



21 TOPICS TO SPICE UP YOUR DIVISION COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Ask attendees to share approaches and ideas for getting members to invite more guests to participate in service projects and check out club meetings (After all, a club meeting (or service project) without a guest is a failure!)
2. Convene a panel discussion featuring a school superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, teacher, PTA president, school board member and student from area schools to discuss the state of education
3. Ask a representative from each club to share an overview of their signature service project
4. Invite new members from all clubs to attend a division social mixer so they can meet other new members from other clubs
5. Towards the end of the school year, invite the faculty advisor from each SLP to share thoughts regarding their experience
6. Invite a representative from every SLP to share an overview of their favorite service project
7. Ask a few representative club presidents to be part of a panel discussion regarding diversity awareness (how do clubs attract more diverse members including gender-identity, cultural background, gender balance, occupation and sexual orientation)
8. Host a panel discussion with club leaders sharing thoughts on how they deal with multi-generational membership and ideas for intergenerational service projects
9. Invite a few Key Clubbers and CKI members to host a session on how to utilize social media
10. Develop corporate partners in our local communities
11. Ask attendees to share methods they have utilized to get sponsorships in support of local events (such as researching school websites to see which companies are athletic boosters)
12. Invite club membership committee chairs to share approaches and ideas for membership drives
13. Host a group discussion sharing ideas for incorporating more "fun" into club meetings (Fun-expected meetings are best!)
14. Host a "focus on fundraising" session featuring a member of your district foundation board and a couple of people from local clubs who have held successful fundraising events
15. Invite a representative from each club to share their "Kiwanis elevator speech"
16. Ask attendees to share insights on how they talk about Kiwanis membership in their business setting
17. Invite all club board members to brainstorm ways to build a leadership pipeline in the division
18. Host a session to discuss ways our Kiwanis clubs may take the lead in community anti-bullying efforts
19. Invite club leaders to discuss Kiwanis protocol and rituals, including tips on how to run effective board meetings
20. Host a planning meeting to discuss how to host a Kiwanis One Day + One event in a central location where members from all clubs can invite like-minded friends to help us with a weekend service project and then ask them to join the following week
21. Ask attendees to discuss ways we can encourage more members to attend division council meetings, as well as district and international conventions

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AGENDA
Division 19 Council Meeting

March 1, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Keene Memorial Library
1030 N Broad St.
Fremont NE 68025

9:30 AM – Fellowship coffee and breakfast

10:00 AM – Opening Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, My Country Tis of Thee

10:05 AM – Welcome by Laura England-Biggs, Fremont Club President

10:10 AM – Brad Wiese, Lt. Gov

10:15 AM – Lisa Brichacek, District Updates

10:25 AM – Brian Wells, Governor-Elect, NE-IA District

10:35 AM – Linda Placzek, Region 2 Trustee

10:45 AM – Emily Wageman, Education Updates

10:55 AM – Break

11:05 AM – Lt. Governor and Assistant Lt. Governor elections

11:15 AM – SLP & Club Updates / Roundtable discussion

11:45 AM – Adjourn

Noon – Dutch Treat lunch for anyone who would like to join

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**Nebraska-Iowa District, Region II
Division 20 Council Meeting February 5, 2025
7am First Watch at 1222 South 71st**

K16.Site.Kiwanis.org

**Lt. Governor Joann Feller
Nebraska-Iowa District, Region II
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- ❖ Opening by Kiwanis Club of Bellevue Offutt (Prayer and Pledge)
- ❖ Welcome Everyone. It is good for us to be here.
- ❖ Linda Placzek on membership growth plan as requested by KI. There will be hard copies of the form, so you can see this isn't so bad. Compliance doesn't seem to be going so well.
- ❖ AND Linda has an update on Division 20 compliance for Youth Protection Guidelines.
- ❖ VERY IMPORTANT: Governor John Boltz will explain the redivisioning effort. In '94 or '96 the District was redivisioned. We now have half the membership. Governor John spearheaded a plan to redivision our current 25 Divisions to 16, effective October 1, 2025. In the new lineup we would be Division 12 with 10 clubs: Bellevue, Bellevue-Offutt, Clarinda, Council Bluffs Downtown, Glenwood, Hamburg, Omaha Golden K, Red Oak, Southwest Omaha, West Omaha. Lots of Zooming.
- ❖ Sue Waldren, Administrator for Builder's Clubs in the District will have information on developing new ones. Gov. John Boltz's goal is to establish 3 new ones this year. We have two, both at Bellevue Offutt.
- ❖ Difference MAKERS is a NE-IA Leadership Retreat March 29, 2025 in York NE. I have Reg Info.
- ❖ Consider CLC for Treasurers on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7pm. Must pre-register on District site.
- ❖ CLC for Secretaries is reserved for March 20. Must pre-register.
- ❖ General Info: Division 20 has 178 members. Only one club has an outstanding balance. Considering October, November and December, there should have been 15 monthly reports filed. We have 10.
- ❖ Interesting Speakers? Did anyone contact David Geier, Director, Commission on Problem Gambling, 700 South 16th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 402-471-4450
- ❖ District Convention is Friday/Saturday, August 1 and 2 at The Graduate in Lincoln.
- ❖ Instead of reporting on what you are doing, would everyone please bring a copy of their Newsletter or recent meeting minutes. I want to compare, on my own, how people are getting the good word out. And, given Guest Speakers, we will not have time at Council.
- ❖ Thank you for coming. And keep up the good work.
- ❖ Next meeting **April 2, 2025**, but call me any time. I will continue to call you for club and SLP visit dates.



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**Division 17 - Atlantic, Clarinda, Council
Bluffs - Downtown, Hamburg, Red Oak**

Division Council Meeting Agenda - 01/30/2025

I. Welcome and Call to Order

II. Brief Club Updates

- Atlantic
- Clarinda
- Council Bluffs – Downtown
- Glenwood
- Hamburg
- Red Oak

III. District Updates and To Do List

- New clubs opening – Work is progressing on several new clubs in the District! New club opened in Orange City. Aurora, NE club opening in progress. Working on Oskaloosa and York, NE.
- **Club Membership Plans** – These are a simple form submitted online through the NE/IA website. There are also worksheets if you want to get more in-depth. To fill out the plan, go to

Create Your Club's Membership Plan

Membership planning Worksheet

Club Report to KI

<https://k16.site.kiwanis.org/membership/>

Click on Club Report to KI. Fill in the boxes and hit submit. Super easy. Takes about 2 minutes,

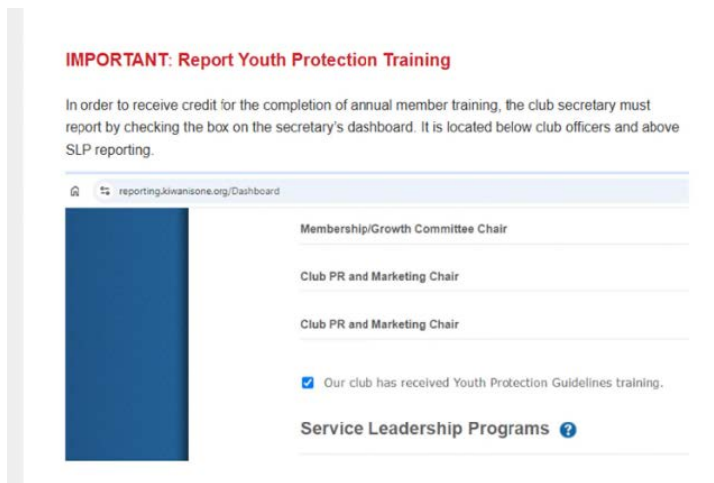
- Retain - Club presidents will be equipped to create an enriching club experience that encourages members to stay engaged. Club membership chairs can support club presidents and enlist all members in recruitment and retention efforts.
- What We Can Do:
 - o Remain Relevant
 - o Align Programs & Priorities to Mission
 - o Focus on Marketing & Membership
 - o Keep It Fun!



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- **Child Safety Training** – This is a yearly requirement that needs completed and recorded by your secretary in the club portal. Please let me know if you need training materials or if you want me to come to a meeting and lead the training.



III. District Redivisioning Plan

- The District has been looking into this project for several years. The divisions haven't changed since 1990 and clubs and membership have decreased since then so, District Leadership has created new divisions for the district.
- Our division will be merged with the clubs in greater Omaha (Division 20) to form a new 13.
- Our new Division 13 will include Atlantic, Bellevue, Bellevue-Offutt, Clarinda, Council Bluffs Downtown, Glenwood, Hamburg, Omaha Golden K, Red Oak, Southwest Omaha, West Omaha.
- The change is official October 1 of this year but governor Boltz wants this to happen before then. I have already been in contact with Joanne Feller, Lt. Gov. of Division 20, to work on a transition and succession plan.
- The thing to keep in mind and focus on is that we all have our clubs we run and our local projects and none of that changes. We keep being the great clubs that we are we just have a change in what division we call ourselves.

IV. Other Business, Comments, or Questions

V. Announcements, Events, Reminders

- The **Treasurer Club Leadership Chat** is February 6th on Zoom.
- Don't forget to file your club's Biannual Report with the Secretary of State and submit an EZ990 form to the IRS.
- Youth Protect Training needs completed in November and logged in the portal <https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection/youth-protection-week/>
- November 1 – Kiwanis Children's Funds Scholarship applications open <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/grants-scholarships/scholarship-opportunities/>
- Amplify registration is open through April 1st. Only \$50
- Leadership Retreat is March 29th in York, NE. Registration closes March 7th. \$50 fee.