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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

MINUTES District Board Meeting Saturday, April 18, 2026, Zoom

8:30 a.m. Call to Order – Governor Brian Wells

Board Members All Present Upon Roll Call, Quorum Established

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

Minutes of Meetings

Motion by Webb, second by Prettyman to approve the minutes of the Jan. 24, 2026 Board Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Governor's Report – Gov. Brian Wells reported it was a busy quarter with club visits and other district activities.

Kiwaniis International Guest Comments – Area Director Brad Boyd in attendance and addressed April 1 being the mid-point for the Kiwanis Year.

Administrator's Report – In addition to written report, Administrator Lisa Brichacek mentioned that Aktion Club dues collections had stalled at 15 of 16 clubs; and use of District Zoom 2 by divisions has increased.

District Foundation & Kiwanis Children's Fund

- 1. Kiwanis Children's Foundation** – Jody Melcher gave an update on the Possibility Project and the status of current year giving.
- 2. District Foundation Report** – Tracey Domgard reported the Foundation had received a \$18,000 surprise gift, 23 Siemens Medallions had been awarded; next grant cycle was June 1; and treasurer transition was going well.

Service Leadership Program Reports

K-Kids & Builders Club reports given by Jim Dane and Joni Brown, Key Club report given by Tracey Domgard, Circle K International and report given by Governor Piper Schrank. Written Aktion Club report submitted in advance by Lynda Henningsen.

Membership

1. Membership & Existing Club Growth

The Two for Two program and club boosts continue to be promoted. Several district officers also contacted clubs below charter strength to offer assistance with membership campaigns or other concerns.

2. Traditional Club Building & Kiwanis Voices

Goal for the year is to start four clubs in the district. These can be traditional and the new Kiwanis Voices. Aurora Area Club has been chartered and a club in Centerville is being explored. Two Kiwanis clubs are willing to sponsor Voices clubs.

3. Lt. Governors Summit in Indianapolis – Julie Weaver, Mike Miller and George Cook attended the summit. Weaver reported that it was a good opportunity and they were kept very busy with training sessions and interaction.

4. May Club Leadership Chat (Topics: Membership & Voices)

One more Leadership Chat is being discussed for Membership in May. A date has yet to be determined.

Finance (*Action Item)

1. Treasurer's Report – Curt Reis

A. Account Balances – Not available.

B. Budgets YTD - Financials for the district and the Key Club and Circle K International districts through the end of February were presented and reviewed.

Motion by Tritle, second by Webb to receive the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Finance Committee – Gary Lindgren

A. The Finance Committee met April 7 to review financials & Investments. Monitoring continues for both the budget and the ups and downs of the market. The committee was asked to consider paying the district officers who will be attending International Convention as they submit requests, instead of the normal procedure of reimbursing after the event because of the cost of airfare. It was also asked that the reimbursement lid be raised to \$3,500, with budget dollars available since only three officers are attending. The next committee meeting will be held in June.

B. Reimbursement for International Convention Recommendation*

Motion by Lindgren, second by Prettyman to reimburse up to \$3,500 to the three district officers attending International Convention in Manila and waive the current procedure of waiting until after convention to pay. Motion carried unanimously.

3. March Events Financials

There are still some mileage reimbursement requests tricking in from the March 14 Leadership Retreat, but event accounting shows bottom line should be less than the \$4,500 net loss. This event is always budgeted at a loss since the district leadership registration fees are paid by the district. Registration fees paid by non-district leadership cover those individuals' costs. The per person ticket price for the Presidents' Celebration on March 13 did not cover actual costs as was the request at the planning committee so that ticket prices didn't exceed \$50. Some sponsor dollars were secured to help cover the \$67 per person actual cost. The district will need to adjust the budget in August or September for this event.

4. KI Policy 360 & Charter Suspended Club Update

More than 25 clubs received Charter Suspended Notices this year. The CSN club number is now down to three, and these clubs are working with KI to resolve.

Other Business (*Action Item)

1. Policy and Procedure*

It was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that updates were needed in the written process to nominate district governor, governor elect and vice governor. The Nomination Committee was unable to meet. The current Policy and Procedures for both officer qualifications and the Nomination Committee were reviewed by several past governors, district administrator and the district chair for policy and procedure. An update (See Attachment A) was written and presented by email to the board on March 27 and received recommendation by the Executive Committee on April 1.

Motion by Boltz, second by Hames to amend District Policy and Procedures for "Qualifications for District Officers" and "Nomination Committee for Candidates for the Office of District Vice-Governor" as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kiwanis Children's Fund District Grant Applications

Grant application deadline is May 1. One application has been received so far. Eight, \$250 grants are available.

3. Regional Meetings

Region 5 held its meeting on April 13 via Zoom. Geri Derner of the Ames Club was elected trustee for the 2026-2029 term. Region 6 will hold its meeting April 20 on Zoom. No candidate for trustee has filed in Region 6 but there has been interest voiced from someone in the region.

4. International Convention in Manila

Deadline has now passed for registration. Six – five Kiwanians and a spouse – are registered.

5. District Convention 2026

The planning committee continues to eye a May registration open for the Aug. 7 and 8 convention in Council Bluffs. Fundraising for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace service project has gone well and the \$12,000 goal is expected to be reached.

6. Upcoming District Events

A. May 1 & 2 Lt. Governor Elect Training, Carroll, Iowa

B. June 13, July 14 & 30 & Aug. 7 Club Leadership Education

7. 2026-2027 Preparations & Lt. Governor Elects – Tim McGee

There are still two divisions in need of a Lt. governor for next Kiwanis year. Completing the District leadership roster is also in the works. The theme for the year will be "All In For Kiwanis".

8. Nomination for Vice Governor Candidate 2026-2027* – John Boltz

The Nomination Committee has offered Marvin John (MJ) Rodriguez of the Mason City-River City Kiwanis Club as a candidate for 2026-2027 vice governor.

Motion by Tritle, second by Weaver to accept the nomination and endorse Marvin John (MJ) Rodriguez as a candidate for district vice governor. Motion carried unanimously.

9. 2026-2027 K-Kids Administrator Candidate: Joni Brown, Coralville-Corridor

Jim Dane will be stepping down as K-Kids administrator at the end of this Kiwanis year and recruited Joni Brown from the Coralville-Corridor Club to be his replacement. Joni, a Kiwanis advisor for her club's K-Kids, introduced herself and was excited to learn more about the SLP clubs across the district.

Motion by Tritle, second by Prettyman to endorse Joni Brown and appoint her K-Kids administrator effective Oct. 1, 2026.

10. Award and Scholarship Committee Report – John Boltz

Scholarship applications are coming in and the committee will meet soon to review.

11. KI Distinguished Awards – Lisa Brichacek

Two clubs in the district have received distinguished status but it has been reported by KI that another review is being done and an additional award category has been added. More information is expected in the coming month.

12. Leadership Development/Succession Planning

Board members were presented with the information gathered during the table discussions at the March Leadership Retreat. The round table topic was club leadership development. The goal is to continue this discussion, using the ideas generated during the retreat.

Adjournment – 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting Aug. 7, 2026, Council Bluffs

Submitted by Lisa Brichacek, district administrator

Attachment A

Proposed Changes to Nebraska-Iowa District Policy and Procedure

Submitted to District Board for review, March 27, 2026

Recommended by District Executive Committee, April 1, 2026

Purpose:

- 1) Change years of membership in the district from seven years to five years in criteria for vice governor to help expand pool of candidates.
- 2) Change trustee candidate qualifications based on action taken at 2025 House of Delegates to amend bylaws.
- 3) Update the narrative for the Nomination Committee and bring it in line with procedures currently being used.
- 4) Terminology housekeeping for already approved or soon to be approved changes in Kiwanis standard bylaws.

Effective: Immediately upon passage by the District Board

Deletions to current Policy and Procedures indicated with ~~strikeout~~.

Additions indicated by underline.

Qualifications for District Officers (Page 26)

District Governor

The nominee for District Governor must

- be active in the affairs of the nominees' club, division, and the District;
- have served as Governor-elect of this District;
- have been a Kiwanian with tenure of membership not less than seven ~~nine~~ years;
- accept the full responsibility and obligation of the office of Governor and commit to fulfill Article III, Section 5 of the District Bylaws; and
- have and maintain a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

District Governor-elect

The nominee for District Governor-elect must

- have had a least six ~~eight~~ years membership and must have served as Vice Governor of this District;
- agree to the acceptance of all the requirements for the office of District Governor;
- agree to accept the full ~~fulfill~~ responsibility of Article III, Section 6 of the District Bylaws; and
- have and maintain a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

District Vice Governor

A nominee for the District Vice Governor must

- have been a Lt. Governor of this District;
- have had a least five ~~seven~~ years Kiwanis membership in the district at time of election; (4/25)
- be endorsed by the Board ~~of Trustees~~;
- agree to the acceptance of all the requirements for the office of District Governor-elect and District Governor;
- agree to fulfill the responsibility of Article III Section 7 of the Bylaws; and.
- have and maintain a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

District (Regional) Trustees

Any candidate for District Trustee must

- have served as a Lt. Governor of his or her division within the region (or if no viable candidates are available from the region, must have served as a Lt. Governor in the District);
- be an active member in good standing of a club(s) within the Region (or from District, in the case of no eligible candidate from the region) from which he or she is elected;
- be endorsed as a candidate for Trustee by the candidate's primary club;
- be willing to fulfill the Trustee requirements as stated in Article III, Section 12 of the Nebraska-Iowa District Bylaws; and
- have and maintain a ~~clear~~ satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.

Nominating Committee for Candidates for the Office of District Vice-Governor (Page 17)

A nominating committee will be formed each year immediately following the District Convention to identify potential candidates. This nominating committee will be comprised of the outgoing Governor who serves as the Committee's Chair, the two (2) immediate past Governors, and two (2) outgoing Lt. Governors appointed by the Governor, one preferably from Iowa and one from Nebraska.

The committee will meet by virtual or other appropriate means and develop a list of potential candidates. ~~The Committee Chair may contact the persons on this list to discern their interest and availability.~~ A list of potential candidates from the previous year will be kept on file at the District Office and provided to the committee by the District Administrator. The Committee Chair will seek input from the District Governor under whom the candidate served for reference purposes. It is recommended that the Committee Chair also check with the District Administrator to ensure a potential candidate is qualified and properly vetted. Those agreeing to be nominated must be a member in good standing in their respective clubs and have served as a Lt. Governor in the District, have successfully completed a ~~clear~~ satisfactory background check, and meet all other qualifications ~~be endorsed by the District Board.~~

The Committee Chair will contact the person selected by the committee for nomination to discern their interest, availability and acceptance of the office. The Committee Chair will inform the committee of the candidate's decision. If no further meetings are needed, the Committee Chair will then notify the District Governor and District Administrator of the committee's nomination.

The Committee Chair will report the nomination at a District Board meeting held prior to February and a nomination endorsement must be voted on by the Board.

~~The committee will apprise the District Board of its recommendation for ratification of the nomination by the Board. The chair of the nominating committee will make its An announcement to the membership shall be made at the Midyear Conference or, if no Midyear is held, no later than February 15.~~

Members who meet the qualifications for the office of District Vice Governor and desire to serve the District in that capacity may also be nominated from the floor. ~~Nominations may also be received from the floor of the House of Delegates at the District Convention. A person seeking this office through nomination from the floor must be a member of a club in good standing in his/her respective club, have served as a Lt. Governor in the District, and successfully completed a clear background check, meet all qualifications and have completed the required Kiwanis International form by June 20.~~