



AGENDA
District 59 District Council Meeting
Saturday, November 21st 2009, Hamburg

1. District Governor (DG) Ellen Hermens DTM welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10.40.

2. DG Ellen Hermens read the District Mission.

3. Robert Cockburn DTM gave an overview of Roberts Rules of Order and how this applies to meetings. He highlighted the following key points: decisions made do not have to be unanimous, the DG is in control of the meeting, motions from the District Executive Committee (DEC) do not need to be seconded and can be voted on directly. He informed the meeting that in discussing motions in this meeting, people wishing to speak for or against a motion should line up behind the appropriate microphone and when called to speak by the Chairman will be allowed to speak for up to 1 minute.

4. Immediate Past District Governor Greg Palmer DTM presented the Credentials Committee Report and said that to have a full quorum we require to have 105 votes from clubs. As 107 club voting cards have been issued then we have a quorum for the meetings. Additionally 30 members of the DEC are voting.

5. DG Ellen Hermens said that the meeting agenda had been circulated on October 30th and asked if there were no objections then the agenda should be adopted as circulated. There being no objections the agenda was adopted.

6. District Secretary Morag Mathieson said that the minutes from the last District Council Meeting had been circulated for members to read and asked if there were no objections then the minutes be approved as circulated. The minutes were duly approved.

7. DG Ellen Hermens confirmed the appointment of the following District Officers: Area Governors Christian Manteufel to Area F3, Jill Jacquot to Area B4, Joerg Abendroth to Area I1 to replace Petra Frenzel.

8. District Treasurer Gerhard Hoerger first thanked Ketty Englert for her work as District Treasurer in 2008 – 2009 and then presented the Audit Committee Report of the Year End Audit, which had been duly certified by the auditors. He asked if there are no objections, the Audit Committee Report be approved as presented. The Report was duly approved.

9. DG Ellen Hermens presented her report. She described her experience of attending the International Convention and highlighted the benefits she discovered in networking and in developing, with LG Education & Training Benjamin Bruehl and LG Marketing Alexandra Olsson, a long term perspective for the District. With changes in structure District 59 will belong to Region 11 from July 1st 2010.

The budget was set focussing on long term goals, seeing the District as a business with income, expenditure and guidelines, and a desire for expansion.

She aims to build a network of advisors in the District for several years ahead, for example in Youth Leadership or in High Performance Leadership projects to support members in clubs.

Connect through Diversity is about creating a team with synergies where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

10. LG Education & Training Benjamin Bruehl presented his report. He began by noting that education and training is one aspect that can be measured, using 4 critical success factors. (Competent Communicators, Advanced Communicators, retention of members and expansion of clubs). To date 75 members have achieved the CC award and 25 have achieved AC awards. He advised that members should be encouraged to

plan ahead and schedule speeches, they should be asked what they want from their club.
He also requested people to send any workshop ideas for the next District Conference to him.

11. LG Marketing Alexandra Olsson presented her report. The District currently has 157 clubs of which 5 are new this year. The goal is to have 175 clubs by June 30th 2010.

There is a need for 29 club coaches in the District and 9 have been appointed.

Three clubs have not paid their dues and she urged everyone to ensure club dues are paid on time.

12. Public Relations Officer Ivan Aksenov presented his report.

He informed the meeting that his work on internal communications is to look at allowing easier exchange of ideas, improving email etiquette, simplifying the access and storage of information on the District websites and on recognition for best websites and newsletters.

His external communication strategy has been to consider how to promote Toastmasters to non members, working with organisations that have common values e.g. AIESEC, Newcomers.

He asked people who have ideas on how to bridge club and District to contact him.

13. District Treasurer (DT) Gerhard Hoerger presented his report.

He explained that the District manages 2 accounts: one held at Danske Bank and a reserve account held at TMI. In total at the end of October the District had 38 696 Euro in funds across both accounts.

The largest single item of expenditure so far has been travel, accounting for 70% of all expenditure. This was largely due to the cost of the DEC meeting in Lisbon.

14. DT Gerhard Hoerger presented the Budget for 2009 – 2010.

He explained that the District receives 25 cents of each US Dollar paid by members to TMI. When the budget was prepared 1 US Dollar equalled 1.40 Euro. This was used as the basis for Euro calculations.

Membership Income from TMI is expected to be 38, 000 euro and at the end of the year 9186 Euro must remain in the District Reserve account, making the total funds available 66, 482 euro.

He described the new aspects of the budget and gave details of the proposed incentive scheme for clubs.

The District will give 80 Euro to support newly chartered clubs and will offer subsidies and recognition to club coaches. A travel subsidy of 100 Euro per Area and 100 Euro per Division will be available for demo meetings. Also 80 Euro is available to each Division to support their Division Website. Club Officer training expenses will be increased to 125 Euro for each of two training sessions.

15. DG Ellen Hermens DTM said that the District Executive Council had moved and seconded the budget and so now presented it for discussion before seeking approval.

Following a period of discussion DG Ellen Hermens called for a vote to approve the budget.

Votes For: 83 (Eighty three)

Votes Against: 43 (Forty three)

Abstentions: 2 (Two)

The budget was approved as presented.

16. PRO Ivan Aksenov gave an Update Report on Easy Speak.

Easy Speak offers a knowledge management system and meetings organisation and communication tool. The use of forums and feedback have played a part in its development. It has been updated to look different with a new navigation bar to make it easier to use. Back ups are now more efficient and faster.

Two thirds of clubs are actively using Easy Speak.

The vision is to make it closer to the normal work process of the club to make repetitive tasks easier to do.

He thanked the easy Speak team: Bill Monsour, Joao de Mendonca and Kai Steinbach.

17. Celeste Brown & Jaap Russchenberg presented a report on the Spring 2010 District Conference which will take place from 4th – 6th June 2010 at the NH Atlantic Hotel in the Hague, Netherlands. The website will open for bookings on 23rd November 2009. Booking would also be possible at the Conference this weekend. The Conference is expected to sell out and early booking is advised.

DG Ellen Hermens obtained special permission from Dan Rex to hold the conference in June.

18. Markus Künkel DTM reported on the Fall 2010 District Conference in Barcelona.
A team has been established and a venue secured. The details of the date and pricing are to be confirmed.
He invited everyone to attend.

19. Bids to host the Spring Conference 2011 were invited.
Luis Caetano, Lisbon TM proposed Lisbon as they have experience of hosting exciting conferences in their beautiful city. A venue has been identified.
There were no other bids.

Vote to approve the Lisbon bid:

For: 126

Against: 2

Abstentions: 0

Lisbon was approved to host Spring 2011 District Conference.

20. Any other business

- Translation Project Update by LGET Benjamin Bruehl

The manuals currently being translated into German are Competent Leader, Speaking to Inform (will be printed at the end of November) and the Entertaining Speaker.

21. The next meeting of the District Council will take place on Saturday 5th June 2010, in the Hague, Netherlands.

22. The meeting was adjourned at 12.37.

Respectfully Submitted

Morag Mathieson
District Secretary