

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2024 - 6:15 P.M.
ZOOM

The District 5970 Board of Directors met on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. via zoom. Present were PDG and Board Chair Carole Bernhard, DG Shannon Duncan, DGE Ward Budweg, DGN Jeff Halverson, DGN-D Dave Jenson. and Foundation Committee Chair Michelle Bell. Also present was DES Suellen Kolbet.

Board Chair Carole Bernhard called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. DES Kolbet declared a quorum present.

Moved by Bell, seconded by Budweg; That the consent agenda be approved. All ayes. Motion carried. Items on the consent agenda were:

- Minutes of 8-15-24 BOD Meeting
- Electronic votes
- DG Line minutes of 10-7-24
- Foundation Committee minutes of 9-19, 8-15, and 10-17, 2024
- RYLA Board minutes of 8-17-24 and 11-13-24
- Notes from interview - David Jensen
- Foundation Stewardship reports

Reports were received as follows:

- District Governor Activity report
- District Secretary Activity report
- RYLA (See RYLA board minutes)
- DRFCC Report
- RYE Report
- Membership Report
- Global Scholar Report (Included in DRFCC report)

DES Suellen Kolbet reported that all accounts are reconciled and expenses and revenues were all within budget except for Zone Conferences expenses. The conference next year will be in Minneapolis and will be less expensive. Moved by Duncan, seconded by Budweg; That the Finance Reports be approved. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chair Carole Bernhard welcomed Dave Jenson to the Board as the District Governor Nominee Designate.

The Board discussed unspent District Designated funds from 2020-2021. \$38,761 needs to be given back to the World Fund. Our 20% commitment to Polio can come from this. There are multiple options for the rest of the funds to go to. We will also have \$23,452 from the 2022-2023 year. The Board will have to work on what to do with

these funds. They discussed putting it in the Endowment fund if we could possibly receive the proceeds.

The Board discussed how to use cash reserves to better serve the District. Some suggestions were:

Member education – NCPETS, District Conference
Grants
Public Image –PI consultant
2029 International Convention in Minneapolis
StreamR.AI – a streaming site to create commercials

Kolbet will try to put together a projection to estimate what funds are needed for the next five years to determine what the surplus actually is, with the assistance of Treasurer Winterhof. She will also send out a google form to ask for suggestions so they can be set up in a document.

DG Duncan reported on the Zone Conference in San Antonio. It was a good conference, but we need to look at requirements for emerging leaders. Budweg attended the Zone Conference in Pittsburg, It was good to meet people with a different perspective. It was suggested that if a committee chair can't attend, a committee member could go in their place.

Bernhard reported that North Central President Elect training will be held at the Omni Hotel in Minneapolis March 13 – 15, 2025. Budweg felt that his suggestions for speakers were not considered. Bernhard told him to contact Gretchen Nollman with his suggestions. Registration is up and running and the agenda is live. Our District is responsible for a certain number of attendees for the in person and virtual training. The cost for the in person training is \$425 until December 31, 2024. After that it goes up to \$475. The District will pay for the registration cost for presidents-elect, co-president-elects, president nominees, and Assistant Governors. Travel and lodging costs will need to be covered either by their clubs, or personally. Bernhard will find out what the refund policy is before we determine how we will pay the registration fees.

Bernhard asked to move discussion of Membership Club visioning to the February meeting.

Board members met in October and worked on the Strategic Plan. Bernhard created a form to use to track goals.

The amended District Bylaws were presented for approval. Moved by Budweg, seconded by Duncan; That the draft of the District Bylaws be approved and sent to each individual club for their approval. All ayes. Motion carried. Once they are approved, they will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

Bernhard will set up a special meeting in January to review the Manual of Policies and Procedures, to make sure they are in compliance with the District Bylaws.

Duncan informed the Board that an exchange student from Argentina will be returning early. She is also working on a global grant with a Luther student that is from Tanzania. They are waiting for a final commitment from the club in Arusha, Tanzania. Bell encouraged her to get the name and club number of the club they are working with to make sure they are in good standing with Rotary International.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.