



Rotary District 6900 Planning & Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 4, 2020  
Holiday Inn & Suites  
Stockbridge, GA  
Zoom

**Attending:**

Kirk Driskell, (Chair and District Governor), Jim Squire (Immediate Past District Governor), Cheryl Greenway (District Rotary Foundation Chair), Mary Ligon (District Governor Elect), George Granade (District Governor Nominee), PDG Bob Hagan, PDG Court Dowis, PDG Steve Stanfield

**Attending via Zoom:**

Teri White (District Treasurer, non-voting) Dave Schmit (Conference Chair), Gordon Owens (Public Image Chair)

**Also Attending:**

PDG Bill Woulfin, PDG Raymond Ray, Carol Lipphardt (District Executive Secretary, non-voting)

**Absent:**

Jaclyn Donovan (Membership Chair), Lisa Carlise (Conference Vice Chair)

**Call to Order at 2:04 pm** by District Governor Kirk Driskell

**Motions:**

1. Motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2020 as corrected by Jim Squire, second by DRFC Cheryl Greenway  
Motion Approved

**Governor's Remarks/District Update**

District Governor Kirk lead with discussion regarding the requirement via the District Bylaws for the Nominating Committee to meet in person for the purpose of selecting a District Governor Nominee. There was a requests that we change the election on Dec 4, 2020 from an in person requirement to an online selection. Consulting Rotary International, they gave DG Kirk the prerogative to move forward for this election if he so desired. IPDG Jim Squire stated that D6900 is an unincorporated district and goverend by our bylaws. In order to change a Resolution, they must be voted on by the clubs.

Hearing all the discussion, DG Kirk asked for a consensus of the Planning & Advisory Committee members on whether to allow an on-line presence or not for this election. By show of hands there was unaminouse approval to continue as an in-person for this interview selection but asked that the Resolution Committee take an indepth look at the bylaw and if they determine it advisable in the long run to add it to the District Conference Resolutions to be voted on by the clubs.

As covid continues to evlolve and change the clubs across the District,we do have some club issues but all in all most of the clubs continue to adapt and respond. We do have 2 new clubs....Rotaract Young Professionals and the Restoration Club. Finished 61 of the 70 club visits.

DG Kirk and DGE Mary have been working closely together to enhance continuity. DGE Mary has asked Karen Nolan to be the Youth Protection Officer and in addition to that help get a Crisis Management Plan along with a Harassment policy in place. DEI Committee being created and roll out with Andre Marria as Chair.

DGE Mary has her Big 4 team in place and has filled all AG positions. Her focus will align with Rotary International Strategic Plan. DGE Mary has ask the committee for help finding someone to chair Interact. Barb Henigan would like to be involved but not serve as chair. Also looking for an Alumni & Family of Rotary Chair.

DGE Mary requests feedback on participating in zone initiative at a cost of \$50,000. Director Peter Kyle's zone initiative – Youth & Peace in Action, engaging 100,000 Young Community Peacebuilders (YPA) is a big, bold, important, timely opportunity. We are interested in supporting this project. It offers opportunities for any size club to participate and is a nice connection to the peace center in Atlanta. Director Kyle is asking districts to adopt this project. It is a million \$ project across both Zones 33/34. To be a champion and leader in this project we need to commit \$50,000. She believes clubs interested can put some funds toward this. Additional sources are DDF and the district charitable fund. With these options and possible corporate contributions, DGE Mary believes we can achieve the goal. A thumbs up from the P&A Committee.

### **Polio Update/Council on Legislation**

PDG Bob Hagan reported World Polio Symposium sponsored by RC Emory Clifton 9/26 was a success. The district raised a little over \$20,000 for polio. One fundraiser Pints for Polio was also a huge success over both zones.

**Council on Legislation** - we had 31 resolutions to forward, 12 or the 31 passed. Sent those to the PDG's for their perusal. Preparing a recap next week.

### **District Conference Update**

Conference Chair, Dave Schmit. We are going to promote getting back together at the beach. The conference will be a bit smaller with less programing and more free time. We plan to start on Friday afternoon (4/30) and wrap up up on Sunday morning (5/2). Hospitality Suites open on Thursday (4/29). More information will be posted on the Conference website as well as opening registration in early January.

### **2021-2022 International Convention Taipei**

We have 15 room blocks with 15 going.

### **2022-2023 Planning**

DGN George stated he has added AG Stephanie Windham as his awards chair. He and his conference chairs are are looking at several sites.

### **Old Business**

AG Stipends - . It has been the same for approximatley the last 10 years, \$150/club.

Adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectively Submitted

Carol Lipphardt, District Secretary