



Minutes

District 59 Council Meeting

Saturday, 12th November 2016 Madrid

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

At 11:03 am. Markus Künkel, District Director, called the meeting to order.

B. District Mission

Ulrike Laubner, Administration Manager, read the District's Mission: *"We built new clubs and support clubs in achieving excellence."*

C. Certificate of Quorum

Ulrike Laubner, Administration Manager, informed that a quorum for any District Council Meetings is one-third of the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education from clubs in the district or their proxies, as outlined in the district bylaws. According to Marike Dijksterhuis, Chair of the Credentials Desk, our district has 236 clubs. Therefore, a quorum is reached by having more than 157 officers attending the meeting. Out of the 78 district officers, 37 voting cards were issued. In total, 210 voters were present. Therefore, this meeting had a quorum. Special guests of the International Board had been invited to attend the meeting: Teresa Dukes, International Director Region 11, and Aletta Rochat, Region 11 Advisor. The Timekeeper role was filled by Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director. Toastmasters Members from Cyprus that will join the D59 District coming July, had been invited to partake and vote at the meeting.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Markus Künkel, District Director, referred the agenda of this meeting should be handled flexibly to allow presenting some reports at the same time counters would handle votes to ensure the meeting would end in the allotted time frame. Aires Marques, No 1015, moved to adopt the agenda in the flexible way described and as recommended. The motion was seconded and carried by a majority.

N.B.: To read these minutes easily, the reports that were presented during the elections can be found under the section III - Reports.

E. Approval of last DCM Minutes (Madrid)

Markus Künkel, District Director, asked for any corrections to the last DCM minutes. Hearing none, the meeting minutes were accepted as sent out.

II. Reports - Part 1

Sara Magalhaes, Alignment Committee chair presented the Alignment Report together with the recommendations of the D59 Executive Committee Members to accept the report as presented. *(Please see the full report in the attachment)*

The Alignment Committee Chair raised the motion that the District Council approved the alignment proposal 2017-2018 as presented and with the corrections outlined during the discussion during the DECM. This motion was carried by majority, with one abstention and none against.

III. Elections

Markus Künkel, District Director, explained the Elections procedure.

Marika Dijksterhuis, District Leadership Committee Chair, presented the District Leadership report starting by showing all positions to be filled:

- eight elected positions (one district director, three each for program quality directors and club growth directors, and one public relations manager);
- one appointed finance manager (plus two appointed FM assistants);
- one appointed administration manager;
- 14 (elected) division directors;
- 59 (appointed) area directors.

In total 83 (+2) new district officers will be part of the D59 district team for the term 2017/2018.

A. District Director

The role of the DD was presented to the audience. District Director asked for nominations from the floor and Marc Tournon, No 139, nominated himself for this position. Marika Dijksterhuis confirmed he had signed the needed forms for this election beforehand.

Both candidates, Ana Isabel Ferreira as nominated by the DLC, and Marc Tournon, as self-nominated candidate from the floor, presented their two-minute speeches according to assigned time. The presentation sequence was done in alphabetical order by the last names, according to protocol: 9.0. First Ana Isabel Ferreira and then Marc Tournon.

Alain Petillot, No 121, raised a point of order. He would like to explain why the audience should not allow Marc Tournon to run for such a position based on his acts in the last years. Markus Künkel, District Director, considered this as “out of order”, because the voting procedure was already running.

During the ballot counting and according to the flexible way to handle the agenda, Markus Künkel, District Director, informed about the District Results (see summary in point III-A).

Robert van der Meer, No 111, raised the motion to proceed with the elections during the ballot counting. Markus Künkel, District Director, informed that the current procedure is waiting for the results before proceeding in a way to give a chance to any candidate that would not be elected to run for subsequent position.

Dimitrios Diamantopoulos, No 72, raised a point of information to have all three positions elected at one time. Markus Künkel, District Director, answered that this was not possible due to the Toastmasters procedures for elections.

Total votes: 195 cast. The majority would be reached with 99 votes.

Results: Ana Isabel Ferreira: 188, Marc Tournon: 3; 4 invalid votes. Ana Isabel Ferreira was hereby elected as District Director for the term 2017-2018.

B. Program Quality Director

The role of the PQD was presented to the audience.

1. Future District A

DLC recommended candidate: Nelson Emilio. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director, Markus Künkel, asked the Admin Manager, Ulrike Laubner, to cast a single ballot for this candidate. Hereby, Nelson Emilio was elected as the PQD for the term 2017-2018

2. Future District B

DLC recommended candidate: Chantale Evertsz. District Director asked for nominations from the floor and Jean-Philippe Stijns, No 91, nominated Prince Motiani for the role. Prince Motiani accepted the nomination. Marike Dijksterhuis confirmed he had signed the needed forms for this election beforehand.

Both candidates presented their 2-minutes speech according to allocated time. The presentation sequence was in alphabetical order, recognizing the last names: first Chantale Evertsz and then Prince Motiani.

During the Ballot Counting and according to the flexible way to handle the agenda, Ana Isabel Ferreira, PQD, presented her report (*see summary in point III-B*) and Nelson Emilio, CGD, presented his report (*see summary in point III-C*).

Total votes: 196 cast. The majority would be reached with 89 votes.

Results: Chantale Evertsz: 147; Prince Motiani: 47; 3 invalid votes. Chantale Evertsz was elected as PQD for the term 2017-2018.

3. Future District E

DLC recommended candidate: Ulrike Laubner. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director, Markus Künkel, asked to cast a single ballot. Ulrike Laubner was elected hereof as PQD for the term 2017-2018.

C. Club Growth Director

1. Future District A

DLC recommended candidate: Ignacio Arenas. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director, Markus Künkel, asked to cast a single ballot. Ignacio Arenas was elected hereby as CGD for the term 2017-2018.

2. Future District B

DLC recommended candidate: Siegfried Haack. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director, Markus Künkel, asked to cast a single ballot. Siegfried Haack was elected hereby as CGD for the term 2017-2018.

3. Future District E

DLC recommended candidate: Francesco Fedele. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director, Markus Künkel, asked to cast a single ballot. Francesco Fedele was elected hereby as CGD for the term 2017-2018.

D. PR Manager

DLC recommended candidate: Barbara Piedade. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Barbara Piedade was elected hereby for PRM for the term 2017-2018.

E. Division Directors

Division A

DLC recommended candidate: Nathalie Damas. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director, Markus Künkel, asked to cast a single ballot. Nathalie Damas was elected hereby as Division A Director for the Term 2017-2018.

Division B

DLC recommended candidate: Em Ajogbe. District Director asked for nominations from the floor and Carsten Wendt, No 134, nominated Lucien Bollen for this role. Lucien Bollen accepted the nomination. Marike Dijksterhuis confirmed that he had signed the needed forms for this election beforehand.

Both candidates presented their 2-minutes speech in alphabetical order and according to allocated time. The presentation sequence was: first Em Ajogbe and then Lucien Bollen.

During the Ballot Counting and according to the flexible way to handle the agenda, Francesco Fedele, PRM, presented his report (*see summary in point III-D*) and Zuhra Abdumalikova, the Finance Manager, presented her report (*see summary point III-E*).

Total votes: 182 cast. The majority would be reached with 91.

Results: Em Ajogbe: 77, Lucien Bollen: 99, Invalid votes: 6. Lucien Bollen was elected as Division B Director for the 2017-2018 term.

Nelson Emilio, No 1026, raised the motion to proceed with the agenda until lunch time. It was seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Division C

DLC recommended candidate: Robert van der Meer. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director, Markus Künkel, asked to cast a single ballot. Robert van der Meer was elected hereby as Division C Director for the term 2017-2018.

Division D

DLC recommended candidate: Luis Prazeres. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Luis Prazeres was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division D Director.

Division E

DLC recommended candidate: Bigi Vitolic Koblet. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Bigi Vitolic Koblet was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division E Director.

Division F

DLC recommended candidate: Pascal Vilarem. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Pascal Vilarem was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division F Director.

Division G

DLC recommended candidate: Metaxia Kritsidima. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Metaxia Kritsidima was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division G Director.

Division H

DLC recommended candidate: Cristina Jueas. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Cristina Jueas Kritsidima was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division H Director.

Division I

DLC recommended candidate: Thomas Schneider. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Thomas Schneider was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division I Director.

Division J

DLC recommended candidate: Aires Marques. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Aires Marques was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division J Director.

Division K

DLC recommended candidate: Emilia Fossati. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Emilia Fossati was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division K Director.

Division L

DLC recommended two candidates: Alexandra Nunes and Luis Marrana. Luis Marrana withdrew his candidacy right before the business meeting for personal reasons. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Alexandra Nunes was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division L Director.

Division M

DLC recommended candidate: Flavio Oliveira. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Flavio Oliveira was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division M Director

Division N

DLC recommended candidate: Arnout Nederpelt. Candidates running from the floor: none. District Director asked to cast a single ballot. Arnout Nederpelt was elected hereby for the term 2017-2018 as Division N Director.

IV. Reports Part 2

A. District Results

Markus Künkel, District Director, presented his report and informed on district status. The strong points of the district are the number of distinguished clubs (104), and only six additional clubs needed to be distinguished so that the district would receive “distinguished district” status. 18 clubs are needed to reach the district goals to be a president’s distinguished district again. The weak point of the district is the high number of weak and understrength clubs. As of date, 39 clubs are eligible for a club coach. He urged the officers to have the payments of the clubs checked again and drive them to do membership programs, such as “Beat the Clock”. Due to the upcoming transition time, he recommended to undertake a joint COT with the incoming teams, reinforce “Moments on Truth” and ask for club coaches for weak clubs early in the new term.

B. Program Quality Report

Ana-Isabel Ferreira, Program Quality Director, presented her report and informed on the great success in educational awards. All categories in communication and leadership education have been stronger than last year. The communication awards have risen by nearly 50 awards for CC and advanced communication awards. She informed on the monthly meetings with the Division Directors for the Program Quality Network and the Youth Leadership Program. The latter is very successful in Portugal, and many other countries have started to work with the program. In total, six countries of the district are using the program.

The recruiting process for the Pathways guides to support the roll out will start on the 15th of May and is lead by the PQD and the Pathways Chief Ambassador, Carina Schey.

The next conferences will be the Fall Conference 2017, 24-26th November, in Milan. The Spring Conference 2018 is a joint conference with D59 and D95 and will happen in Athens.

C. Club Growth Report

Nelson Emilio, Club Growth Director, informed on the three strategic areas: club retention, club building, and corporate clubs. The district consists of 236 clubs of which 24 are weak, and 55 clubs are understrength. The district can assign club coaches for weak clubs, but this service is only used by five clubs of the weak clubs. He motivated all district officers to ask for club coaches to support the clubs to grow again.

This year the district got 11 new corporate clubs and five new leads.

Division B, C and D have chartered nine new clubs in total.

D. Public Relations Report

Francesco Fedele, Public Relations Manager, showed the growing followers for the D59 Facebook page. The goal of 4000 followers has been reached by 95% which is mainly due to a growing content and five campaigns. Francesco Fedele explained the importance to share videos as a marketing tool. The live streaming of contest speeches was successful (1000 views per streaming), and this will also be done in Winterthur.

A new service on the D59 homepage has been created. There is an online “survival kit” for Area and District Directors which provides all necessary information to be successful as a district officer.

The district is hosting and maintaining the national websites and motivated the officers to reach out to him for guidance.

He presented seven new PR contest with 50-100€ vouchers for the District store and motivated all Divisions to participate in this contest until the end of this term (30 June).

E. Finance Report

Finance Manager, Zukhra Abdumalikova, presented the Financial Report. She pointed out that the District has a stable and good financial position with an actual net income of 55'823.97\$. The positive balance is based on the raised dues, new clubs, and the fact, that many officers did not submit their expenses. She motivated division directors to ask for additional financial support for educational efforts. The district will support activities when officers reach out to the CGD or PQD and explain their needs. She asked everyone in the room to send her ideas how to improve the budget status and the spending. The current officers shall inform their successors on how to read the budget and how to use the allocated budget per item. *(See report attached).*

V. Current District Business

Nelson Emilio, No 1026, raised a motion to proceed to next topic of the agenda since Fall Conference presenter were not in the room, and then come back to it. This would give time to call Eri Tafa into the room, he reasoned. The motion was seconded and was adopted unanimously.

A. Spring 2018 Conference in Athens

Dimitrios Diamantopoulos, No 72, informed on the status on the Joint Conference D59 and D95 in Spring 2018. 1000 attendees can be hosted in Athens and several social events will be organised to enjoy Athens as its best.

B. Fall 2017 Conference Milan

Eri Tafa, a member of the Club “The Milliners” of Italy and his team, presented the outline of the Milan conference and the venue. A video was presented. The D59 Fall Conference will be on 24-25th November 2017.

VI. New Business

A. Place and Time for next DCM

The next DCM will take place on Friday, 25th November, ca. 11am, in Milan.

B. Adjournment

Markus Künkel, District Director, adjourned the meeting at 1.15pm, i. e. 25’ before time.

All presentations are accessible via

<http://www.district59.org/officer-resources/district-councils/>