



Minutes

District59 Council Meeting

Saturday, 25th November 2017 Milan

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

At 9:15 Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, called the meeting to order.

B. District Mission

Clara Noble, Administration Manager, read the District's Mission: *"We built new clubs and support clubs to achieve excellence."*

C. Certificate of Quorum

Clara Noble, Administration Manager, informed that the quorum required for the District Council Meetings of one-third of the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education from clubs in the district, or proxies as authorized by district bylaws was not reached.

According to Markus Kuenkel, Chair of the Credentials Desk, a quorum would be reached with 173 Club Presidents, Vice Presidents Education and proxies. Only 116 were recorded, therefore a quorum was not reached.

D. Parliamentary Procedure

Marike Dijsterhuis, District Parliamentarian, gave a presentation on parliamentary procedures.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, asked if there were any objections to the agenda sent out four weeks before this DCM and shown on the screen.

Since there were no objections, the agenda was adopted as presented.

F. Approval of last DC Meeting Minutes in Winterthur

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, asked if there were any objections to the last DCM minutes (Winterthur).

Since there were no objections, the meeting minutes were accepted as sent out.

II. Report

A. The District Strategy

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, made a call to action for leaders to step up in this exciting transformational period.

She proceeded to inform that the person who is going to serve as DLC Chair is Valerie Fraser and that due to personal and professional reasons Chantale Evertsz, Program Quality Director for future District 59 had to resign and proposed that Marike Dijksterhuis be appointed for this role until June 30.

B. Program Quality Report

Ulrike Laubner, Program Quality Director for future D109, presented on behalf of the 3 PQDs. She showed the calendar for Pathways rollout and talked about the workshops available not just to support clubs on this but on the youth Leadership programs. Support for Growth includes training, mentoring and recognition.

C. Club Growth Report

Nacho Arenas Club Growth Director (future D107) presented on behalf of the 3 CGDs. The goal is to attain the President Distinguished status by the time of the Athens Conference. He presented the evolution of membership and clubs and reminded everyone of the awards for club growth.

D. Public Relations Report

Barbara Piedade, Public Relations Manager, presented her extended team and reinforced her goal of increasing interaction through Social Media. She also pointed out that Communication Initiatives, Public Relations Initiatives and Brand Questions were her responsibility, whereas Technical Questions about Websites, Questions about Domains and Other Technical Matter should be addressed to IT.

E. Audit and Treasury Report

Ray Noble, Finance Manager, presented the Profit & Loss report as of 30 June 2017 and the Year End Audit Report for 2016-2017 that the DEC had already approved.

F. Budget

Ray Noble, Finance Manager, presented a schedule with the Budget for 2017-2018, the Profit & Loss report as of June 30, 2017 and the previous year Budget.

Jaap Russchenberg moved to approve and it was seconded.

Aires Marques (1006), J Division Director, raised a point of information on what the Actual figures represented.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, asked Ray Noble, Finance Manager to answer and he said that the Actual represented the real figures reported to Toastmasters International for the 2016-2017 year.

A point of information on how the split is going to be made for the Spring Conference in Athens.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, asked Ray Noble, Finance Manager to answer and he said that the organizing team was led by Dimitrios Diamantopoulos, Assistant Finance Manager for our District, so we will take care of all the control and then the split will be proportional to the number of attendees from each current District.

Utah Bunde (1027) raised a point of information on the magnitude of Conference expenses in the Budget for this year.

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, asked Ray Noble, Finance Manager to answer and he said that it was due

Since there were no more questions voting took place. There were no votes against and there was 1 abstention.

III. Current District Business

A. District Leadership Committee Report

Valerie Fraser was absent.

B. IT Report

Francesco Fedele did a call to action to ask for volunteers to help the team transition smoothly.

C. Spring 2018 Conference Athens

Dimitrios Diamantopoulos, Assistant Finance Manager and team leader for the organization presented an inspiring video. The District Conference in Spring 2018 will take place in Athens, Greece from 25-27th May.

IV. New Business

A. 2018 Fall Event: Call for Submissions

Chantale Evertsz, Program Quality Director for future District 59, requested ideas / proposals to be submitted to your future PQD before January 31, 2018.

B. Club Growth Awards and PR awards

Siegfried Haack, on behalf of the CGDs, presented the Club Growth Awards.

Barbara Piedade, PR Manager, presented the PR campaign award.

C. Change in the Core Team ???

To confirm the replacement of Chantale Evertsz, Program Quality Director for future District 59 by Marike Dijksterhuis until June 30 a vote was carried with no votes against nor abstentions.

V. Adjournment

Ana Isabel Ferreira, District Director, adjourned the meeting at 11.15 am.

All presentations will be accessible via:

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