

Future Conferences

Motions to be put to the District 72 Executive in Nov 2017

That, effective from 1 July 2018, the duration of the District 72 Annual Conference be three days, commencing on Friday morning and concluding on Sunday afternoon to accommodate the District International, Humorous, Evaluation and Table Topics Speech Contest finals, an educational programme and the District Council Meeting.

That, effective from 1 July 2018, the duration of the District 112 Annual Conference be three days, commencing on Friday morning and concluding on Sunday afternoon to accommodate the District International, Humorous, Evaluation and Table Topics Speech Contest finals, an educational programme and the District Council Meeting.

Background

Toastmasters International has announced that, effective from the 2018 - 2019 Toastmasters year, Districts will hold one annual convention and that the practice of holding a semi-annual convention will cease.

In New Zealand the practice has been to conduct the District finals of the Humorous and Table Topics contests in November and the International and Evaluation contests in May. We are faced with choices. Drop some of the contests from the District calendar (the only contest we are obliged to conduct is the International Speech contest), or devise a way to fit more finals into our annual convention.

The following options were considered:

Option 1:

Length of Conference remain as is, beginning Friday 5pm: with District Executive meeting and District Officer training.
Candidate Showcase

Saturday: to include, official Opening, keynote, one contest. Council Meeting, education, social at night

Sunday: Education, one contest, awards, close 1.30pm

This option means only 2 District Speech finals one of which must be the International

Option 2:

As for Option 1 but with addition of 3rd contest, Humorous to be held at Saturday night dinner.

Option 3:

Current length of Conference and includes usual Friday agenda

Have only the International Speech contest thus allowing more time for education and Council meeting.

Option 4:

Lengthen Conference to 3 days

Friday: begins 10am with Executive meeting and District Officer training with official opening between 1.30 and 2.30pm, Followed by education session, 1 contest and Candidates showcase, any mix and mingle.

Saturday: includes keynote, education, 1 contest council meeting, any awards Saturday night dinner and Humorous Contest.

Sunday: Education, keynote, 1contest, awards. Concludes 1.30pm

This is the preferred option of the Future Conferences Committee.

Rationale:

More time for education and District Council meeting.

Although Toastmasters could be required to have extra time off work there will be an overall reduction in time, travel and accommodation as there is no November Conference,

The inclusion of the Humorous contest at Saturday night dinner should reduce the cost.

Only 1 registration cost per year.

Also allows for all four District Contest finals to take place.