

**Rotary District 6860  
Fall Leadership Conference  
Council of Governors Meeting  
February 1, 2019 3:00  
Minutes**

**PDG Pat Cross, COG Committee Chair**

**Mary Grace Evans, Secretary**

**Members Present:**

PDG Pat Cross  
PDG Don Hadden  
DG Carol Argo  
PDG Mitchell, PhD  
PDG Gary Andrew  
PDG Scott Stone  
PDG John Valieant  
PDG Ron Layne  
PDG Will Kirkpatrick  
PDG Bo Porter  
PDG Wade Drinkard  
DGN Lee Weinman  
DGND Harold Lewis  
RIPE Mark Maloney  
DGE Bill Petty  
PDG Tom Greene  
PDG Ty Robin

**Members Absent:**

PDG Jerry Shepherd  
PRIVP Ken Schuppert  
PDG Georgia Medori  
PDG Mary Jean Sanspree  
PDG Phil Fowler  
PDG J.G. Brazil  
PDG Bill Johnson  
PDG Byron Nelson  
PDG Martin Uptain  
PDG Bill French  
PDG Kenan Kern  
PDG Dale Wallace  
PDG Jane Schmalz

**Chair Cross called the meeting to order at 3:00.**

Since last meeting we have lost one of our PDG Dennis Brooks and a spouse of one of our PDG, Caroline Johnson.

Introduced New DGDN 2021-2022 Harold W. Lewis.

Asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

RIPE Maloney mentioned that PDG Cross is a Rotary Rock Star. Cross (wearing her Rock Star Pin), went on to share that at International Assembly. She was part of the Training Team. There were 37 trainers, 30 spouse trainers and they were the Rock Stars.

DGDN Lewis shared some additional information about himself to the group.

Honored to have RIPE Mark Maloney who provided comments and “showed off” theme tie and class jacket and theme pin for 2019-2020. Gaye has a very pretty colorful scarf. Encouraged everyone to go to his Facebook page and watch the opening to International Assembly (lip sync and they were a hit). Cross mentioned that there are Governors theme socks this year for Mark. Bill Petty was wearing his. Russell Hampton will be having (their version) the socks for order.

**MOTION:**

**PDG Porter moved to accept the agenda.**

**DG Argo seconded motion.**

**Agenda accepted.**

Corrections were identified for the minutes from the Fall COG Meeting. Action listed on Fall minutes, PDG Drinkard to provide copy of DDF and provided to Secretary Evans.

**MOTION:**

**PDG Valieant moved that minutes be accepted.**

**PDG Andrew seconded motion.**

**Minutes accepted and approved.**

**Finance Committee Update: PDG Andrew, Finance Committee Chair**

- Clubs in Arrears Document
  - Last Finance Committee, reviewed report that showed several Clubs had not paid dues to RI and District
  - Appointed a committee to review: Ronnie Dukes, Danny Cooner, PDG Bo Porter, and Andrew.
  - Came up with a policy that comes with Clubs that have not paid dues. In clarification DG Argo said that all Clubs have paid District and RI dues. This policy had been added to DLP - on District web site under leadership.

**ACTION: Andrew will bring copies to the next meeting**

- Reviewed 990 that was due in November and has been submitted
- Reviewed financials from DG Argo and Ronnie Smallwood. Everything was in order and balanced.
- Reviewed DGE Bill Petty budget and with some discussion it was approved.
- Reviewed changes to Finance Committee Composition and that is now in the Finance Committee working.
- PDG Wade Drinkard reported District Programs

Call for questions.

Cross asked for the changes to the Finance Committee composition to be shared. PDG Porter read:

*The District Finance Committee is comprised of thirteen members: the PDG Chair, the DG, the IPDG, the DGE and the District Treasurer as ex-officio voting members; the DGN and the District Treasurer as ex-officio non-voting members; and six at large voting members.*

*The District Governor two years removed from the office will serve as the Finance Committee's chair. All ex-officio members serve one year terms concurrent with their terms of office. At-large members shall serve a staggered three-year term such that the terms of two members expire each year. The District Governor shall appoint Rotarians as members at-large to fill positions becoming vacant upon his/her accession to office. At least one of the two members appointed each year shall be a Past District Governor. No at-large member appointment shall be made of a Rotarian from the same club as or any club of a club group as any Rotarian already holding membership on the committee. Ex-officio members may, by necessity, election or appointment be from same clubs or club groups.*

Cross clarified that by "groups" it is referring to Assistant Governor. Also, Treasurer is mentioned as ex-officio twice; however, District Secretary is not.

Porter corrected that the District Treasurer as ex-officio non-voting, should actually be District Secretary.

Change above from: *the DGN and the District Treasurer as ex-officio non-voting members*  
To: *the DGN and the District Secretary as ex-officio non-voting members*

PDG Hadden asked that it be sent to everyone.

**Action: Andrew will send out for COG to approve (with changes mentioned).**

**Porter clarified that COG will approve to make recommendation to DG for decision (according to DLP)**

**Council on Legislation Update: PDG Mary Jean Sanspree could not be at meeting today**

Cross asked for any known updates.

RIPE Maloney reported it will start on Palm Sunday and will end on Thursday at noon.

With new process, all resolutions are moved to online consideration.

COL will be completed much more quickly.

117 items currently before the Council

116 proposed enactments

1 position statement

Wide range of subjects from Rotaract to Council on Legislation itself to Rotary

International changing its tax status

PDG Porter asked: assuming that the Legislation passes to change the term of representative of the district to 4 years instead of 2 and the paired Zones recommendation goes through where there will be a COL every 2 year. What is the impact on the District of the required pre planning training in advance of participation at the Council?

Maloney said as he understands it, only the representative who will actually attend will be required training (every 4 years).

**Foundation Report: PDG Wade Drinkard**

**\$431,428 total DDF available for this RY**

Comprised of these figures:

\$267,785	of DDF 2018-2019 DDF (available from 3 years ago)
\$153,044	carryover from 2017
\$5,397	Interest transferred from the permanent fund
\$5,201	returned funds from district grants that did not use all of the funds

Out of the \$431,428, we have transferred:

\$63,557	Polio plus total of
\$25,000	Rotary Center for International Studies
\$116,837	DDF funding transfer for District Block Grants 31 clubs and granted 42 grants totaling \$114,000
\$5,000	Family Health Day Project (Larry Lunsford)
\$2,500	Mexico Peace Conference
\$29,134	Heath Thompson - Global Scholar

Have authorized transfer for:

\$70,000 DDF Sri Lanka (cervical cancer center project). The total budget for this project was \$390,250. DDF of \$137,000 came from 5 Districts; \$77,500 CAS contributions; \$175,750 World Fund.

Congratulate Birmingham Club on this project!

Maloney pointed out that this project was featured at International Assembly with a presentation by PRIP Ravi Ravendrum and Birmingham Rotarian Dr. Partridge (recipient of Vocational award last year). Wonderful presentation! This was significant not just to show it was a great project, but also to show what you can do with International partnerships and the relationships this develops between Rotary Club of Birmingham and Rotary Club in Sri Lanka.

Committed but not transferred:

\$1,000	Sam Owori HIV awareness
\$3,987	Sam Owori School project
\$4,000	Red Fruit Project in Haiti
\$24,750	Shades Valley Rotary Club Sanitation
\$2,500	Heart Program
\$8,000	Dialysis Center at the request of RIPE Mark Maloney

**\$35,250 - Currently left uncommitted and untagged (expect and hope by end of the year will have zero DDF remaining)**

7 projects mentioned – our District has committed a total of \$115,621 DDF.

These projects total \$1,151,153. Our District and our Clubs are to be congratulated. The money they are giving to Annual fund is a huge return on investment.

Note, Ron Brown has resigned. The new team includes: Kathy Brunot (District grants) and Brian Stallings (Global Grants). Both are from the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa.

Annual Fund report distributed. We are a little below where we were same time last year. We are aware but not overly concerned at this point.

### **Vocational Award Nominees: Chair Pat Cross**

Vocational Service Award – the purpose of the award is to recognize, each RY,

1 Non Rotarian person in District 6860, and

1 Rotarian,

Both for vocational service on a District, State, Regional, National or World basis. The annual award is based on recognition for excellence in representing and performing in a vocation with recognition of achievement significantly beyond one Club or Territory.

January 15 deadline - no nominees

We now have 3 nominees for Rotarian

If we do come up with a non-Rotarian we can send out by email

Nominees (applications sent out to COG earlier this morning):

- Shades Valley - Chester “Martin” Keely nominated by Club and PDG Cross nominated. PDG Ty Robin shared information. PDG Bo Porter added additional comments
- Florence - Jim Blassingame nominated by Greater Sholas and Sheffield Clubs. PDG Tom Greene presented information.
- Greater Huntsville - Jenny Juceviciute nominated by Club with endorsement from Club in Uganda. PDG Andrew and PDG Kirkpatrick shared information.

RIPE Maloney reminded COG that this is a vocational service award. Vocation Service is when you go above and beyond in your business or profession. It is to promote individuals as examples who through vocation or profession are servants to the community.

Call for a vote: **Chester “Martin” Keely selected as recipient for the Rotarian Vocational Award.**

This presentation will be made at the District Conference and be kept confidential until that time.

Please get in touch with either

### **District Governor Elect Update: PDE Bill Petty**

- Danny Cooner will take over for Bonnie Richards (medical reasons) for the remainder of this year and for next year as AG Coordinator
- AG Chuck Barnett is going over DACdb and Rotary Club Central
- District Team Training will take place March 2, 2019
- District Training will take place on April 12
- Most of staff is set:

- Lori Mohler – District Membership Chair (3 years)
- Wade Drinkard - staying in position
- Still need Public Relations
- International Assembly was fantastic - Petty showed his official Rotary Socks
- Rotaractors were at the Assembly

**2019 Multi District Conference: DG Carol Argo**

Rotary Alabama Conference (South Alabama is joining us)  
 Marriott on 280  
 26 - 28 April

Note: this is Talladega Race weekend

Theme: **Race to the Finish with Polio**

Some of the Speaker:

- Polio Survivors
- PRIVP Ken Schuppert
- John Germ
- Al Mathis is a key note speaker

All conference event at Zoo (family friendly event)

Saturday afternoon and hope people will go to Desota Caverns in Sylacauga (Al has offered free admission and South Alabama is providing 3 buses to transport for both Zoo and Desota Caverns).

Rooms are \$129 plus tax Registration is \$175 Spouses \$110  
 RLI will be on Thursday the 25th  
 Past District Governor Dinner at The Club on Thursday night

DGE Bill Petty said next year we will be going the Ward at Orange Beach on inter coastal waterway and the following year at the new state park.

Secretary and DGE Lewis were dismissed for remaining closed meeting at 4:15.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Mary Grace Evans, District Secretary**