Kiwanis Pacific Northwest District
Mid-Winter Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 7, 2026
Hood River, Oregon

Call to Order

Governor John Flaherty called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Welcome

Governor Flaherty welcomed board members and attendees to the Mid-Winter Board Meeting.

Introduction of Guests

Governor Flaherty introduced Kiwanis President Michael Mulhaul.

Roll Call

District Secretary Dave Pearson conducted roll call.
A quorum was present. Roll Call attached.

Parliamentarian's Report

Parliamentarian Roger Bell had no report.

Consent Agenda

Governor Flaherty presented the Consent Agenda, including:

- Board Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2025
- Committee Chair Reports

Motion to approve by Delanie Delimont, seconded by Kea Woodfill, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Teresa Venne presented the Treasurer's Report. She reported that the district remains in a strong position relative to the budget. The IRS Form 990 filings have been completed.

Finance Report

Marty Behm presented the Finance Report. He reported that the balance sheet remains strong. The budget estimate for dues income from membership is tracking close to

projections. Midwinter Conference finances are on target, with the event expected to break even.

Approval of Additional Lt. Governor for 2025–2026

rita ann Schwarting was proposed to serve as Lt. Governor for the Green River Division, following the resignation of Beverly Triplett, who was thanked for her service.
Devon Felsted moved to approve the appointment, Vickie Bergum. Motion approved.

Convention Report

- Ken Brutzman presented the Convention Report. Ten hotel proposals were requested; three finalists were chosen for DCON 2027. Here are the finalists:

- Double Tree Inn – Portland Convention Center
  Registration fee - $260.00
  Room rate (including tax) - $185.35
  Parking - $29.00 per day

- Embassy Suites – Portland Airport
  Registration fee - $260.00
  Room rate (including tax) - $207.64
  Parking - $10.00 per day

- Graduate by Hilton – Eugene
  Registration fee - $240.00
  Room rate (including tax) - $190.97
  Parking - $22.00 per day

After discussion Frank Marksman made a motion to select the Graduate in Eugene, Wayne Lunday seconded, the motion was approved.

Lt. Governor Report

Carla Sue provided the Lt. Governor Report. She reported that the district currently has 25 Lt. Governors. Monthly meetings have been going well, with Lt. Governors continuing to focus on outreach and support to their clubs. Carla expressed her appreciation for their service and commitment throughout the year.

Fundraising Report

Cindy Crowther presented the Fundraising Report. She shared that volunteers are needed for the summer parking fundraiser in Grants Pass, which is the district's largest fundraiser of the year. Cindy noted she will provide additional information during dinner about a new cruise fundraising opportunity.

Welcome Remarks

Kiwanis International President Michael Mulhaul shared remarks with the board. He spoke about the importance of strengthening connections with Service Leadership Programs and the opportunity to convert more of those members into Kiwanis members. He thanked the board for their dedication and hard work in supporting the district and its mission.

New Business

Items of new business were discussed:

- Karen Frasier of the Olympia Club raised a question regarding guidance on communications that show support for our Canadian clubs while avoiding political issues. Following discussion, Roger Bell introduced a proposed *Resolution of Unity* (see attached). The board expressed support for the intent of the resolution; however, members agreed additional time is needed to coordinate and provide clear guidance. No motion was made.

Past Business

Items of past business were reviewed:

- No items reported

Secretary's Report

DSEC Dave Pearson presented the Secretary's Report. He thanked the Kiwanis staff for their work coordinating VIP visits. The Kiwanis International Convention will be held June 24–27, with six attendees from the Pacific Northwest District registered so far. Dave reported that the district office building is fully leased, with no major capital expenses to date. He also noted that Executive Director Paul Palazzolo will be joining the district at DCON in Ferndale.

Declarations of Governor-Elect Candidates for 2026–2027

Governor Flaherty announced the following declared candidates for election at the House of Delegates Meeting at DCON:

- Mike Frucci, Spokane Valley, Washington
- Greg Christy, Four Rivers Area, Oregon

Additional declarations were requested from the floor. No additional candidates were declared.

Approval of Additional Committee Chairs 2025–2026

No additional committee chairs were proposed.

Approval of SLP Appointments 2026–2027

Governor-Elect Don Gibbard presented the proposed Service Leadership Program (SLP) appointments:

- CKI: Ann Penner and Lisa McCoy
- Key Club: Angela B. Bruhl, Administrator; Brian Egger, Assistant Administrator
- Builders Club: Vishal Machewad
- K-Kids: Vacancy

Motion: Frank Marksmans moved to approve the SLP Appointments for 2026–2027.
Second: Dave Towne, Motion approved.

Adjournment

Governor Flaherty adjourned the meeting at 2:05.

2026 Mid-Winter Board Roll Call

2025-2026 Team

NO LT GOVS
FRASER VALLEY
COAST TO CANAL
GREATER VANC.
BC INTERIOR

LTGs

1	✓	Marty	Behm	Northern Idaho
2	✓	Vickie	Bergum	Mid-Columbia River
3	✓	Mike	Boisture	Mt. Rainier Area
4	✓	Delanie	Delimont	Greater Portland Area
5	✓	Sheryl	Dowdy-Smith	Northeast Oregon
6	✓	Devon	Felsted	The Greater Palouse
7	✓	Wayne	Lunday	Lower Columbia
8	✓	Nicholas	Hafez	Willamette Valley
9		Michael	Johnson	West Pierce County
10		Michael	LaDouceur	Alaska - The Great Frontier
11	✓	Carol	Mahoney	Mid-Puget Sound
12	✓	Frank	Marksman	Central Oregon
13	✓	Frank	Marksman	Cascade-Siskiyou
14	✓	Michael	McCay	Yakima River Basin
15	✓	Doug	McPhee	SW Washington
16	✓	Angela	Merritt-Frymire	Mt. Hood Area
17		Geoffrey	Petersen	Northwest Oregon
18	✓	Doug	Rector	Lake Washington - E.
19	✓	rita ann	Schwarting	Green River Area
20	✓	Becky	Schwartz	The Apple Capital
21	✓	Carla	Sue	The Olympic Views
22		Billie	Swengel	North Puget Sound
23	✓	Dave	Towne	Mount Baker Views
24	✓	Richard	Vasquez	Four Rivers Area
25		Suellen	White	North Cascades
26	✓	Kea	Woodfill	Greater Spokane

17 NEEDED FOR QUORUM

EXECs

27	✓	John	Flaherty	Governor
28	✓	Don	Gibbard	Governor-Elect
29	✓	Vicki	Frucci	Immediate Past Governor
30	✓	Teresa	Venne	Treasurer
31	✓	David	Pearson	Secretary
32	✓	Roger	Bell	Parliamentarian