

District Procedures

The committee of David Templeman PID, PDD, Carol Mitchell Parliamentarian, PDD, David O'Brien PQD and Kathryn Duncan CGD have looked at the current district procedures and present the following motions for approval, along with the rationale for these motions. The current procedures can be found at: <https://www.toastmasters.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/District-Procedures-2020-21.pdf>

This is the second round of changes that have been brought to the District Executive Committee. Because they are Operating Procedures, they must also be passed by the District Council.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Motion 1:

“That section B2.3 be amended to:

B2.3 *Each Division is permitted to hold either one or two Division Conferences each year. All Division Conferences must be completed at least four weeks prior to the District Conference. The dates of the intended Division Conferences are to be advised to the District Director-elect by 20 June each year prior to the commencement of their term.”*

Rationale:

This amendment removes the options for specific weekends for each Division to hold its conference(s). The rationale is that the incoming District Team should be allowed to determine how best to run their year and have been elected to do so. All Division Conferences are to be held at least four weeks prior to the District Conference to give the District Officers the time required.

Motion 2:

“That section B3.1b be amended to:

B3.1 *The role of Public Relations Manager is to be an elected role.”*

Rationale:

This amendment removes the words, “commencing with the elections for the 2019/2020 year.” This date has passed so its inclusion is no longer relevant.

Motion 3:

“That section B4.1 be amended to:

B4.1 *The District 72 Conference shall be held on a weekend occurring in April or May.”*

Rationale:

This amendment gives more flexibility to the date of the District Conference. It also removes reference to avoiding the weekend of the District 112 Conference. Although it is nice to hold the District 72 and District 112 conferences on separate weekends, we are separate districts and it should not be a procedure to check with District 112 before setting our dates.

Motion 4:

“That the first paragraph of section B4.7 be amended to:

B4.7 *The District Council, on the recommendation of the District Executive, shall determine the venue and location for the following year’s District conference.”*

Rationale:

This amendment allows the District Council to make a decision based on the most recent information. The conference location will be confirmed at the District Council when the Program Quality Director (PQD) for the following year is elected, which will give continuity to the PQD and conference committee.