



2025-2026 District 45 Council Meeting

May 2, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Order	Notes
Mandatory Check in	8:00 AM- 8:45 AM ET 9:00-9:45 AM AT 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM NT. The published check-in was adhered to.
Call to Order and Welcome Recording for minutes only	The District 45 Council meeting was called to order at 9 AM Eastern 10 am Atlantic 10:30 am Newfoundland time by District Administration Manager, Lorelei Grecian.
Welcome Review of the District Mission	District 45 Director, Sherry MacDonald DTM addressed the District Council by welcoming all the members. District Director Sherry MacDonald, DTM read the district mission statement.
Review of Voting Procedures District 45 Standing Rules	Parliamentarian Erin McMenemy, DTM took the floor and explained the standing rules on contributing to meeting via the electronic raised hand with only 1 opportunity to speak. The District Director will use discretion for extending discussion. Hands raised will be taken in order. Any votes will be via hand and recorded as for, against, abstaining and recorded in minutes. No voting will take place on Election Buddy.
Credentials Report	Credentials Chair Angela Stoddart reported that 42 club (Presidents and Vice Presidents Education) ballots were required for quorum. 45 club ballots were issued. This established the meeting quorum. An additional 7 district ballots were issued for a total of 52 ballots issued. Credential Report was adopted as presented.
Meeting Agenda Review & Acceptance	The meeting agenda was sent to members and posted on the district website at least 14 days ahead of the meeting. No amendments were made to the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.
District Council Meeting Minutes of Sept 13, 2025 - Review & Acceptance	The meeting minutes for the Sept 13, 2025 District Council meeting were posted on the District 45 website and distributed to the District Council members at least 14 days before the meeting for review. No amendments were made to the minutes. Minutes were

	<p>approved as accepted. D45 Admin Manager Lorelei Grecian will post them.</p>
<p>2025-2026 Financial Audit Committee Report</p>	<p>Financial Audit Chair Angela Stoddart – in progress, communication with TI, committee still meeting, no concerns with recording or transactions from July 1 to Dec 31, 2025. Final report to follow.</p> <p>No Objections. Financial Audit Report adopted as presented.</p>
<p>Division Director Reports</p>	<p>Division Director reports as presented:</p> <p>Division A Director Paul Coddington DTM - Great year- 2 Distinguished clubs, with 3-6 more pending additional members and/or educational levels completed. Division A contests- May 10th, with 2 representatives for each to go on to District contests to bring home the hardware from NS. 18 paid clubs, 7 off to D53, 12 to D31. 9/18 clubs receive CSP review incentive. Concord Toastmasters doing really well.</p> <p>Division B Director Dawna-Jean (DJ) Turchon DTM - Best Division. Great year. A couple clubs need 1 member; a couple clubs not doing Pathways. 9 clubs receive CSP incentive. Area Directors visits completed; reports forthcoming. Division B Contestants are new members and will move on to District contests. TLI and Awards ceremonies scheduled for June.</p> <p>Division C Director Stephen Clark DTM - Learned a lot; year went well. Division C Contestant will also represent well at District contests. 2 Clubs that were struggling are now doing well. TLI - 4th Saturday in June. French TLI went well- potential to continue going forward. Area Directors supportive in running contests.</p> <p>Division D Director Lawrence Kelly – Grateful for the experience. 17 clubs- none distinguished. Lost a club. 2 need more educational levels; 7 need more members. Area Directors visits went well. 15/17 clubs receive CSP review incentive. Division D contestant for all 3 contests. TLI venue being sought for early June. Area 1 Director- Jeffrey Roy (80 club visits), Area 9 Director- Lorna Walters, Area 11 Director- Joy Ding and Area 18 Director Chris Solarski -all have done an amazing job. Division D Council in person at Conference.</p>
<p>SLT District Reports</p>	<p>Leadership Team Reports were presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administration Manager – Lorelei Grecian- bi-monthly email updates; 904 subscribers as of May 2, open rates -60%. asset to club leadership to share directly with members. Celebrations emails to acknowledge membership achievements. Communicate also with DC and DEC members. 3 more bi-updates and 2 more Celebration emails. ● Public Relations Manager- Erin McMenemy DTM-

wrap up for year and District 45; promotions on socials for conference; video contest promotion; District 31 SpeakerLink. Highlights from over years. Transition of District 45 historical assets (videos, etc) to District 31. Final Newsletter- with in-memoriam; recognition of current clubs.

- Finance Manager- as presented by District Director Sherry MacDonald – in good shape financially; substantial amount of incentives gone out to clubs. Submit your receipts for reimbursements as there is a hard cut off on June 30.
- Club Growth Director Madhu Kanji DTM- Wonderful year. Need 73 clubs for Distinguished District. 62 clubs in good standing; 4 clubs working on charter status; 12 coaches to be award; have 7 clubs that need a member to reach good standing. We could do it. Track Your Club to Distinguished Incentive was well-received by club that participated.
- Program Quality Director Tom Macisso DTM- great year- 45 is the best District in the world. Lots of talent. Great conference speaker line-up- Sharon, Joseph, Joe Grondin, Angela Chute, Jean Gamester, Dawn Frail, Pat Johnson plus educational speakers. Room full of first-timers coming. Webinar recording with in coming Christian Austin. May Webinar focus on Area Director Roles- contributions welcomed. Thanks for all the support especially to Conference Co-Chairs- Sharon Forbrigger and Lindsay Tremblay.

District Director Sherry MacDonald noted that the stretch goal for the Conference was for 100 registrants and currently there are 101 registrants- still 10 days to register.

- District Director Sherry MacDonald DTM- fantastic team this year from Senior Leadership Team , Division Directors, Area Directors, and all supportive roles. Members achieved over 400 educational levels.(lots of Triple Crowns as well. More levels to be submitted before June 30. Members and Clubs- Incentives for club support. Video incentive- earn up to US\$600 for club by producing promotional video. Re-alignment this year- splitting in 2 new districts- additional resources, opportunities. Seize opportunities with open mind.

IPDD Sharon Joseph congratulated DD Sherry and her team for navigating the transition with grace, style, efficiency and a District 45 heart.

	There were no objections to reports. Reports were adopted as presented.
International Updates	<p>District Director Sherry MacDonald presented ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● increase in cost of Pathways path- US\$25+tx to US\$35+tx Note: IPDD Sharon Joseph inquired if there was a justification for the price increase from TI. DD Sherry MacDonald acknowledged that none was given aside from what was in the email that went out to members from TI. ● SpeakerLink- D31 initiative headed by Carly Cox to match speakers looking for opportunities to speak before June 30 with clubs looking for speakers. Benefits to clubs, members and guests.
New Business (if applicable)	There was no new business for the good of Toastmasters.
Next District Council Meeting	N/A
Meeting Adjourned	With no objections, District Director Sherry MacDonald, adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am ET