

2025-26 EC&C PLG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MEETING #8

Thursday, April 9, 2026 * 10:00 AM (Toronto time)

APPROVED MINUTES

2025-2026 Executive: Chair- Richard (Dick) Felton, IPC - Garnell Kemp, Vice Chair - Rolston Nunes, Sec. Treas.- Rick Brooks, Dir. Of Education- Ghous Siddiqui, Directors at Large: Richard Westlake, Angelo Ciardella, Lloyd Distant Jr. and Anastacia Johnson.

1.0 OPENING, WELCOME & COURTSIES ETC: Given the limited agenda subject matter, this is an unofficial meeting so protocols were suspended. Meeting commenced at 10:13AM.

2.0 Ray Allen Memorial Award:

The report started with the common disappointment shared on the quality of the nominations received; general agreement on the following was conveyed;

- Questioned the value of asking for DCM information on the scorecard when there is little reference to asking for it in the nomination materials?
- Information provided was not well articulated, vague or not totally relevant to the questions asked
- Additional pages included is fine, but the required materials are still needed to be included in the spaces provided in the package
(Lloyd Distant Jr, joined us at 10:40AM)
- Signatures and approval dates not provided...we need to seriously consider adding a penalty clause as part of the 'extra marks'.
- The nomination form should be a fillable form and encourage those involved with longer responses to still fill the boxes but note "see attached for additional information".
- We really need to engage the clubs in a zoom tutorial on how to complete a Ray Allen submission, ideally no later than early November. Assuming the MET Award is approved and to be unveiled this fall, then it could also be seen as a separate zoom tutorial.

After our review of the submissions, then going through the comprehensive breakdown of the five nominees it was determined to recommend **PLG Jim St. Jules** as the recipient for 2025-2026.

M) Richard Felton 2) Rick Westlake - Carried

3. Consideration of the MET Award:

Secretary Rick screenshared the draft prepared that the committee needs to be reviewing in advance of the PLG AGM at DCON 2026. It has been structured to be considered in its format for submission to the District for further consideration.

After a healthy discussion the following was agreed;

- The committee agreed that it needs to be limited to Past Lt. Governor members in good standing
- The award needs to remain an altruistic award with no financial expectations for the recipients
- It was agreed that the committee may award up to two awards for a calendar year
- Some comments were accepted to be valuable as "extra point" marks on the scorecard;
 - include volunteering duties at a DCON
 - include documented membership growth
 - include division and/or District committees or appointments

At this point the question was asked, "With the above comments included, are we ready to seek ratification of this award from the PLG membership at DCON 2026?"

**M) Richard Felton 2) Rick Brooks - Approval received, however not supported
by PLG Ghous Siddiqui.**

3. Consideration of the MET Award: Cont'd.

Next Steps:

- update the presentation to prepare for the AGM at DCON 2026
- decide on how to sell the awards name (i.e. MET Award, Mary Ellen Trimble Award or ?)
- Financial; to confirm with Mary Ellen that we actually will have the funds in place to support a five year mandate.

4. Division 20 Concerns:

Governor Cynthia had shared with PLG Chair Richard some concerns with four specific Divisions in Eastern Canada and their inability to fill the role of LGE for the coming year (2026-2027). Through the efforts of our committee, especially Chair Richard and Angelo, 3 of the 4 were addressed in a timely fashion. Having said that, It was drawn to the attention of PLG Ghous of a concern with Division 20 and he forwarded that to Chair Richard.

After some discussions between key players in Division 20 and our committee and further face to face dialogue at DCON in Toronto will be entertained to ideally resolve their concerns.

5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 1/26 @ DCON 2026 ADJOURNMENT Rick W.

