

Eastern Canada and Caribbean PLG Committee Meeting, Barbados, May 17th 2012
40 Past Lieutenant Governors for EC&C in attendance.

The agenda had been distributed.

Chair: Shelley Des Coates, Secretary: Jay McLaren
Welcome by Shelley Des Coates.

PLG Committee Chair's report:
Treasurer report by Shelley \$1185.00

FirstTimer's reception this year will be provided with free non alcoholic beverages compliments of local committee. PLGs were encouraged to attend the First Timers reception in the Tiffany Room.

Opening Ceremonies will be followed by cash bar reception.
This was approved in principle by those in attendance.

Chair Shelley's Report: Shelley explained that there was not a lot of new information to report. Our service project for Nightingale Home was well represented. Several PLGs, and many Kiwanis PLG partners attended and several bags of supplies were donated. We hope to do another service project again in Peterborough. Distribution Centre – Food for Kids is being done in Peterborough. Perhaps we can do a food drive next year. Shelley agreed to co-ordinate.

The point was acknowledged that travelers always have a challenge with bringing items. For Peterborough there won't be any need to bring anything.

John Hamilton suggested that each area, perhaps each Region, could have a PLG Committee. He asked for input from the members in attendance for ideas for what we want to do as a committee.

Shelley asked all PLGs to keep her up to date with any email address changes be sent to her.

Brian McEwan, Div. 6 suggested that we clarify the role of the PLG Committee.
Perhaps we could be more involved in Mentoring incoming PLG Designates. We could also be more supportive of Governors.

Kay Anderson, Jamaica, referred to the PLG Committee of Jamaica, Bye-Laws. Jamaica has an annual PLG Committee convention. This can be a great resource for trainees etc who need mentoring.

They also try to be active in supporting the Key Leader Program.

Robert Moo Young suggested that we ask current LGs to report to the PLG Committee, any issues or concerns that we might have that could support the LG. We might also provide some financial support to LGs that might be in need.

Shelley introduced PLG Joanne Murray. As Lead Trainer for the incoming LGs Joanne recognized that we have a particular challenge with Succession Planning for LGs.

Moved by PLG Joanne Murray, seconded by PLG Gary Coulombe the following:

Given that EC&C currently has a major challenge recruiting Lieutenant Governors, elect in a timely manner in accordance with Succession Planning expectations;

And given that a large majority of LGEs are not in place to receive a full year of mentoring and training in preparation for their LG Training Conference and their year as LG;

And given that the District has a deep pool of PLGs who are ready and willing to support their current LG and PLE;

I move that an official PLG Committee be established in every Division of the District, that the immediate Past LG chair that committee and that if passed, this recommendation, be forwarded to the District Board of Trustees for inclusion in the EC&C policy and procedures and that a committee be appointed by the Board to develop Terms of Reference for the committees.

Second, Gary Coulombe.

Discussion: John Parker, suggested that elections, be earlier so LGE is aware in order to prepare.

Joanne, reiterated that the LGE should know at least as early as May.

It is important that the LGE shadow the LG for at least a year. Several commented that the By-Laws describe the process very clearly.

Hazel Brandon, Div. 26 pointed out that in the case of the Caribbean, travel distance would make this motion difficult. Hazel outlined their process of succession, enabling each of the countries to be aware of the order that each will be expected to provide an LG for their Division.

John Hamilton, questioned that this change would be incorporated into the PLG Committee By-Laws.

GE Peter suggested that we approve this as a policy for the District. He suggested that this motion be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Serge Viau suggested that the By-Laws for the PLG committee be added to the District By-Laws on the District Website.

Shelley called the motion.

Carried by majority.

Shelley invited candidates for Governor to speak.

Hope Marks spoke first.

Serge Viau spoke second.

Both expressed appreciation to the PLG Committee, and their general goals for our organization.

Election of Officers. Conducted by John Hamilton

Treasurer, Jim MacIntosh has agreed to stay on. No Nominations from the floor.

Moved by Allan Ure, second Anthony Williams. Carried

Secretary Sheila Donald; moved by Anthony Williams, second Jay McLaren. Carried

Chair Shelley Des Cotes, Acclaimed, No nominations from the floor.

Vice chair Shelley informed the attendees that Rick Brooks will let his name stand. No Nominators.

Kay Anderson, moved by Robert MooYoung, seconded by Joanne Murray. No other nominations from the floor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM on motion by John Hamilton.

Shelley Des Cotes, Chair

Jay McLaren, Secretary