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CAPITAL DISTRICT

2026 House of Delegates
August 22-23, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton Annapolis
Annapolis, MD
Official Minutes

Governor Tim Gillette called the 2026 House of Delegates at the 106th Capital District Kiwanis Convention to order at 2:15pm on Saturday, August 22, 2026.

Standard Approvals

- **Credentials Chairperson Liz Moore** moved the report of the Credentials Committee.
 - 121 Club Delegates representing 62 active Kiwanis clubs plus 35 Delegates-at-Large were certified at the convention with a total of 132 delegates seated in the House of Delegates. That makes 67 votes needed for a simple majority and 88 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 153 active charters, making quorum 51 clubs, **Governor Tim Gillette** declared that a quorum existed to conduct business.
- Motion made by Past President Art Riley to adopt the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates as printed in the official Convention Program. ***Motion passed.***
- Motion made by Past Governor Jen Wolff to adopt the Orders of the Day as printed in the official Convention Program. ***Motion passed.***

Other Business

- The floor was opened for nominations for the office of 2026-2027 Capital District Vice Governor. **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** announced the only qualified candidate as **Past Lt. Governor Christopher Bryant** from the Kiwanis Club of Norfolk, VA.
- **Election Chairperson Dennis Baugh** conducted a Candidate Q&A with Vice Governor candidate Christopher Bryant.
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** read proposed bylaws amendment #1 (**Exhibit A**)
 - ***Motion passed***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** read proposed bylaws amendment #2 (**Exhibit B**)
 - ***Motion passed***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** presented the 2026 State of the District Report: (**Exhibit C**)
- Motion made by **KI Trustee Dennis Baugh** to recess the House of Delegates until 8am on Sunday, August 23, 2026. ***Motion passed.***

Governor Gillette recessed the 2026 House of Delegates at 2:45pm.

Governor Gillette reconvened the 2026 House of Delegates at 8:03am on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

The report of the Credentials Committee was unchanged from the previous session. There were 120 delegates present in the house on Sunday morning.

- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** reported that the only candidate for 2026-2027 Governor was Governor-Elect David Lurie from the Kiwanis Club of Tysons, Virginia.
- **Immediate Past Kiwanis Foundation President David Laraba** from the Kiwanis Club of Beckley, WV nominated David Lurie for the office of 2026-2027 Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. **Lurie** accepted his nomination and gave his remarks.
- Motion made by **Past President Vicki Riley** to vote for David Lurie by a vote of acclamation. ***Motion passed.***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** cast a single ballot to elect and proclaimed David Lurie as the 2026-2027 Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** reported that the only candidate for 2026-2027 Governor-Elect was Vice Governor Nathaniel Kyle from the Kiwanis Clubs of East Huntington and Huntington, WV.
- **Angie Moore** from the Kiwanis Club of Mount Airy, MD nominated Nathaniel Kyle for the office of 2026-2027 Governor-Elect of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. **Kyle** accepted his nomination and gave his remarks.
- Motion made by **Lt. Governor Patricia Justice** to vote for Nathaniel Kyle by a vote of acclamation. ***Motion passed.***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** cast a single ballot to elect and proclaimed Nathaniel Kyle as the 2026-2027 Governor-Elect of the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

- **Elections Chairperson Dennis Baugh** conducted the election for Vice Governor.
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** reported that the only candidate for 2026-2027 Vice Governor was **Past Lt. Governor Christopher Bryant** from the Kiwanis Clubs of Norfolk, VA.
- **Past District Trustee Carla Morin** from the Kiwanis Club of Kiln Creek, VA nominated PLG Christopher Bryant for the office of 2026-2027 Vice Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International. **Bryant** accepted his nomination and gave his remarks.
- Motion made by **Trustee Mary Kay Olashuk** to vote for Chris Bryant by a vote of acclamation. ***Motion passed.***
- **Executive Director Jeffrey Wolff** cast a single ballot to elect and proclaimed Christopher Bryant as the 2026-2027 Vice Governor of the Capital District of Kiwanis International.

- **Immediate Past Governor Dr. Josh Hiscock** addressed the House of Delegates seeking endorsement for the office of Kiwanis International Trustee at the 2027

International Convention in Dallas, TX. A Candidate Endorsement Resolution **was adopted by the body. (Exhibit D)**

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

Governor Gillette adjourned the 2026 House of Delegates at 8:40am on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

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

Proposed Bylaws Amendment #1 - Elimination of club president pre-requisite from lieutenant governor requirements.

Proposed by the Kiwanis Club of Weirton

The Capital District Kiwanis Board of Trustees supports this amendment.

Rationale: This amendment would strike the requirement to have been a club president from the district bylaws. NOTE: The Capital District Policy Statements already contain a requirement for any member running for lieutenant governor to have previously served as a Kiwanis club officer and this requirement is not part of the Standard Form for Kiwanis District Bylaws.

Article III - Officers

Section 2.

*a. Each Lieutenant Governor shall be a member** of a club* in the division from which elected; ~~shall have served as a Kiwanis club president;~~ and shall have and maintain a satisfactory criminal history background check as provided in district policy. However, if there is no member** from a club* in a particular division qualified and willing to serve as lieutenant governor, a member** of a club* in another division may serve*

EXHIBIT B

Proposed Bylaws Amendment #2 - Elimination of club membership in Capital District pre-requisite from Governor, Governor-elect, and Vice Governor requirements.

Proposed by the Capital District Kiwanis Board of Trustees.

Rationale: This amendment would strike the club membership pre-requisite requirement for the candidacy of Governor, Governor-elect and Vice Governor from the district bylaws. NOTE: the Capital District Policy Statements already contain club membership requirements for any member running for these offices and this requirement is not part of the Standard Form for Kiwanis District Bylaws.

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c. Each candidate for the office of Governor, Governor-elect and Vice Governor shall have and maintain a satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International; ~~shall have been a member of a Kiwanis club in this district for at least six (6) years;~~ and shall have completed a term as Lieutenant Governor in this district.

EXHIBIT C

2026 STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Good afternoon, Kiwanians. It is my honor to provide you with the State of the District Report for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis Administrative Year.

Each year, this report gives us an opportunity to look at where we are as a district—our membership, our service, our finances, and the overall health of our organization.

But numbers only tell us part of the story.

This year, I want to spend a few minutes talking about something that I believe may be the single greatest challenge facing Kiwanis clubs today.

Leadership.

Not leadership at the district level. Not leadership at Kiwanis International.

Leadership inside our clubs.

When we talk about a struggling Kiwanis club, we almost always begin by talking about membership.

How many members did the club have five years ago? How many does it have today? How many members did it add this year? How many did it lose?

Those are important questions.

But I would argue that declining membership is often not the problem.

It is the symptom.

The real problem is frequently that a club has stopped developing new leaders.

Think about the strongest Kiwanis clubs you know.

They almost always have people constantly bringing forward new ideas. Someone wants to try a new service project. Someone else has an idea for a fundraiser. Another member wants to improve the club's social media presence. Someone wants to partner with a school, start a Service Leadership Program, change the meeting format, or invite a group of friends to join.

Those people create energy.

And energy attracts people.

But when the same handful of people lead a club year after year, eventually something happens.

The ideas slow down.

The projects become routine.

The meetings become predictable.

“We’ve always done it this way” starts replacing “What if we tried this?”

And slowly, the club begins to fall flat.

Members become less engaged. Some stop attending. Eventually, some stop renewing.

Then we look at the membership report and say, “We have a membership problem.”

But the membership decline started long before someone decided not to renew.

It started when we stopped creating opportunities for people to lead.

That is why leadership development and membership growth cannot be treated as separate issues.

They are the same issue.

And there is another side to this challenge.

You cannot develop new leaders if you are not constantly bringing new people into your club.

For several years, I have stood before you and talked about the importance of continuous recruitment.

We’ve talked about Two for Two. We’ve talked about Build, Nurture, Retain. We’ve talked about having an active Membership Committee and making membership intentional and ongoing.

The terminology may change, but the principle does not:

Successful Kiwanis clubs are always recruiting.

Not once a year.

Not when membership falls below a certain number.

Not when the lieutenant governor tells you that your club is losing members.

Every month. All year long.

Because every new member represents more than another name on the roster.

That person might be your next project chair.

Your next membership chair.

Your next club president.

Your next lieutenant governor.

Or simply the person who walks into a meeting six months from now and says, “I have an idea.”

And that idea might completely reenergize your club.

Recruitment isn’t simply about replacing the members we lose.

Recruitment is how we continually inject new ideas, new perspectives, and new leaders into Kiwanis.

But recruiting them is only the beginning.

Once we bring people into Kiwanis, we have to connect them.

And that connection has to extend beyond the boundaries of our own clubs.

One of the easiest ways for a Kiwanis club to become stagnant is to become isolated.

When the only Kiwanis meetings we attend are our own club meetings, and the only service projects we see are our own club projects, it becomes very easy to believe that the way we do Kiwanis is simply the way Kiwanis is done.

It isn’t.

There are clubs all across the Capital District doing things differently—and doing some pretty remarkable things.

That is why interclubs matter.

Send your members to visit another Kiwanis club.

Better yet, take a newer member with you.

Let them meet other Kiwanians. Let them hear about a different service project. Let them experience a different meeting format. Let them discover an idea they can bring home.

And that is why district events matter.

Bring them to a Divisional Council Meeting.

Take members to the Midyear Conference.

Bring them here to our Annual Convention.

Encourage them to attend the Kiwanis International Convention.

And don't just send the same two or three people who have attended every year for the last twenty years.

Bring someone who has never been before.

Because something happens when members discover that Kiwanis is bigger than the room where their club meets.

They meet people who are excited about Kiwanis.

They hear an idea and think, "We could do that."

They see a successful project and think, "Why couldn't that work in our community?"

They build friendships with Kiwanians they can call six months later when they need advice.

And perhaps most importantly, they come home energized.

New leaders need new ideas, and new ideas rarely come from talking to the same people about the same things in the same room.

We sometimes think of interclubs, conferences and conventions as simply fellowship.

And fellowship is certainly an important part of Kiwanis.

But these experiences are also leadership development.

They expose our members to ideas. They broaden their understanding of Kiwanis. They create relationships. And they help members see possibilities for their own clubs that they might never have considered otherwise.

So if you see leadership potential in someone, don't just ask them to chair a committee.

Take them somewhere.

Give them the opportunity to see just how big this organization is and how many different ways there are to serve through it.

Because I believe the formula for a healthy Kiwanis club is actually pretty simple:

Recruit. Connect. Inspire. Mentor. Lead. Recruit.

We recruit new people into Kiwanis.

We connect them to other members, other clubs and the larger Kiwanis family.

Those connections inspire them with new ideas and new possibilities.

Then we mentor them. We give them opportunities. We teach them what we know—and sometimes we get out of their way and let them try something new.

They begin to lead.

And eventually, those new leaders become the people who recruit the next generation of Kiwanians.

Recruit → Connect → Inspire → Mentor → Lead → Recruit.

It is not a straight line. It is a cycle.

And healthy clubs keep that cycle moving.

So where does the Capital District stand today?

We began the 2025–2026 Kiwanis administrative year with 3657 members in 156 clubs.

As of August 16th, we have 3901 members in 153 active clubs, representing a net gain of 244 members.

During this Kiwanis year, our clubs have added 481 new members, while 212 members have left our organization. But unfortunately, many clubs don't purge their rosters until September.

While we have lost 7 Kiwanis clubs this year, we have also welcomed 4 new Kiwanis clubs into the Capital District family this year: Henrico, Greater Laurel, Greater Culpeper and Halifax County. We also have a club in progress in Point Pleasant, WV and our first Kiwanis Voices club already has a sponsor in Northern Virginia and will charter before the end of September.

Those numbers matter.

But I want you to look beyond them.

When you return home from this convention, don't simply ask your club secretary, "How many members do we have?"

Ask a different question:

Who are the next five leaders of our club?

Can you name them?

Who is the person who has never chaired a committee but could?

Who is the newer member who should be asked to organize the next service project?

Who should become your membership chair?

Who could be your club president two years from now?

And perhaps most importantly:

Who are you personally mentoring to take your place?

Leadership succession should not begin when nominations open.

It should be happening every day.

Our responsibility as leaders is not to make ourselves indispensable.

It is to make sure there are people ready and excited to lead after us.

And when we do that well, something interesting happens.

New leaders bring new ideas.

New ideas create new projects.

New projects create excitement.

Excitement attracts new members.

New members create more potential leaders.

And the cycle starts again.

Unfortunately, the opposite cycle works just as effectively.

No new leaders leads to fewer new ideas.

Fewer new ideas leads to stagnant programming.

Stagnant programming leads to disengaged members.

Disengaged members leave.

And if the club is not actively recruiting replacements, the membership gets smaller, the pool of potential leaders gets smaller, and the cycle becomes harder and harder to reverse.

We have clubs across the Capital District experiencing both of these cycles right now.

Our job as a district is to help more clubs get into the first one.

Because despite the challenges we face with membership, the impact our clubs continue to make throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia is extraordinary.

Through the monthly reports submitted so far this year, Capital District Kiwanis clubs have reported completing almost 2000 service projects, contributing tens of thousands of service hours in their communities.

Together, our clubs have raised and donated more than \$2.1 million to support children, families, scholarships, community organizations and other worthy causes in our District.

Those aren't simply statistics.

Those numbers represent children who were fed.

Students who received scholarships.

Families who received help when they needed it.

Parks and playgrounds that were improved.

Schools that received supplies.

And communities that are stronger because a Kiwanis club decided to serve.

That remains the heart of who we are.

But I want you to consider one question:

What could those numbers look like if every Capital District Kiwanis club had five more engaged members?

Five more people bringing ideas.

Five more people organizing projects.

Five more people raising money.

Five more people serving children.

And among those five people might be the next generation of leaders who will carry that club forward.

That is the opportunity in front of us.

The Capital District itself remains financially very strong. We finished the 2024-25 Kiwanis year on September 30, 2025 with an audited net assets totaling \$1,256,954 up from \$1,194,493 where we began last year on October 1, 2024. Despite intentional deficit budgeting to provide more services and support to clubs than we were expecting in projected income, we finished last fiscal year with a net surplus of \$62,461. The current fiscal year, while not yet complete, appears to be heading on the same trajectory.

Your Board of Trustees continues to work diligently to ensure that district resources are used responsibly and, most importantly, to support our clubs and our mission.

But ultimately, neither the district nor Kiwanis International can create a healthy club from the outside.

We can provide resources.

We can provide training.

We can provide club coaches.

We can help clubs recruit.

We can create Midyear Conferences and District Conventions where members can learn and connect.

But the future of every Kiwanis club is ultimately determined by the people sitting in that club's meetings and participating in that club's projects.

So I want to leave you today with a challenge.

Actually, I want to leave you with six.

Recruit.

Never stop inviting people into Kiwanis. Don't wait until your club needs members. Your club always needs its next member.

Connect.

Get your members outside of your club. Visit another club. Attend an interclub. Bring someone new to Midyear, Annual Convention or the International Convention. Help them discover the larger Kiwanis family.

Inspire.

Expose your members to new ideas. Let them see what other clubs are doing. Encourage them to come back and ask, "Why couldn't we do that?"

Mentor.

When you recognize leadership potential, invest in it. Teach someone what you know. Give them opportunities. Encourage them when something doesn't work the first time.

Lead.

Give people the opportunity to actually lead. Let someone chair the project. Let someone change the meeting. Let someone try the idea that isn't the way your club has always done it.

And then—

Recruit again.

Because somewhere in your community right now is someone who has never heard of Kiwanis.

They don't know about the children you serve.

They don't know about the friendships they could make.

They don't know about the opportunities they could have to make their community better.

And they certainly don't know that they might someday become the leader who transforms your club.

Unless someone asks them.

The future of Kiwanis will not be determined by how well we preserve what we have always done.

It will be determined by how successfully we bring new people into this organization, connect them to one another, inspire them with what is possible, mentor them, and then give them the opportunity to lead.

Our greatest responsibility as leaders is not simply to lead today.

It is to make sure someone is ready to lead tomorrow.

So when you leave this convention and return to your clubs, remember the cycle:

Recruit → Connect → Inspire → Mentor → Lead → Recruit.

Keep that cycle moving, and our clubs will keep moving.

Our clubs will be stronger.

Our communities will be stronger.

And most importantly, we will be able to serve more children for generations to come.

Thank you for everything you do for your clubs, your communities, and the children of the Capital District.

And thank you for making sure that the next generation of Kiwanis leaders is ready to take us forward.

EXHIBIT D

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION

**Dr. Joshua Hiscock FOR
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE**

WHEREAS:

Whereas: Joshua Hiscock, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City, MD, has served Kiwanis at the local, division and district levels, and as District Governor during the 2024-2025 administrative year, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the House of Delegates of the Capital District of Kiwanis International, at its 2026 Annual Convention on August 23, 2026, in Annapolis, MD, endorses Joshua Hiscock for election to the office of Kiwanis International Trustee for a 3-year term beginning October 1, 2027, at the 2027 Kiwanis International Convention.

ADOPTION CERTIFICATION:

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Delegates of the Capital District at its 2026 Convention in Annapolis, MD, on August 23, 2026.

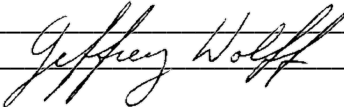
Submitted by: Jeffrey M. Wolff
Office (Governor or Secretary): Executive Director
District: Capital
Signature:  Date: August 23, 2026

EXHIBIT E

2026 Resolution #1

WHEREAS, the Capital District of Kiwanis International gathered at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland, from August 21st to August 23rd, 2026.

WHEREAS, to facilitate this important and fine event, a group of dedicated Kiwanians was needed.

WHEREAS, a group of exceptional individuals have dedicated their time and effort to ensure all attendees have a convention full of learning & fellowship.

WHEREAS Jennifer Mackowski 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 2026 Capital District Convention thank them for their service and commitment in developing, arranging and conducting the exceptional events of this weekend.

2026 Resolution #2

WHEREAS, the Capital District of Kiwanis International gathered at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland, from August 21st to August 23rd, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel management, led by Terry Duley, provided 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 2026 Capital District Convention express their appreciation for the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel's hospitality and the staff's efforts to make all who attended feel welcome and able to enjoy their stay and our Capital District Convention.

2026 Resolution #3

WHEREAS, Kiwanis Capital District Past Governor Dr. Joseph C. (Joe) Hillier departed this life on October 20, 2025 at the age of 87.

WHEREAS, Joe graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry, and WHEREAS Joe began his career serving in the U.S. Navy at Norfolk Naval Air Station before establishing a family dental practice in Chester, Virginia that spanned over 55 years.

WHEREAS, Joe left a legacy of service, dedication, and love for his family and community helping to shape Chester's community spaces, including the creation of the Village Green and the Chester YMCA, where he served on the Board of Directors for 20 years. And WHEREAS Joe enjoyed running a family plant nursery and sheep farming.

WHEREAS, Joe helped organize the Kiwanis Club of Chester in 1972 and served as club charter president and then secretary from 1995 to 2002 and from 2005 to 2009. Whereas he served as Lt Governor of Division 4 in 1975. Joe had 53 consecutive years of perfect attendance.

WHEREAS, Joe served as district governor in 1985-86 and chaired many district committees, including Project 30, Major Emphasis, Membership Growth, 75th Anniversary, and Serving the Children of the World.

WHEREAS, Joe is survived by his wife of 59 years, Susanne, their daughters Kendall, Heather, Ashley, and Shannan, along with four grandchildren.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the delegates of the 2026 Capital District Convention would like to posthumously thank Joe for his years of dedication to serving the children of the world and express our utmost condolences to his Susanne and the entire Hillier family.

2026 Resolution #4

WHEREAS, Kiwanis West Virginia District Past Governor William A. (Bill) Ott departed this life on January 1st at the age of 84.

WHEREAS, Bill graduated from Glenville State College, and WHEREAS Bill dedicated 38 years of professional service to E.I. DuPont, retiring in 2000 after a long and distinguished career.

WHEREAS, Bill was an active member of the North Parkersburg Kiwanis Club, and

WHEREAS he served as President of the North Parkersburg Kiwanis Club and Governor of the West Virginia Kiwanis District in 2004-2005.

WHEREAS Bill's dedication to youth and education was evident through his involvement with the Parkersburg High School and Parkersburg South High School Key Clubs.

WHEREAS, Bill was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church where he and his late wife Barbara started the Crusaders Sunday School class and sang in the church choir for over 50 years.

WHEREAS Bill's legacy will live on in the young people he encouraged, the leaders he mentored, and the friendships he cultivated throughout the West Virginia District of Kiwanis.

WHEREAS Bill was dedicated to his family, friends, community, and faith and

WHEREAS Serving the Children of the World was who Bill was.

WHEREAS, Bill is survived by his two daughters, Kimberly and Katherine, two grandsons, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the delegates of the 2026 Capital District Convention would like to posthumously thank Bill for his years of service to Kiwanis and his community and express our utmost condolences to the entire Ott family.