

Rotary District 6000 Board Meeting

November 20, 2025

In Attendance: DG Norlan Hinke (Chair), PDG Dennis Drager (Secretary) via zoom, IPDG Dave Cook, PDG Steve Wieneke, DGE Bill Bruce, DGN Gretchen Nollman, Directors: Marie Pipes, Allyson Walter, Darrell Limkeman, Steve SchraderBachar

Absent:

Guests: Megan Van Kooten

Meeting called to order: Chair DG Norlan Hinke at 11:02am.

Ascertain Quorum: PDG Dennis Drager verified that a quorum was present.

Agenda: IPDG Dave Cook, DGE Bill Bruce and AG Steve SchraderBachar requested additions to the agenda. DGN Gretchen Nollman motioned to approve the meeting agenda with the additions, AG Marie Pipes 2nd, motion carried.

Minutes Approval: Motion for approval of Minutes from September 18, 2025 board meeting by AG Darrell Limkemann, PDG Steve Wieneke 2nd, motion carried.

B&F Committee Report: PDG Steve Wieneke report. B&F committee recommends the approval of the accounting firm search committee's choice of hiring Rotarian Tom Welchans' firm in Des Moines as the new District Accounting Firm with a 3-year contract.

Motion: DGN Gretchen Nollman 2nd: AG Darrell Limkeman. Motion carried.

District Team Reports:

DG Hinke asked for comments or questions; none raised.

- Interact chair Marie Pipes reports that some Interact clubs are struggling with finding advisors, but clubs are moving forward. The Winterset club will be sponsoring 2 Interact clubs, with one already approved by RI, the other in progress. Marie and her team have presented information about Xicotepec to the interact clubs. Next year the plan is to present earlier to clubs with the goal of increasing youth participation. Currently working on Interact participation at the District Conference. The interact committee presented to High School counselors at their annual meeting in Des Moines.
- PDG Steve Wieneke reported on RLI. Within our district, we have over 30 facilitators helping with training. Our recent class had 8 graduates. The next opportunity will be April 11-12, 2026.

Motion to approve the District Team reports by DGN Gretchen Nollman, 2nd by Allison Walter, motion carried.

Old Business:

- DG Norlan Hinke talked about his meeting at zone with Kyle Hagman and Carol Bernard from the NCPETs board about their assessment to District 6000 of \$7800. The DG line of DG Hinke, DGE Bill Bruce and DGN Gretchen Nollman recommends payment of this

assessment for the NCPETs event in the spring of 2024. Allyson Walter motioned to pay the assessment, DGE Bill Bruce 2nd. Discussion centered on the fairness of the assessment and the formula used by the NCPETs board to calculate the \$7800 assessment to District 6000. Motion carried.

- PDG Dave Cook reminds the board of our \$25000 commitment to support the 2028 RI Convention in Minneapolis. PDG Dave is asking all members of the board to think of ways to raise these funds and promote the convention. DG Norlan Hinke is appointing a task force to come back to the board in February with ideas on how we can fund and promote the RI Convention.

New Business:

- DGE Bill Bruce is looking for board support for a district wide raffle to raise money for the district. Under the direction of DG Norlan Hinke, DGE Bill Bruce will form a task force to present ideas to the board at the February Board meeting.
- AG Steve SchraderBacher brought a request from the CIVITAS group for financial support from the district. Consensus of the board is for the CIVITAS group to explore the idea of a multi club District Grant request. Steve will take this idea back to CIVITAS.
- PDG Steve Wieneke reports that Chris Nelson from the Rotary Club of West Des Moines has been selected as the DGND. No challenges were received.

DG Report: The District PolioPlus \$10000 challenge match is proceeding well with good participation from district clubs. We have had 3 District Foundation events to date with the 4th one coming up.

Zone report. Participants thought the training was outstanding. A post-event follow-up meeting will be held in early December.

DG Hinke has had 74 club visits with just a few more coming up.

DG Norlan Hinke will host a PDG luncheon on December 13th in Indianola. Cost is \$17.

DG Hinke would like to have a Peace Pole placed at the District office in Pella. After discussion, PDG Wieneke made a motion to spend up to \$500 on a District Peace Pole, Allyson Walter 2nd, motion carried.

DGE Report: A youth service task force is working on updating the District Youth Services policy. The Task Force is looking into youth participation in the Xicotepec Mission Trip, specifically concerns about insurance. Marie Pipes is organizing a zoom with the organizers of the Xicotepec trip.

PELS training is planned, location to be determined later this week.

DGE Bill Bruce is in frequent communication with the DGE from 5970 about what the districts can do to promote rotary throughout Iowa.

The development of District teams is underway.

DGN Report: DGE Gretchen Nollman is exploring options for the district's zoom account as well as getting Adobe and Hoot Suit to help manage social media applications. A proposal will be presented to the board in February.

Club Runner update: Proposed to enroll all clubs into Club Runner at a cost to the district of \$32303.00. DGE Bill Bruce made motion, then amended motion to Enroll all clubs into Club Runner beginning July 1, 2026 for \$32303.00 with the costs to be billed to each club on a per member cost. Marie Pipes 2nd. After further discussion, motion passed.

PDG Dave Cook proposes to use \$14,136 left over 2025-26 DDF funds to support Mason's Light House. DGN Gretchen Nollman motion, PDG Steve Wieneke 2nd, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn: PDG Dave Cook motion, AG Darrell Limkeman 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm

Next Meetings: February 19, 2026, Following the District B&F committee meeting at the District Office.

Minutes respectfully submitted by PDG Dennis Drager. The first one who mentions to me at the February board meeting that they read this line; I will buy a beverage.