



RI District 6270, 2024 - 2025 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Held April 25, 2025, 10:15AM – 11:45 AM, In person and virtually via Zoom

Brookfield Conference Center, Brookfield WI

10:00 – 10:15AM Meeting registration and Mentimeter training session was held.

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by District Governor, Peter Bosch.

As per District By-laws, the notice of the Annual meeting was sent on March 13, 2025 and again on April 11, 2025 by Tamie Koop, District Secretary and Dana Kohlmeyer, Administrative Assistant to clubs and District Leadership.

Meeting documents are on District 6270 Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WNvpwjKtC0GAObSC1hh8uhOSTeVGZ9rC?usp=sharing>

Roll call was conducted via sign in registration at the on-site location and via Zoom sign in.

Electors by Club (In-person and via Zoom):

Burlington – Amy Mlot; Elkhorn- John Henderson, Shelly Higgins; Elmbrook (Brookfield)- John Allen, Tom Curl, Harry Farchmin; Fond du Lac – Tim Holzman, Steve Leaman; Fond du Lac Morning (Fond du Lac Evening) – Cathleen Christensen, Hiram Rabadan-Torres, Christine Schiek; Geneva Lake West (GLW, Delavan-Darien) – Don Vandello; Hartford – Mark Lindborg; Lake Geneva – Jane Ipsen; Manitowoc Sunrise – Michael Woznick; Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise – Benjamin Zang; Milwaukee - Steve Chevalier, John Hein, Tim Hunter, Margaret Keehn, Mary McCormick, Lindsey McKee, Theresa Reagan, Jeff Smoller, Francis Vogel, Jon Ward; Milwaukee North Sunrise – Jim Milner; Mitchell Field (Milwaukee) – Peter May; Mukwonago (Union Grove) – Jim Cotturone; Neenah – David Kohlmeyer, Jaime Kriewaldt; Oconomowoc - Bonnie Lewis-Tschannen, Mike Menefee; Oshkosh - Don Griffing, Sara Muhlbauer; Oshkosh Southwest (Oshkosh on the Water) - Karlene Leatherman; Plymouth - James Hansen; Ripon - Heather Brewer, Nita Krenz; Sheboygan Early Birds - Reed Snyder; Two Rivers - Dennis Swetlik; Waukesha Sunrise - Joe Fahl; Wauwatosa - Aaron Sebald; West Allis (West Allis After Hours) – Don Drecktrah, Nancy Rhodes; West Bend Sunrise - Mike Phillips, Mary Beth Seiser; Whitnall Park – Rob Petri

Other Attendees (In-person and via Zoom):

Cedarburg-Grafton – Cindy Petted; Elkhorn- Heidi Lloyd; Elmbrook (Brookfield) Rick Chabot, Larry Myers, Joe Pottebaum, Karl Schulz, Bill Selzer, Sandy Wysocki, Kemal Yilmaz; Hartford- Cheryl Eskridge; Hartland-Lake Country – Bill Otto, Melissa Spindler; Kenosha- Frances Wargolet;

Lake Geneva- Betsy D’Onofrio, Mike Walsh; Manitowoc Sunrise- Paul Roekle; Mequon- Milwaukee Diversity Passport Club- Mike Kloehn; Milwaukee- Michael Paddock, Chuck Roedel; Milwaukee Amigos After Hours- Angela M. Rester, Angela V. Rester; Milwaukee North Shore – Mark Smith; Mitchell Field – Rob Bassett; Mukwonago (Union Grove) – Rick Debe, Ken Kurt, Paul Kwiecien; Neenah- Gillian Leggett; Racine Founder’s – Liz Rosenberg; Slinger-Allenton- Carla Dunn, Ken Reiser; Thiensville-Mequon- Jim Counsellor; Waukesha Noon – Lynn Sigfred, Karen Tredwell, Rick Verthein, Cathy Waller, Brad Wells; West Allis- Jeannette Bell; Waukesha Sunrise- Greg Hatt; West Bend Noon- Frank Carr, David Slinde; Whitnall Park- Dan Christianson, Terri Delke

District Board Members at the Meeting were: DG Peter Bosch, DGE Elizabeth Nevitt, DGN Dawn Fiedler, PDG Don Griffing, Secretary Tamara Koop, Treasurer Dean Danner, DRFCC Steen Sanderhoff, Learning Facilitator Marta Carrion, Membership Chair Cathleen Christensen, Public Image Chair Angelica Niemann, Administrative Assistant (Ex-Officio) Dana Kohlmeyer

There was a quorum of attendees.

DG Bosch reviewed the voting procedures of mentimeter and in person parliamentary procedures.

DG Bosch called for any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Rick Debe moved and Mike Phillips seconded the motion that the agenda be approved. Motion passed. (39 Y, 1 N)

Previous Annual Meeting Minutes of 2023 – 2024. Moved by Dennis Swetlik and seconded by Mary Beth Seiser to approve the minutes of the previous Annual meeting. Motion passed. (37 Y, 1 N, 4 A)

Treasurer, Dean Danner discussed/reviewed the consolidated Financial Statements, the financial report from previous year to go to Rotary International, the review statement of a “Good conclusion” of Hawkins/Ash, Accountants. The Treasurer also noted – District is a 501 c 4 organization; Quick books is used for payroll expenses and invoices; District is no longer using a bookkeeper; Clubs are paying invoices by Bank to Bank, checks or credit cards; Hawkins/Ash prepared the tax return and IRS accepted; as of meeting date district was \$16,700. to the positive; still expenses of April, May and June to go; District Grants first half was paid out early in year with seconded half of District Grants to be paid out in seconded half of year. Rotary Youth Exchange collects monies in one fiscal year, then pays out in seconded fiscal year.

Moved by Steen Sanderhoff, seconded by Mary Beth Seiser to approve the consolidated financial report prepared by the District Treasurer. Motion Passed, (44 Y, 0 N, 0 A)

Liz Nevitt, District Governor Elect, reviewed the proposed 2025-2026 District Budget with the electorate. This included a \$1.50 dues increase. The recently held Council of legislation voted

for RI dues increases starting in 2026-2027. Discussion included questions on: higher rate of return on interest income; reduction of funding for committees, used to balance the budget and actual expenses vs budgeted, supportive statement on 'Emerging leaders' attendance at Zone; Question on how subsidized registration fees for TriCon was done; this item needs for work for future conferences; PETS should reflect pass thru income and expenses; Question about audited vs reviewed financials be done, which is a cost factor. No more questions or discussion. John Henderson moved and Benjamin Zang seconded the motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Motion passed. (Y 36, N 5, 0 A)

Mike Phillips, PDG, of Nominating Committee reported that Harry Farchmin, Elmbrook Rotary Club, was selected to serve as District Governor in 2027-2028. Moved by Joe Pottebaum and seconded by Jane Ipsen to affirm the selection of Harry Farchmin. Motion passed. (39 Y, 0 N, 0 A)

Rick Debe, PDG, reported on the recently held Council of Legislation. 487 Districts were represented at the CoL. His brief report included: the RI dues increases, to charter a new club, there needs to be 15 members, DEI means to include all people, no exclusions; elimination of the District Conference was adopted by the CoL. Individuals should read the full Council proceedings when published or reach out to our Delegate Rick Debe.

Other reports were requested from Committees and Assistant Governors. Those written reports were included in the Google documents.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None brought forward.

Susan Henkel introduced the group of Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound and outbound students, which introduced themselves as to what Country they were from or going to and which Rotary club was their host club.

Comments were given by DG Pete Bosch. He thanked all with 10 more weeks to go in his term which was filled with inspiration, gratitude and numerous accomplishments.

Outlook from DGE Liz Nevitt shared that Rotary should be fun, it will include music and attract more members and develop leadership skills in membership in her term as District Governor.

Adjournment -- District Governor Peter Bosh declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Koop, PDG, District Secretary