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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

Minutes District Board Meeting Friday, Aug. 7, 2026 Hilton Garden Inn, Council Bluffs, IA

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

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

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

Recognition of Guests

Kiwanis International Trustee Designate Taka Ogata and District Region 5 Trustee Designate Geri Derner

Minutes of Meetings

Motion by Tritle, second by Hames to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2026 District Board meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Governor's Report – Gov. Brian Wells

Gov. Wells reported he has enjoyed his recent visits to clubs and their activities and have more visits planned before the end of the year. He intends to continue pushing membership growth to finish this year strong.

Kiwanis International Comments – International Trustee Designate Taka Ogata

Ogata asked the district leaders to “lead with vision” and work with the clubs so they have a vision as well.

Administrator's Report & Annual Office Equipment/Storage Report – Lisa Brichacek

Report of recent activity was reviewed. New information to written report was that a second invoice will be sent out to clubs that have not yet paid their annual club education fee. Annual equipment/storage report was reviewed, with no immediate issues being noted.

Membership

1. Membership & Existing Club Growth

Current membership is at a plus 121 for the year. With usual end of year purging expected, a push will continue for club growth in the last two months.

2. Traditional Club Building – Brian Wells & Tim McGee

A club build in Centerville, Iowa is planned in September. The goal is to count this new club for both this year and next year.

3. Kiwanis Voices – Brian Wells

Bellevue and Lincoln Center clubs are still willing to sponsor Voices clubs. Lincoln Center is working on a meet in person club and Bellevue would like to sponsor a virtual club. The budgeted dollars to help sponsor Voices clubs this Kiwanis year and also pay for initial memberships have gone unused. There was discussion about carrying that over to next year.

Motion by Webb, second by Hames to continue support of Kiwanis Voices and to include in the 2026-2027 budget funding to pay the \$40 dues for the first 15 Voices members in the first 5 Voices clubs to form and also to pay the \$100 sponsor fee for the sponsoring clubs. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Other Membership topics

It was reported that the Aurora Club that chartered in January was getting closer to getting its bank account set up. A delay in the Articles of Incorporation for this club has been holding that up. But, the club is active and working on projects.

Finance

1. Treasurer's Report – Curt Reis

As of May 31, the bank account balances for the district totaled \$130,780. That cash balance was deemed as good, considering the summer is more active with expenses for district convention. There should be some additional monies coming from Kiwanis International for new member dues, but all active clubs have paid their renewals for the current year. It was noted that the travel expenses for vice governor were over the budgeted amount and this was due to the last-minute invite for vice governors to attend the Lt. Governor Summit hosted by Kiwanis International in Indianapolis. Motion by Tritle, second by Boltz to receive the financials for the District, CKI and Key Club. Motion carried unanimously.

The Circle K International District's budget has seen more activity this year. It was noted budget numbers after May 31 were not prepared yet, so their international convention expenses were not included. Cash flow may become an issue if additional fundraising doesn't occur soon for CKI. Key Club District's budget was as of May 31 so didn't reflect their international convention activity. Some reconciliation was also still needed for activities prior to May 31.

Motion by McGee, second by Hames to adjust the 2025-2026 budget and direct the treasurer to move an additional \$250 into the vice governor's travel line item from another area of the budget as he determined to be best. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Finance Committee – Gary Lindgren

The committee met July 21 to review the financials as of May 31. Sue Waldren will step down from the committee next year and Don Fritz has agreed to serve. The committee also discussed a \$2,646 reimbursement returned by Gov. Wells since he was unable to attend international convention. He has asked that those dollars be used to help offset meal costs for Service Leadership Program members and guests at district convention. The committee so agreed and brought forth that recommendation to the board.

Motion by Lindgren, second by Webb to transfer \$2,646 from the governor's travel budget to the district convention budget to help with meal costs for Key Club, Circle K International and Aktion Club members and the complimentary guest registrations at District Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

1. International Convention Recap – Tim McGee, Julie Weaver & Taka Ogata

Favorable comments were given about the convention in Manilla. Four Kiwanians and one guest from the district attended.

2. Bylaws & Resolutions – Lisa Brichacek

As both the bylaw amendment and the resolution before the delegates Saturday afternoon are board supported, it would be appropriate for a board member to make the motions. Barrie Tritle will offer the Resolution for Kiwanis Voices and Andy Webb will make the motion for the amendment. There will be a question and answer session for both of these proposals during the convention's Bonus Block on Saturday morning.

3. District Convention 2026

Convention registration is 158 and includes 30 Service Leadership Program members. It was a good effort for raising additional revenues for convention, with about \$20,375 recorded. That number includes about \$14,800 for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace service project. Other aspects of the convention also fell into place quite well and the committee is hoping for a great convention.

4. Key Leader

Due to low attendance and financial considerations, Key Leader has not been held in the district since 2023. In January, the board voted not to hold a Key Leader in the fall of 2026 as no facility had been contracted yet and little interest from clubs had been seen. While the district has always been a strong supporter of the Key Leader program, discussion centered on how the shift in attendance has created an ongoing concern for the sustainability of the event. Rising costs for the Kiwanis branded event meant an operational loss for the district the last time it was held. The budgeting process and staffing a Key Leader committee is difficult when a decision to hold a Key Leader is made on a year-to-year basis. Motion by Webb, second by Tritle to suspend Key Leader in the Nebraska-Iowa District. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 2026-2027 Preparation – Tim McGee

The first board meeting for 2026-2027 is scheduled for Oct. 9 and 10. It will tentatively be held in Council Bluffs. Lt. governors still have not been secured in divisions 8, 10 and 11. There are also still a few positions to fill on the district leadership roster for Key Positions and committee chairs. The appointments for Key Positions and committee chairs will be deferred to October meeting. Divisions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 15 and 16 did not hold an election for their incoming Lt. governors but have someone in place for this position. By policy, the district board can make these appointments.

Motion by Tritle, second by Webb to appoint Lt. governors in Divisions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 15 and 16 for 2026-2027.

6. 2026-2027 Nomination Committee – Brian Wells

Gov. Brian has already started talking to potential past Lt. governors (current Lt. governors who will not return in 2026-2027) who could serve on this committee. There are also designated past governors involved in this committee as well. The intent is to conform to policy and have a vice governor candidate ready to present at the January board meeting.

7. Upcoming District Events: Aug. 7 & 25 Club Leadership Education

8. Regional Reports

Regions 1 & 4 will need to have elections in 2026-2027. Prettyman (Region 1) will be at the end of his second, three-year term and will not be eligible to file for election. Lindgren (Region 4) would be eligible to run again for trustee as he did “redshirt” last year.

9. Award and Scholarship Committee Report – John Boltz

Submissions for the 2026 District Convention Awards were plentiful. It was the highest number received in at least the last seven years, and the quality of the nominations were excellent.

10. District Standing Report – Lisa Brichacek

The financial reports for the District and the District Foundation have been accepted by Kiwanis International. The bylaw amendment before the House of Delegates at this convention is needed for compliance with bylaw standards. Two reports after convention also need to be filed by the district secretary as part of the good standing checklist.

11. Club Leadership Education Report

A written report by Education Chair Emily Wageman showed participation by clubs in CLE continues to be low. Only 36 clubs had trained at least one officer. There is one more virtual CLE offered later this month, and Kiwanis International has reported it will have a recording available in September.

12. Youth Protection & SLP Advisors Report – Linda Plazcek

There is concern that 25 active SLP clubs are not listed with a Kiwanis advisor name. This also means that it is unknown if the members working with the SLPs have a current background check on file. Contact with these clubs will take place.

District Foundation & Kiwanis Children’s Fund

1. Kiwanis Children’s Foundation – Jody Melcher reported virtually. District contributions continue to be good.

2. District Foundation Report – Tracey Domgard reported in person. Operations and grant distribution continue to go well.

Don Glenn and Larry Ziska will be recognized at Foundation’s meeting at convention for their years of service.

Service Leadership Program Reports

K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International, Aktion Club

SLP administrators attended either in person or virtually and offered a look at club numbers, what’s ahead and how the district can help support them.

11:35 a.m. Adjournment

Submitted by Lisa Brichacek, district administrator