



Extraordinary District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

16th July 2021

Time	Item												
18:30	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Helena Boden-Brewer DTM, District Director (Helena, District Director) welcomed all to the first meeting of the extraordinary District Executive Committee of the 2021-2022 Program Year.</p> <p>Helena, District Director stated the purpose of the District Executive Committee:</p>												
18:34	<p>District Mission</p> <p>Michaela Talbot, Division C Director read the District Mission:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.”</p>												
18:36	<p>Roll Call & Quorum</p> <p>Helena, District Director called on Andy Newman, the Credentials Chair and our Administration Manager, Emily McQuillen, to confirm the roll call and the extent to which we are quorate.</p> <p>Apologies</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin: 10px 0;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Massimo Guadagnino</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Division D Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Sarita Yadav</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Division L Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Rembrandt Kuipers</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Area D14 Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Pamela Odukoya</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Division K Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Debbie Williams</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Division H Director</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Joy Brollo</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">Area B18 Director</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There are currently 51 DEC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26 members needed for quorum - 32 voting members present at the beginning of the meeting <p>Meeting was quorate</p>	Massimo Guadagnino	Division D Director	Sarita Yadav	Division L Director	Rembrandt Kuipers	Area D14 Director	Pamela Odukoya	Division K Director	Debbie Williams	Division H Director	Joy Brollo	Area B18 Director
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18:38 Recommendations to fill District Officers vacancies

Helena, District Director explained that any positions of Area Director that were not elected by Area Councils are filled by the District Executive Committee based upon the recommendation of the District Director.

Helena, District Director stated that the roles of PR Manager, Administration Manager and Finance Manager have been appointed by the District Director.

Role	Appointed
PR Manager	Olga Galaiko
Finance Manager	Eddy Quah
Administration Manager	Emily McQuillen

Area Directors		Appointed	
B	9	Washington	Gwenzi
B	18	Joy	Brollo
B	52	Eugene	Emmanuel
C	2	Ratan	Lele
C	5	Jeanette	Davis
C	34	Murali Manohar	Annadatha
D	14	Rembrandt	Kuipers
H	35	Adrian	Moore
H	55	Eugene	Brown
J	4	Mike	Weston
J	7	Enca	Martin-Rendon
J	10	Charlotte	Hitchings
J	11	Jackie	Graybill
K	13	Ram	Nutakki
L	45	Anoop	Ramanathan
L	47	Sarah	Andreas
L	56	Georgia	Mylona



After no objections Helena, District Director declared these officers to be agreed by the Committee by unanimous consent and explained that these appointments will also be presented to the District Council in September for Final Approval with this committee's recommendation.

18:40

Discussion on the format of District Speech Contests

Helena, District Director informed the DEC that we have been asked by Toastmasters International, on 10 June 2021, to decide the format of our Area, Division and District contests, the options being in person or online for the program year 2021/22.

Helena, District Director stated that the decision must be made before 31 July 2021 and failure to reach a decision, will automatically default to online.

Helena, District Director explained that there would be a debate between people in favour of in person and online. Helena, District Director called on the first people to speak in favour of each side.

Debate

Charlotte Hitchings, Area J7 Director spoke in favour of **in person**:

Charlotte was representing her area club views; four out of five of the area clubs wished to have contests in person and wanted this interaction between all clubs again.

Adrian Moore, Area H35 Director spoke in favour of **online**:

Adrian stated that there was still uncertainty over the pandemic and to allow certainty for planning and booking venues we should still stay online.

Helena, District Director asked for a second person to speak in favour of in person. After no further voting member stood forward to speak in favour of in person, Helena, District Director asked the Zoom Master, Peter Tate to launch the poll.



Andy Newman, CC announced the result:

- 82% voted in favour of online
- 18% voted in favour of in-person

Results were displayed on the screen for all DEC members to view.

Helena, District Director confirmed that the majority voted for online and that all Area, Division and Districts contests in this program year 2021-22 will be conducted online.

18:52 **Any Other Business for the District Executive Committee**

No other business was raised.

The date of the next meeting will be online on Saturday 4 September 2021.

18:54 **Meeting Adjourned**