

Zone D Conference 2026

ZONE D CONFERENCE 2026 was called to order at 7:47pm

Appointments for Zone Conference 2026 Secretary will be Amy Oelkuch. Zone Conference 2026 Sergeant at Arms will be Brandon Bassindale, Jeff Inkes, and the Zone D Conference 2026 Fines Chair will be Rob Oelkuch all from Kinsmen club of Cayuga

Appointment Rules of Order Chair were VG Martina Post of Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kin and The Zone D House Rules, and the National Policies governed.

Matt Sharpe from St Thomas Kinsmen and Martina Post from Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kin were appointed as Credentials Chair for Zone D Conference 2026.

The Host club, Kinsmen club of Cayuga, indicated that Jeff Inkes and Tayler Duvall served as Scrutineers for these proceedings.

CREDENTIALS CHAIR

Credentials report presented by VG Martina Post from Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kin

- 45 members signed in at credentials
- 9 Total Accredited Delegates Votes
- Straw vote of 45 (everyone)
- Simple Majority vote: (50%+1) majority = 23 votes, 2/3 majority = 30 votes
- Delegate Votes for Poll/Ballot vote: (50%+1) majority = 60 votes, 2/3 majority = 79 votes

Motion: It was moved by Barb Clark of Fort Erie Kinettes and 2nd by Elaina D'Amico of Grimsby Kinettes that the Credentials Report be accepted as Stated. Carried.

Motion: It was moved by Jacob Schmitt of Ridgeway Crystal Beach and 2nd by Mike Frieson of Niagara on the lake to open the fines session. Carried.

Life Members in Attendance stood for recognition, along with all past Zone, District and National Officers and National Presidents. Followed by recognition for all new members and first time Zone Conference attendees when Casi officially welcomed everyone to Zone D Conference 2026.

Roll Call by club: – When giving your club attendance, please indicate whether the club President is present plus the remaining club members attending. (ie. President plus 5)

Club	President	Members
Cayuga Kin	Amy Oelkuch	plus 6
Grimsby Kinettes		4
Fonthill Kinsmen	Tom Hounsell	plus 6
Fort Erie Kinettes	Eileen George	plus 3
Fort Erie Kinsmen	Larry Graber	plus 4
Niagara On The Lake Kinsm	Mike Friesen	plus 5
Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kin	Dan Strugar	plus 5
Stevensville Kinettes	no	2
Stevensville Kinsmen	no	1

Presidents or representatives presented their reports for clubs, explaining their fundraisers, activities, and new developments within each club.

Motion: It was moved by Barb Clark of Fort Erie and 2nd by Jacob Schmitt of Ridgeway Crystal Beach that the Club Presidents Reports be accepted as reported. Carried.

Minutes from Zone Conference 2025 were circulated via email. Without any errors or omissions, or old business arising from the minutes.

Motion: It was moved by Tom Hounsell of Fonthill and 2nd by Mike Friesen of Niagara on the Lake to adopt the minutes of Zone Conference 2025 as circulated. Carried.

National President Pat Bowers was in attendance and asked to speak. Followed by Governor Tracey Spalding and Followed by Vice Governors Martina Post and Matt Sharpe.

Motion: It was moved by Tayler Duvall of Cayuga and 2nd by Jacob Schmitt of Ridgeway Crystal Beach to *Open Nominations for the position of Zone D Deputy Governor* for 2026/2027 term. Carried.

Motion: It was moved by Elaina D'Amico of Grimsby and 2nd by Tom Hounsell of Fonthill Kinsmen to open bids for Zone D Conference Host 2027. Carried.

Nominations were opened and the first call was made for any nominations for the 2026/27 Zone D Deputy Governor. Nomination paperwork for Nikki George of Fort Erie Kinettes had been received.

Nominations were called for Zone D Conference Host 2027.

DG Casi McCrea's Report as followed:

Hello Fellow Kin, what a great start to our Kin year. As usual you have all been busy doing wonderful things out and about within your communities and clubs. From raising monies for local programming to club growth and continued support for one another when needed. What a great turn out for President's round and Installation night. All clubs were in attendance and most executive and for that I thank you for supporting the vision and executing it near perfectly. We had a successful FLC that once again shows how well we as a whole Zone can unify and tackle what sometimes seemed an impossible task and get along, respect each other and get it done! The Christmas Season had us all busy and doing what we do best "Serving Our Community's Greatest Need" from feeding the elderly and less fortunate, ensuring families had a meal to prepare for Christmas gatherings and toys under their trees for the children, ensuring local schools have food in their pantries for various food programs and some fellowship as clubs did social events celebrating and sharing in good company after all the hard work. I have the pleasure of attending some club events and meetings, to which you are all extremely welcoming and hospitable. Thank you RCB Kin for hosting Founders Night where again we gathered to celebrate 106 years strong this great association that was founded in our own backyard over in Hamilton. Thank you to all clubs that got their Bursary applications endorsed in time, I am thrilled to announce every club in Zone D has an applicant and we had to outsource at least 11 to other clubs outside the zone. It is my hope as DG we get bragging rights in D1 with the most winners....rest assured I don't get to mark them so there is no favoritism but i will take great pride in my clubs and bragging just a little. Zone D, Grimsby Kinettes, Fort Erie Kinsmen, Fort Erie Kinettes, Cayuga Kin, RCB Kin, Niagara on the Lake Kinsmen, Fonthill and District Kinsmen, Stevensville Kinettes, Stevensville Kinettes Thank you for everything you have done, continue to do and most importantly for all your continued support this year. I look forward to the next half of the year representing you and getting out to some more meetings and events

Financial Report for Zone D was provided by District Treasurer Marcus Antaya and is attached to minutes.

Motion: It was moved by Mike Freisen of Niagara on the Lake, 2nd by Mary Jane Brunning of Stevensville Kinetics that the financial report be accepted as presented. Carried.

FLC report by LM Doug Freeland reported monies raised for CF and HREF Colleen Wake Bursary Fund.

After 2 callings for a host for Zone D Conference 2027, a motion was presented.

Motion: It was motioned by Nikki George of Fort Erie and 2nd by Tom Hounsell of Fonthill that Fort Erie will host Zone D Conference 2027.

Vice Governor Candidates for this year are Frank Mailloux and Eileen George.

Motion: It was moved by Elaina D'Amico of Grimsby 2nd by Larry Graber of Fort Erie Kinsmen to close nominations for 2026/27 Zone D Deputy Governor. Carried.

Motion: It was moved by Tayler Duvall of Cayuga, 2nd by Barb Clark of Fort Erie to close bids for Zone D Conference 2026/27. Carried.

Deputy Governor Elect Nikki George approached the podium to speak.

The Joke off winner was Larry from Niagara on the Lake Kinsmen.

The awards presented were the following. The Attendance Award, Sam Dawson Award, Uncle Denny Pyatt Award, Terry Strugar Award, and Rick Shular Award.

Motion: It was moved by Tom Hounsell of Fonthill kinsmen and 2nd by Jacob Schmitt of Ridgeway Crystal Beach to close the fine pot session. Carried.

Motion: It was moved by Barb Clark of Fort Erie and 2nd by Jacob Schmitt of Ridgeway Crystal Beach that the fines pot of \$100.00 be directed to have 50% go to the HREF Colleen Wake fund and 50% to Cystic Fibrosis. Carried.

Motion: It was moved by Brandon Bassindale of Cayuga, 2nd by Dan Strugar of Ridgeway Crystal Beach to adjourn Zone Conference meeting at 9:48pm. Carried.