



Toastmasters International District 21 Council Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Online via ZOOM

Time: 1:00 to 3:22 pm

- I. **Call to Order:** District 21 Director Louisa Davis, DTM, PID called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all dignitaries and participants.
- II. **Territorial Acknowledgement:** Administration Manager, Sherry Ernst, DTM gave the territorial acknowledgment for District 21 covering the province of B.C. and the Yukon territory. “As we begin this first Business Council meeting of the newly formed District 21, we are reminded that our clubs and members span the province of B.C. and the Yukon territory. We are grateful to live, work, create and gather on the traditional, ancestral and living territories of over 200 indigenous communities. Let’s take a moment to honour the current and past generations for their care and stewardship of this province and territory.”
- III. **Remembrances:** Club Growth Director, Mark Hurrell, DTM led a moment of silence to remember our members who have passed away since our last council meeting.
- IV. **District Mission:** Program Quality Director, Melody Helleouet, reviewed the District Mission: “We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.” She reminded everyone to keep this in mind as we provide training and leadership development opportunities for all members.
- V. **Inspirational Welcome:** Newly elected International Director, Michael Brown, DTM gave an inspirational message to the leaders in District 21 encouraging everyone to be the reason that all of our clubs and members are successful. He encouraged everyone to be the reason our newly united District 21 continues to lead and will celebrate success next year when the Toastmasters International Convention comes to Vancouver in 2026.
- VI. **Credentials Committee Report:** Credentials Committee Chair, Raymond Ho, confirmed that 183 voting delegates are registered for the meeting and 139 members attended the meeting. A quorum constitutes 50%+1, which equals 92, and thus quorum has been met and the meeting can continue as planned. Results of the credentials report are as follows:

Number of Paid Clubs (x=)	191
Total possible votes (2*x =)	382
1/3 required for a quorum (2*x/3=)	128
Number of club votes registered (as of 12:00pm)	143
Quorum Achieved / not achieved	YES
District Officer votes registered	40
Total votes counted	183
Most motions require a majority to pass: (50% + 1)	92

VII. Standing Rules: District Parliamentarian, Rick Sydor, DTM PID R-PRP outlined the parliamentary rules to follow for this business meeting.

VIII. Adoption of Agenda: Sherry Ernst, DTM presented the Proposed Agenda for the meeting, which was made available on the D21 website. The motion was approved and the agenda was adopted as presented.

1. Call to Order and Welcome	11. 2025-2026 District 21 Budget - David Nguyen
2. Territorial Acknowledgement	12. Announce the Appointment of District Officers
3. Remembrances	13. Unfinished Business
4. Review the District Mission	14. New Business:
5. Inspirational Welcome	a. Proposal A: Election of Area Directors
6. Credentials Committee Report	b. Proposal B: Remote Leader Policy
7. Standing Rules	Voting Procedures (& voting, if needed)
8. Adoption of the Agenda	15. Division Directors Reports
9. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	16. District Officers Reports
0. Year-end Audit Committee Reports	17. Announcements
	18. Adjournment

IX. Approval of Previous District Council Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous DC meetings for District 96 on April 7, 2025, District 21 on May 12, 2025, and the Joint Business Council meeting on May 27, 2025 were posted on the D21 website prior to this meeting for review. As there were no amendments proposed during the meeting, the minutes for all three business council meetings were adopted.

X. Year-End Audit Committee Reports:

D21 June 30, 2025: Audit Committee Report

- Audit Committee Member, Raymond Ho presented the year-end Audit Committee report for D21.

**District 21
Profit & Loss (Actual vs. Budget Summary) (In CAD)**

Month Ending 06/30/2025			07/01/2024 Through 06/30/2025			
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance
			District Revenue			
3,674.15	2,406.91	1,267.24	Membership Revenue	62,159.54	56,384.09	5,775.45
4,390.00	0.00	4,390.00	Conference Revenue	34,376.00	59,725.00	(25,349.00)
<u>8,064.15</u>	<u>2,406.91</u>	<u>5,657.24</u>	Total District Revenue	<u>96,535.54</u>	<u>116,109.09</u>	<u>(19,573.55)</u>
			District Expenses			
4,258.63	0.00	4,258.63	Conference Expenses	28,509.92	59,725.00	(31,215.08)
2,939.54	1,312.00	1,627.54	Recognition	12,251.90	9,556.00	2,695.90
45.00	4,374.00	(4,329.00)	Club Growth	83.85	4,974.00	(4,890.15)
302.25	340.00	(37.75)	Marketing Outside of Toastmasters Expenses	5,768.37	5,094.49	673.88
575.83	280.00	295.83	Public Relations Expense	1,687.69	4,236.10	(2,548.41)
96.70	1,520.00	(1,423.30)	Education & Training Expense	96.70	2,820.00	(2,723.30)
0.00	0.00	0.00	Speech Contest Expenses	565.53	2,249.20	(1,683.67)
1,975.87	147.00	1,828.87	Administration Expenses	4,127.76	3,519.81	607.95
507.57	0.00	507.57	Food and Meals Expense	1,386.02	4,862.00	(3,475.98)
1,420.80	0.00	1,420.80	Travel Expense	4,904.84	9,413.76	(4,508.92)
3,263.42	0.00	3,263.42	Lodging Expense	10,730.78	6,839.12	3,891.66
68.13	0.00	68.13	Other Expenses	6,447.89	0.00	6,447.89
235.01	234.93	0.08	Allocation Expenses	2,871.24	2,819.16	52.08
<u>15,688.75</u>	<u>8,207.93</u>	<u>7,480.82</u>	Total District Expenses	<u>79,432.49</u>	<u>116,108.64</u>	<u>(36,676.15)</u>
<u>(7,624.60)</u>	<u>(5,801.02)</u>	<u>(1,823.58)</u>	Total Net Income	<u>17,103.05</u>	<u>0.45</u>	<u>17,102.60</u>

- Highlights of the report follow:
The Audit Period was between January-June 2025. At the June 30 year-end, we had a Year to Date Net Income of \$17,103.05.

Revenue by Type, Year to Date as of June 30, 2025:
The Total Revenue for the fiscal year was \$96,535.54
Membership Revenue = \$62,159.54
Conference Revenue = \$34,376.00

Expenses by Type, Year to Date as of June 30, 2025:
The Total Expenses for the fiscal year was \$79,432.49
Main Expenses:
Conference = \$28,509.92
Recognition = \$12,251.90
Lodging = \$10,730.78

All reimbursements requested have been approved by the district director with adequate documentation. All payments that were in excess of \$500 USD were properly approved by the District Director and an additional member of the district trio. All transactions were authorised in advance with adequate documentation.

- There were no questions on the D21 Audit Report, and the report was accepted as presented.

D96 June 2025: Audit Committee Report

- Audit Chair, Clinton Kam, DTM presented the year-end Audit Committee report for D96.

District 96 Profit & Loss (Actual vs. Budget Summary) (In CAD)							
Month Ending 06/30/2025				07/01/2024 Through 06/30/2025			
Actual	Budget	Variance		Actual	Budget	Variance	
3,506.53	2,865.15	641.38	District Revenue	79,910.21	67,118.81	12,791.40	Membership Revenue
60.00	0.00	60.00		16,492.84	36,165.00	(19,672.16)	Conference Revenue
0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	800.00	(800.00)	Speech Contest Revenue
0.00	0.00	0.00		1,225.42	0.00	1,225.42	Other Revenue
<u>3,566.53</u>	<u>2,865.15</u>	<u>701.38</u>	Total District Revenue	<u>97,628.47</u>	<u>104,083.81</u>	<u>(6,455.34)</u>	
26,937.64	0.00	26,937.64	District Expenses	35,783.96	35,691.81	92.15	Conference Expenses
0.00	0.00	0.00		11,460.18	5,635.90	5,824.28	Recognition
6,163.87	10.00	6,153.87		9,225.53	9,105.00	120.53	Club Growth
0.00	0.00	0.00		5,124.06	5,407.01	(282.95)	Marketing Outside of Toastmasters Expenses
360.16	145.00	215.16		2,230.69	2,578.00	(347.31)	Public Relations Expense
906.24	31.20	875.04		1,604.37	9,232.80	(7,628.43)	Education & Training Expense
3,214.62	0.00	3,214.62		5,065.69	3,226.00	2,439.69	Speech Contest Expenses
1,915.94	355.00	1,560.94		8,435.04	5,125.00	3,310.04	Administration Expenses
345.45	0.00	345.45		7,426.83	7,850.00	(423.17)	Food and Meals Expense
901.04	0.00	901.04		5,753.38	7,592.75	(1,839.37)	Travel Expense
0.00	0.00	0.00		7,070.33	9,283.20	(2,212.87)	Lodging Expense
0.00	0.00	0.00		312.56	0.00	312.56	Other Expenses
279.74	279.66	0.08		3,417.75	3,355.92	61.83	Allocation Expenses
<u>41,024.70</u>	<u>820.86</u>	<u>40,203.84</u>	Total District Expenses	<u>103,510.37</u>	<u>104,083.39</u>	<u>(573.02)</u>	
<u>(37,458.17)</u>	<u>2,044.29</u>	<u>(39,502.46)</u>	Total Net Income	<u>(5,881.90)</u>	<u>0.42</u>	<u>(5,882.32)</u>	

- Highlights of the report follow:
The Audit Period was between January-June 2025. For that six-month period we had a Net Loss of (\$37,458.17) and a Year to date Net Loss of (-5,881.90).

Revenue by Type, Year to Date as of June 30, 2025
The Total Revenue for the fiscal year which was \$97,628.47
Membership Revenue = \$79,910.21
Conference Revenue = \$16,492.84
Miscellaneous Revenue = \$1,225.42

Expenses by Type, Year to Date as of June 30, 2025
The total Expenses for the fiscal year is \$103,510.37. Main expenses are from Conference Expenses, Recognition and Club Growth.

All reimbursements requested have been approved by the District Director with adequate documentation. All payments that were in excess of \$500 USD were properly approved by the District Director and an additional member of the district trio. All transactions were authorised in advance with adequate documentation.

- There were no questions on the D96 Audit Report, and the report was accepted as presented.

XI. 2025-2026 District 21 Budget. David Nguyen, Finance Manager reported on the proposed Budget for 2025-2026. All proposed expenses are within the minimum and maximum policy percentages as outlined by Toastmasters International. David noted that District Bucks incentives are included in the "Recognition" section of the budget. The travel budget covers training, education and town hall events are scheduled throughout the province. The budget is calculated in \$CAD. As there were no objections to the proposed budget as presented, the budget was approved.

	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Total
Membership Dues Allocation	10,036	6,616	34,663	9,325	3,926	2,040	2,757	12,115	39,619	8,979	3,965	5,147	139,189
Conference revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,470	-	-	44,470
Oct/Nov Event revenue	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Fundraising revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education and Training revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District store revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Speech contest revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	10,036	6,616	34,663	9,325	5,426	2,040	2,757	12,115	39,619	53,449	3,965	5,147	185,159
TI Allocation Expense	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	580	6,959
Conference expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,470	-	-	44,470
Oct/Nov Event expense	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
Fundraising expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District store expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing Outside Toastmasters expense	-	-	6,420	120	120	120	5,120	520	120	120	1,120	120	13,900
Recognition expense	-	1,667	3,870	440	1,055	2,870	520	920	2,940	440	2,540	4,165	21,427
Club Growth expense	-	10	3,775	1,475	1,335	1,325	1,475	1,475	1,475	1,475	1,475	3,335	18,630
Public Relations expense	80	356	430	280	280	280	980	280	280	280	280	280	4,086
Education & training expense	294	625	594	-	972	1,000	2,062	1,812	662	-	4,130	1,851	14,002
Speech contest expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	462	2,709	3,350	-	-	6,521
Administration expense	170	1,170	615	490	1,920	120	120	820	120	120	2,810	2,020	10,495
Food and Meals expense	2,500	1,850	450	800	3,570	-	1,100	4,220	1,800	3,750	-	-	20,040
Travel expense	2,996	4,984	-	1,333	143	-	2,110	3,978	1,385	-	-	-	16,928
Lodging expense	-	3,400	-	300	-	-	1,600	900	-	-	-	-	6,200
Total Expenses	6,620	14,642	16,734	5,818	11,475	6,295	15,667	15,967	12,071	54,585	12,935	12,351	185,159
District Net Income/(Loss)	3,416	(8,026)	17,929	3,508	(6,048)	(4,255)	(12,910)	(3,852)	27,548	(1,136)	(8,970)	(7,204)	0

Break even	Revenue	Expense	Net	Policy
Conference	44,470	44,350	120	Meets Policy
Fundraising	-	-	-	Meets Policy
District Store	-	-	-	Meets Policy
Minimum Expense Type		Expense	%	Policy
Marketing Outside Toastmasters		13,900	10.0%	5.0%
Maximum Expense Type		Expense	%	Policy
Education and Training		14,002	10.1%	15.0%
Marketing Outside Toastmasters		13,900	10.0%	10.0%
Club Growth		18,630	13.4%	15.0%
Public Relations		4,086	2.9%	10.0%
Recognition		21,427	15.4%	20.0%
Travel		16,928	12.2%	25.0%
Lodging		6,200	4.5%	15.0%
Food and Meals		20,040	14.4%	15.0%
Speech Contest		6,521	4.7%	5.0%
Administration		10,495	7.5%	10.0%
Total Membership Dues		139,189	100.0%	

XII. Approval of District Officer Appointments: Louisa Davis announced the following members of the District Executive team, elected and appointed. (E=elected)

A: Tim Thakkar
B: Frank Tanguay (E)
C: Tom Leson (E)
D: Clinton Kam (E)
E: Vincent Li, DTM
F: Janet Cho, DTM
G: Susan Gage (E)
H: Hardip Viridi (E)
J: Richard Anderson
PR: Lydia Burchell, DTM PDD
Administration: Sherry Ernst, DTM
Finance: David Nguyen
Logistics: Ed Moore
A01: Garth Coward
A02: Kevin Smith
A03: Maria Popova
A04: Lamei Yao
B10: Sharleen McBlain
B11: Alpha Woodward
B12: Jannie Li
B14: Vicki Allenspach
C20: Ujwala Chaula
C21: Joanne Morrison, DTM, PDD
C22: Nick Zarei
C23: Sarah Davies
D30: Sunita Prasad
D31: Sathya Makandan
D32: Anastasija Chernyshova
D33: Christine Stichman
D34: Siegfried Erb

E40: Tara Leduc
E41: Ron Lee, DTM
E42: Manoj Sharath Nandakishore
E43: Ray Au
E44: Ali Moktarian
F50: Alejandra Lopez
F51: Lois Kerr
F52: Jackie Cao
F53: Geoff Woodfield
F54: Sneha Attili
G60: Julie Beelie
G61: Kelvin Tsang
G62: Erin Hallburg
G63: Amy Zhou
G64: Kelvin Tsang
H70: Rumi Maity
H71: Torsten Lenk
H72: Caroline Cesar
H73: Sephora Pierre-Louis
H74: Harmeet Mangat
J80: Susan Skinner
J81: David Scott-Moncrieff
J82: Chantel Gibbs
J83: Peter MacMillan
J84: Lisa Lieu

District Leadership Chair: Virginia Keast

XIII. Unfinished Business. There was no unfinished business.

XIV. New Business.

Proposal A: Election of Area Directors

Area Directors in District 21 are to be elected by their respective Area Councils prior to the next District program year. If no Area Director is elected, the incoming District Director will appoint them, considering the recommendations of the Area Councils.

Additional Notes:

- Area Directors can be elected for one succeeding year.
- Once the bylaw has been adopted, it remains in effect until bylaws for D21 are changed.

As there were no formal objections, the Proposal was accepted as presented.

Proposal B: Remote Leaders

Louisa Davis reviewed the proposal and the relevant definitions in the Toastmasters International governing documents.

On behalf of the District trio, we move that:

District 21 shall not elect or appoint fully remote leaders and shall limit the number of partially remote district leaders to those serving online clubs or clubs in relatively nearby geographical areas and whose travel expenses are minimal while serving the district. All expenses must be pre-approved and included in the District budget.

Note: This proposal is aligned with Policy 8.3 and Article XII of the Toastmasters International Governing Documents.

As there were no formal objections, the Proposal was accepted as presented.

XV. Division Director Reports.

Division A. Division A Director Tim Thakker reported on Division A and thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- A is for Amazing
- Membership renewals are currently at 243
- 81% of Club Officer Training minimum achieved
- 4 remaining club success plans to be submitted
- 2 Area Directors have completed Area Visit reports
- 2 clubs (Seymour Synergy and Rising Shine) have achieved Distinguished status
- Norvic Toastmasters officially joined the Area as of the Sept. 7 DEC meeting
- One Area Director working toward Club Coach role

Division B. Division B Director Frank Tanguay reported on Division B thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- B is for Bold, Beautiful
- Club Success Plans
 - All but one club success plan has been submitted
- Membership Renewals
 - 273, some of those are renewals for both Fall and Spring.
- Division Council Meeting held on Sept. 14, 2025
- Challenges:
 - We need a replacement club for a merged club, we do have a possible lead.
 - Getting more clubs to hold events like Open Houses and Speech Crafts.
- Successes:
 - All but two clubs were successful in training a minimum of 4 Club Officers.
 - All Areas had at least one club train 7/7 Club Officers.
 - A few Clubs have had successful promotional functions in their communities, through fairs, music festivals etc.

Division C. Division C Director Tom Leson reported on Division C and thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- C is for Cookie
- Membership renewals to date:153 - with 32 renewed for April.
- Club officer Training: 63 officers trained, 2 clubs reached 7/7.
- Club Success Plans: 15 /20 clubs are submitted.

- Division Council Meeting: Held on September 18.
- Challenges: Overall Engagement
- Successes: Howe Sound Hosted a Club Officer Training in August that was well received. We'll be hosting again on September 25th and will continue monthly.

District Director Louis Davis congratulated Tom and the team for their leadership on hosting club officer training.

Division D. Division D Director Clinton Kam reported on Division D and thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- D is for Determined
- 46% of the Club Officers are trained.
- Added 15 new members to the division.
- 39% of the Area Director Reports have been completed.
- 52% of the clubs have submitted their club success reports.
- Looking for new corporate clubs to join the Division.

Division E. Division E Director Vincent Li, DTM reported on Division E and thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- E is for Eclectic
- Almost 100% met the Club Officer Training minimum of 4 trained.
- Added 41 new members in the division.
- Already added one new club to the Division.
- Looking to grow 2 - 3 clubs in the Division.
- A Division that is "focused, committed, [and driven by] sheer will" to achieve our goals.

Division F. Division F Director Janet Cho reported on Division F. Highlights include:

- F is for Fantastic
- Our Club base in Division F is 22 clubs.
- The Division is losing 1 club.
- Success Plan includes supporting the weaker clubs.
- Area F50 has 17 club officers trained, 1 club success plan left to complete.
- Area F51 has 3 club officers trained and AD has done 2 club visits so far
- Area 52 has 14 club officers trained, club success plans completed and AD has done 5 club visits
- Area F53 has 11 club officers trained, 3 success plans submitted and AD has done 2 club visits
- Area 54 has 27 club officers trained and AD has done one club visit

Division G. Division A Director Susan Gage reported on Division G and thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- G is for Gratitude
- 70% of all club officers were trained in Round 1.
- 81% of Club Officer Training minimum achieved.
- Net growth of 7 members.
- 1 new club has been added.
- Club Success Plans will be submitted by Sept 15.
- Area Directors are focused on supporting remaining clubs.
- One Area Director working toward the Club Coach role.

Division H. Division H Director Hardip Virdi reported on Division H and thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- We lead with Humour, Heart, and Hard work!
- 91% of clubs reached the minimum of Club Officers Trained.
- 45% of clubs have achieved 7/7 officers trained.
- 95% of clubs have submitted their Club Success Plan.
- 55% of clubs have already renewed.
- Added 14 new members during this renewal period.
- All club visits have been visited or scheduled. 7 reports are completed.

Division J. Division J Director Richard reported on Division J and thanked the Area Directors. Highlights include:

- J is for “Just do it”
- Membership Renewals:
 - Total memberships: 381
 - Expiring September 30, 2025: 237 (62%)
- Club Officer Training (COT):
 - 14 clubs met minimum (4+ officers)
 - 2 clubs achieved full (7/7 officers)
- Club Success Plans (CSP):
 - 6 submitted
 - 17 not yet submitted
- Club Visits:
 - Area Visits are scheduled

XVI. District Officer Reports.

Public Relations Manager: Lydia Burchell, DTM, PDD provided her report.

The following strategies and initiatives are being implemented to encourage membership and club growth:

- WhatsApp group - hub to learn, share, grow. Members are encouraged to join the group. For example, clubs have posted photos of their events and open houses.
- We are holding VP PR Townhall meetings once a month. Recently we had a session on Instagram.
- Skytrain ads and outside media.
- Opportunities for learning and contribution.
- VP PRs are encouraged to learn or teach: for example - social media platforms.
- Emphasis on leaders creating leaders.
- Media impressions - increase engagement and awareness of Toastmasters
- High Performance Leadership Projects.

Club Growth Director: Mark Hurrell provided his report.

- **New Clubs:**
 - We welcome Asian Canadian Basketball Association (ACBA) Club 28678945 in Division G, Area 60 which chartered on July 21, 2025.
 - Mark introduced Jim Heeren as the Club Extension Lead for 2025-2026.
 - There are 19 active new club leads.
- **Club Coaches:**

- Mark introduced Christopher Chen, DTM as the Club Coach Chair for 2025-2026. New and Continuing Club Coaches were thanked for their effort this year.
- Mark congratulated successful club coaches from the previous year:
 - Erin Hallenburg, DTM - Douglas Toastmasters (D96)
 - Stefano Cossalter, DTM - Burnaby Toasters Club (D96)
 - Raymond Wolowidnyk, DTM - Norvic Toastmasters Club
 - Debra Hartmann, LD5 - Norvic Toastmasters Club
 - Charnel Izaks, DTM - The Word Toastmasters
 - Louisa Davis, DTM, PID - Advanced Leaders Lab (D96)
 - Laurel Sukkau - Nechako Toastmasters (D96)
 - Donna Ho, DTM - Talk of the Town Toastmasters (D96)
- Currently there are 19 active club coaches
 - Neulessa Lundy-Major - Presentation Artists
 - Dr. Harmeet Kaur Mangat - Fraser Heights Cornerstone
 - Tanya Siddiqui - Fraser Heights Cornerstone
 - Derek Meng - Vancouver Mandarin Learners
 - Reza Sahrei - Howe Sound
 - Megan Wang - Vancore
 - Padmalosini Muthukumaran - Spruce Capital
 - Chad Williamson - Cloverdale
 - Ahmed Hussain - Money Matters
 - Charito Canero - ISC BC
 - Carole Murphy - Golden Ears Christian
 - Tania Brzovic - Diverse Abilities
 - Bernadette Lam - Well-Spoken Professionals
 - Kim Dickie - Well-Spoken Professionals
 - Sugandh Rakha - Plaza 400
 - Sherry Ernst, DTM - Roadsters
 - Janice Parkinson - Cariboo Club
 - Tiffany Mark - Cariboo Club
 - Elaine Crisotomo - Vancouver Downtown Royal-T
- 76 Clubs are eligible for a club coach

- **Travelling Toastmasters:**

- Carlos Millones, DTM
- Nancy Scully, DTM
- Karen Hall, DTM
- Virginia Keast, DTM

Program Quality Director: Melody Helleouet provided her report.

- **Club Officer Training:**

- Round 1 Club Officer Training: 68% of our 1,271 elected club officers trained.
- 136 clubs achieved 4/7 club officers trained.
- 47 clubs achieved 7/7 club officers trained and district bucks have been awarded.
- 42% of club officers are new toastmasters this year.
- 137 club officers hold multiple club officer roles.

- **Speech Contests:**

- Devon Downie is the District 21 Chief Judge mentored by former Chief Judge Carole Murphy.
- This year's contests are the International Speech and Tall Tales contest.
- Speech contests start December 1 at the club level.
- Contests from Area level and up are in person.
- Division Speech Contests will each receive \$100 automatically budgeted.
- For Area Speech Contests, the District has budgeted a \$50 incentive for Areas that get 100% Community Success Plans done + 100% Club Visits done OR 100% Renewals by September 30.
- **Distinguished Club Status:**
 - Melody congratulated Seymour Synergy Toastmasters and Rise and Shine which have already met 5/10 goals completed.
- **2026 International Conference:** will be held in Vancouver in August 2026!

District Director: Louisa Davis provided her report.

District 21 and 96 have been brought together successfully. Louisa shared elements of the District Success Plan to be a Distinguished District in 2026 and be recognized on the stage at the International Conference (in Vancouver) in August 2026. She also thanked the District Council members for their service.

District 21 Performance			
Paid Clubs		Payments	
Base	To Date	Base	To Date
190	191	7,124	2,407
Goals		Goals	
Distinguished	192	Distinguished	7,196
Select Distinguished	196	Select Distinguished	7,338
President's Distinguished	200	President's Distinguished	7,481
Smedley Distinguished	206	Smedley Distinguished	7,694

Results

- 100% of District Officer roles filled! We've had 4 officers successfully replaced.
- 59 District Executive members in D21
- 100% District Officers trained
- 3rd in Region for: 36.65% 20+ members (70) and 1 new club to-date
- 1st in Region for: Renewals -74.75%

District 21 Success Plan

- **Club Growth and Support**
 - Training for new club coaches
 - Incentives for club coaches
 - Generate new club leads
 - Follow up on club leads
 - Re-charter D clubs

- Reinstatement clubs that have closed in the past 10 years
 - Incentives for club promotion such as Open House, Speechcraft.
 - Area Director visits early by Sept 30 and March 31.
 - Program Quality
 - Pathways & New Member Orientation sessions every month.
 - District Bucks - CSP, 5 DCP in Dec, Distinguished by May 2026
 - Clubs have already earned >\$12,000 in District Bucks.
 - Multiple training opportunities (lunch n learn, evenings, Saturdays)
 - Club Officer Training (COT) reminders - 7 in 1, private trainings
 - Hall of Fame for Education Achievements
 - Special events & workshops

XVII. Announcements: Virginia Keast, IPDD and Jim Heeren, IPDD, PRA announced upcoming events planned for the 2025-2026 program year.

- Spring District 21 Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting
Saturday, March 28, 2026 – 1pm-3pm PT
- Meet the Candidates
Saturday, April 12, 2026 – 12:30 pm-1:30 pm PT
- Spring District 21 Council (DC) Business Meeting
Saturday, April 12, 2026 – 2pm-5pm PT
- Join us as we celebrate Districts 21 and 96 with our Hall of Fame and Town Hall tours!
 - Friday, October 17 - Kamloops - sales blitz, town hall dinner
 - Saturday, October 18 - Kelowna - afternoon will feature Hall of Fame for Division J, meet the trio at the townhall, education/training. We will have a sales blitz in Kelowna on Friday, October 17 in the morning.
 - Saturday, November 22 - Vancouver lower mainland - Toastmasters Leadership Institute featuring town hall, keynote, lunch and Hall of Fame, contest training and Club Officer Training.
 - Sunday, November 23 - Nanaimo - Toastmasters Leadership Institute featuring keynote, town hall lunch, and Hall of Fame for Divisions A & B, contest training and Club Officer Training.
- District 21 Annual Conference 2026 will be held April 17-18, 2026 at the Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport in Richmond, BC.

Featuring:

- Tall Tales & International Speech Contests
- Keynote Presentations
- Education Workshops
- Communication & Leadership Award
- Friday Dinner



- Saturday Breakfast & Lunch
- Registration ranges from \$139-189 CAD
- Sneha Attili and Hannah Thobani, Conference Co-Chairs encouraged volunteers to sign up for the Conference committee.

- **101 Challenge.**
 - Sephora Pierre-Louis, DTM shared her new DTM project. During the week of the 101st anniversary of Toastmasters (Oct 19-25, 2025) - for 101 clubs to host guest events and recruit members. She encouraged all clubs to sign up for the challenge. More information will be sent to club officers next week.

XVIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.