+ officers.
* 3 Clubs had all 7 officer roles trained. St. Paul Speakers, Contest Mastery,

Free Speech Club

**Dues Renewal Status / Membership**

* 14/21 clubs meet membership requirements
* 6 Low membership:
* Colleen Morse Golden Rule – 5 members
* Midway Club – 5 members
* Securian Toastmasters Club 560 – 5 members
* St. Paul Speakers Toastmasters Club – 7 members
* The Informers – 6 members
* River Park Toastmasters Club – 7 members
* 1 Ineligible:
* Mutual Voices Toastmasters – 2 members (kicked out of club

central, not yet reinstated)

**Open Houses**

* Two corporate-based clubs: Securian &amp; Mutual Voices clubs held open

house on 10/16 – getting about 6 new members

**Club Coaches:**

* 2 clubs have coaches: Jonathan Goossen DTM – Colleen Morse Golden Rule (IN

SYSTEM). Mutual Voices – John Lindgren (NOT IN SYSTEM) – Getting a new

coach

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# Executive Team Reports:

# Administration Manager – Dana Lamminmaki

 Good morning, everyone. I hope everyone is having a wonderful fall season. The

minutes from the fall meeting are almost complete. However, I need access to the

recorded meeting before I can finalize and publish the minutes. For everyone with a

report today please email me a copy.

Public Relations Manager – Leo Smith, DTM

No report submitted.

Finance Manager – Brian Rice, DTM

 No report submitted.

# Trio Reports:

# Ashok Sunkavalli – Club Growth Director

# No report submitted.

Matt Villella, DTM – Program Quality Director

 As we enter November, we are looking forward to having an opportunity to start round

2 of officer training. We did a remarkable job in the first round to make sure that 75%

of our clubs got over 4 members trained. 68% of our officers were trained. This will

allow us to have success this portion of the year.

Not only will we be doing training we will be focusing on providing training for in person

Speech Contest, we are also going to do training on base camp, and how can your club

be distinguished? Or let’s not forget DTM alley.

Speech contests- We gave you a challenge to do a speech contest that was brand new

with the online contest. Amazing, with minor hiccups but we all stepped up. You guys

took the challenge, asked questions and rocked it. I am so proud of all you for making it

happen. It was so great to watch you flourish.

Mentorship Program with Keith Hardy- If your club is looking for help, he can go through

the mentorship program for you, helping your club be successful this year.

We can be distinguished but we need every club to add members. Let’s remember the 1

person commitment, if we all brought in one guest each, we can easily be close to 3000

members. Let’s not keep this secret. Remember why we join? PRM- Leo is willing to

help with promotions.

Working on some great things for you:

**Christmas Party**- December 7, please join us for some holiday cheer.

**TLI-** January 4th, I am looking for presenters

Speech contests are in person next year, this will be the first time in 5 years.

Area division reports are due by the end Of November, please get those into us.

I will be offering more training sessions, if you want something specifically done or if you

want me to come to your club and do a workshop. Looking forward to the next 8 months.

Katy Hursh, DTM – District Director:

 District 106 has a complete leadership team of 22 Area Directors and 5 Division

Directors who I am so grateful for each person. I am so proud of our amazing team for

assisting one another with area and division contests this fall. Division Directors have

been supporting Area Directors as they have organized contests and visited the clubs in

their areas. Thank you all for your hard work, preparation and time in making the

contests are a great success. Thanks also for visiting clubs. You are making a difference!

As a district our focus is to empower our clubs by encouraging them to take the

initiative. We want clubs to gain members by inviting guests, having open houses and

speech crafts and promoting their clubs. It is vital that we keep this responsibility on the

club officers and members, so they realize they have the power to make a difference in

their club’s strength.

We have 8 months left to become a distinguished district. By tending to the clubs, we are a

member in by promoting, inviting guests and having quality meetings I know we will

become a distinguished district. Remember why you joined toastmasters and remind

others the reason they joined too. Together we can accomplish this goal.

New Business:

None.

Announcements

Division DTM Alley: If you are interested in completing your DTM contact Matt Villela

* The next district Executive Council meeting will be held on Saturday, November

23, 2024, from 8-10 am CDT.

* Matt Villella: Declared their candidacy for the District Director position for

2025 -2026.

* Ashok Sunkavalli: Declared their candidacy for the Program Quality

Director in 2025 – 2026.

**Adjourn:** District Director Katy Hursh adjourned the meeting.