**This is the minutes/agenda only without the attachments. For minutes/agenda with the attachments see Section 8, Business Meeting, in Documents.**

# District Conference

# 2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

## May 5, 2023

## 2:20 pm

Chair: Gayle Knepper (eClub)

Parliamentarian: Diane Fejes (Anchorage Downtown)

Acting Treasurer: Charlotte Tharp (Anchorage East) – George Elgee was unable to attend.

Acting Secretary: Paul Paslay (Anchorage East) – Don Poulton was unable to attend.

Advisor: Janine Becka (Anchorage South) was unable to attend.

Members Present: No Credentialed Electors. This year’s meeting did not have any issues requiring a vote of electors.

At least 32 District 5010 Rotarians and guests from at least14 clubs. See Attachment 6, Attendance.

## Call to Order

The 2023 Annual Business Meeting was called to order by Chair PDG Gayle Knepper (eClub) at 2:20 pm, May 5, 2023.

The Chair introduced Parliamentarian PDG Diane Fejes (Anchorage Downtown), Acting Secretary Paul Paslay (Anchorage East) and Acting Treasurer Charlotte Tharp (Anchorage East). There were no other introductions.

Due to the length and format of the full agenda it was not possible to display it on the video screen. As such, the chair and presenters spoke to the attached abbreviated slides (Attachment A, Slides). The full agenda was accessible for device download at the link and QR Code also attached (Attachment B, Link/QR Code) that could be referenced during the meeting. The link and QR Code were made available to all District Conference attendees prior to the Annual Business Meeting. This approach also reduced waste by not having printed copies of the agenda at the Meeting.

Voting Procedures were based on the Manual of Procedure.

Approve the Agenda.

Motion to Approve: Brenda Hewitt (Susitna)

Second: Peggy Pollen (Fairbanks)

Approval of the 2023 Business Meeting Minutes.

The 2023 Business Meeting minutes were approved by the Minutes Approval Committee consisting of PDG Gayle Knepper and District Secretary Don Poulton on May 23, 2023. This method of minutes approval is allowed for Robert’s Rules, latest edition. This does not preclude taking exception to something in the minutes and asking for correction. The minutes can be found on the District web page in “Member Area” under “Documents” at Item 8, Business Meetings. This method of Business Meeting approval and correction was explained by the Chair.

**II. Treasurer’s Report/ DGE Budget**

2021 – 2022 Financial Statements. See Attachment 1, Financial Statements. Charlotte Tharp (Anchorage East), Acting District Treasurer. The Financial Statements Review has been completed by a committee of District Rotarian CPA’s and was approved by the Finance Committee during its regular meeting on April 19, 2023.

Motion to Approve: Joe Kashi (Soldotna)

Second: Cheryl Metiva (Susitna)

District Treasurer George Elgee is in the process of consolidating all District entities accounting and associated financial statements.

**DGE Mike Pollen’s** **(Fairbanks)** 2023 – 2024 is attached. It was approved by Presidents Elect during the 2023 District Assembly. It requires a vote by clubs. See Attachment 2, DGE Pollen’s 2023- 2024 Budget.

Motion to Approve: Brenda Hewitt (Susitna)

Second: Michelle O’Brien (Ketchikan First City)

**III. Old Business**

There is no Old Business.

**IV. New Business.**

RI and District Resolutions are called for each year.

Accepted Resolution for 2023 is listed below and attached.

No RI Resolutions were submitted. The following District Resolution was submitted and approved.

The sponsoring club will present its Resolution prior to voting at the Business Meeting. Be brief! A club’s presentation will be limited to (3) minutes.

**Resolution No. 2023 – 1,** Attachment 3, District Resolutions, recognizing District Governor Mike Ferris’ dedication to Service Above Self during his year as District Governor and thanking the District Conference speakers was submitted by the Anchorage South Club.

Presented by Jan Henderson (Anchorage South) and Dan Newman (Anchorage South)

Motion to Approve: Liz Balstad (Juneau Gastineau). It was approved by unanimous consent by Business Meetings attendees.

**Council on Resolutions and Council on Legislation Representative 2023 – 2026**.

On February 1, 2023, a Call for Nomination of Council on Resolutions and Council on Legislation Representative was emailed to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and the Council of Governors. Joe Kashi was nominated by Soldotna and Ted Trueblood was nominated by Anchorage International. On March 13, 2023, a ballot was issued to the same recipients calling for a vote of each Club’s Electors.

On May 17, 2023, PDG Joe Kashi withdrew his nomination. That left only PDG Ted Trueblood on the ballot. As such, a vote was no longer required. Per our MOP at Article XII, Selection of District Representative, Section (3) Nomination and Selection, “No vote by electors shall be required where (there) is only one club nominee. In such cases the (District) governor shall declare this nominee (PDG Ted Trueblood – Anchorage International) the COL representative.” DG Mike Ferris so declared by email dated March 20, 2023, to District Secretary Don Poulton.

Also, per the MOP if more than one qualifying Rotarian is nominated the one receiving the most votes would be the Council on Legislation Representative and the nominee receiving the second highest votes would be the Council on Legislation Alternate. Due to PDG Joe Kashi’s withdrawal the District will not have an Alternate Council on Legislation Representative for the 2023 – 2026 term.

Thanks to those clubs that took the time to vote and for taking the time to participate in the governance of our District. Also, a certain individual voiced an opinion – thank you. A same heartfelt thanks to those clubs that were still considering how to cast their vote prior to the withdrawal. Be proud of your participation in District affairs.

**V. Project/Committee Reports**

### **A Regional Rotary Symposium: Life on Land - Connecting the World through Sustainability** (PDG Diane Fejes (Anchorage Downtown) Event Chair. No Attachment.

### The symposium will be held in Anchorage August 31 to September 3, 2023.

How does sustainable living benefit humanity? Nature has a finite capacity to regenerate itself in the fact of pressures on its land, water, and air resources.

Symposium speakers will address sustainability and solutions, both in the Arctic as well as from a worldwide perspective.

Please register…

<https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=be4afbbc-14d9-4fa9-b298-4bc96859e122>

**DACdb (District and Club Database) Software Initiative** (PDG Peggy Pollen – Fairbanks)See Attachment 4, DACdb.

DACdb, like ClubRunner, is a district and club management and communication “platform.” Both are designed to be used in conjunction with the active management of the District and its 37 Clubs. It is being analyzed and may be offered to the District and its Clubs as a replacement for ClubRunner**.**

**Strategic Plan** (PDG Joe Kashi – Soldotna) – See Attachment 5, Strategic Plan.

Our current District 5010 Strategic Plan  was adopted at our 2021 Annual Business Meeting and runs through 2024.

The current Strategic Plan envisions an active District that works to improve our state by leveraging the knowledge, skills, and experience of Alaska Rotarians in projects.  Our current approach  had its  beginning during PDG Harry Kieling’s year as DG in 2017-2018, when DG Harry Kieling started the District-wide Rotary Cares for Kids project that continues to this day at both a District and club level.  In later years, our District has continued moved forward with additional District-wide projects that have produced some very positive and cost-effective benefits for Alaska, showing how much we can accomplish when working together. For example, PDG Diane Fejes continues with the FASD rural education project.

**Rotary District 5010 Community Service Fund – 501 (c) 3** (PDG Joe Kashi – Soldotna) – No Attachment

This Fund is a conduit for donations to Rotary that would not have otherwise been made to District 5010 due to tax deduction restrictions imposed on the District as a 501 (c) 4 corporation. This fund addresses that issue in that donations to 501 (c) 3 corporations are tax deductible.

This Fund was formed on February 26, 2021 with By Laws adopted on February 2, 2023. It is independent entity within District 5010 responsible for its own management, accounting, funding, reporting and etc.

**VI. Good of the Order**

Paul Paslay (Anchorage East) will become the District Secretary effective July 1, 2023.

**VII. Corporate Meetings**

Board of Director’s meetings are held once each calendar month at a date and time to be determined prior to each meeting.

This Rotary Year’s Annual Meeting will be the last meeting of the Board of Directors to be held June 8, 2023 at 2 pm. This also is the last Board of Directors meeting of this Rotary Year.

All meetings are Zoom meetings.

The Chair discussed that the Clubs were the members of the District 5010 corporation and the Board of Directors meetings are open to all Clubs to attend and have access to meeting minutes. DG Mike Ferris and DGE Mike Pollen indicated that Clubs would be provided with meeting information and be notified in advance of the date, time, agenda and access number for the Annual Meeting and the monthly Board of Directors meetings so Club members could participate.

The current 2022 - 2023 Board of Directors is:

Chair Mike Ferris (Anchorage South)

Vice Chair Mike Pollen (Fairbanks)

Treasurer George Elgee (Juneau Glacier Valley)

Secretary Don Poulton (eClub)

Member Cheryl Metiva (Susitna)

The 2023 – 2024 Board of Directors will be:

Chair Mike Pollen (Fairbanks)

Vice Chair Brenda Shelden (Palmer)

Treasurer George Elgee (Juneau Glacier Valley)

Secretary Paul Paslay (Anchorage East)

Member Mike Ferris (Anchorage South)

The meeting minutes for the Board of Directors meetings should be emailed to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Council of Governors at the same time that they are emailed to the Board of Directors.

Likewise, the meeting minutes for the Finance Committee meeting should be mailed to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Council of Governors at the same time that they are emailed to the Finance Committee members.

**VIII. Next District Conferences**

DGE Mike Pollen’s (Fairbanks) 2024 District Conference will be held May 16 – 19, 2024 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

DGN Brenda Shelden’s (Palmer) 2025 District Conference will be held in Juneau, Alaska, on a date to be determined.

**IX**. **Leadership Recognition**

District Rotarian’s acknowledged for “Service Above Self” by Business Meeting attendees, and District and Club leaders for 2022 – 2023 were recognized.

**X. Open Mic**

There were no comments made.

**XI.** **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Liz Balstad (Juneau Gastineau)

Second: Dan Newman (Anchorage South)

The 2023 Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

**Attachments**

Attachment A – Slides

Attachment B – Link/QR Code

Attachment 1 – Financial Statements

Attachment 2 – DGE Mike Pollen’s 2023 – 2024 Budget

Attachment 3 – District Resolution

Attachment 4 – DACdb

Attachment 5 – Strategic Plan

Attachment 6 – Attendance