

**District 83 Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, April 13, 2024. Time 08:00 AM**  
**By District 83 Administration Manager: Jyoti Sahni**

- District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM welcomed all the officers, attendees, and guests.
- A moment of silence was held in remembrance of those District Toastmasters who passed.
- Immediate Past District Director Ann Marie Pochtar Galakis, DTM spoke about the District Mission. She highlighted the Toastmasters promise and encouraged each member to continue to live the promise in their own actions as well as for their clubs, Areas and Divisions. She highlighted how each member plays a key role to support and help fulfill the District 83 mission.
- Parliamentarian and Credentials Chair, William Markert, DTM, Past District Director, provided an overview about the registration requirements, parliamentarian procedures, and voting allocation for District Council members in good standing. He also explained the election runner voting procedures.
- District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM stated the agenda was shared with the District Council Members. There were no objections to adopting the meeting agenda.
- District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM called for a motion to adopt the September 2023 District Council meeting minutes.
  - The first motion to accept was made by Anne Gilson, DTM, VPE Talk of Monmouth
  - Dr. Ainsley Reynolds, DTM, District Finance Manager seconded the motion.
- District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM called for a motion to adopt the District Realignment report.
  - The first motion to accept was made by Ann Marie Pochtar Galakis, DTM, Immediate Past District Director.
  - Dr. Ainsley Reynolds, DTM, District Finance Manager seconded the motion.
- District Leadership Chair Ann Marie Pochtar Galakis, DTM presented the District leadership report. The nomination and interview process was explained and the District Leadership Committee members were recognized and thanked for their time and dedication.
  - The Slate of Nominated Candidates for the 2024-2025 Toastmasters year follows:

District Director

Peggy E. Seymour, DTM

Program Quality Director

Kadian Grant, DTM

Pamela Johnson

Club Growth Director

Kattlin Diaz

Anne Golden, DTM

Division Directors

Division A Director

Thomas Grady, DTM

Division B Director

Arvind Mishra

Division C Director

Narayanan Subramaniam

Division D Director

Annette Demendonca, DTM

Division E Director:

Chitranjan Belwariar

Hoa Mattaliano

- District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM called for a motion to accept the District Leadership Report.

- The first motion to accept was made by Dr. Ainsley Reynolds, DTM, Finance Manager
    - Anne Gilson, DTM, VPE Talk of Monmouth seconded the motion.
  - District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM explained that for any contested positions, each candidate would be given two minutes to speak. This would be done in alphabetical order.
    - A unanimous vote was cast for Peggy E. Seymour, DTM for District Director
    - William Markert announced Pamela Johnson as the Program Quality Director.
    - Candidate Kadian Grant, DTM, in accordance with protocol had notified the District Director of her intention to run for Club Growth Director, should she not be elected Program Quality Director. As a result, there were now three candidates for Club Growth Director.
      - Kattlin Diaz
      - Anne Golden, DTM
      - Kadian Grant, DTM
    - William Markert, DTM announced the result of the vote:
      - Kadian Grant, DTM received 41% of the votes
      - Anne Golden, DTM received 34% of the votes
      - Kattlin Diaz received 25% of the votes
        - As no candidate received the majority of votes, the run-off vote would be between the candidates who received the 2 highest amount of votes.
    - William Markert, DTM announced Kadian Grant, DTM as the Club Growth Director based on the results of the second vote
      - Kadian Grant, DTM received 62% of the votes
      - Anne Golden, DTM received 38% of the votes
    - Division A Director - Thomas Grady, DTM
      - A unanimous vote was cast.
    - Division B Director - Arvind Mishra
      - A unanimous vote was cast
    - Division C Director - Narayanan Subramaniam
      - A unanimous vote was cast
    - Division D Director - Annette Demendonca, DTM
      - A unanimous vote was cast
    - Division E: Two candidates
      - Chitranjan Belwariar
      - Hoa Mattaliano
  - William Markert, DTM announced that only 46 votes came through election runner; which did not constitute a majority based on the registration and quorum allocation of votes. This would result in the election considered to be undecided and require a follow up email to request votes. Subsequently, it was noted that all the required votes did come through and were recorded in election runner.
  - William Markert, DTM announced Hoa Mattaliano as the Division E Director based on receiving the majority of votes.
- Finance Manager Dr. Ainsley A. Reynolds, DTM presented the District finance report.
- The Audit Committee Report was not ready to present. District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM explained that the audit committee was working to complete it and anticipated the committee would submit in the next week or two.
- Public Relations Manager Kattlin Diaz spoke about the newsletter, submission of articles and promotion of club open house events.
- Pamela Johnson presented a Club Growth report.
- Peggy E. Seymour, DTM presented the Program Quality report and spoke about the club officer training, the Division and Area Director training, and the various other training sessions offered to our members this term.

- District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM shared the District 83 dashboard and spoke about district goals, the upcoming Hail and Farewell where the various awards would be presented to recognize the achievements of our member and clubs, as well as Contest winners.
- Richard E. Peck, DTM & Past International President was invited to conduct the Installation Ceremony for the District 83 Leadership team for the 2024-2025 Toastmasters year. He installed the District Officers as noted below and congratulated both the outgoing and incoming leadership team.
  - District Director -Peggy E. Seymour, DTM
  - Program Quality Director - Pamela Johnson
  - Club Growth Director - Kadian Grant, DTM
  - Division A Director - Thomas Grady, DTM
  - Division B Director - Arvind Mishra
  - Division C Director - Narayanan Subramaniam
  - Division D Director - Annette Demendonca, DTM
  - Division E Director - Hoa Mattaliano

District Director Juana Dannecker, DTM adjourned the Meeting at 10:39 am.