

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6250, INC.

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

RADISSON PAPER VALLEY, APPLETON, WISCONSIN

**MAY 15, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by the President, District Governor Dave Warren.

Fifty-one member clubs were present, constituting a quorum by representing 81% of our district clubs representing 88% of the total membership. A listing of delegates in attendance is attached and is a part of these minutes.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the annual business meeting of May 3, 2014 were not read because they had previously been distributed.

A motion to approve the *minutes from the business meeting* of May 3, 2014 was made by Chuck Hanson (La Crosse) and seconded by Cheryl Hanson (La Crosse). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

### **Election of the District's Representative to the Zone Nominating Committee for Rotary International Director for 2017-2019**

Past District Governor Dean Ryerson and Past District Governor Chuck Hanson were on a ballot for this. Ballot results – Past District Governor Dean Ryerson was elected by majority vote. Chuck Hanson will serve as the alternate Representative.

Motion to destroy ballot after 30 days by Janine O'Rourke – (Madison West Towne Middleton)  
Second Bill Minser (Fitchburg Verona)  
All approved, none opposed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

District Governor Elect Mary Van Hout let delegates know the District began the budget process in January. Mary introduced District Treasurer Dick Spencer. We ended the year 2014 with \$26,000 more in revenue than expenses. At the time we had \$106,000 in reserves. When the 2015-2016 budget was put together there is no dues increase. We will more than likely end the year June 30, 2015 with a \$20,000. District Treasurer Dick Spencer encouraged volunteers to submit their expenses for this year by June 15, 2015. The budget will remain at \$40 per member. Our target is to keep our reserve balance between 30-50% of operating. District Treasurer Dick Spencer thanked District Finance Chair Johnny Brevik for chairing the Finance Committee. For 2015-2016 we budgeted for expenses to exceed revenue.

### **2015-2016 District Budget**

A motion to approve the *2015-2016 District Operating Budget* was made by Kimberly Schafer (Medford Morning) and seconded by Bob Vanden Burgt (Madison South) All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

### **Board Member Elections**

The District Nominating Committee has nominated three at-large members to the District 6250 Board of Directors for 2015-16. The nominating committee nominates At-Large Member Rob Stroud of the Rotary Club of Madison, Martha Klatt, Assistant Governor Group 4, Rotary Club of Tomah and Sandee Macht, Paul Harris Society Coordinator, Rotary Club of Watertown.

Motion to approve members Rob Stroud (Madison), Martha Klatt (Tomah), and Sandee Macht (Watertown) to the *District Board of Directors* was made by Chuck Hanson (La Crosse) and seconded by Dale Leffel (Marshfield). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

Dave Warren for the District Nominating Committee chaired by Rob Stroud, PDG, presents the *District Governor Nominee Designate 2017-18*. The nominating committee nominates, Joe Ruskey of The Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien, as District Governor Nominee Designate 2017-18.

Motion to approve Joe Ruskey (Prairie du Chien) as *District Governor Nominee Designate 2017-18* was made by Dean McHugh (Holmen) and second by Chris Smith (Menomonie) . All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

### **The District Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee Designate**

Motion to approve the nominating committee (see below) for the District Governor Nominee Designate for 2018-19 was made by Marie Whisenant (Platteville) and seconded by Kimberly Schafer (Medford Morning). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee 2018-19**

- Dean Ryerson, Chair; Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton
- Dave Warren, Rotary Club of Janesville
- Mary Van Hout, Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton
- Dean McHugh, Rotary Club of Holmen Area
- Joe Ruskey, Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien
- Bob Vanden Burgt, Rotary Club of Madison South
- Ann Albert, Rotary Club of Madison West

Mary Beth Growney Selene (Madison West Towne-Middleton)– asked about the selection of the members to this committee. Rob Stroud (Madison) responded that each Rotarian from Joe Ruskey up on the list is designated by position held as outlined in the District Bylaws. The suggestion is that the District consider At Large members be from different areas throughout the District in the future. Governor Dave Warren (Janesville) will chair this next year and keep that in mind for the selections.

### **Other Business:**

Chuck Hanson (La Crosse) – reported on Charitable Trust giving this past year. The trust is meeting the needs it was setup for as evidenced in support throughout the District with the health issues of an Exchange student from Germany.

Bill Pritchard (La Crosse) – Membership – 17 straight years of declining membership. As of this morning, we have great news, we are up 22 members for this year. D6250 across zone 28 and 29 has the highest percentage of women and the highest percentage of Rotarians under the age of 40.

### **New Business:**

Council on Legislation Representative Dean Dickson reported on the Enactment from our District. It was approved by our District and sent to RI. Two more enactments were submitted and approved by the Constitution.

One more enactment came up by Madison. That enactment has recently passed Constitution and Bylaws. This will be the blockbuster enhancement at the upcoming Council of Legislation meeting.

Governor Dave Warren presented 6 clubs with the Presidential Citation:

Presidential Citation

- Janesville
- La Crosse
- La Crosse After Hours
- Madison West Towne-Middleton
- Tomah
- Waunakee

District Governor Elect Mary Van Hout recognized the Assistant Governors that are completing their three year terms.

Thank you to Michelle McGrath (Madison) and Ben Bauer (Marshfield Sunrise) for RYLA 2015!

The motion to *adjourn the meeting* was made by Rob Stroud (Madison) and seconded by Paul Riehemann (Madison). All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

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51 Clubs Represented •  
 2,612 Members Represented •  
 109 Electors Votes •

District Total 63 Clubs  
 District Total 2,981 Members  
 District 123 Total Electors

• 81% represented  
 • 88% represented  
 • 89% represented

**Delegate Electors in Attendance:**

Club Name	Members	Electors	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4
Baraboo	42	2	Jim Allen			
Beaver Dam	30	1	Dennis G Levenhagen			
Beloit	65	3	Jim Olson			
Black River Falls	40	2	Max J Michaelson Jr			
Caledonia, MN, USA	25	1	Tom Murphy			
Chippewa Falls	72	3	Mark Broses	Cathy Statz	Jim Barnier	
Columbus / Fall River	28	1	Henry St. Maurice			
Eau Claire	41	2	Patrick Thoney			
Edgerton	45	2	Deb McCool-Cloute			
Holmen Area	28	1	Scott Ryan			
Horicon	15	1	Kim Dezeeuw			
Janesville	101	4	Marcy Weber	Steve Servantez	Dave Warren	Dan Drozdowicz
Janesville Morning	35	1	Gayle Lunder			
La Crescent	22	1	David Ebner			
La Crosse	160	6	Bill Pritchard		Dean Dickinson	Cheryl Hanson
La Crosse After Hours	47	2	Mandy Nogle	Ryan Bayerkohler		
La Crosse-Valley View	69	3	Steve McCombs			
Lake Mills	37	1	Boyd Forest			
Lodi	20	1	Doug Richmond			
Madison	509	20	Rob Stroud, Jim Ruhly	Lew Harned	Paul Riehemann	Renee Moe
Madison After Hours	32	1	Pete Balestracci			
Madison Breakfast	24	1	John Feller			
Madison East-Monona	15	1	John Marhoefer			
Madison Horizons	22	1	Jacqui Sakowski			
Madison South	72	3	Alan Selene			
Madison West	40	2	Melissa Bjerke	Corday Feith		
Madison West Towne-Middleton	68	3	Jeannine Desautels	Svein Morner	Mary Feldt	
Marshfield Sunrise	57	2	Roberta DeVetter	Dale Leffel		
Medford Morning	24	1	David Hruby			
Menomonie	63	3	Susan Beety	Christopher Smith	William Bustic	
Menomonie-Sunrise	31	1	Gus Myran			
Mt. Horeb	31	1	Rob Helvey			
Onalaska Hilltopper	31	1	Greg Marso			
Oregon	41	2	Jan Bonsett-Veal			
Portage	37	1	Dave Bieno			
Prairie du Chien	35	1	Joe Rusky			
Reedsburg-Western Sauk County	24	1	Beverly Hoeye			
Sauk Prairie Area	9	1	Margo Zeman			
Southwestern WI - Platteville	27	1	Marie Whisenant			
Stoughton	49	2	Thor Anderson	Matt Roethe		
Sun Prairie	52	2	Laura Jennings	Laurie Kreuger		
Tomah	32	1	Lenny Bakken			
Viroqua	13	1	Jeff Gohlke			
Watertown	67	3	Jeffrey Tate	Sandee Macht		
Waunakee	88	4	Linda Olson			
Waupun	20	1	DeAnn Thurmer			
Wisconsin Dells	32	1	Juli Mor			
Wisconsin Rapids	95	4	Bruce W. Rokke	Chuck Gibbons		
Wisconsin Rapids-Sunrise	48	2	Nancy Mischnick			

**Clubs Represented by Proxy:**

Club Name	Members	Electors	Proxy Elector
Neillsville	15	1	Jerry Cleveland, Marshfield
Richland County	17	1	Mary Beth Growney Selene – Madison West Towne-Middleton

**PROPOSED ENACTMENT  
TO RESTATE THE OBJECT OF ROTARY**

Proposed by the Rotary Club of La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA

IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the CONSTITUTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL & THE STANDARD CLUB CONSTITUTION be and hereby are amended as follows (pages 123 and 198 of the MOP)

**ARTICLE 4 Object**

The Object of Rotary is to ~~encourage and~~ foster through fellowship the ideal of service as a basis of worth enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:

- First.* ~~The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;~~
- Second.* To expect high ethical standards in all that we think, say, and do; business and professions; the to recognize recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of to understand that each Rotarian's the occupation of each Rotarian as provides an opportunity to service society;
- Third.* To encourage Rotarians to apply ~~The application of~~ the ideal of service in ~~each all~~ all Rotarian's personal, business and community life; aspects of their lives;
- Fourth.* To advance ~~The advancement of~~ international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of ~~business and professional persons~~ people and organizations united in the ideal of service.

**THE RESTATED OBJECT OF ROTARY**

**ARTICLE 4 Object**

The Object of Rotary is to foster through fellowship the ideal of service;

To expect high ethical standards in all that we think, say and do; to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations; and to understand that the occupation of each Rotarian provides an opportunity to serve society;

To encourage Rotarians to apply the idea of service in all aspects of their lives;

To advance international understanding goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of people and organizations united in the ideal of service.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT STATEMENT**

The Object of Rotary is one of the foundational documents of Rotary International. All Rotarians should understand and be conversant in the Object of Rotary as it bears directly upon the Rotary Motto, Service Above Self, the Four Way Test of the things we think, say, and do and the five core values of Rotary, Fellowship, Leadership, Integrity, Diversity and Service.

The restatement of the Object of Rotary creates congruency with recent actions of the Council on Legislation relating to the qualifications for membership as is evidenced in Section 2 (a)(3)(4)(5)(6) of the Constitution of Rotary International.

Composed in an earlier time the language and word structure of the current version of the Object of Rotary is difficult to master. The restated Object of Rotary, in its simplicity, will lend itself to a broader understanding of what is essential in our purpose as Rotarians.