



# Minutes

## District 59 Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2018 Paris

### I. Opening

#### A. Call to Order

At 9:00 am Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, called the meeting to order.

#### B. District Mission

Clara Noble, Administration Manager, read the District's Mission: *"We will build new clubs and support clubs in achieving excellence."*

#### C. Certificate of Quorum

Clara Noble, Administration Manager, informed that 65 District Officers were present and therefore a quorum was reached. A majority over the total numbers of District Officers (83) is required for a quorum.

#### D. Approval of the Agenda

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, presented the agenda that had been timely submitted to all participants. There were no objections to adopt it.

Robert Van der Meer, C Div. Director, moved to approve the Agenda and was seconded. The Agenda was approved.

A Point of Privilege was raised by Thomas Scheider, I Div. Director, on the password for the Internet that was not working properly.

#### E. Parliamentary Procedures

Pascal Vilarem, Parliamentarian for the DECM presented on the procedures and distributed a leaflet to all District Officers which includes explanations on all the types of motions.

Due to technical issues with the wifii the proposed quiz was postponed so that the allotted time was respected. A motion will be needed to take the quiz later.

#### F. Approval of last DECM Minutes (Milan)

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, reported that the minutes of the previous District Executive Council were sent in advance and asked if there were any objections to the Minutes. There were no objections. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

## II. District Business

### A. Alignment with our goals

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, informed that the main focus was on finding and preparing the leaders for the future while working for sustainability and quality.

### B. Program Quality Report

Ulrike Laubner, PQD (future District 109), presented the Program Quality Report on behalf of the PQDs.

### C. Club Growth Report

Francesco Fedele, CGD (future D109), presented the Club Growth Report on behalf of the CGDs.

### D. Finance Report

Ray Noble, Finance Manager, presented the Finance report.

### E. Q&A

Cora Hollander, C3 Area Director, raised a Request for Information on whether the joint Competition in Athens was just for French and German or for English as well.

Competitions are separate but D59 is invited to participate in the German Competition by D95 and D95 is invited to participate in the French by D59.

Metaxia Kritsidima, G Div. Director, raised a Request for Information on whether you needed to vote for the German language. No, because it is District 95's Competition.

Arnout Nederpelt, N Div. Director, raised a Request for Information on whether it would be possible to attend both English Competitions. The Organization Team is working on the Agenda.

Sofia Andrade, C1 Area Director, raised a Request for Information whether there was an exception for the 4-club rule in the Competitions. No exceptions, all competitions will follow the rules according to the actual rule book.

Pieter Jan Remaut, B4 Area Director, raised a Request for Information on what happens if 1 club does not participate. The rule still applies.

### F. Division Success Plans

Division Success Plans were presented according to the agenda, in a non-alphabetical order, grouped by the Districts they will be incorporating next year.

- Division E Success Plan presented by Bigi Vitolic

- Division G Success Plan presented by Metaxia Kritsidima
- Division I Success Plan presented by Thomas Schneider
- Division J Success Plan presented by Aires Marques
- Division D Success Plan presented by Luís Prazeres
- Division H Success Plan presented by Cristina Jueas
- Division K Success Plan presented by E.F.
- Division L Success Plan presented by Alexandra Nunes
- Division M Success Plan presented by Flávio Oliveira
- Division A Success Plan presented by Nathalie Damas
- Division B Success Plan presented by Lucien Bollen
- Division C Success Plan presented by Robert Van der Meer
- Division F Success Plan presented by Pascal Vilarem
- Division N Success Plan presented by Arnout Nederpelt

### **III. Current District Business**

#### **A. Alignment Committee Report**

Alignment Committee Report was presented by Irina Hauser.

#### **B. Leadership Committee Report**

Leadership Committee Report was presented by Valerie Fraser.

#### **C. Spring 2018 Conference in Athens**

Dimitrios Diamantopoulos, Athens Conference Chair, updated us on the status of the Spring 2018 Conference in Athens.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Fall Events**

Nelson Emilio, PQD (future D107) informed the fall events were going to be in Avignon for future District 59 and Coimbra for future District 107.

Patricia Mansencal, G3 Area Director presented the proposal for future District 109's Fall Event, a 4 days Cruise on the Mediterranean – Savona-Marseille-Barcelona-Savona.

#### **B. Public Relations Report**

Sara Magalhães, Public Relations Manager's Assistant presented the Public Relations Report.

### C. Additional New Business

Colleen Shaughnessy-Larsson, YLP District Coordinator presented on the importance of implementing YLP.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, informed of the appointment of Sara Magalhães as PRM until June 30 due to the resignation of Barbara Piedade.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, informed the District Officers of the decision by TMI of removing a member of the D59 from member in good standing. The communication was received by official letter from the Board of Directors and will be forwarded to all District Officers.

Robert Van der Meer, C Div. Director, moved to start the Parliamentarian Quiz and was seconded.

Opposed 2, motion carried.

### D. Q & A

Thomas Schneider, I Div. Director, asked if he could participate in the Evaluation Competition in German.

Ulrike Laubner, PQD (future D59) said no according to the official contest rules Dos are not allowed to participate.

Siegfried Haack, CGD (future D59) asked whether the International Speech Contest was going to be joint or have one champion each.

Marika Dijksterhuis, PQD (future D59), said International Speech Contests were separate.

Robert Van der Meer, C Div. Director, proposed to have a meeting after the DOT to discuss Cooperation with Rotary International and asked Nathalie Damas A Div. Director if they could use the venue.

Nathalie said it was OK to use the venue until the time to leave for diner.

Pedro Sá, M3 Area Director asked if Area Directors were authorized to participate in the Greek Competition.

Dimitrios Diamantopoulos, Conference Chair, said that it was not an official competition, so it was OK.

Metaxia Kritsidima, G Div. Director, asked what the members should be told about the removed member situation and whether she would have a copy of TMI's email.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, said the email will be sent out to all Dos and the same email should be forwarded to all Club Officers.

Aires Marques, J Div. Director, asked why should other Divisions communicate the removal from good standing and how to keep track of this in the future.

Thomas Schneider, I Div. Director, said TMI should create a ban list that stops Clubs from registering these members.

Nacho Arenas, CGD (future D107) said TMI did not really understand our reality of comprising 11 different countries.

## V. Adjournment

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, was about to adjourn the meeting and inform on the date of the next DECM when she realized the challenges it presented to the Athens Agenda. She conferred with the Parliamentarian and raised a Motion to organize an online DECM before Athens Conference.

Pablo Garcia Estevez, H2 Director, raised a Request for Information on whether this would be just for old District 59 or also for the new ones that result from the split.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, said it was for everybody in the present D59 Officers Team.

Marcel Damen, Assistant Finance Director, raised a Request for Information on how the voting would take place.

Raising hands in Zoom.

E. F., K Div. Director, raised a Request for Information on what happens if we can't agree on a date.

There will be 3 options and we choose the most consensual one.

Luca Bertagnolio, J2 Area Director raised a Request for Information on what would happen if there was no Quorum.

We will have to do a later electronic vote.

Nacho Arenas, CGD (future D107), suggested removing the when from the motion.

Pascal Vilarem, Parliamentarian, said the motion had not been moved yet.

Francesco Fedele, CGD (future D109), moved to have the DECM online before the Athens Conference and was seconded.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, opened the floor from discussion.

Aires Marques, J Div. Director, raised a Request for Information on whether this meant just one DECM or whether it would continue in Athens.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, said this was only for the DECM. The DCM will happen in Athens Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May in the morning.

Thomas Schneider, I Div. Director, spoke in favor because it would allow more time in Athens.

Victor López Senderos, H4 Area Director, presented an amendment to the Motion to only have the DECM online if there was a Quorum and it was seconded.

Mark Finneran, A1 Area Director, spoke in favor of the online DECM as long as the tool works for everyone.

Markus Kuenkel, IPDD, raised a Request for Information on whether each person needed to be on a different computer.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, answered that each vote had to come from a different computer.

Pascal Vilarem, F Div. Director, raised a Request for Information on how can we foresee Quorum in advance.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, answered alternative dates would be given and Dos would say which day can attend.

Aires Marques, J Div. Director, raised a Division of a Question – we are confusing pre-approval of alignment with approval by DCM.

Jasper de Jong, C2 Area Director, spoke in favor of trying new format of DECM online.

Marike Dijksterhuis, PQD (future D59), spoke against only having DECM if there was a Quorum.

We proceeded to the vote of the motion to amend the proposal adding “if there is quorum in one of the dates proposed” at the end. Opposed 43. Abstentions 4. In favor 6.

E. F. K Div. Director, proposed a motion to extend the discussion and she was seconded. Opposed 39, Abstentions 4. In favor 5.

Motion to organize an online DECM before Athens Conference was voted. Opposed 2. Abstentions 1. Motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.30 pm.

## **Annex:**

**All presentations are accessible via:**

<http://www.district59.org/officer-resources/district-executive-committee/> (not yet)