**Minutes**

**District 5500 Council on Legislation**

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

1. **Call to Order.** PDG Michael Drake called the District 5500 Council on Legislation to order at 2:15 P.M. in the Avant Garde Lounge on the Carnival Cruise Ship Inspiration. Copies of the Agenda, the compilation on finances, and the minutes from the 2018-2019 Council on Legislation were available for review for those who forgot to bring the ones emailed to them earlier.

PDG Michael Drake announced that 1/3 of the clubs in the District had to send electors to the Council on Legislation for a quorum to exist; the number of clubs necessary to constitute a quorum was 17. District Secretary Candyce Pardee notified the Council that electors had been registered from 25 clubs with a total of 40[[1]](#footnote-1) electors actually present, so a sufficient number of clubs had registered electors to meet the quorum requirements.

PDG Michael Drake explained the purpose of the annual Council on Legislation and advised that as the notice of the Council on Legislation, Elector Certification and number of eligible voters per club had initially been sent to all club presidents via electronic mail on September 10, 2019, the requirement that notice be sent out to all club presidents thirty days before the Council on Legislation had been met.

1. **Approval of Minutes**. PDG Ernie Montagne moved and Dave Gallaher seconded that the minutes of the 2018-2019 Council on Legislation held on September 28, 2018 be approved. Motion passed.
2. **Election of a Member-at-Large to District Corporate Board of Directors for a three-year term (07-01-2020 to 06-30-2023).** PDG Michael Drake explained that Marcos Ramirez (San Luis Frontera) was going off the Board on June 30, 2020. The position was open to a member in good standing of a Rotary Club, the member did not have to be a past president, the Rotary Club had to be in good standing, and the person nominated could not have previously served on the Board. Nominated were: Don Jorgensen (Marana) and Ann Huber (Tucson Sunset). Ann Huber declined the nomination. Don Jorgensen was elected by acclamation as the member-at-large to the District Corporate Board of Directors for a three-year term (07-01-2020 to 06-30-2023).
3. **Election of Past District Governor and a Past President to District Finance Committee:**

PDG Michael Drake explained that the individual nominated to the Finance Committee could have served on the Finance Committee before, but could not immediately replace him/herself on the Committee.

* 1. Election of a Past District Governor to replace Frank Presson, PDG (Tucson Catalina), term ending June 30, 2020. Past District Governors nominated for a three-year term were: PDG Teree Bergman (Marana Dove Mountain, who declined the nomination) and PDG Kirk Reed (Tucson Catalina). PDG Kirk Reed was elected to the Finance Committee by acclamation for a three-year term (07-01-2020 to 06-30-2023).
  2. Election of a Past President to replace Henrietta (Hank) Huisking, PP and DGN (Sierra Vista West), term ending June 30, 2020. PDG Michael Drake advised the Council that the Past President could not also be a Past District Governor and that they must be Past Presidents as of the date of this Council on Legislation. Past Presidents nominated for a three year term were: Myron Donald (Tucson Sunrise) and Wendy Hobbs (Rincon Rotary Club). Both nominees introduced themselves. Paper ballots were cast. Wendy Hobbs was elected to the Finance Committee for a three-year term (07-01-2020 to 06-30-2023).

1. **Election of a Member to District Charitable Fund Board of Directors for a three-year term (07-01-2020 to 06-30-2023).** PDG Michael Drake explained that this position was open to any member in good standing of a club in good standing in the District.

Election of a member to the District Charitable Fund to replace John Spengler (Sierra Vista), term ending June 30, 2020.Lisa Price (Sierra Vista South) was nominated for a three year term and was elected by acclamation for a three year term (07-01-2020 to 06-30-2023).

1. **Election of a Past District Governor to the 2022 RI Council on Legislation and to the 2020, 2021 and 2022 Councils on Resolutions in Chicago, IL.** PDG Michael Drake explained that this position could only be held by a Past District Governor and would be a three year commitment to serve as District 5500’s representative to the Triennial Rotary International Council on Legislation. He stated voting would be by be by “single transferable ballot” pursuant to RI Bylaw 9.060. Clubs with more than one representative were advised that all members of the Club were required to vote for all the nominees in the same order. District Secretary Candyce Pardee conducted the meeting after PDG Michael Drake (Tucson Sunset) was nominated for the position. Other nominees were PDG Teree Bergman (Marana Dove Mountain); PDG Phil Silvers (Valle Verde Green Valley); PDG Ernie Montagne (Rotary Club of Tucson); and PDG Randy Brooks (Marana). All past district governors were given the opportunity to speak about their background and the reasons why each wished to serve District 5500 as its representative to each of the Rotary International Councils on Resolutions and to the Rotary International Triennial Council on Legislation. After proceeding through 3 ballots, PDG Michael Drake was elected as the District 5500 representative and PDG Randy Brooks was elected as the alternate.
2. **Acceptance of Compilation Report of 2018-2019 Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the District.[[2]](#footnote-2)** The Compilation Report of 2018-2019 Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the District presented by PDG Kirk Reed. Sue Archibald moved, Hank Huisking seconded that the Compilation Report be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Consideration and approval of amendment to the District By-laws as proposed by the Rotary Club of Marana Dove Mountain to clarify whether the Chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee or the President of the District 5500 Charitable Fund** **sits on the District Corporate Board of Directors.[[3]](#footnote-3)** PDG Joe Hentges presented the amendment and responded to questions about the issue and why the amendment was needed. Sue Archibald moved, Hank Huisking seconded that the By-law amendment be accepted. Motion passed unanimously. Article 5 shall now read:

**Article 5 – Board of directors**

The District Corporation shall consist of a Board of ten Directors. The District Governor, the District Vice-Governor, the District Governor-Elect, District Governor-Nominee, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Chair of the District Rotary FoundationCommittee, the Chair of the District Finance Committee, and three At-Large Directors shall constitute the Board. The District Governor shall serve as Chair of the Board of Directors.

1. **Adjournment.** No further business to come before the Council on Legislation, the meeting was adjourned by PDG Michael Drake.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candyce B Pardee

District 5500 Secretary, 2019-2020

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| **Clubs Signed In** | |  | | --- | | **Electors** | |
| Bisbee | 1 |
| Casa Grande Daybreak | 1 |
| Catalina Tucson | 2 |
| ~~Cienega (Vail)~~ | ~~1~~ (Jerry Gerber signed up, did not attend) |
| Green Valley | 1 |
| Dove Mountain-Marana | 1 |
| Mountain Empire (MER) | 1 |
| Old Pueblo | 1 |
| Rincon | 1 |
| Saddlebrooke | 2 |
| Sierra Vista | 2 |
| Sierra Vista South | 1 |
| Sierra Vista Sunrise | 1 |
| Sierra Vista West | 1 |
| Tubac | 1 |
| Tucson | 10 |
| Tucson Casas Adobes | 1 |
| ~~Tucson Kino~~ | ~~1~~ (Flight delay caused Pat Watson to miss cruise) |
| Tucson Presidio | 1 |
| Tucson Sunrise | 1 (Entitled to 2, Rebecca Craig did not attend) |
| Tucson Sunset | 1 |
| Valle Verde | 1 (Entitled to 2, Gary Friedman did not attend) |
| Willcox | 1 |
| Yuma | 4 (Entitled to 5, Loni Miesphimer did not attend) |
| Yuma Crossing | 1 |
| Yuma Foothills | 1 |
| Yuma Sunrise | 1 |
| **Total Clubs Sending Electors: 25** | **Total Electors:** 40 |
| **Number of Clubs for Quorum: 17** |  |

1. See list of clubs and electors attached on page 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Attached as Exhibit 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Attached as Exhibit 3. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)