



District 26 District **Executive Committee** Meeting (Virtual)

Saturday, September 10, 2022

9:00 am MST

MINUTES

Call to Order and Welcome

District 26 Director, JP Bachmann, DTM, called the District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting to order and introduced Club Growth Director James Gable

District Mission

Club Growth Director, James Gable, LD3 presented the District Mission.

Credentials Report and Determination of Quorum

The Chair called for the Credentials Committee Chair report by Distinguished Toastmaster Beth Boaz who provided the Credentials report and certified the quorum. As of the DEC meeting date, there were 37 members of the DEC. Quorum is one half plus 1 of DEC members, so 19 is required. 25 DEC members were registered.

**Based on the number of registered and credentialed eligible DEC members as of 5pm on September 9th, a quorum was achieved for the District Executive Committee Meeting.**

The Chair asked all DEC members to encourage all Club Presidents and VPEs to register for and attend the District Council (DC) meeting on September 24, 2022

Determination of Quorum

The Chair reported that as confirmed by the Credentials Chair, a quorum was confirmed, so the District Council may proceed with voting.

The credentials chair went on to explain the voting rules for the upcoming DC meeting, emphasizing that **no proxy votes are allowed for online District meetings.**

## **Introduction of Dignitaries**

District Director, JP Bachmann, DTM introduced all District 26 dignitaries with the exception of Area Directors. Corrections were made of the omission of Past District Director Marcia Wood, DTM, and recognition of Linda Rhea's credential of Past Region Advisor.

## **Finance Manager's Report**

Finance Manager Diane Nuss, DTM, presented the District 26 budget for program year 2022-2023. This is available for review at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wfhJnGKkuqHSrOfIGN7h5tegOh9uw0KJ/edit#gid=210515170>

Questions about the budget were raised by Eastern Division Director, A.J. Herran, Northern Division Director, Nathan Darnall, and Immediate Past District Director, Victoria Cox, DTM

## **Explanation of the D26 District Success Plan:**

District Director, JP Bachmann, DTM explained the District Success Plan (DSP) to the DEC members. This is available for review at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KbDKeccN0UVrQW-CvA4K0ZEudkvJVx0r/view?usp=sharing>

## **Approval of District Budget for the 2022-2023 Program year (not adoption)**

A motion was made by Northern Division Director Director, Nathan Darnall to approve the District Budget as presented by District Finance Manager, Diane Nuss, DTM.

Motion was seconded by Jim Roth, U3 Area Director.

By a show-of-hands vote using the raise hand reaction button in Zoom and confirmation by both the District Director and the District Parliamentarian, Linda Rhea, DTM, PDD, PRA the District Budget was unanimously passed.

## **Approval of the District Success Plan**

A motion was made by Eastern Division Director, A.J. Herran to approve the District Success Plan as presented by District Director, JP Bachmann, DTM.

Motion was seconded by Marcia Wood, DTM, PDD, U2 Area Director.

Discussion included a recommendation to place the DSP on the D26 website for review.

By a show-of-hands vote using the raise hand reaction button in Zoom and confirmation by both the District Director and the District Parliamentarian, Linda Rhea, DTM, PDD, PRA the District Success Plan was unanimously passed.

## **Contest Announcements and Proposal**

Program Quality Director, Ann Hill, DTM reviewed the rules for contests during the 2022-2023 program year as announced by Toastmasters International. Her recommendation was to hold all contests at the Area level and above in a Hybrid format, and that the contests during the 2022-2023 program year will be the International Speech contest, and Table Topics.

## **Voting Instructions**

The voting instructions using “Election Runner” were provided by Credentials Chair, Beth Boaz, DTM, PDG, PID. A simple majority is required for approval of the proposed contest format by Program Quality Director, Ann Hill, DTM.

## **Approval of District 26 Contest Format**

A motion was made by District Finance Manager, Diane Nuss, DTM to approve the District Contest format as presented by Program Quality Director, Ann Hill, DTM

Motion was seconded by Marcia Wood, DTM, U2 Area Director.

During discussion, further clarification of the hybrid contest format was made. The timeline of contests was identified as January for club contests, February for Area contests, March for Division Contests, and the District contests on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Club contests may begin prior to January if the clubs so desire. Training will be provided for contest functionaries in the second quarter of the program year.

By electronic vote using Election Runner, the proposed District contest format was passed by a vote of 21 votes for and 2 votes against.

## **Division Directors Reports**

The Chair called for the three-minute reports from Division Directors.

## **Administrative and District Leaders Reports**

The Chair called for the three-minute reports from the Public Relations Manager, Club Growth Director and Program Quality Director. There was no report given by the District Director.

Public Relations Manager, Ben Langley announced the consideration of podcasts, traveling interviews, and bottom-up marketing efforts to get the Toastmasters brand more widely recognized.

Club Growth Director James Gable remarked on the status of prospective clubs and the “pie in the face” challenge for all newly chartered clubs during this program year. He also reminded leadership to submit leads for interest-based clubs.

Program Quality Director Ann Hill, DTM remarked on the status of training for District and Club officers (District at 100%, and 576 club officers). She also spoke about pathways adoption, and

announced the District Conference to be held on April 28-29, 2023.

Immediate Past District Director Victoria Cox, DTM announced the Hall of Fame event which will be held on September 17, 2022 in Colorado Springs.

District Director reminded the DEC to encourage all of their clubs to register for and attend the District Council meeting on September 24, 2022 at 9am. Registration needs to be completed by 5pm on September 23 to establish a quorum. Also, there is an event coming on October 22, 2022 called Evaluate to ELEVATE with World Champion of Public Speaking, Verity Price, and International President Elect, Morag Mathieson, DTM.

### **Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am MST