



# Kiwanis®

## NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

### District Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, Virtual/Zoom

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order** – Governor John Boltz

#### **Roll Call, All Present and Quorum Established**

Governor John Boltz; Governor-Elect Brian Wells; Vice Governor Tim McGee; Immediate Past Governor Dale Doudna; Administrator Lisa Brichacek; Treasurer Curt Reis; and Trustees Keith Prettyman (R1), Linda Placzek (R2), Barb Hames (R3), (R4), Andy Webb (R5) and Barrie Tritle (R6)

**Guests Present:** KI Area Director Brad Boyd, KI Trustee Dennis Baugh, Tracey Domgard, Jody Melcher, Don Fritz, Milford Hanna

#### **Minutes of Meetings**

Motion by Prettyman, second by Tritle to approve the minutes of the **Oct. 12, 2024 Board Meeting**. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hames, second by Prettyman to approve the minutes of the **Oct. 29, 2024 Special Board Meeting**. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Governor's Report** – Gov. John

Governor reported that he was visiting clubs and was getting ready for club building in Aurora.

#### **Kiwanis International Guest Comments**

Dennis Baugh reported items of interest to the district from the past international board meeting. Brad Boyd went over highlights of Build, Nurture, Retain.

#### **Administrator's Report** – Lisa Brichacek

In addition to written report, update given on 22 clubs with unpaid dues, new members or SLP fees.

#### **District Foundation & Kiwanis Children's Fund**

##### **1. Kiwanis Children's Foundation** – Jody Melcher

Six clubs have committed to be an impact club for the Possibility Project, with the total from the all donations pledges so far at \$78,235.

The district is eligible for a \$4,333 grant this year from the Children's Fund. Possible uses discussed were Key Club scholarships and the district service project. No decision could be reached, and a special meeting in February is to be scheduled for the purpose of grant request allocations.

##### **2. District Foundation Report** – Tracey Domgard

The recent round of grant applications resulted in \$10,000 being awarded. The grant requests were above that amount, but by policy \$10,000 is the amount the Foundation can award each quarter. A new donation medal is being created to honor the anniversary of Steve Siemen's year as international president.

## Membership

- 1. Membership & Club Growth** – No report.
- 2. New Club Building in progress** – John & Dale  
Club building in Oskaloosa is continuing, with only three more members needed to reach charter strength. Club builders will be in Aurora the first week of February. The effort in York will take place in April or May.
- 3. Club Membership Plans** – Lisa  
Only 16 clubs in the district had submitted membership plans as of Jan. 15. A list of clubs presented and board members whose clubs not listed were asked to work with their clubs to submit. The same will be asked of lt. governors. Clubs are still encouraged to submit their plans.

## SLP and Key Leader Reports

- 1. Key Leader** – Don Fritz  
Last year's attendance was only 22 students and about 70 is needed for breakeven financially. This year's contract with Camp Joy Holling did require a \$913 deposit but that can be refunded through this spring. More information from Kiwanis International is expected soon about curriculum changes and program costs.
- 2. Reviewed Written SLP Reports** – K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club and Aktion Club. There was no report submitted by CKI.

## Finance

- 1. Budget Review & Treasurer's Report** – Curt Reis  
The 2023-2024 audit from McFarlin & Brokke has been received and some reconciliation of numbers was still needed. 2024-2025 District Budget Year To Date was reviewed.
- 2. Finance Committee Report** – Gary Lindgren and Curt Reis  
Edward Jones Investments: \$202,715 in accounts. This is an increase of about \$16,700 since inception.  
Bids for annual audit/compilation: Two companies were contacted and one declined. McFarlin and Brokke would be interested in doing it again and submitted bids for audit with disclosures and audit without disclosures. Kiwanis International does not require disclosures and the cost is less. An engagement letter will be requested.
- 3. Budget Approvals/Recommendations**  
The budgets for Circle K International District and Key Club Districts are now prepared with the SLP administrators for the 2024-2025 SLP year that began April 2024. The Finance Committee recommended approval of both.  
*Motion by Webb, second by Wells to approve the 2024-2025 Key Club budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*  
*Motion by Doudna, second by McGee to approve the 2024-2025 CKI Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

## Other Business

- 1. Bylaw Amendment For House of Delegates**– Lisa  
The District House of Delegates should take action on an amendment approved by the International House of Delegates last summer in Denver. The amendment is to allow a qualified candidates from outside of a region to serve, if there is no candidate from the region. This was report only and action will be requested at April meeting.
- 2. Policy and Procedures** – Lisa  
The update of CKI and Key Club finance policies is continuing. It is anticipated that the new section on credit card policy will be ready by April meeting. There also may be another policy change coming from the Nomination Committee.
- 3. Circle K Administrator Replacement/appointment process** – John  
There is no search process currently in place. Travis Grafe-Cline's resignation is effective April 1.
- 4. 2024 Trustee Elections and Regional Meetings**  
Candidate filing in Regions 2 and 3 opened Jan. 2 and continues through March 1. There are no filings yet. Region 2 will hold its regional meeting virtually at 7 p.m. on April 20. Region 3's regional meeting will be virtual at 9 a.m. on May 10.
- 5. Nomination Committee Recommendations** – Dale  
In addition to the immediate past governor, committee members this year are Don Fritz, Lynda Henningsen, Jim Poppe and Barb Irwin. Julie Weaver of Spencer Hy-Noon Kiwanis has accepted an invitation from the committee to be a vice governor candidate.

Motion by Doudna, second by Webb to accept the committee's recommendation and endorse Julie Weaver as 2025-2026 candidate for Nebraska-Iowa District vice governor. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. 2025-2026 Preparations – Brian**

Contacts are being made to fill the Key Positions and district committee chairs. Lt. governors are also being contacted about their willingness to accept another term. Lt. governor elect training will be May 2 and 3 in Fremont.

**7. Redivision Committee – John & Committee Chair Milford Hanna**

The committee began meeting in October. Due to less members and clubs than when the current divisional boundaries were drawn in 1993, redivisioning was recommended and a plan was presented to reduce the number of divisions from 25 to 16. The committee, comprised of three district officers and two past governors, also recommended this be done effective Oct. 1, 2025. There were concerns voiced by two district officers and several trustees that was possibly too soon of effective date, given that member/club education was going to be necessary; two regional trustee elections were already in the works; the District Foundation would also have to redivision its board; policies and procedures would need to be changed; and some long-time members are still complaining that they were not included in the last process to redivision. Committee members reported there would be too many opinions offered if they talked to the members and asked for immediate action. After reviewing the club assignments in the redivision plan, several trustees asked for changes that would make more sense for current collaborations and efficiencies. Board members with suggested changes were asked to contact Gov. John and Chair Milford after the meeting.

Motion by Prettyman, second by Wells to proceed with redivisioning effective Oct. 1, 2025, with the club rosters by divisions to be further developed by the committee. Motion carried on majority vote.

**8. Award and Scholarship Committee Report – Dale**

The applications for Governor's Distinguished Awards and Achievements Award for 2023-2024 have been reviewed. Announcement of recipients will be announced at the Leadership Retreat.

**9. Club Leadership Education and Club Leadership Chats – Lisa**

This year's CLC series started in the fall with a general chat and also one for secretaries. CLCs will continue January through April. A CLE will again take place at District Convention.

**10. Review of Upcoming Events**

- A. Leadership Retreat, March 29, York – John & Lisa
- B. District Board Meeting, April 26, Virtual – John
- C. Lt. Governor Elect Training, May 2-3, Fremont – Brian
- D. International Convention, Pittsburgh – Lisa
- E. District Convention 2025, Aug. 1-2, Lincoln – John

**11. Topics for future board meetings**

Kiwanis Children's Fund Grant tabled to meeting in February.

**12:46 p.m. Adjournment**

Submitted by Lisa Brichacek, district administrator