

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was called to order by Chairman Roger Herring January 17 at 7:35pm. The meeting was held on the District's ZOOM site 123-202-844

Members present via ZOOM or on the phone included

Don Ables-Wylie

Tom Denny-Venus

Michael Starega-Oklahoma City

Rob Martin-San Marcos

Joe Holland-Denton

Lee Shuey-Dallas

Jamie Miranda-Edinburg

Erby Eikner-Tyler

Christine Curtis-Carr-Abilene

Members were invited to go to the Long Range Planning Committee's website at [TXOKKIWANIS.org/member sources](http://TXOKKIWANIS.org/member%20sources). Drop down LRPC. Roger thanked Christine for putting this site up.

Don Ables sent information from the Georgia district as to their experience with the Vice governor position. Georgia, per Don, has had the VG position for many years. The District Secretary and the District Treasurer are typically separate offices. In the Georgia District the VG acts as District Secretary and the VG sets up for meetings.

Erby discussed the VG experience used in Canada. The Nebraska-Iowa District use the VG position. Many districts require as a prerequisite VG that a candidate have served as a Lt. Governor.

Roger asked the members present if experience in leadership positions in Kiwanis was important. All present agreed that some sort of prior Kiwanis leadership was indeed important. It was noted that in the Nebraska-Iowa District that the VG candidate must have been active in Kiwanis for at least 7 years and that the candidate be a past Lt. Governor.

Tom Denny noted that a T-O Trustee is required to be a Past Lt. Governor.

Jamie Miranda noted that sometimes new members with little experience are put into positions simply because the member is new. Many seemed to relate to this situation.

Michael Starega suggested that a VG candidate should have been an active Kiwanian for 3-4 years.

Joe Holland felt that serving as Club President should be a requirement for nomination for Lt. Governor.

Rob Martin stated that he thought there should be some Kiwanis experience before serving as Club President.

Erby Eikner pointed out that many qualification basics could be found in the Kiwanis Bylaws.

Chairman Roger reiterated that experience was necessary for successfully serving in most Kiwanis leadership positions.

Chairman Roger took a quick straw vote as to the Committee's thought as to the need for a Vice Governor position in the District. Further Roger was concerned that some candidates could not fulfill a 4 year commitment.

Denny-Yes

Curtis-Carr-Yes

Herring-Yes

Miranda-Yes

Ables-Yes

Martin-Yes

Starega-Yes

Eikner-Yes

Shuey-Yes

Holland-No

Chairman Roger asked members to form a sub-committee to look further into the notion the Vice Governor position. The Sub-committee will meet electronically. Don Ables volunteered to chair the sub-committee. The Sub-committee members are

Don Ables Chair

Michael Starega

Lee Shuey

Joe Holland

Rob Martin's Lt. Governor Self Evaluation suggestion is designed to reduce time away from home especially for Lt. Governors that are employed full time. Rob stated that he feels that the Lt. Governor position will evolve into a mentor position for new Club Presidents. There was some concern that Lt. Governors would lose some control. Some suggested that Lt. Governors only be required to visit clubs one time.

Roger Herring acknowledged that travel was a concern.

Tom Denny asked about large divisions. Who's responsibility was it to make contact with individual Clubs, the Lt. Governor or the Trustee ?

Rob Martin said he felt many Clubs still do not understand the Trustee system.

Don Ables is anxious to reduce the amount of travel required by the Lt. Governor position. Don is to start his Lt. Governor year in October.

Tom Denny stated that his first term as Lt. Governor was very pleasant, in part because of the Denton Breakfast Kiwanis Club (that is the acting secretary's club). Further, that it is important to get to know Clubs.

Joe Holland mentioned that the Lt. Governor should be a friend to the local club.

Michael Starega said he met with the Clubs in his division 3 times and that the more he met with them the better the results. That more things were accomplished when he made frequent visits.

Lee Shuey wondered about the effectiveness of "co" Lt. Governors.

Christine Curtis-Carr found the Lt. Governor/Trustee system working well. She wondered if we should better instruct Clubs on how to communicate with the Trustee and the Lt. Governor? Christine felt a person-to-person approach was best. Further that in reality a full time working Lt. Governor may have a difficult time making local Club meetings.

Roger Herring agreed that person to person is best. However, other solutions may be necessary.

Rob Martin's final thoughts on the matter included that some data collected from local Clubs is not being reviewed. Perhaps a limit of six questions of the new Club president would yield more information. Maybe a checklist to find out what Clubs need help and those that do not. Rob saw no need to collect data for the sake of collecting data.

Erby Eikner stated that he felt it important for the Lt. Governor to visit local Clubs. Further, he wondered how many Trustees still did not know what their role was yet and that travel is a big problem for some people.

Roger Herring reminded members that the Lt. Governor was an outsider that was representing Kiwanis International and the District.

Erby Eikner further stated that the Lt. Governor's job was to help Clubs thrive.

Roger Herring asked if there was any information available showing that the Lt. Governor that visited Clubs 3 times per year as opposed to only one time per year actually got better results.

Erby and Lee thought that was an interesting question.

Roger told the committee that the next meeting would be again on ZOOM on February 21, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55p

Joe Holland, acting secretary