MINUTES
District Board Meeting Oct. 9-10, 2026
Courtyard by Mariott, Council Bluffs, IA

Friday, Oct. 9 – 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The retreat portion of the first board meeting of the new Kiwanis year started with District Leadership Education. Governor Tim McGee shared his goals and vision for the year. Administrator Lisa Brichacek and Treasurer Curt Reis gave presentations on district operations, reimbursement procedures, online resources and district committees. Following dinner, a competitive game of Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis Jeopardy was played. Board members also shred their "All-In" moments.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Board Meeting Called to Order at 8:36 a.m. – Governor Tim McGee

Roll Call, with Quorum Established
Present: Governor Tim McGee; Governor-Elect Julie Weaver; Vice Governor MJ Rodriguez; Administrator Lisa Brichacek; Treasurer Curt Reis; and Trustees Keith Prettyman (R1), Linda Placzek (R2), Barb Hames (R3), Gary Lindgren (R4), Geri Derner (R5) and Elaine Moore (R6)
Absent: Keith Prettyman (R1) and Immediate Past Governor Brian Wells

Recognition of Guests: KI Area Director Brad Boyd, in attendance virtually

Minutes of Meetings
Motion by Rodriguez, second by Lindgren to approve the minutes of the Aug. 7, 2026 District Board Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Received the minutes of the Aug. 8, 2026 House of Delegate Minutes and acknowledged the business conducted.

Governor's Report – Gov. Tim
There are still two open divisions without lt. governors and several open chairs on district committees. The club opening goal this year is four clubs. Attendance increases at international and district conventions will be a focus. A district shirt for international convention is being discussed.

Kiwanis International Comments – Brad Boyd
Lt. governors are encouraged to use new membership resources and scorecards for club strengthening. Clubs are encouraged to make this year about inviting guests to meetings and activities.]'

Administrator's Report – Lisa Brichacek
In addition to written report, it was stated that the KI board is meeting this week and on the agenda is the charter revoke for Floyd Valley. The printed Leadership Directory should be out by early November.

Membership (Discussion and action as necessary)

1. **Membership & Existing Club Growth –** Membership Chair Michelle Musgrave
   Membership trend numbers for 2025-2026 were presented. Year end numbers will not be available until about Oct. 20. During the year, top growing divisions were 16, 15 and 5. Five clubs surrendered charters in 2025-2026, and word has been received that another club may soon follow this year.
2. **Club Building** – Tim McGee
   The goal is to open four traditional Kiwanis clubs and two Kiwanis Voices clubs. The club build in Centerville started the last week in September, with about 10 members signed up right now. Efforts will continue and an organization meeting will be scheduled soon. A club opening subcommittee will be formed and the task will be to have members make calls and schedule appointments ahead of future club builds. Brian Wells will continue to be the champion for Kiwanis Voices.
3. **New Club Locations**
   A list of possible new club sites was started during the lt. governor elect training in May. A few more towns have been added since training and initial research into the communities was done this summer. A site survey for Gretna, NE was completed last year. It was decided to make Gretna one of the build sites this year. A second club build will be targeted for Cherokee, IA. It was also suggested that Des Moines be looked at again for another club and to do that club build in conjunction with district convention. The full list will be retained and other communities on the list will continue to be considered in the future.

Finance (Discussion and action as necessary)

1. Treasurer's Report – Curt Reis

Financials as of Aug. 31 were reviewed for the District, Key Club and CKI. Items of note: District actuals appear to be on trend for net revenue over expenses; Key Club numbers may still need adjustments; CKI lacking fundraisers.
Motion by Lindgren, second by Moore to receive the financials as of Aug. 31 for the District, CKI and Key Club. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Finance Committee – Gary Lindgren

The Finance Committee met several times in September to review the 2025-2026 numbers and prepare for the new year. A subcommittee also met with CKI and Key Club administrators for budget preparation. The committee reviewed investments with Edward Jones. The net gain since initial investment continues. The 2026-2027 budgets, as recommended by the Finance Committee, were presented.
Motion by Derner, second by Rodriguez to approve the Circle K International district budget for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Rodriguez, second by Hames to approve the Key Club district budget for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Placzek, second by Moore to approve the Nebraska-Iowa District budget for 2026-2027. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Additional financial item – Mileage Reimbursement Increase

After the budgets were approved, Gov. Tim asked that an additional item be placed on the agenda. The ask was for board action to increase the rate of travel reimbursement from 35 cents per mile to 50 cents per mile. He stated he didn't believe it would significantly impact the budget because not everyone eligible for mileage reimbursement files a reimbursement request.
Motion by Moore, second by Derner to increase the district's reimbursement for travel from 35 cents per mile to 50 cents per mile, effective Nov. 1, 2026.

Discussion included the need for data to show financial impact, how this would impact the division budgets for lt. governors and the reimbursement checks that had already been written for this year.
Motion by Rodriguez to amend the motion, changing the effective date to Oct. 1, 2026 and calling for a financial analysis showing the impact of the 15 cent per mile increase to be prepared for board review at the January meeting. Second to amend by Hames. Vote called on motion to amend, carried unanimously.

Vote called on amended motion to increase the district's reimbursement for travel from 35 cents per mile to 50 cents per mile, effective Oct. 1, 2026 and have a financial analysis of the impact presented at the January meeting, carried unanimously.

District Foundation & Kiwanis Children's Fund

District Foundation – Tracey Domgard, in attendance virtually

Foundation board will have its meeting next week. There were no grant requests this past cycle. Two new members will be welcomed to the board. Larry Ziska has been asked to the board as an advisor.

Kiwanis Children's Foundation – Jody Melcher, in attendance virtually

The giving from the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians and clubs was strong in 2025-2026. The report recently received showed the district as number 2 for total donations. Giving to the Possibility Project was also good, with donations being about a half a million dollars.

Service Leadership Program Reports

Key Club – Tracey Domgard, in attendance virtually

Key Club ended last school year with 60 clubs, with more new clubs being planned for this year. Registration numbers for Unlocked later in October were still very low. A decision will be made soon about Unlocked and if it can be held this year.

K-Kids & Builders Club – Sue Waldren & Joni Brown, in attendance virtually

The K-Kids and Builders Club administrators continue to work together to provide support to clubs across the district. There were 22 Builders Clubs last year and 21 K-Kids. Both SLPs are expecting growth this year. As a new SLP administrator, Joni Brown will be working this year to introduce herself to the clubs.

Circle K International – Travis Grafe-Cline, in attendance

There are currently 7 clubs in the CKI district, and three more clubs are in the works to be built this year. CKI district governor recently resigned, and a special meeting of the CKI board and club presidents is scheduled to elect a new governor to complete the term.

Aktion Club – written report by Lynda Henningsen was reviewed.

Other Business

1. Memorandum of Agreement with Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation

There were no changes this year to the annual agreement with the Foundation. The Foundation board is expected to approve this next week.

Motion by Derner, second by Hames to approve the 2026-2027 Memorandum of Agreement with the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation, motion carried unanimously.

2. 2026-2027 District Calendar

The district calendar was reviewed. The virtual board meeting in April was changed to the 10th. The January virtual meeting will remain on the 23rd.

3. 2026-2027 Key Position & Committee Appointments

The governor's appointments for the 2026-2027 Leadership Team was presented. It was noted there were still several key positions open. It was also noted that Curt Reis was re-appointed for a second 3-year term.

Motion by Placzek, second by Hames to approve the 2026-2027 Leadership Roster appointments, motion caried unanimously.

4. Appointment of Division 10 Lt. Governor

Teresa Rotschafer, a former lt. governor, stepped forward at district convention and agreed to serve in Division 10.

Motion by Rodriguez, second by Hames to appoint Teresa Rotschafer as the 2026-2027 lt. governor in Division 10, motion carried unanimously.

5. Withdrawal and Appointment of Division 15 Lt. Governor

John Boltz was appointed Division 15 lt. governor at the August board meeting. Sonia Royal-Benak is now willing to repeat as lt. governor in that division. Boltz has agreed to remain as assistant.

Motion by Derner, second by Moore to appoint Royal-Benak as lt. governor in Division 15 and re-assign Boltz as assistant lt. governor, motion carried unanimously.

6. 2027 Regional Meetings (Regions 1 & 4 trustee elections)

Regions 1 and 4 were asked to schedule regional meetings for this spring. Both regions have trustees with terms expiring Sept. 30. Per policy and procedures, an election date and method needs to be set in each region by Dec. 15.

7. Trustee Responsibilities & Assistance in Divisions without Lt. Governors

Trustees have responsibilities beyond attending quarterly meetings. There is committee work throughout the year, and they are asked to be a resource for clubs and divisions, especially in divisions without lt. governors. This year, they are also asked to assist clubs as needed with their membership plans.

8. 2024-2027 District Strategic Plan Update

Discussion took place on the best way to update the current strategic plan. Rodriguez volunteered to chair a committee to review the plan and see where updates were needed. The committee is to consist of board members, lt. governors, past lt. governors and past governors.

9. Service Leadership Program Advisors Update – Linda Placzek

Kiwanis advisors without background checks in place are being contacted and the response to get it done has been positive.

10. Club Compliance

Documents were reviewed that showed club compliance with CLE training, CLE per club fee payments and officer reporting. A written report on incorporation status with the secretary of state offices was also provided by Compliance Chair Larry Ziska, who will be contacting clubs currently not in compliance.

11. District Awards: 2025-2026 Achievement Awards & Ki Distinguished Awards

Application forms are live on the website for Achievement Awards and will be accepted through Dec. 1. KI has again changed its criteria for Distinguished Awards and those are available on the KI website.

12. Nomination Committee

A copy of the policy and procedures, along with eligible committee members, has been provided to committee chair. A candidate should be presented at the January meeting, as policy and procedure asks for announcement by Feb. 15.

13. Club Leadership Education & Continuing Education

Attendance was again low for this past summer's CLE. The committee has recommended going back to more in person CLEs to see if that helps attendance. Regions 2 and 5 trustees and lt. governors are being asked to help organize a CLE on July 10, with one location in Nebraska and one location in Iowa. Virtual CLE in July and August and in person the Friday of convention will again be offered.

14. 2026 District Convention Wrap Up & 2027 Planning

The post convention survey was reviewed and comments were positive for 2026. The 2027 Committee will start meeting later in October or in November.

15. 2027 District Retreat (Carroll, Iowa, March 13) & **Lt. Governor Elect Training** (Harlan, Iowa, April 23-24)

Event dates were reviewed.

16. 2027 International Convention Planning (Dallas, Texas)

This should be a good location for district Kiwanians. Promotion to attend will start this fall.

Adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Brichacek, administrator