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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

District Board Meeting Agenda Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, Zoom

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

Roll Call, Quorum Established

Present: Governor Brian Wells; Governor-Elect Tim McGee; Vice Governor Julie Weaver; 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). Absent: Immediate Past Governor John Boltz.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion by Prettyman, second by Tritle to approve Oct. 3 and 4, 2025 board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Kiwanis International Guests: International Vice President Cathy Szymanski and Area Director Brad Boyd

Administrator's Report

In addition to written report, Brichacek reported there were still two Aktion Clubs that had not paid district dues and one other club that has not reported membership yet.

District Foundation & Kiwanis Children's Fund

1. Kiwanis Children's Foundation – Jody Melcher

There are 12 clubs who have committed to being Impact Clubs for the current campaign. Donations to the Children's Fund from the district's clubs and individuals continues to be strong.

2. District Foundation Report – Tracey Domgard

The Foundation has raised about \$21,000 from the Siemens Medallions. All trustees positions on the board are now filled. The treasurer's transition is progressing, and outgoing treasurer Lonnie Shumate will remain on the board as an advisor.

Service Leadership Programs

Reviewed written and took oral reports from K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International and Aktion Club.

Membership

1. Membership & Existing Club Growth

Net membership growth across the district year to date is 92.

2. Traditional Club Building

The Aurora Aea Club chartered Jan. 8 with 15 members. Planning continues for a club in Centerville, Iowa. A Key Club is in the works in that community and Chariton has agreed to be club sponsor for a Kiwanis club. The plans for a Gretna club have been put on hold due to not being able to find a club to sponsor and other challenges in the community. A member has suggested forming a club in Minden, Nebraska. Membership Chair Michelle Musgrave will be asked by the governor to investigate the feasibility of it.

3. Kiwanis Voices – Brian Wells

Four Voices applications have been received so far. Bellevue and Lincoln Center will be the sponsors of the first Voices clubs. Additional marketing of this club type will be planned.

4. Club Closures – Brian Wells & Barb Hames

Floyd Valley, one of the newest clubs in the district, continues to struggle with members finding time to meet and do activities. They are preparing to take the next steps toward club closure. Blair has also notified the district and international that they will be closing after more than 60 years as a club.

Finance (*Action Item)

1. Treasurer's Report* – Curt Reis

A. Accounts Balances – not available

B. Budgets year to date for District, Key Club and Circle K International were reviewed. Activity trending close to predictions, with no major notations.

Motion by Webb, second by Lindgren to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Finance Committee – Gary Lindgren

A. Jan 6 Meeting Minutes & Edward Jones Investments were reviewed. Investment rate of return reported at 10.71 percent. The next committee meeting will be on April 7.

B. Budget Amendments*

Motion by Webb, second by Prettyman to 1) Amend the Key Club budget and add \$1,000 for Key Club scholarships under Key Club expenses, line 7040 and 2) Amend the budget and add \$1,000 for the International President's visit under line 6390 Miscellaneous. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Club Dues & KI Policy 360 Update – Lisa Brichacek

More than 15 clubs still have not paid annual dues and there are clubs with a balance due for K-Kids, Builders Clubs or new members. The list of clubs that owe \$150 or more is currently at 31. This will now start being an issue as Policy 360 calls for clubs at \$150 or more for more than 90 days to be sent a charter suspension notice. Clubs will be contacted and trustees and lt. governors will be asked to work with these clubs as well.

Other Business (*Action Item)

1. Key Leader 2026 and/or future status*

No planning has taken place for the November 2026 Key Leader and Key Leader Administrator Don Fritz has indicated he will be stepping down from that position after this Kiwanis year. Given Key Leader has not been held in the district the past several years, options were discussed.

Motion by McGee, second by Hames to cancel the 2026 Key Leader and leave the position of Key Leader Administrator open for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Kiwanis Children's Fund District Grant*

The District is eligible for a \$4,668 District Grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Last year's grant went toward Key Club and CKI scholarships. For the first time, grant monies were also allocated last year for the district service project, mental health awareness, and the effort was well received. District KCF Chair Jody Melcher needs to submit our grant use request by Feb. 1.

Motion by Tritle, second by Prettyman to request \$1,000 be allowed for Key Club scholarships, \$1,000 for Circle K International scholarships, \$668 for the Key Club's Unlocked program, and \$2,000 for mental health awareness grants to clubs. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Policy and Procedure Update*

Changes are necessary in the District Policy and Procedures to re-assign regions with the new divisions and include the introduction of lt. governor assistants. (See Attachment A)

Motion by Prettyman, second by Hames to amend District Policy and Procedures with the 2025 redivision assignments, include duties and possible reimbursements for lt. governor assistants and other housekeeping verbiage as noted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. House of Delegates' Resolution 1 for Kiwanis Voices Dues Waiver*

Current District bylaws state there are district dues for members. Kiwanis International has asked that districts waive district dues for Kiwanis Voices, a five-year pilot program introduced by Kiwanis International in 2025. To avoid conflicts with bylaws, this resolution waives the district dues requirement for Voices members under the pilot program. (See Attachment B). This resolution is similar to what other districts have considered and passed. The House of Delegates would need to vote on the resolution.

Motion by Lindgren, second by Webb to ask the Nebraska-Iowa House of Delegates to consider and support Resolution 1 (waiver of district dues for Kiwanis Voices members for five years or the duration of the pilot program) during its meeting on Aug. 8 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Nomination for Vice Governor Candidate 2026-2027* – No Report

6. Regional Meetings

- A. Region 5, April 13, 7 p.m., Zoom – Trustee Candidate Filing: Gery Derner, Ames
- B. Region 6, April 20, 7 p.m. Zoom
- C. Candidate application ongoing through March 1

7. Events

- A. March 14 Leadership Retreat/Band Camp
- B. March 13 Presidents' Celebration
- C. May 1 & 2 Lt. Governor Elect Training, Carroll, Iowa

8. Award and Scholarship Committee Report

Committee will next meet in April to consider scholarship applications.

9. Club Leadership Education and Chats Report – Lisa Brichacek

February chat lined up for treasurers and March chat will be for secretaries. Effort needs to be put in this year by all district leaders to get clubs to officer education this summer.

10. 2026-2027 Preparations – Tim McGee

The search for Lt. governors is ongoing. There have only been a few commitments so far from current Lt. governors. Theme for next year will be "All-In" and emphasis will be on growing service and SLP start ups.

11. International Convention

Six people (five Kiwanians and a spouse) are registered. The early bird registration date has been extended to March.

12. District Convention 2026

Plans are well underway for the Aug. 7 and 8 convention in Council Bluffs. The service project will be building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

13. Other items of interest in the district – none

Adjournment – 11:03 a.m.

Next meeting is April 18, Virtual, 8:30 a.m.

ATTACHMENT A



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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

Recommendation to amend District Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Oct. 1, 2025 redivision assignments and the introduction of Lt. governor assistants and other updates as noted.

Proposed changes: additions (underlined) and ~~deletions (strikeout)~~.

Page 10 Divisions & Regions

For administrative purposes, the District Board of Trustees has the power to set up regions and divisions from time to time, to name or number them, and to allocate existing and future clubs to said regions and divisions. The territory of this District is currently divided into ~~twenty-six (26)~~ sixteen (16) divisions and six (6) regions as follows:

- ~~Region I: Divisions 21, 22N, 22S, 23, 24, 25;~~
- ~~Region II: Divisions 17, 18, 19, 20;~~
- ~~Region III: Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6;~~
- ~~Region IV: Divisions 1, 2, 7 (currently no clubs or Lt. governor), 8;~~
- ~~Region V: 11, 12, 13, 16; and~~
- ~~Region VI: 9, 10, 14, 15~~

- Region 1: Divisions 14, 15 16;
- Region 2: Divisions 12, 13;
- Region 3: Divisions 2, 3, 4;
- Region 4: Divisions 1, 6
- Region 5: Divisions 5, 10, 11; and
- Region 6: Divisions 7, 8, 9.

Any club desiring to be assigned to a division or region other than that to which it is allocated by the Board of Trustees has the right to apply either in writing or in person, by not more than five (5) club representatives, to the Board of Trustees to be reassigned. If the club is dissatisfied with the action of the Board of Trustees, it may appeal the decision of the Board to the delegate body at the next convention. If the delegate body so decides, the application of such club will be granted.

~~NOTE: Cedar County (eastern Iowa) was added to the Nebraska-Iowa territory with the approval of the board of Kiwanis International, the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District and the Nebraska-Iowa House of Delegates effective October 1, 2018.~~

Notes: 1) The District Board terminology updates are a recommendation from Kiwanis International and align with recent changes to standard form District Bylaws. 2) It has been seven years since action taken to change district boundaries and there is no need to record that action in policy and procedure. Recommendation is to delete as presented.

Page 14 Responsibilities of Lt. Governors

- Coordinates any necessary division work with the Lt. Governor Assistant, including clubs visits and special event attendance.

Note: This bullet point would be added to the list of existing duties

Page 42 DIVISION PROCEDURES

Election of Division Officers

Lt. Governor (and Lt. Governor Assistant)

Optimally, the Lt. Governor should be elected at the division conference pursuant to Article 7 of the Bylaws of the Nebraska-Iowa District. The only voting representatives of the clubs within the division are the president and immediate past president of each club in the division or their duly elected alternates. Alternatively, the current Lt. Governor will seek to find his or her replacement prior to annual Lt. Governor training which typically occurs in April or May.

A Lt. Governor Assistant may also be elected at the division conference in geographically large divisions or under other circumstance that requires a Lt. Governor to ask for help to work with all clubs within the division.

Page 57 Lt. Governor Expense Reimbursement

Lt. Governor Assistant may also request reimbursement for mileage within the division and other qualified expenses for division work, provided that the Lt. Governor is not asking for similar reimbursement.

Note: This would be a new paragraph added to the Lt. Governor reimbursement subsection.

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Remove index pages from Policy and Procedure Documents

Note: There is no requirement from KI to have an index with P&P. Many index items are non-specific and many are also redundant with table of contents. To be an accurate Index, these pages would need to be completely revised.

Attachment B

Resolution 1

Nebraska-Iowa District of Kiwanis International

House of Delegates Meeting, Aug. 8, 2026

KIWANIS VOICES

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Voices is a new kind of Kiwanis club – designed for young adults ages 18 to 26 who are starting or continuing their journey in the Kiwanis family, and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Voices is another option to bridge the gap between youth programs and traditional Kiwanis clubs, helping members stay connected with peers while making a difference, and

WHEREAS, Members work together to build stronger communities. After two years, dues are returned to the club to support local and global causes the members choose, and

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Voices is a five-year global pilot program approved by the Kiwanis International Board (Article 4, Section 3, KI Bylaws), and

WHEREAS, Annual Kiwanis Voices member dues are \$40USD, but member dues are held by Kiwanis International and returned to the club after two years to support the club's service projects,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Nebraska-Iowa District** WAIVES any **Nebraska-Iowa** District dues for a Kiwanis Voices Club for the five (5) year duration of the Pilot Program, or until such time Kiwanis International terminates the Pilot Program.

RESOLUTION Adopted by the Delegate Body _____