

M JMINUTES OF DISTRICT 90 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

1PM SATURDAY, 30 MAY 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING

SENIOR DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Udo Moreig	DTM	District Director (DD)
Monique Tonna	DTM	Program Quality Director (PQD)
Tanya Wickham	DTM	Club Growth Director (CGD)
Jan Coleman	DTM	Administration Manager (AM)
Gail Heggie	DTM	Finance Manager (FM)
Mark Walker	DTM	Public Relations Manager (PRM)
Phil Reed	DTM	Immediate Past District Director (IPDD)
Bob Kirchner	DTM	Parliamentarian

OPENING REMARKS

I extend a welcome to all those attending the meeting and declare the District Council Meeting open. Welcome to the members of the Council – Club Presidents, Club Vice-Presidents, members of the District Executive Committee and club members and guests.

This is our first Annual District Council Meeting ON-LINE. The planned duration of this meeting is from 1 pm to 3 pm – we may finish earlier. We are disappointed we were not able to meet in person in Port Macquarie, but...

Before we get underway... let's get an idea of who's here... can I ask all attendees to START video so we can get a clear idea of how many we have... just like we're sitting in the SAILS meeting room!

Thank you, you can now go back to STOP video...

In the best interests of our District and this meeting, all members have speaking rights. Only members of the District Council may move motions and vote.

Please keep in mind that all votes are of equal value, the minority has the right to express opinions, yet the majority rules. Justice, respect, and courtesy for all is most important. Please keep Toastmasters values in mind.

INTRODUCTIONS OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

District Director DTM, Udo Moerig introduced District Management Team

Program Quality Director, DTM Monique Tonna

Club Growth Director, DTM Tanya Wickham

Administration Manager, DTM Jan Coleman

Finance Manager, DTM Gail Heggie

Public Relations Manager, DTM Mark Walker

Immediate PDD, DTM Phil Reed

Parliamentarian, OAM, PDD, DTM Bob Kirchner

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Our timers for this meeting Luke Donabauer and Joanne Keevers
- Our returning officer DTM and Past District Governor Reg Stewart and tally counters Laurel Holterman, John Inglis, John New and Debbie Tibbles.
- Division Directors
 - Scott Johnston DTM - Eastern
 - Mike Kano-McCallum DTM - Hawkesbury
 - Sim Mooi Heng DTM – Macquarie
 - Margaret Payne DTM - Northern
 - Sue Hereford-Ashley DTM - Oxley
 - Geoff Manzi DTM – Western
- Distinguished Guests
 - Region Adviser 2018 – 2020 Coral McVean PDD – DTM
 - Region Advisor 2020 -2021 Kaylene Ledger PDD – DTM
 - Shirley Childs PDD – DTM
 - Michael Said PDD – DTM
- Further Guests
 - Abdul Chohan DTM District 5 International Speech Contest winner
 - Visitors from Districts 69, 70 and other parts of Region 12 and the Toastmasters world – welcome to all
- Candidates for International Director, Region 12
 - Lesley Storkey PDD - DTM
 - Jan Vecchio PDD - DTM

Candidates given opportunity to address D90 members for two minutes each

Speeches presented by Candidates Lesley Storkey and Jan Vecchio

MISSIONS AND VALUES OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

Margaret Payne DTM to read the Mission Statement of Toastmasters International and the values

Toastmasters International Mission: We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

District Mission: We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

Club Mission: We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

Toastmasters International Core Values

Integrity – Respect – Service – Excellence

Toastmasters International Envisioned Future:

To be the first-choice provider of dynamic, high-value, experiential communication, and leadership skills development.

District 90 Vision:

To have a cohesive District encompassing metropolitan and regional members all working together for our District as a whole

VALÉ

At this time, we take a moment to remember Toastmasters and family members of Toastmasters who have passed away since the last District Council meeting. One minute's silence was observed in memory

- Denis Toms Northern Division Narrabri Club, past Area 18 Governor

VOTING METHOD

- Each club is entitled to 2 votes. One by the Club President; one by the Vice President Education
- Each member of the District Executive Committee is entitled to one vote and may cast up to two additional votes as a Club President or Vice President Education. A member of the District Executive Committee may cast a maximum of three votes.
- Note that staff officers are not members of the District Executive Committee are entitled to one vote only as either a Club President or Vice-President Education
- For this meeting, we will determine the result on the number of “YES-NO “votes cast. The number of votes for “YES” and the number of votes for “NO” will be given, the result and finally the number of invalid votes.
- When a vote is called for, it will show up on the screen with a simple YES/NO option. Anyone wanting to abstain should do just that (i.e. not vote). Anyone wanting a NO vote or abstention noted, should do so in the chat room – this is being monitored and requests will be noted.
- There will be a time of 30 seconds for Council members to cast their vote. At that point, the vote will be finalized, and the result shown on screen.
- Anyone having difficulty with the voting process, should say so in the chat room. It will not be possible to resolve such issues “on the fly” but at least the difficulty will be noted and followed up at a later stage if necessary. Remember you can only vote if you are connected via a fully functioning computer, tablet or smartphone.
- A process is in place to resolve any indecisive vote on a substantive motion if required.
- Proxies are not permitted at a Virtual District Council Meeting.
- The results of all voting which takes place during the virtual meeting, will be announced during the meeting and will be final.
- Motions to be voted on will be shown on the ZOOM platform.
- All attendee connections will be muted unless -
 - Delivering a report
 - Answering a question
 - Moving, seconding, and/or speaking for or against motions.
- There is a facility for District Council members to move procedural motions (e.g. extension of time) or to raise points of order.

QUORUM

Mr. Parliamentarian, do we have a quorum

Parliamentarian Bob Kirchner: Yes

Explanation: A quorum is one-third of the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education from member clubs in good standing in our District **(150)** Based on such, the total number of votes is **(300)** , therefore our quorum being one third of the total votes, is **(100)** The total number of votes is, **(102)** therefore we do have a quorum

Thanks, given to District 90 Parliamentarian Bob Kirchner

TIMING RULES

All persons wishing to speak will please observe the following time requirements:

- The mover of a Motion has 3 minutes with a two-minute right of reply.
- All other speakers (other than the mover of a motion) have two minutes.
- The seconder of a motion has the same time limit as all other speakers but may reserve his or her right to speak at any time up until the mover's right of reply.
- Speakers will see a GREEN warning light at one minute to go, YELLOW at 30 seconds remaining and RED at time when a further 5 seconds will be allowed before speakers are muted.
- To be recognized by the Chairman for any debates please raise your hand in the participants panel on your screen
- Please give your name and club before you commence speaking. Then begin your address with "Mr Chairman, ladies and gentlemen".
- We will have speaker against – speaker for. The Chairman will supervise this speaking order. No speaker will be recognized unless they follow this procedure.

PROCEDURAL RULES OF THIS MEETING

For this meeting we are adopting the following procedures:

- Apologies will be accepted by leave of the meeting
- All standard motions on the agenda are pre-moved (e.g. minutes, correspondence) and will not require seconds.
- Movers and seconds will be required only for motions from the floor or as deemed by the meeting chair.
- Senior District Officer and Division Director reports will be grouped for adoption in single motions to minimize "meeting procedure stress" and to streamline the process so we can concentrate on getting the information out and allowing more time and openness for discussion or questions as appropriate.

APOLOGIES

Administration Manager Jan Coleman informed meeting that “All known apologies have been entered in the Attendance and Apologies book”

District Director Udo Moerig “without objection, the apologies are accepted by leave of the meeting

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE MANAGER

District Director Udo Moerig “I would like to bring forward motion on notice 3 – Finance Manager – and call on our Club Growth Director to move the motion

Motion:

Tanya Wickham CGD “THAT this Council ratifies the District Director appointment of Gail Heggie DTM as Finance Manager from December 1, 2019

Moved: Tanya Wickham DTM - CGD	Seconder: Monique Tonna DTM - PQD	Vote: Carried
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MINUTES OF THE LAST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the District Council meeting held on Saturday 14 September 2019 at Castle Hill RSL were circulated to all clubs. These minutes were printed in the September 2020 Agenda and Reports Book.

Motion: “THAT the minutes of the District Council Meeting, held on Saturday 14 September 2019, as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book, be confirmed”

Moved: Jan Coleman DTM - AM	Vote: Carried
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from minutes

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS

Motion: “THAT the Correspondence Inwards as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book (including the addendum) be received”.

Moved: Jan Coleman DTM - AM	Vote: Carried
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Business Arising: There was no business arising from Correspondence In.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS

Motion: "THAT the Correspondence Outwards as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book (including the addendum) be endorsed."

Moved: Jan Coleman DTM - AM	Vote: Carried
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Business Arising: Arising from Correspondence Out.

Phil Reed, query membership dues

Correspondence with District TI re difference in exchange rate USD and AUD and suggestion that it be considered being adjusted

FINANCE

The finance manager's report is printed in the Agenda and Reports Book.

Motion "THAT the 2019-2020 Finance Manager's Report, as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book, be adopted."

Moved: Gail Heggie DTM - FM	Vote: Carried
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AUDIT REPORT

The Chairman sought the leave of the Meeting to withdraw the Audit Report in the Agenda and Reports Book due to an error on his behalf.

He will request the Audit Committee Chairman to prepare a written report which will be sent out via Admin Manager for approval by the DC Members as soon as possible after this meeting.

The Meeting agreed to this request.

SENIOR DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS

Motion "THAT the reports of the District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Public Relations Manager and Immediate Past District Director, as amended and printed in the Agenda and Reports Book, be adopted."

Moved: Monique Tonna DTM - PQD	Vote: Carried
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Tanya Wickham CGD update of figures in report, 142 clubs in good standing that were noted, is now 150. Only 3 clubs within the District currently not in good standing

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion “THAT the District Leadership Committee Report in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Phil Reed DTM - PDD	Vote: Carried
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YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Motion “THAT the Youth Leadership Report in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted”

Moved: Luke Donabauer DL3	Vote: Carried
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DIVISION REPORTS

All Division Reports

Motion: “THAT the Division Directors reports as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.”

Moved: Susan Hereford-Ashley DTM - ODD	Vote: Carried
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ALIGNMENT

Motion “THAT this Council adopts the recommendation of the District Executive Committee, that, from 1 July 2020, District 90 be aligned into thirty-six (36) Areas and seven (7) Divisions as per the table in the Agenda and Reports book, as amended, the seventh Division to be named Cumberland.”

Moved: Michael Said DTM – Alignment Officer	Vote: Carried
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Thanks to all have contributed to this alignment, particularly the Trio, Area and Division Directors, plus Past Alignment Chairmen, Gary Wilson, and Nick Rinaldi. Special thanks were given to the District 70 Alignment Chair, David Wassink for his template and background data. Michael explained how District realignment works. Michael presented explanatory screenshots via screen share. New Division named Cumberland approved by DEC 8 March 2020 Area 23 to be dissolved, clubs from this Area be distributed

Question: Cheryl Keane Roseville Toastmasters asked that her disapproval be noted that their area, Area 9 has been moved between divisions for the last 5 years. She wants the moves to stop.

Question: Greg Harris Western Lectern date of change, 1 July

Question: Nidhi Shekaren what clubs are to be in the new division. The District Director advised that they are listed in the Reports and Agenda book.

Question: Tucky Cooley suggested there should have been more consulting with clubs involved. The Alignment Chairman advised that extensive communication took place regarding the alignment over a period of time. A specific email was sent to every affected club. Plus communications to the entire District were sent.

Thanks, given to Michael Said and his team on the hard work they have done towards this alignment

ELECTIONS

District Director Udo Moerig "Members may refer to the report of the District Leadership Committee in the Agenda & Reports Book which has the names of candidates endorsed by the Committee.

According to Toastmasters International ruling, to be eligible to stand from the floor at this Council meeting, nomination had to be made prior to May 23.

As noted in the Leadership Committee Report, no such nominations were received.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

For the office of **DISTRICT DIRECTOR** for the Toastmasters year 2020-2021, we have one uncontested nomination, **MONIQUE TONNA**.

As there are no further nominations, I will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare **MONIQUE TONNA** elected as **District Director** District 90 for 2020-2021

PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR

For the office of **PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have one uncontested nomination, **TANYA WICKHAM**.

As there are no further nominations, I will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare **TANYA WICKHAM** elected as **Program Quality Director** District 90 for 2020-2021

CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR

Two nominations for the role of **CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR** they are in alphabetical order by surname

- Geoff Pullen
- Mark Walker

Each nominee was invited to address members present for a maximum of two minutes

Results of voting

For **Mark Walker 124 votes** for **Geoff Pullen 37 votes**, I hereby declare **MARK WALKER** elected as **Club Growth Director**, District 90 for 2020-2021

CUMMBERLAND DIVISION DIRECTOR

For the office of **CUMBERLAND DIVISION DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have two nominations, in alphabetical order by surname, **HENDRIK LIANTO** and **ASHWANI MANGLA**.

For **Hendrik Lianto 130 votes**, for **Ashwani Mangla 19 votes**. I hereby declare **HENDRIK LIANTO** elected **Cumberland Division Director** District 90 for 2020-2021.

EASTERN DIVISION DIRECTOR

For the office of **EASTERN DIVISION DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have one uncontested nomination, **NELLIE BEGGS**.

As there are no further nominations, I will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare **NELLIE BEGGS** elected as **Eastern Division Director** District 90 for 2020-2021

HAWKESBURY DIVISION DIRECTOR

For the office of **HAWKESBURY DIVISION DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have one uncontested nomination, **MIKE KANO-McCALLUM**.

As there are no further nominations, I will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare **MIKE KANO-McCALLUM** elected as **Hawkesbury Division Director** District 90 for 2020-2021

MACQUARIE DIVISION DIRECTOR

For the office of **MACQUARIE DIVISION DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have one uncontested nomination, **RAVI DIKKALA**.

As there are no further nominations, I will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare **RAVI DIKKALA** elected as **Macquarie Division Director** District 90 for 2020-2021

NORTHERN DIVISION DIRECTOR

For the office of **NORTHERN DIVISION DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have one uncontested nomination, **MARGARET PAYNE**.

As there are no further nominations, I will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare **MARGARET PAYNE** elected as **Northern Division Director** District 90 for 2020-2021

OXLEY DIVISION DIRECTOR

For the office of **OXLEY DIVISION DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have one uncontested nomination, **TRACIE CAUSLEY**.

As there are no further nominations, I will dispense with a secret ballot and instruct the Administration Manager to cast a single ballot for the candidate in this uncontested office.

I declare **TRACIE CAUSLEY** elected as **Oxley Division Director** District 90 for 2020-2021

WESTERN DIVISION DIRECTOR

For the office of **WESTERN DIVISION DIRECTOR** for 2020-2021, we have two nominations, in alphabetical order by surname, **GIAN ALARCON** and **VICKI WILSON**.

As per Toastmasters International ruling, we will now invite each contestant to address the members present. Each will speak for a maximum of TWO MINUTES

For **Vicki Wilson 113 votes**, for **Gian Alarcon 34 votes**, I hereby declare **VICKI WILSON** elected as Western Division Director District 90 for 2020-2021

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

MOTION 2: FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion “THAT in Continuing Motion C, C1, the wording (“incoming officers all)” be inserted after “Administration Manager”.

Moved: Bob Kirchner DTM, OAM, PDD	Vote: Carried
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Explanatory: to clarify the exact meaning of this item that it is the incoming officers who form the basis of the Finance Committee, not the serving officers at the time the Committee is appointed. Text in full follows...

That a Finance Committee be appointed by the incoming District Director prior to June 15 with the District Director as Chairman, such committee to include the Finance Manager, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Public Relations Manager, Administration Manager (incoming officers all), a past Finance Manager and at least two past leaders with knowledge of District financial practices, to prepare a budget and to oversee the management of the District’s finances in accordance with (etc – wording unchanged)

MOTION 3: AWARDS

Motion “THAT the following continuing motion be added in section E”

Moved: Mark Walker DTM - PRM	Vote: Carried
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E6 All Awards requiring selection in this section will be determined by the District Management Committee (DMC) serving in the year of service recognition, not the DMC in office at the time of presentation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Question and Answer

Q. Zac Forster A15 Director: Is there official advice as to when clubs should reopen

A. District Director, this decision is up to individual clubs to decide, if venue is open and the State Government restrictions are lifted

Q. Tucky Cooley Hawkesbury Valley: Year 2021 Pathways if dual members can be given another Path free of charge

A. District Director you needed to be a member of more than one club at the introduction of Pathways

THANK YOU TO

- District Publications Officer ACS ALB Leanne Kirchner and the support team for producing the Agenda and Reports book for this meeting. The work involved in preparing the book is no small task. It requires much patience, not just for design and compilation but for encouraging officers to submit information on time.
- In addition, please also thank our ever-vigilant proof-readers DTM Jan Vecchio and DTM Debbie Tibbles.
- Admin Manager DTM Jan Coleman for preparing required information for this meeting.
- Parliamentarian, OAM DTM Bob Kirchner.
- Returning Officer DTM Reg Stewart and his team of tally counters John New, Debbie Tibbles, Laurel Holterman and John Inglis.
- Voting Rights Desk Coordinator DTM Tanya Wickham and her team.
- Our Timers Luke Donabauer and Joanne Keevers
- District Tech Team, DTMs all, Tanya Wickham, Pieta Beggs, Hendrick Lianto, Debbie Tibbles, and Bob Kirchner.

And thanks to you, our District Council Members