



“Help yourself by helping others” – John Templeton

Toastmasters District 69 Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday 7th July 2024, online via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by the District Parliamentarian, Udo Moerig DTM, in the absence of the District Logistics Manager. The Mission of the District was read:

“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence”.

The meeting was handed over to District Director, Lou Cervetto DTM.

1. Introduction

District Director:

“I declare this Toastmasters District 69 Executive Committee Meeting opened at 7:02pm.”

2. Quorum

*The District 69 Parliamentarian, Udo Moerig DTM, advised that the District Executive Committee meeting had **48** potential voting delegates, and required **25** voting delegates to establish a quorum. There are **31** voting delegates registered, therefore a quorum has been established.*

3. Voting Method

The District Director explained the method for speaking, moving or seconding a motion, and voting, to be used throughout the meeting online.

4. Apologies

Administration Manger informed DEC that apologies will only be accepted prior to the meeting via email to admin@toastmastersd69.org adding that apologies will not be asked for during the meeting as they are classed as absentees.

District Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM read out the apologies.

Megan Dillon	Northern	14	Area 14 Director
Sarah Boynton	Southern	35	Area 35 Director
Louise Donnan	Southern	23	Area Director
Con Papamitros	Southern	23	District Logistics Manager

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM

Seconded: Nicky Jurd DTM

Motion carried.

5. Appointed Office bearers

District Director introduced the Executive Support Team, which needs to be approved by this DEC meeting (refer to Motion 1 below).

Public Relations Manager: Joshua Morotti DTM
District Administration Manager: Lisa Dodis DTM
District Finance Manager: Mark Hegarty

Area Directors

Wayne Taylor	Area Director	B5
Ariel Elbiom	Area Director	B15
Francis Davis	Area Director	B17
Yves Uwayo	Area Director	B21
Jessie Brauer	Area Director	B25
	Area Director	C4
Christopher McLean	Area Director	C10
Anthony Spark	Area Director	C16
Cynon Lowe	Area Director	C22
Dawn Smith	Area Director	C28
Christine Zimmer	Area Director	E7
Sally Turner	Area Director	E20
Melanie Surplice	Area Director	E26
Javeria Khurshid	Area Director	E27
Lucy Schelberg	Area Director	M3
David Boyle	Area Director	M8
Abhishek Singh	Area Director	M18
George Ma	Area Director	M37
Pritika Wilson	Area Director	N2
Tammy van der Reijden	Area Director	N9
Megan Dillon	Area Director	N14
Gregory Soweni	Area Director	P38
Linda Sambukoi	Area Director	P40
Gima Kepi	Area Director	P41
Eunice Bokalen	Area Director	P44
Raka Numa Raula	Area Director	P456
Sheb Giner	Area Director	S6
Louise Donnan	Area Director	S23
Tom O'Sullivan	Area Director	S24
Sarah Boynton	Area Director	S35
Brendan Bernier	Area Director	W01
	Area Director	W11
Matthew McDiarmid	Area Director	W12
Mac (Darrell) McLeod	Area Director	W31

6. Acknowledgements

The following office bearers do not need to be confirmed by this DEC, but the District Director wishes to acknowledge them in their positions of support for District 69:

District Logistics Manager: Con Papamitros DTM
District Parliamentarian: Udo Moerig DTM
P Division Mentor: Rachael Poloat DTM
District Training Manager: Thomas Krafft DTM
District Training Manager: Kate Norris DTM
District Leadership Committee Chair: Denise Buckby DTM
Past District Governors & Directors Committee Chair: Robert Green DTM
District Historian: Sue Pinker DTM
District Technical Committee Chair: Shubhangi Chattergee
District Auditors: Don Crombie DTM, Ian Gilbert & John Knox
Area Director Mentor: Deb Barnett DTM
Division Director Mentor: Jenny Owens DTM
District Alignment Chair: Barbara Nielsen DTM
Club Coach Coordinator: Deb Barnett DTM
Club Extension Officer and District Statistician: Candice Hincksman
Speechcraft Coordinator: Dawn Smith DTM

7. Motions on Notice

Motion 1 - Approving Appointment of District Officers.

Preamble:

The District Director has appointed various District Officers to support the District in achieving its mission. Those District Officers are listed above and need to be approved by the District Executive Committee.

Motion:

That the District Officer Bearers appointed by the District Director be approved.

Moved: Alex Smith, Club Growth Director

Seconded: Nicky Jurd DTM, Program Quality Director

Motion: Carried

Motion 2 - Additional 3 Speech Contests for 2024-25.

Preamble:

In previous years, Toastmasters International has required each District conduct an International Speech Contest (in English) each year. But each District could also then conduct up to three of any of the following four contests: (i) Humorous Speech Contest; (ii) Evaluation Speech Contest; (iii) Table Topics Speech Contest; or (iv) Tall Tales Speech Contest for Area, Division and District level events.

Toastmasters International still requires Districts to conduct an International Speech Contest (in English) each year. However, Toastmasters International has added a fifth possible contest to the previous list of four contests: (v) Online Speech Contest for Area, Division and District level events. District 69 needs to determine which additions speech contest it will hold at each of the three levels of contests (ie Area, Division and District).

Motion:

That in addition to the International Speech contest, D69 conducts Evaluation, Table Topics and Humorous Speech Contests for Area, Division and District level events in the 2024 -25 Program year.

Moved: Nicky Jurd DTM, Program Quality Director

Seconded: Denise Buckby DTM, Immediate Past District Director

Motion: Carried

Discussion arising from motion: Moreton Division Director Kirsty Watts, asked for clarification regarding Moreton Division who have one area with 2 online clubs and Alice Springs, District Director clarified there will be no hybrid contests. Concerns were raised regarding the unfairness of this motion and that members may be lost. This concern has been minuted, though the motion was not affected and was carried.

Motion 3 - Number of Contestants in Area Speech Contests.

Preamble:

TI requires that there be between 4-6 clubs per Area. However on occasions (new clubs formed or clubs closing) the number of clubs in an Area may exceed or be less than this requirement. In this latter instance, District can choose to allow 1 or 2 contestants from each club to proceed to the Area level speech contest event.

Motion:

That for Areas, which have 4 or less clubs in them, D69 allows 1 contestant from each Club to proceed to the Area level speech contest events.

Moved: Nicky Jurd DTM, Program Quality Director

Seconded: Joshua Moretti DTM, Public Relations Manager

Speaker against the motion: Area 9 Director, Tammy van der Reijden raised concern that if this motion was to be carried, she would have only 2 contestants in her area, Area 44 Director, Eunice Bokalen raised the same concern that she would only have 2 contestants, a request for amendment was tabled.

District Director, Program Quality Director and District Parliamentarian left the room to discuss.

Proposed Amendment to the Motion

That the Motion be amended to change “1 contestant” to “2 contestants”

Moved: Tammy van der Reijden, Area 9 Director

Seconded: Alex Smith, Club Growth Director

Amendment to the Motion: Carried

Amended Motion:

That for Areas, which have 4 or less clubs, D69 will allow 2 contestants to be put forward from each Club to proceed to the Area level speech contest events.

Moved: Nicky Jurd DTM, Program Quality Director

Seconded: Joshua Moretti DTM, Public Relations Manager

Amended Motion: Carried

Discussion arising from the amended motion: Public Relations Manager, Joshua Morotti DTM spoke against this motion challenging when an Area had 4 clubs it could mean 8 contestants for each contest. Suggestion was made for smaller areas to combine Area Contest to appear bigger, District Parliamentarian, Udo Moerig DTM clarified this could be done but only concurrently, not combined as one contest. These concerns have been minuted, though the motion was not affected and was carried.

Motion 4 - Number of Contestants in Division Speech Contests.

Preamble:

TI requires that there be between 3-6 Areas per Division. Where there are only 3 or 4 Areas in a Division, District can choose to allow 1 or 2 contestants from each Area to proceed to the Division level speech contest event.

Motion:

That for Divisions, which have 4 or fewer Areas in them, D69 allows 1 contestant from each Area to proceed to the District Level speech contest events.

Moved: Nicky Jurd DTM, Program Quality Director

Seconded: Mac (Darrell) McLeod, Area 31 Director

Motion: Carried

8. General Business

A) Contact Phone Numbers in Google Drive.

Nicky Jurd DTM (PQD), informed members of DEC that she would like to publish phone numbers of the DEC members in the Google Drive. She informed only DEC members would have access to the information and is a way of DEC members keeping in contact with each other.

Action: members of DEC to contact Nicky directly if they are opposed to this idea of their phone number being included.

B) Google Drive Training

Suzanne Gogolin (EDD) to provide training session on using Google drive and the District Google account Thursday 18th July from 7-8pm.

Action: Communication to be sent out to DEC members and added to events calendar.

C) Toastmasters International - D69 Centenary Celebration

Denise Buckby (IPDD) spoke about the centenary celebrations and asked if any DEC members want to be on the planning committee to contact Denise directly. Event will be a cocktail dinner even and will include Nostalgic testimonials and Digital presentations.

Proposed Date: Saturday 26th October (Cassie McMullen raised the issue via chat that it clashes with Area 16 conference).

Action: Members of DEC to contact Denise if they would like to be a part of the planning committee.

D) Colin Williams Speech Contest trials – 4th August, Helensvale

Joshua Moretti DTM announced that the District 69 International Speech Contest winner Colin Williams won the Region 12 contest and will represent Region 12 in Anaheim from Wednesday, August 14 through Saturday, August 17, 2024.

On Sunday 4th August Eastern Division is hosting a practice day at Helensvale.

Action: Joshua to send out information regarding this event.

E) Hall of Fame

Denise Buckby DTM, informed DEC that in August the nominations for Area Director, Division Director and Toastmaster of the year will be open and there will be criteria for these prestigious awards.

Denise informed that the Hall of Fame will be held on Saturday 21st August 2024 during the weekend of District Leader 2 Training.

9. Date of next meeting

District Director informed the date of the next DEC meeting will be Sunday 8th September 2024.

10. Closure of Meeting

District Director, Lou Cervetto DTM, officially closed the DEC (District 69 Executive Committee) Meeting at 7:56pm.

11. Appendix: Attendance List

List to be added here if deemed necessary.

Distribution: All District 69 Executive Committee Voting Members, District Logistics Manager, District Parliamentarian

Signed by

L. Cervetto

Lou Cervetto DTM
District 69 Director 2024-24

LJ Dodis

Lisa Dodis DTM
District Admin Manager 2024-25