

**Rotary International District 6450 Annual Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00pm**

Call to Order

DG Conor Gee called the meeting to order at 6:07.

Delegate Roll Call, Voting Procedures

CAO Linda Yates performed the roll call verbally. CAO Yates declared a quorum.

Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson of Chicago Near South and seconded by Mary Dankowski of Chicago Height/Park Forest, the minutes were unanimously approved.

District Governor Report

DG Conor Gee gave a verbal report to thank the clubs for their commitment this year. DG Gee discussed the action plan for the district. The Club Advocates were assigned by regions and the board focused on the clubs at the board meeting. Club coordination within the regions was encouraged. DG Gee was able to attend the joint events, along with attending club events. The District is here to support the clubs. Regular communication has been an area of focus for DG Gee. Anniversary and Birthday emails went out to all club members. Two Rotaract Clubs have chartered this year. The RI President had a focus this year on mental health. The district still has money available for a mental health grant. Nine grants were already funded. District 6450 and 6440 recommitted to Operation Pollination. DG Gee recognized the Darien and Lisle clubs for celebrating their 50 year anniversary along with Maywood-Proviso for celebrating 100 years as a club. DG Gee recognized individuals that were the top Learning Center Learners.

2022-23 Financial Report and 2023-24 YTD Financial Report

Dennis Gorman, Treasurer presented the financial reports. Net income was more than expected, but expenses were less. Dennis and DGE Rachel Ossyra have already prepared the 2024-25 budget. Dennis reported on the year-to-date financials as of March 31, 2024.

Election of Rotary International Director Nominating Committee Representative and Alternate Proposed Candidates:

Chuck Corrigan
debi Ross

DG Gee conducted the vote with the delegates. PDG Corrigan will be the delegate and PDG debi Ross will be the alternate.

Election of District Governor Nominee Mary Dankowski, Rotary Club of Chicago Heights-Park Forest District Governor Nominating Committee Ratification

All voting delegates ratified the nomination of Mary Dankowski.

All voting delegates voted for the proposed members of the Governor Nominating Committee.

Proposed Members

PDG Conor Gee

PDG Ade Onayemi

Rotary One

Oak Park-River Forest

Lewis Johnson
Fausto Lopez
Harry McCabe
Lisa Pinto
PDF debi Ross
Michelle Smith
Terri Winfree
Bill Zerinskas

Alternates

Nick Fairman
Mera Johnson
Cheri Vana

Non-voting Members

DG Rachel Ossyra
DGE Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson
DGN Mary Dankowski

Aurora United
Chicago Six Corners
Downers Grove
Naperville After Dark
Orland Park
Romeoville
Chicago Heights-Park Forest
Oak Forest

Chicago Lakeview
Montgomery
Hinsdale

Naperville
Chicago Near South
Chicago Heights-Park Forest

2024-25 District Budget Approval

DGE Rachel Ossyra presented the budget for the 2024-25 District Budget. On the revenue side, there was a slight reduction in membership based on the January level. Dues are flat. Events have income and expense. All events together are neutral. The district is going to use DacDB for grants this coming year. There was an increased expense. PETS expenses have increased. Costs for the RI Convention will be less because of closer location. Resources for the Club Advocates have been increased. DGE asked for approval of the budget with an amendment to move \$400 from contingency to the DEI committee as approved by the Board. On a motion made by Val Talley from Maywood-Proviso and seconded by Steven Joffe of Aurora United the 2024-2025 budget with the amendment of \$400 for the DEI Committee was approved unanimously.

District Membership Report

Nick Fairman, District Membership Chair reported that top 3 clubs by % growth are Chicago O’Hare, Downers Grove and Chicago Citywide Service. Total number of members in the district is down a bit, but we will be back up to 2022 membership with the addition of the two Rotaract Clubs. Nick congratulated Rotarians with over 50 years of service. There is a prospective member event sponsored by Rotary International on June 4th from 6-9pm at the Metropolitan Club.

District Rotary Foundation Report

PDG Chuck Corrigan, District Rotary Foundation Chair, presented the Foundation Report. The Polio Plus goal was surpassed. Many clubs have met their annual giving goal to the Foundation. PDG Chuck asked that all donations be submitted in May. A generous gift to the Foundation was made by Robert Pierce a long-time member of the Chicago Heights-Park Forest club. PDG Corrigan reported on the status of all district grants. He has asked that clubs close out their final reports by the end of May if possible. Please do not forget to set your goals for the next Rotary year for the Foundation and Polio Plus. The district has DDF funds that will be expiring if not used.

Bylaws Changes

PDG Chuck Corrigan presented the information on the bylaw changes that were sent in the packet for today’s meeting. John Hannes of Lakeview moved to amend Section 6.01 to include Rotaract and Interact Clubs and remove member in the fourth and seventh line seconded by Ade. The motion passed unanimously. The motion was made by Hurley Wilbourne of Oak Forest and seconded by debi Ross of Orland Park to accept all of the proposed bylaw changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements Adjournment

On a motion made by Val Talley of Maywood-Proviso and seconded by Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson of Chicago – Near South, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. All members present voted in favor.