

RID6270, 2023 – 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2024, 10:00 – 11:45 AM, KI Conference Center, Green Bay, WI

Minutes/Agenda

Meeting Called to order by District Governor (DG) Don Griffing, at 10:00 AM, Lakes A/B Room of KI Conference Center, Green Bay as part of Tri Con Conference. Meeting was conducted in-person and virtually.

Notice of this meeting was posted on March 18, 2024 by Tamie Koop, District Secretary and Dana Kohlmeyer, Administrative Assistant.

A quorum of voting clubs and electors were signed in.

Electors and Clubs (Signed In-person and via Zoom):

Elkhorn- John Henderson, Shelly Higgins; Elmbrook- Jeanne Allen, John Allen, Harry Farchmin; Fond du Lac- Tim Holzman, Rick Parks; Geneva Lake West- Don Vandello; Lake Geneva- Jane Ipsen; Kenosha- Michael Fisher, Christian Venegas, Fran Wargolet; Manitowoc Sunrise- Mike Woznick; Milwaukee- Leslie Hause, John Hein, Robert Puissant, Natraj Shanker, Jerry Stepaniak, Sri Vasudevan, Francis X. Vogel, Jonathan Ward; Milwaukee Amigos- Angela Rester; Mukwonago- Rick Debe; Neenah- Renee Neumeyer, Aaron Olson; Oconomowoc- Bonnie Lewis-Tschannen; Oshkosh- Sara Muhlbauer, Tom Simon; Oshkosh Southwest/Oshkosh on the Water- Craig Burnett, Andy DeWitt, Karlene Leatherman; Plymouth- Jim Hansen; Racine Founder's- Elizabeth Rosenberg, Steen Sanderhoff; Ripon- Elizabeth Nevitt, Travis Nygard; Sheboygan- Holly Kasberger; Slinger-Allenton- Ken Reiser; Thiensville- Mequon- Jim Counsellor; Two Rivers- Dennis Swetlik; Waukesha- Peter Bosch, Paul Senger; Waukesha Sunrise- Dean Danner; Wautoma- Linda Freudenthal, Hilary LaFontaine; Wauwatosa Mayfair- Robert Marszalkowski; West Allis- Mason Pooler, Nancy Rhodes; West Bend Sunrise- Joyce Malloy, Mary Beth Seiser; Whitnall Park- Robert Petri;

Other Attendees (In-person and via Zoom):

Elkhorn- Dawn Fiedler, Mariann Hunter, Heidi Lloyd; Elmbrook- Larry Myers; Fond du Lac Morning- Cathleen Christensen, Bardine Henning; Hartford- Ane Ohm; Manitowoc Sunrise- Paul Roekle; Mequon- Thiensville Sunrise- Dave Kliber; Mitchell Field- Rob Bassett, Jason Bigelow, Peter May; Neenah- Dana Kohlmeyer, Dave Kohlmeyer, Lisa Werner; Oshkosh- Greg Giles; Port Washington-Saukville- Amanda Kloskey; Ripon- Heather Brewer, Kelly Mundell, Kevin Mundell; Sheboygan Early Bird- Jacolyn Stone; Slinger-Allenton- Steve Henkel, Susan Henkel; Wautoma- Linda Freudenthal; Wauwatosa- Rose Murack; West Allis- Jeannette Bell, Don Drecktrah; West Bend Noon- David Slinde; West Bend Sunrise- Nancy Slinde

District Board Members at the Meeting Were:

DG Don Griffing, DGE Pete Bosch, DGN Liz Nevitt, DGND Dawn Fiedler, PDG Craig Burnett, PDG Lisa Werner, Secretary Tamie Koop, Treasurer Dean Danner, DRFCC Steen Sanderhoff, Learning Facilitator Marta Carrión, Membership Chair Robert Marszalkowski, Administrative Assistant Dana Kohlmeyer. A practice Mentimeter vote was conducted to assist electors in the voting procedure used during the meeting.

Mary Beth Seiser moved, Rick Debe seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Liz Nevitt moved; Dennis Swetlik seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the 22-23 district annual meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer Dean Danner shared and highlighted points in the consolidated financial statements. District funds are held with the Associated Bank network. Email invoicing was done. The district did \$50,000 Global grants to the Ukrainian, \$30,000 in scholarship, reduced excess funds by \$69,000, filed year end reports to Rotary International. District has a \$244,000 net end balance, Hawkins/Ash CPA firm review, determined we are in compliance with practices. Hawkins/Ash filed our 990-tax return. Due to Rotary standards the district maintains several separate accounts, as funds cannot be co-mingled. Sarah Muhlbauer moved and Mary Beth Seiser seconded the motion to approve the consolidated financial report given by the Treasurer. Motion passed.

District Governor Elect (DGE) – Pete Bosch presented the Finance committee approved 2024 -2025 District budget, which was recommended for approval. Board approved the proposed budget and recommended the budget be presented to the District at the Annual meeting. DGE pointed out that RYE monies will be in general accounting, all committees have a \$1250.00 budget to work with and dues increase of \$10.00 (from \$35.00 to \$45.00). Discussion was held on the proposed budget. A significant portion of the budget comes from sending leadership people to Rotary Training events, such as Zone. Membership numbers have dropped. District has worked with negative budgeting for several years. After no further discussion, vote was taken, 41 yes, 3 nos, 2 abstain. Budget passed/approved.

Nominating committee and district practice recommendation was to affirm Dawn Feidler, Elkhorn Rotary Club as the Districts DGN-D (District Governor Nominee-Designate). Applause supporting Dawn was given. Nominating committee also recommended that PDG (Past District Governor) Greg Burnett, Oshkosh Southwest Rotary as Delegate and Mike Phillips, PDG, West Bend Sunrise Rotary as Alternate on the Zone RI Director Nominating Committee. Vote on the nomination of both PDG's was approved/passed.

The RYE (Rotary Youth Exchange) district students (inbound and outbound) introduced themselves. Those in attendance were informed that 4 students will be participating in the summer exchange program.

Rick Debe, District delegate to the COL and COR (Council on Legislation & Council on Resolution) shared recent COR actions recently done.

DG Griffing shared comments about his year as Governor; covering his club visits, increasing membership, club achievements, Foundation giving and clubs receiving via district grants and global grants and service to our communities. Awards of Excellence presented to Rotary clubs of Neenah and Slinger-Allenton.

District Governor Elect (DGE) Pete Bosch shared his plans and outlook for the 2024-2025 Rotary year: expanding our reach, club and member engagement, membership growth by 100, boost giving to the RI Foundation, clubs need to be self-sufficient (not using fundraising monies to operate the club), use newer technologies, improve the member experience, fill open positions in district leadership opportunities.

Old business - none.

New business - none.

Attendees sang Happy Birthday to Dana Kohlmeyer, born on same calendar date of RI Founder Paul Harris.

Meeting was adjourned by DG Don Griffing at 11:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tamie Koop, PDG & District Secretary