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CAPITAL DISTRICT

2025 House of Delegates
August 23-24, 2025
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, VA
Official Minutes

Governor Josh Hiscock called the 2025 House of Delegates at the 105th Capital District Kiwanis Convention to order at 2:22pm on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Standard Approvals

- **Credentials Chairperson Alex Robbins** moved the report of the Credentials Committee.
 - 93 Club Delegates representing 60 active Kiwanis clubs plus 35 Delegates-at-Large were certified at the convention with a total of 128 delegates seated in the House of Delegates. That makes 65 votes needed for a simple majority and 85 votes needed for a 2/3rd majority. ***Motion passed.***
- As the Capital District Bylaws states that at least 1/3 of all active charters need to be represented to conduct business and the Capital District currently has 154 active charters, making quorum 51 clubs, **Governor Josh Hiscock** reported that a quorum existed to conduct business.
- Motion made by **Past Governor John Kyle** to adopt the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates as printed in the official Convention Program. ***Motion passed unanimously.***
- Motion made by **Past Lt. Governor Jack Hassman** to adopt the Orders of the Day as printed in the official Convention Program. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Other Business

- The floor was opened for nominations for the office of 2025-2026 Capital District Vice Governor. The only candidate was **Trustee Nathaniel Kyle** from the Kiwanis Club of Huntington and East Huntington, WV.
- **Election Chairperson Kimberley Temple** conducted a Candidate Q&A with the Vice Governor candidate.
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** informed the House that there were no bylaws amendments to be considered this year. However, the Capital District Board of Trustees voted to adopt recent changes to the Standard Form for District Bylaws provided by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees. These included updated language for background checks and more formal processes for conduct unbecoming a Kiwanian. An email will be sent to all clubs notifying them of the change but it did not require action of the House of Delegates.
- **Kiwanis International Trustee Jo Schwartz** addressed the House.
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** presented the 2025 State of the District Report: **(Exhibit A)**

- Motion made by **Past Governor Scott Zimmerma** to recess the House of Delegates until 8am on Sunday, August 24, 2025. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Governor Hiscock recessed the 2025 House of Delegates at 2:52pm.

Governor Hiscock reconvened the 2025 House of Delegates at 8:01am on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

Report of the Credentials Committee was unchanged from the previous session. There were 128 delegates present in the house on Sunday morning.

- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** reported that the only candidate for 2025-2026 Governor was Governor-Elect Timothy Gillette from the Kiwanis Club of Tysons, Virginia.
- **Past President Corey Gillette** from the Kiwanis Club of Tysons nominated Timothy Gillette for the office of 2025-2026 Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. The candidate accepted his nomination and gave his remarks.
- Motion made by **Past Governor Jen Wolff** to vote for Timothy Gillette by a vote of acclamation. ***Motion passed unanimously.***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** cast a single ballot to elect and proclaimed Timothy Gillette as the 2025-2026 Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** reported that the only candidate for 2025-2026 Governor-Elect was Vice Governor David Lurie from the Kiwanis Club of Tysons, VA.
- **Past Lt. Governor Nancy Simonelli** from the Kiwanis Club of Lynnhaven-Virginia Beach, VA nominated David Lurie for the office of 2025-2026 Governor-Elect of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. The candidate accepted his nomination and gave his remarks.
- Motion made by **Past Governor John Tyner** to vote for David Lurie by a vote of acclamation. ***Motion passed unanimously.***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** cast a single ballot to elect and proclaimed David Lurie as the 2025-2026 Governor-Elect of the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** reported that the only candidate for 2025-2026 Vice Governor was Trustee Nathaniel Kyle from the Kiwanis Clubs of Huntington and East Huntington, WV.
- **President Royce Tanner** from the Kiwanis Club of West Charleston, WV nominated Nathaniel Kyle for the office of 2025-2026 Vice Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. The candidate accepted his nomination and gave his remarks.
- Motion made by **Past Governor John Kyle** to vote for Nathaniel Kyle by a vote of acclamation. ***Motion passed unanimously.***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** cast a single ballot to elect and proclaimed Nathaniel Kyle as the 2025-2026 Vice Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

- **Past Governor Brian Bell** as Resolutions Chairperson moved the adoption of four (4) resolutions (**Exhibit B**). ***All four motions passed unanimously.***
- There being no further business before the House of Delegates, Motion was made by **Past Governor Carolyn Richar** to adjourn the House of Delegates. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Governor Hiscock adjourned the 2025 House of Delegates at 8:30am on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Wolff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PG Jeffrey M. Wolff
Executive Director
Capital District Kiwanis

[EXHIBIT A]

Good afternoon, Kiwanians.

It is my honor and privilege to stand before you today and present the **2024–2025 State of the District Report** for the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

Each year when I give this report, I am reminded not just of the numbers and facts we share, but of the incredible people who make those numbers possible—[emphasize] **you, the members of this district who live out the Kiwanis mission in your clubs and in your communities.**

This year, Governor Josh chose as his theme “**You Belong Here.**”

It is a message that is simple, but deeply powerful. Kiwanis at its best is a place where people feel **welcome, valued, and inspired to serve.** It’s a place where everyone—regardless of background, experience, or circumstance—has a seat at the table and a role to play in making the world a better place for children.

That message—**You Belong Here**—has guided much of what we have done together this year. [pause] It has reminded us that Kiwanis is not just about projects or fundraisers. It’s about **people.** It’s about **community.** It’s about **belonging.**

Let’s start with membership. At the end of the day, **Kiwanis rises or falls on the strength of our members.**

If people don’t feel welcome... if they don’t feel engaged... they won’t stay. But if they do feel like they belong—if they feel **valued and inspired**—then they will not only stay, **they will invite others to join them.**

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This year we had the joy of welcoming **two brand-new clubs** into the Capital District family. The **Marshall County club in West Virginia, Division 18... and the North Stafford club in Virginia, Division 2.** These new clubs are a sign of **life, of energy, of momentum.**

And we're not stopping there. We have efforts underway in **Laurel, Maryland... in Bel Air, Maryland... and in East End, Virginia.** Each of those potential clubs represents a new group of people who will be able to say for the first time: *"I belong here in Kiwanis."*

Now let's talk numbers.

As of today, the Capital District has **3,945 members in 155 active clubs.** We began the year with 3,904 members, which means we've experienced **positive net growth—an increase of 41 members.**

That may sound modest, but in a time when many service organizations are shrinking, **even small steps forward matter.**

But we also have to be realistic. At least **two clubs** have already indicated they will surrender their charters, and **another will likely be revoked** for non-payment of dues. And let's not forget—we finished last Kiwanis year with a **net loss of 141 members** because so many clubs dropped members in September and October.

So where does that leave us?

It leaves us with a **challenge— and an opportunity.**

Right now, **43 of our clubs—about 28%—are showing a membership loss this year.** But here's the encouraging part: for nearly all of those clubs, if they brought in just **four new members,** they could move from a loss to a gain.

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Just **four people**. That's a neighbor. A co-worker. A parent from the local school. A friend from church. **Four people who need to hear the message: "You Belong Here."**

That is why it is essential that **every Kiwanis club appoint a Membership Committee chairperson** and develop a clear membership plan. Membership cannot be an afterthought. It cannot be something we only deal with when numbers go down.

Membership has to be intentional, ongoing, and built into the DNA of our clubs.

So what does that look like?

It looks like **inviting guests to your projects, not just your meetings.**

It looks like **following up with people who visit once**—because sometimes the only difference between a guest and a member is whether someone took the time to call them back.

It looks like **telling the Kiwanis story in your community**. People can't join what they don't know about.

And it also means keeping the members we already have by offering them **meaningful projects, leadership opportunities, and a culture where they feel valued**. When people belong, they stay.

Speaking of projects, let's talk about the incredible service that you and your clubs have provided this year.

This year so far, clubs across the Capital District have reported **over 2500 service projects, contributing over 65,000 hours of service,**

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benefitting almost 200,000 youth and donating over 1.5 million dollars to worthy causes in your community.

Every one of those numbers tells a story: of a child who now has **school supplies...** of a family who had **food on their table...** of a student who received a **scholarship that will change their future.**

Friends, **that is the heartbeat of Kiwanis.** That is why we exist. And when we say to someone “*You Belong Here,*” we are really inviting them to belong to that **mission—to be part of something bigger than themselves.**

This year we also took steps to strengthen how our district is organized.

After careful review, the Board of Trustees voted to reduce our regions from seven to six. Division 4 has been reunited with Divisions 5 and 6 in the DelMarVa region, and Division 8 has been reunited with Divisions 9 and 10 in the Heart of Virginia region.

This means that the **Blue Ridge region will be retired** at the end of this administrative year, at the same time that **Trustee Roger Diehl concludes his three-year term.** Roger, we thank you for your **service and leadership.**

We also owe thanks to Past International President **Art Riley** and his task force, who studied our clubs and divisions to help us realign and refocus the role of our lieutenant governors. Their vision is clear: **our lieutenant governors need to be coaches and mentors—especially to clubs that are struggling.** The 2025–26 Board will act on those recommendations in the year ahead.

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Now, let's talk about finances. I know numbers aren't always the most exciting part of this speech. But they are important—because they tell a story of **stewardship, responsibility, and trust**.

First, I am proud to say that our FY24 financial statements were reviewed by Didawick and Associates, and we received a **clean finding**. That means our books are in good order and your district's finances are being managed with **integrity and care**.

As of July 31, 2025, the Capital District—including Key Club and CKI—holds total combined assets of **\$1,282,284.35**. At the close of the 2023–24 year, we recorded **revenue of \$393,265.05** and **expenses of \$262,586.80**, resulting in a **surplus of \$130,678.25**.

Now, investments have not performed as strongly in the current year. But I am pleased to report that we are **still operating in the black**. And here's the part I know you'll appreciate: **unlike many other districts, we have no plans to propose a dues increase**.

That is the direct result of **careful budgeting and good stewardship**. And it means we can focus on **growing our service—not growing our dues bills**.

This year we also launched the **Capital District Life Membership program**. For a one-time payment of **\$480**, a member can be recognized as a Life Member and be **exempt for life from the \$32 portion of district dues**. It's a meaningful way to **honor a dedicated member**, and more information is available on our website.

So where does that leave us?

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It leaves us with a district that is **growing**—maybe not as fast as we'd like, but growing nonetheless. It leaves us with a district that is **financially stable, structurally sound, and mission-driven.**

And most importantly, it leaves us with a message that continues to resonate: **“You Belong Here.”**

That message is not just for new members—it's for every single one of us. Because belonging isn't just about joining a club. It's about being part of a **family... a movement... a mission** that is changing lives every single day.

So as we look toward the next Kiwanis year, I challenge you: take that message back to your club, back to your community, back to the people who are waiting for an invitation. Look them in the eye and say: **“You belong here in Kiwanis.”**

Because the truth is—**when they belong here, our clubs get stronger. When they belong here, our communities get better. And when they belong here, more children are served, more lives are changed, and the world becomes a brighter place.**

Thank you, my friends, for your **dedication, your service, and your commitment** to making sure that every child, and every Kiwanian, knows that they truly belong here.

[EXHIBIT B]

Resolution #1

WHEREAS, the Capital District of Kiwanis International gathered in Crystal City, Virginia from August 22nd to August 24th, 2025

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate this fine event, a group of dedicated Kiwanians were needed.

WHEREAS, a group of exceptional individuals have dedicated their time and effort to ensure all attendees have a convention full of learning & fellowship and embrace the theme “You Belong Here”.

WHEREAS Ronesha Prioleau, District Convention Chairperson, and her entire committee have done an outstanding job organizing the details for members to gather, enjoy fellowship, and conduct business at this District Convention.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the delegates, members and guests attending the Capital District Convention thank them for their service and commitment in developing, arranging and conducting the exceptional events of this weekend.

Resolution #2

WHEREAS, the Capital District of Kiwanis International gathered at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, Virginia from August 22nd to August 24th, 2025

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WHEREAS, the Hyatt Regency Crystal City management, led by Erin Schramm, Associate Director of Events, arranged for excellent accommodations, meeting and banquet rooms to facilitate the Capital District Convention.

WHEREAS, the Hotel Staff provided outstanding service during the Convention. Whereas the food was delicious, and the wait staff was polite, attentive and helpful. And whereas many compliments were received from Kiwanis members and guests.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the delegates, members and guests attending the Capital District Convention express their appreciation for Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel's hospitality and the staff's efforts to make all who attended feel welcome and able to enjoy their stay and the Capital District Convention.

Resolution #3

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

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Voices bridges 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

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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 Capital District waives any Capital District dues for a Kiwanis Voices Club for the five (5) year duration of the Pilot Program or until such time as Kiwanis International terminates the Pilot Program.

Resolution #4

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Capital District Past Governor Charles P. (Charlie) Adams departed this life on Feb. 23 at the age of 77.

WHEREAS, Charlie was a lifetime teacher, administrator and coach, earning a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Richmond and a master's in education from Virginia Tech. And whereas he was a middle school science teacher at several schools and also served as assistant headmaster.

WHEREAS, Charlie joined the Kiwanis Club of Chesterfield in 1989 and served as club president a year later. Whereas he served as Lt Governor of Division 4 in 1993. And whereas he quickly immersed himself in district activities and rose to the position of governor in eight years.

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WHEREAS, Charlie served as district governor in 1997 and chaired many district committees, including Young Children Priority One, Long Range Planning, District Meetings and Credentials Committee.

WHEREAS, Charlie perhaps left his most lasting impact on Kiwanis through the Capital District Foundation, serving as Executive Secretary from 2001 to 2019.

WHEREAS, Charlie is survived by his wife of 42 years; Vickie, two children; a granddaughter and extended family.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the delegates of the 2025 Capital District Convention would like to posthumously thank Charlie for his years of dedication to serving the children of the world and express our utmost condolences to his wife Vickie and the entire Adams family.