

**Rotary District 6860  
Fall Leadership Conference  
The Harbert Center  
Birmingham, AL  
October 18, 2013**

**Minutes of the Council of Governors Meeting:**

**PDG Georgia Medori, Chair**

**Mary Grace Evans, Secretary**

**Georgia Medori, Council of Governors Chair, called the meeting to order with the following members of the Council present:**

**Members Present:**

DGE Tom Greene (RY 2013-14)

PDG Bill Johnson

DGN Pat Cross

PDG JG Brazil

PDG John Valieant

PRIVP Ken Schuppert

IPDG Martin Uptain

PDG Dennis Brooks

PDG Don Hadden

PDG Ty Robin

PRID Mark Maloney

PDG Bo Porter

**Members Absent:**

DGN Jerry Shepherd (RY 2014-15)

PDG Scott Stone

PDG Phil Fowler

PDG Byron Nelson

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree

PDG Ron Layne

PDG Bill French

PDG Jim Shamblin

**Guests:**

Al Folcher, District Conference Chair

**Chair Medori welcomed everyone and distributed the agenda and minutes from Winter meeting.** Chair Medori asked for questions or additions to the minutes from the Winter meeting.

PDG Don Hadden moved to accept.

PDG Bill Johnson seconded.

Minutes accepted.

Chair Georgia M. turned the meeting over to DG Tom G.

**DG Greene provided a handout and shared the following:**

- Thus far he has made 41 Club visits

- When Martin U. took over as DG (for RY 2012-2013), while financially sound, the District finances and reconciliation did not include all expenses/receipts. Due to the unforeseen illness and passing of DGs Barclay and Williams, attention was needed to make sure all items were documented correctly. Martin meticulously went through all records and receipts and made sure all was recorded. DG Green recognized the effort and expressed appreciation to Martin.
- Foundation recognition at the Zone Conference for our Zone (12 Districts) included:
 

○ Annual Program fund giving	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$448,276
○ Polio Plus Giving	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 54,441
○ Total Rotary Foundation Giving per capita	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$ 121.98
○ Total Rotary Foundation Giving	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$607,197
- Zone Director in 2015-17 Karen Wentz
- About 40% of the Clubs have and/or are working on a Strategic Plan
- In concept, each RI district should have a Leadership Plan. When asked, everyone goes back to the Policy Plan. The Policy Plan is a start; however, it is not a complete Leadership Plan. DG, DGE and DGN are working together to bring a document for the next meeting. Document is out for review and he welcomes comments.
  - Ken S. questioned the RI Code of Policy? Working on what the Board uses? There is great detail in the RI Code.
  - Tom explained that it is actually just section 17. The objective of the new Plan is to have a “one place reference”, which will be updated each year. Leadership Plan is where you will find relevant information.
  - Ken S. said it provides guidelines/outline
  - Don H. asked if the name would change?
  - Tom G. said in his opinion that it would be the Leadership Guide (up for discussion). It will include policy (thus replacing policy manual)
- Tom asked who all is reading the Monthly Newsletter? He said he asks this question at every Club meeting. Pat is working directly with Kay to provide this message. Kay is doing a very good job.
- Excellent District Training, with 14 attending.
- Membership is an interesting challenge. There was a membership meeting and AGs are trying to get Presidents more involved. As Tom is visiting the Clubs he is asking each for their goals (not just what, but also how)
- The District has lost a Club – Eastwood Irondale.
- Right now the Foundation financials are tracking pretty close to last year
  - He is stressing EREY. The goal is to get more people involved. Only asking for \$1 more in giving. More interested in participation. Two Clubs that were not giving now are and 1 has actually applied for a District Grant.

- Social Media – Tom is updating Facebook after every Club meeting. With FB he is feeding a lot of people. With pictures posted to FB, Kay can then take these pictures to use for Monthly newsletter. It all works together. Communication Team is trying to work together as a unit.
- District Conference April 11 and 12 at the Marriott (on 280)
  - Al Folcher, District Chair, looking for a big crowd. DG Tom wants 400 for lunch. There will be great speakers.
  - Ken S. asked if we know who be the President's Rep?
  - Although not known yet, Al F. has asked for Ravi Ravindran – RI President Choice 2015-16.
  - Working on the fee and hopefully it will be published in the November newsletter
  - Ken S. congratulated DG Greene on selection of the District Conference Chair.
  - Tom G. explained that JG had asked him to get Birmingham involved. Susan Jackson (ED of Birmingham Club) had a great guy in mind and it was Al.
- In the District Leadership Plan there is discussion of Vice Governor. Enactment was passed to identify a Vice Governor to serve it there is a leave of absence of the DG or DG is otherwise unable to serve. It puts a safety net in place. Position will be filled through District Nominating Committee. Tom suggested John V. be named to serve the remainder of this RY year. Council of Governors will set up a mechanism to establish ongoing. Need to look through documentation to understand all implications. Person selected must be a past DG (within 5 years)

**Motion:**

Martin Uptain made a motion to allow DG Tom Greene to appoint PDG John Valieant Vice Governor for the remainder of RY 2013 – 2014

Mark Maloney seconded

Motion passed

- Bo P. expressed - at the same time a nominee is selected by the Council of Governors (three years out) the Vice Governor would need to also be selected, but will not serve until the DG term begins
- Ken S. said that he will need to review the legislation. He is concerned with picking someone three years out. Perhaps the winter meeting prior to the DG term.
- Dennis B. agreed that Ken had a good point. If Council of Governors will be selecting, it should not go to the nominating committee (who are not all PDGs).
- Ken S. stated that this was enacted because in some parts of the world they needed the structure what to do when situation occurred. They are challenged to act themselves without guidance. This automatically puts someone in place in case the situation

happens.

- Don H. asked if Vice Governor was a requirement of recommendation.
  - Ken stated that it was a requirement.
  - Martin U. said to table discussion for now and research. Only act on actual motion now.
  - **Georgia M. asked Bo P. to research and provide a recommendation (action item)**
- District Wide Project – Tom said that he has asked for feedback from clubs. Everyone seemed to like the idea; however, there was push back for setting a goal for how much to give. If Council wants to set a goal, let Tom know. Jerry S. has expressed some concerns. Tom said that Clubs that are not interested can passively support (no current requirement to support)

Ken S. thanked DG Tom for his service this year.

John Valieant, District Finance Chair provide his update on the Finance Committee Meeting:

- District Treasurer, Ron Wainwright gave update on budget. Although the budget is tight, we are right on track.
- 41 Clubs have been approved for district grants
- 7 Clubs have not paid their district dues
- In 2011 motion was approved to no longer pay for DGN to attend the RI International Convention. Jerry accepted this and attended knowing that he would personally pay. Since the budget provided money for DG Phil Williams to attend and the money was not spent, Shepherd asked if that money could be used to reimburse him for his expenses (amount of \$4890.42). After much discussion, the motion passed to pay.
- Conference budget is due in the Winter leadership meeting

Georgia M. shared that the Foundation Dinner was scheduled for November 7 at The Club. Cost is \$55 per person and the room is limited to 120 maximum.

- Bo P. shared that the speaker is RI Vice President Anne Matthews

Mark Maloney, Convention Chair shared briefly information about the International Convention in Sydney. It will be a wonderful event.

Georgia M. opened the floor for Open Discussion:

Dennis B. shared that Holland Powell died and there will be a Celebration of Life at the Gerry House in Pell City.

John V. discussed that we have cancelled the acceptance of credit cards. Only 15 people used this option for the District Conference and it cost us 38%. We are seeking another option.

Bo P. noted that the District has lost 3 District Governors in the past year. These include Harold Patterson, Riley Lumpkin and Phil Williams. He also mentioned that he misses not having the nominating committee meeting at the Fall Leadership meeting even though the selection takes place in the Winter. He recommended that they be done at the same time.

- Tom G. believes that they should remain separate. There could be undue influence with other attendees no on the nominating committee.
- Ty R. believes that there should be two separate meetings
- John V. said that the timing is due to the date nominations are due ( January)
- Ty R. believes that the candidates should all be able to come into the interview

Georgia M. had to excuse herself from the meeting to go back to work and turned the meeting over to PDG John Valieant at 3:40.

Discussion continued . . .

- Mark M. in favor for the meeting to be in connection with the District Leadership meeting when it is just for discussion (Fall meeting); however, when making the actual decision it should be with others not around
- John V. agreed
- Bill J. suggested to defer to the District Leadership planning. General agreement.

Bo P. shared the exact verbiage of the enactment for the nominating committee (Vice Governor).

John V. recognized how nice the Shades Valley event was. There was general agreement. Bo and his wife were recognized as Major Donors. You don't have to give large amounts, just consistently support The Rotary Foundation and we can all be Major Donors.

Bo P. shared that Betty Morrison passed away,

With no further discussion, John V. dismissed the meeting

**PDG Jon Valieant thanked everyone for their attendance and input. There being no additional business to be addressed, the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Grace Evans  
District Secretary