

## 2024 House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

1. **Governor:** Ring the bell twice. The annual House of Delegates Meeting of the Missouri-Arkansas District is now in order.
2. **Governor:** Please stand as we call Lt. Governor. Maretta Diestelkamp to the podium to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Governor:** Please remain standing as Lt. Governor Andrea Flynn gives our invocation.
4. **Governor:** Please be seated.
5. **Governor:** Welcome to the annual meeting of the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International.
6. **Governor:** My name is Paul Sherman (Sherm); I am the Governor of the Mo-Ark District of Kiwanis and will serve as the Chairman of this meeting. The following people have been asked to assist in the following capacities:
  - (a) Credentials Committee: Angie Oshia, Robin Asher, Mary Vaughan
  - (b) Election Committee: Angie Oshia, Robin Asher, Mary Vaughan
  - (c) Secretary: Angie Oshia
  - (d) Parliamentarian: Barbara Thompson
  - (e) Resolutions Committee Chair: Carla O'Brien
  - (f) Timekeepers: Susan Lafond and Marsha McClanahan
7. **Governor:** I like to ask the Parliamentarian, Barbara Thompson, to read the rules of order.

**Parliamentarian:** Here are the standing rules for this session of the House of Delegates.

**Rule 1:** Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates.

**Rule 2:** Only delegates may present or speak on motions and vote.

**Rule 3:** The House of Delegates shall allow delegates to leave and re-enter; however, a ballot shall not leave the House. Delegate(s) leaving the House early must surrender their ballot(s) to an Election Committee volunteer at the pass-out door; ballot(s) will be returned to delegate(s) upon re-entry to the House. An

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Election Committee volunteer will initial the items on which a vote was conducted in the delegate's absence. A delegate will not be allowed to cast a ballot for any vote(s) conducted in their absence.

**Rule 4:** The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.

**Rule 5:** No delegate may speak in debate for more than two minutes at a time unless allowed to do so by a majority vote of the delegates.

**Rule 6:** No delegate may address the assembly a second time on the same question until all other delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.

**Rule 7:** A delegate may speak in debate twice on any debatable motion on the same day.

**Rule 8:** A delegate cannot "save" time or transfer it to someone else. For example, a delegate cannot speak for one minute or three minutes the second time.

**Rule 9:** A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.

**Rule 10:** The chair will alternate between speakers who favor and those who oppose a motion that is being debated.

**Rule 11:** A delegate cannot try to signal that he/she wants to speak next while another delegate is speaking. He/she must wait until the speaking person finishes and sits down before standing and seeking the chance to talk by calling out the chair's title.

**Rule 12:** The delegate must speak to the chair, not directly to other members. The proposal, not the member, is the subject of debate.

**Rule 13:** Any main motion or amendment shall be written, signed by the maker and seconder, and presented to the chair before it is moved.

**Rule 14:** If the submitting body wishes to withdraw a motion after it has been moved and seconded, the House, by a majority vote, may grant permission for withdrawal.

**Rule 15:** The most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the bylaws of Missouri-Arkansas Kiwanis and these standing rules.

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**Governor:** Do I hear a motion to approve the Standing Rules as read?

A motion was made to approve the standing rules presented by Les Mace, Kiwanis Club of Springfield South.

Darlene Byrd, Kiwanis Club of Cabot, seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

8. **Governor:** The Credentials Committee report will be given by Mary Vaughan:

Credentials Committee member Mary Vaughan.

We have 101 delegates, which include 12 delegates at large. There are 89 delegates at this session representing 62 clubs. Since there are 151 clubs in the district, the clubs present represent 41 percent of the clubs in the district, constituting a quorum.

**Governor:** Do I hear a motion to approve the credentials report as given?

A motion was made to approve the credentials report presented by Marie Davis, Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills.

Chuck Seevers, Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton, seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

As we have approved the credentials committee report and established a quorum, I now declare that the 2024 House of Delegates of the Kiwanis District of Missouri-Arkansas is in session at 2:55 p.m. on August 17, 2024, at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

9. **Credentials Committee member:** Mr. Speaker, as a delegate and on behalf of the Credentials Committee, I move that the revised listing of delegates be recorded as recorded by this House's official delegate role.

Seconded by Monica Huddleston, Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

10. **Governor:** You have received a copy of the minutes of the Delegates at Large meeting held on August 5, 2023, with your paperwork. Are there any corrections to the minutes? I ask for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by Garry Warner, Kiwanis Club of Sikeston.

Jim Major, Kiwanis Club of Liberty, made the motion to second the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

11. **Governor:** We will now have the financial report from our District Treasurer, Robin Asher.

Robin Asher, District Treasurer, gives a financial report.

Checking Accounts has \$49,137.98

Convention Account \$7,341.41

Money Market Account \$7.40

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Fidelity Account \$162.17  
Investments \$ 159,935.10  
\$251.34 on credit cards that need to be paid.

David Niebur, Kiwanis Club of Joplin, motioned to approve the financial report.  
Tiffany Ermeling, Kiwanis Club of Saint Charles, seconded the motion.  
Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

12. **Governor:** I announce to the House of Delegates that Angie Oshia has been appointed District Secretary.
13. **Governor:** I also announce the reappointment of Robin Asher as the District Treasurer.
14. **Governor:** We will now have the Convention report from our Convention Committee chair, Carla O'Brien.  
Carla O'Brien, Convention Committee Chair, provides a report.  
Convention Committee Chair: We have 137 members of Kiwanis, representing 62 clubs, registered for this convention.  
We also have 15 guests attending the convention.

Julie Bostick, Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills, motioned to approve the Convention Committee Report.  
Sharon Horwart, Kiwanis Club of Springdale, seconded the motion.  
Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

15. **Governor:** Candidates for the office of Governor-elect are required to have filed their intention to seek the position of 2024-25 Governor-elect of the Mo-Ark District of Kiwanis to Kiwanis International. Did the District Secretary receive certification for any candidates?

**Secretary:** We have two certified candidates for the position: Ron Hill and Elbert Bradley Jr.

**Governor:** Nominations are now in order for the office of Governor-elect. Hearing none, the House will proceed with the nomination of the certified candidate.  
The first nomination of Ron Hill is made by Jerry Martin, Kiwanis Club of Springdale, who will be given three minutes to speak.  
The Second Nomination for this position will be given by Gary Baker, Kiwanis Club of Batesville, who will have two minutes to speak.  
Nominee Ron Hill now has 3 minutes to speak.  
Governor: Thank you,

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Mary Vaughan, Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton, made the second nomination of Elbert Bradley Jr., who will be given three minutes to speak.

The Second Nomination for this position will be given by Paula Staten O'Connell, Kiwanis Club of Wentzville, who will have two minutes to speak.

Nominee Elbert Bradley Jr. now has 3 minutes to speak.

Governor: Thank you,

At this time, I will entertain any nominations from the floor.

Darlene Boyd, Kiwanis Club of Cabot, motioned for nominations to cease.

Marie Davis, Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills, seconded the motion.

Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

**Governor:** After hearing no nominations, it is time to vote. I will ask Mary Vaughan from our Elections Committee to read the Elections Procedures.

**Mary Vaughan recited the following:** You received a ballot when you entered the House of Delegates. On each ballot are both candidate names. Candidates are listed based on their certification completion order. The first candidate to be certified is listed first, and the second candidate to be certified is listed second. You must completely circle the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. You may only circle one name. If a candidate is not completely circled, your ballot will not be valid. If you circle multiple names, your ballot will not be valid. A basket will be passed down each aisle. Drop your ballot into the basket. Committee members will collect the baskets at the end of each aisle. Votes will be tallied with the results given. Thank you for being so patient as we proceed with the voting process. Please make your choice now. After all ballots have been collected, please wait patiently while we tally the votes.

### **Results given by Elections Committee / Mary Vaughan:**

Candidate Ron Hill = 60 votes received

Candidate Elbert Bradley Jr. = 41 votes received

Our newly elected Governor-Elect is Ron Hill, Kiwanis Club of Conway. He thanked the delegates for electing him and promised to work very hard to serve.

### **16. Governor:** Election of Governor-designate.

Since there is only one candidate for governor-designate, the Chair declares that Jim Fritz has been elected by acclamation.

Garry Warner, Kiwanis Club of Sikeston, moved that Jim Fritz be elected by acclamation. Jim Major, Kiwanis Club of Liberty, seconded the motion.

Motion passed by applause.

Please welcome Governor-designate Jim Fritz to the podium for a few remarks.

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Governor-designate Jim Fritz spoke briefly about his hopes for the upcoming year and promised to be in contact soon with the Mo-Ark District membership.

17. Governor: Report from the Resolutions Chairperson, Carla O'Brien.

Carla O'Brien: The resolutions have been handed out to you. I will read them to you now. You will vote on each one as they are presented.

(a) **Resolution One:**

## **75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**

### **RESOLUTION # 1**

#### **WHEREAS:**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International convened on August 16 – August 17, 2024, at the Doubletree Westport, and

#### **WHEREAS:**

The District Convention Committee, consisting of Co-Chairs Carla OBrien and Mary Vaughan, Paul Sherman. Jim Fritz, Roy Ockert, Angie Oshia, Robin Asher, Maretta Diestelkamp, Tiffany Ermeling, Andrea Flynn, Teri Jacob, Susan Lafond, Chuck Seevers, Barb Thompson, and Brad Boyd have provided a District Convention satisfying the requirements of the education, business, fellowship and entertainment; therefore

#### **NOW BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Convention Committee as well as the members of the Kiwanis Clubs in Region IV: Divisions 6, 7, 8 and 9 are to be commended for their efforts on behalf of all attendees and guests at this District Convention, and that the host city St Louis and the Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center should be commended by this delegate body for their outstanding efforts and support in making a success of this convention.

Governor, Do I have the motion to approve this resolution as read?

The motion was made by Gaylon Lewis, Kiwanis Club of Lee's Summit.

Governor: Do I have a second?

Chuck Seevers, Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton, seconded the motion.

Governor: The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

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## (b) Resolution Two:

### 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

#### RESOLUTION #2

#### WHEREAS:

This Kiwanis year of the Missouri-Arkansas District is rapidly concluding, and

#### WHEREAS:

Several individuals have worked tirelessly to keep this organization strong; therefore

#### NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

That the delegate body assembled at this convention express a sincere thank you to, Governor Paul Sherman and first lady Bev, Immediate Past Governor Roy Ockert and Pat, Governor-Elect Jim Fritz and Linda, Secretary Angie Oshia, Treasurer Robin Asher, the Lt. Governors, Trustees, District Committee Chairs, the Past Governors and the Past Lt. Governors for their dedication to the objectives of Kiwanis and to their efforts to achieve the goals of the Missouri-Arkansas District for the year 2023-2024. We extend our Best Wishes and support for your continued efforts on behalf of all Kiwanians in the Missouri-Arkansas District in the coming administrative year 2024-2025.

Governor, Do I have the motion to approve this resolution as read?

David Niebur, Kiwanis Club of Joplin, made the motion.

Governor: Do I have a second?

Jim Major, Kiwanis Club of Liberty, seconded.

Governor: The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

## (c) Resolution Three:

### 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

#### RESOLUTION #3

#### WHEREAS:

Dennis and Darlene Baugh's attendance and support contribute to the success of the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis; and

#### WHEREAS:

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Kiwanis International Trustee Dennis Baugh's wise counsel, his expertise in training, and his steadfast commitment to our District also enhances our success; therefore

## **NOW BE IT RESOLVED:**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis Body commends and appreciates the efforts of Dennis and Darlene Baugh in making this a robust Convention.

Governor, Do I have the motion to approve this resolution as read?

Les Mace, Kiwanis Club of Springfield South, made the motion.

Governor: Do I have a second?

Darlene Byrd, Kiwanis Club of Cabot, seconded.

Governor: The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

## **(d) Resolution Four:**

### **75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**

#### **RESOLUTION #4**

## **WHEREAS:**

The Kiwanis International has bylaws that govern the organization of The Kiwanis Clubs of Missouri and Arkansas, and

## **WHEREAS:**

The bylaws of the Kiwanis Clubs of Missouri and Arkansas must reflect and keep current with Kiwanis International bylaws; and

## **NOW BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the delegate body at this convention of The Missouri Arkansas District of Kiwanis International adopt the changes made to Kiwanis International bylaws on this day, Saturday, August 17, 2024

Governor, Do I have the motion to approve this resolution as read?

Karen Hill, Kiwanis Club of Conway, made the motion.

Governor: Do I have a second?

Ralph Wilson, Kiwanis Club of Osceola, seconded.

Governor: The motion was passed with a majority voice vote. There were two nay votes.



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## (e) Resolution Five:

### 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

#### Resolution # 5

#### WHEREAS:

The Kiwanis Clubs of Missouri and Arkansas have lost many dedicated, talented and faithful Kiwanis members in death during the past 12 months; and

#### WHEREAS:

Many have served Kiwanis faithfully throughout their lives and careers; therefore

#### NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

That the delegate body of this convention observes a moment of silence in memory of all Kiwanians who have died during this past year.

Governor, Do I have the motion to approve this resolution as read?

Nancy Willimon, Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community, made the motion.

Governor: Do I have a second?

Paul Eckler, Kiwanis Club of Meramec Valley Community, seconded.

Governor: The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

19. **Governor:** We will now have district committee and foundation reports. Each has five (5) minutes to speak.

(a) Earl Collins Foundation by Gary Baker. Gary explained that the Earl Collins Foundation is well known for its scholarships, which have recently been increased. It has expanded its scope to include Service Leadership donations, grants, and the strong support of the Beatrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp.

(b) Kiwanis Children's Fund by Tiffany Ermeling. Tiffany spoke about the Kiwanis Children's Fund Possibility Project.

(c) Beatrice Johnson Youth Kamp Kiwanis Troy Massey. Troy identified the location of the Kamp, named board members, thanked the Earl Collins Foundation for its continued support, and invited Mo-Ark Kiwanians to visit and bring groups of children and youth.

20. **Governor:** Report from the District Secretary, Angie Oshia.

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Angie spoke about the Mo-Ark dues increase this past year and the need because of increased operational costs. Using printing costs as an example, Angie shared visible changes through QR codes and digital communications as ways to be more fiscal and financially responsible. Angie reported on membership, noting that the district has increased membership with a net positive 43 new members and 151 clubs, having opened four new clubs this year. The board of trustees is working hard and meeting monthly.

21. **Governor Paul Sherman's final comments:** Governor Sherman stated, That's It! Make It Happen!
22. **Governor:** Does Governor-designate Jim Fritz wish to make any further comments? No final comments were given.
23. **Governor:** Does the Governor-elect, Ron Hill, wish to make any further comments? No final comments were given.
24. **Governor:** Is there any further business for the 2024 session of the House of Delegates of the Kiwanis District of Missouri-Arkansas?

Hearing none, I now declare that this meeting is adjourned at 4:00 p.m.