

**Toastmasters International  
District 72 District Council Meeting  
Saturday, 15 May 2021, 1pm**

**1 Call meeting to order and welcome**

District Director (DD) Rob Woolley called the meeting to order at 1:15pm and welcomed all present. He explained that the meeting was being recorded to facilitate taking minutes. He also explained the voting process, i.e. by poll.

**2.1 Mission Statement**

Program Quality Director (PQD) David O'Brien read the mission statement.

**2.2 Toastmasters International Values**

PQD David read the Toastmasters International values.

**3 Notice of meeting**

Administration Manager (AM) Erin Daldry read the notice of meeting.

**4 Speaking rights**

**4.1** Only members of the District Council have speaking rights, i.e. Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents Education, Area and Division Directors, AM Erin, Finance Manager (FM) Philip Smith, Public Relations Manager (PRM) Tianyuan Qu, Club Growth Director (CGD) Kathryn Duncan, PQD David and DD Rob.

**4.2** Under Toastmasters International (TI) Policy, DD Rob extended speaking rights to District Parliamentarian (DP) Past District Director Denis McCord, District Technical Officers Tim Law and Bailey Wood, District Leadership Committee (DLC) Chair Esther Haines, Credentials Chair Marina Taylor, Christchurch Conference Chair Brad Grootelaar, Region 12 Advisor Kaylene Ledger, and International Director Lesley Storkey.

**5 Confirmation of quorum**

DP Denis noted that a quorum for the District Council is one third of Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents Education. The District currently has 104 clubs in good standing and, therefore, 208 votes. One third is 69.33 votes, therefore a quorum is 69 votes. However, two Club Vice Presidents Education positions are vacant, resulting in total votes being reduced to 206. One third is 68.66, therefore a quorum is 69 votes. The total number of Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents Education registered is 81. DP Denis confirmed that there is a quorum.

The Executive currently has six Senior Officers, six Division Directors and 24 Area Directors. Present are five Senior Officers, six Division Directors and 18 Area Directors, making a total of 29. There are a total of 110 votes present so a majority is 56.

**6 Apologies**

AM Erin reported apologies from the following District Council members:

- Public Relations Manager, Tianyuan Qu
- Area C3 Director, Pauline Payne
- Area E6 Director, Melissa Wong
- Area G1 Director, Zeena Khan
- Area H2 Director, Kath Cherrie
- Area J4 Director, Genevieve McLachlan
- Capital Breakfast Club

- High Noon Nelson
- Hornby
- Kapi-Mana@Tawa
- Oyster Orators
- Queenstown Club
- Riccarton Club
- Southern Cities Club
- Sunrise Club
- Toast NOW
- U-CAN-SPEAK Club
- Upper Hutt Toastmasters

**Moved that the District Council accepts the apologies**  
**Moved: Richard Taylor, VP Education, Aranui Toastmasters and Area D3**

**7 Changes to and confirmation of agenda and additional items**

- 7.1** Item 15: Finance Manager's Reports is revised to:
- 15.1 Finance Report on Wellington Conference May 2021
  - 15.2a Financial Report as at 31 December 2020
  - 15.2b Financial Report as at 31 March 2021
  - 15.3a Budget for Christchurch Conference 2022
  - 15.3b Financial Report for Christchurch Conference May 2022

- 7.2** Add: Appointment of Officers announced by DD-elect David O'Brien

**8 Minutes of District 72 Council Meeting**

The minutes of 27 September 2020 District Council meeting have been circulated.

**Moved that the minutes of the 27 September 2020 District Council Meeting are a true and correct record**  
**Moved: Graeme Hunt, Area C1**  
**Seconded: Nic van Irsel, Area E5**

At this stage, DD Rob reminded everyone that only officially registered members of the District Council could vote, move or second an item.

**CARRIED**

**9 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**10 Correspondence**

AM Erin stated that there were no items of correspondence concerning issues that need to be addressed by the Council.

## **11 Urgent business**

### **11.1 Confirmation of Officer resignations**

DD Rob announced that he omitted to advise the District Council meeting held on 27 September 2020 that Immediate Past District Director, Diane Isherwood, had resigned from undertaking duties of the Immediate Past District Director.

The following resignations have been received since the District Council held on 27 September 2020:

- Division H Director, Owen Winter
- Area D1 Director, Peter Stikkelman
- Area H3 Director, Glen Pearce
- District Parliamentarian, Carol Mitchell

**Moved that the District Council accepts the resignation of the Officers as listed**

**Moved: Nic van Irsel, Area E5**

**Seconded: Helen Cartmell, VP Education, Hutt Valley**

**CARRIED**

### **11.2 Confirmation of District Officer and Field Officer appointments**

**11.2.1** DD Rob announced that he omitted to announce the following appointments made since the District Council meeting held on 9 May 2020:

- Finance Manager, Philip Smith
- Administration Manager, Erin Daldry
- District Parliamentarian, Carol Mitchell
- Division G Director, Judy Love
- Area C1 Director, Graeme Hunt
- Area C3 Director, Pauline Payne
- Area C4 Director, Kayleen Gilder
- Area D1 Director, Peter Stikkelman
- Area D2 Director, Matthew Jordan
- Area D4 Director, Clare Law
- Area D5 Director, Judith Snelling
- Area E1 Director, Mary Jaksch
- Area E3 Director, Bryan Harrison
- Area E5 Director, Nic van Irsel
- Area E6 Director, Melissa Wong
- Area G1 Director, Zeena Khan
- Area G3 Director, Susanne Krejcek
- Area G4 Director, Anthony Fletcher
- Area G5 Director, Lydia Johnston
- Area H3 Director, Glen Pearce
- Area H4 Director, Mike McKee
- Area J1 Director, Pauline Cook
- Area J2 Director, Gary Nicholson
- Area J3 Director, Carol Wald
- Area J4 Director, Genevieve McLachlan
- Area J5 Director, Rose Wyse
- District Historian, Denis McCord
- District Technical Manager, Tim Law
- District Technical Manager, Bailey Wood
- District Trainer, Helen Cartmell
- District Trainer, Kath Cherrie

**Moved that the District Council approves the appointment of the officers as listed**

**Moved: Rose Wyse, Area J5**

**Seconded: Christopher Keegan, VP Education, Mid City**

**CARRIED**

**11.2.2** The following appointments have been made since the District Council meeting held on 27 September 2020:

- Division H Director, Glen Pearce
- District Parliamentarian, Denis McCord
- Credentials Chair, Marina Taylor
- District Leadership Committee Chair, Esther Haines

**Moved that the District Council confirms the appointment of the officers as listed**

**Moved: Clare Law, Area D4**

**Seconded: Rose Wyse, Area J5**

**CARRIED**

**11.3 Confirmation of new clubs into areas**

Toast IT! By Servian New Zealand has chartered into Area H2 from 5 April 2021. This club will go into Area G3 if the realignment report is approved.

**12 District 72 Realignment Report dated 11 April 2021**

DD Rob explained that this report is being considered before the election because it could affect the number of Division Directors elected.

PQD David presented the District 72 Realignment Report, which can be found on the District 72 website in the Members area under 'Documents' for this District Council meeting.

**Moved that the District 72 Realignment Report be received**

**Moved: David O'Brien, PQD**

**Seconded: Rose Wyse, Area J5**

DD Rob explained that discussion would be one Division at a time.

- **Division C** – President, Dollan House Toastmasters, Shirley Dorsey, asked why Area C2 has only three clubs while Areas C1 and C3 have five. PQD David explained the geography of those three clubs: they are many kilometres from the others. An Area Director would have to travel. He stated that we had permission for that situation. Division C Director Simon Greig stated that Division C is very happy with the realignment.
- **Division D** – Past District Director, Ellie Young began her question but it was ascertained that she did not have speaking rights. (The explanation is because the club of which she is VP Education is not in good standing.) Past Distinguished District Governor, Joy Ackrill objected but also did not have speaking rights. DD Rob allowed PQD David to answer the question about whether the life of an Area Director had been taken into account when putting Area D1 together (which it had). Area H4 Director Mike McKee asked that no-one else without speaking rights be allowed to speak and DD Rob agreed.
- **Division E** – Area E5 Director, Nic van Irsel, updated the Council that Airwaves Toastmasters Club from Area E5 has also closed.
- **Divisions G and H** – no discussion.
- **Division J** – no discussion.

**CARRIED**

DD Rob thanked Past District Governor, Joy Ackrill and Area H4 Director for their comments about speaking rights.

### **13 Election of District Officers for 2021-2022**

#### **13.1 Report of the District Leadership Committee**

DLC Chair Esther Haines presented the DLC report, which can be found on the District 72 website in the Members area under 'Documents' for this District Council meeting. DD Rob thanked Esther and the other members of the DLC: Mary Clarke, Joy Ackrill, Tim Law, Adrian Humphries, Ellie Young and Linda Barnes.

#### **13.2 Election of District Officers**

DD Rob explained that there are uncontested positions so voting would not be required for those positions.

**Moved that, for all uncontested positions, a single vote be recorded for the candidate for each such office**

**Moved: Rob Woolley, DD**

**Seconded: Nic van Irsel, Area E5**

There was no discussion.

**CARRIED**

DD Rob explained that the DLC report is incomplete for the positions of Club Growth Director and Division Directors D, E and H because the required numbers of candidates were not nominated. Therefore, qualified candidates for those position may run from the floor. Anyone intending to stand as a floor candidate was required to register with the District Director seven days before the election. There are floor candidates standing for election; they are eligible and qualified.

##### **13.2.1 Election of District Director**

David O'Brien was the only nominated candidate. There were no floor candidates. One vote was recorded and David was declared District Director. DD Rob congratulated David O'Brien, District Director-elect.

##### **13.2.2 Election of Program Quality Director**

Kathryn Duncan was the only nominated candidate. There were no floor candidates. One vote was recorded and Kathryn was declared Program Quality Director. DD Rob congratulated Kathryn Duncan, Program Quality Director-elect.

##### **13.2.3 Election of Club Growth Director**

There were no nominated candidates. Glen Pearce was the only floor candidate and was nominated by VP Education, Hutt Valley, Helen Cartmell. The nomination was seconded by Area H4 Director, Mike McKee. One vote was recorded and Glen was declared Club Growth Director. DD Rob congratulated Glen Pearce, Club Growth Director-elect.

##### **13.2.4 Election of Public Relations Manager**

Brad Grootelaar was the only nominated candidate. There were no floor candidates. One vote was recorded and Brad was declared Public Relations Manager. DD Rob congratulated Brad Grootelaar, Public Relations Manager-elect.

##### **13.2.5 Election of Division Directors**

DD Rob explained that, following the result of the District 72 Realignment Report, the District now has Divisions C, D, E, G and J.

### **Election of Division C Director**

Leanne Fox was the only nominated candidate. There were no floor candidates. One vote was recorded and Leanne was declared Division C Director. DD Rob congratulated Leanne Fox, Division C Director-elect.

### **Election of Division D Director**

There were no nominated or floor candidates. DD Rob declared the role of Division D Director vacant.

### **Election of Division E Director**

There were no nominated candidates. Mary Jaksch was the only floor candidate and was nominated by Area E5 Director, Nic van Irsel. The nomination was seconded by Area D4 Director, Clare Law. One vote was recorded and Mary was declared Division E Director. DD Rob congratulated Mary Jaksch, Division E Director-elect.

### **Election of Division G Director**

Anthony Fletcher was the only nominated candidate. There were no floor candidates. One vote was recorded and Anthony was declared Division G Director. DD Rob congratulated Anthony Fletcher, Division G Director-elect.

### **Election of Division J Director**

Pauline Cook was the only nominated candidate. There were no floor candidates. One vote was recorded and Pauline was declared Division J Director. DD Rob congratulated Pauline Cook, Division J Director-elect.

## **14 Conference reports**

### **14.1 Report from Wellington Conference May 2021**

PQD David stated that the cancellation of the Silverstream event in September 2020 left District 72 without an in-person event. However, a Toastmasters International (TI) rule change allowed some possibility. The Trio discussed this in January 2021 and, allowing for the fact that all contests had to be online and all Council meetings had to have an online option, the May 2021 event was put together, including a fully online conference with a watch party and a hybrid evening award event. This event has been organised fully by the District Leadership Team rather than a committee, in a little over a month. PQD David thanked the Top Table, the Technical Officers, Bailey Wood and Tim Law, Division G Director, Judy Love (for finding the venue), Area H4 Director, Mike McKee, for agreeing to be the MC, contestants, contest officials and the Rydges events team for putting it all together. The fact that over 50 people are registered per session to attend the watch party and about 60 people to attend the awards dinner proves that the Trio made the right decision to hold this event. He also thanked the membership for supporting this event.

**Moved that the Wellington Conference May 2021 report be received**

**Moved: David O'Brien, PQD**

**Seconded: Richard Taylor, VP Education, Aranui Toastmasters and Area D3**

There was no discussion.

**CARRIED**

## **14.2 Report from Christchurch Conference, May 2022**

Conference Chair, Brad Grootelaar, introduced the 13-15 May 2022 Christchurch Conference and thanked those who have been helping with it: Nic van Irsel, Leonie Wilkinson, Bailey Wood and Alison Thomson. The theme is Celebrating Together. We will be celebrating:

- 60 years since the first club was chartered in New Zealand
- 50 years since the formation of District 72
- Our first, full in-person conference since 2019.

The venue is Rydges Latimer. This was chosen for three reasons:

- Location – central
- Amenities – parking, conference facilities, restaurant, hotel, excellent food
- High level of organisation and responsiveness

The prices for admission are:

- Early Bird: until 30 November 2021 - \$115
- Standard: 1 December to 31 March 2022 - \$145
- Late: 1 April to 6 May 2022 - \$175

The prices for meals are:

- Friday dinner - \$55
- Saturday lunch - \$32
- Dine and dance - \$80

Registrations are now open at [d72conference2022.org](http://d72conference2022.org). The first 50 paid registrations will receive a cup from one of the sponsors, Body and Soul. Brad provided flyers for members to take back to their clubs.

**Moved that the Wellington District Conference May 2021 report be received**

**Moved: Brad Grootelaar, Conference Chair**

**Seconded: Richard Taylor, VP Education, Aranui Toastmasters and Area D3**

Helen Cartmell, VP Education, Hutt Valley Toastmasters asked if there would be a reduced rate for contestants. Brad stated that that was a decision for the Trio or Top Table.

**CARRIED**

## **15 Finance Manager's Reports**

### **15.1 Finance Report for Wellington Conference May 2021**

FM Philip presented the report. The Silverstream conference was cancelled.

- Registrations have been refunded.
- Venue deposit is refunded.
- We are back to net zero.

**Moved that the finance report for the Wellington Conference May 2021 be received**

**Moved: Philip Smith, FM**

**Seconded: Rose Wyse, Area J5**

There was no discussion.

**CARRIED**

## 15.2a Financial Report as at 31 December 2020

### Revenue:

- Ahead of budget but well down on last year. Membership is above budget because of favourable exchange movements.
- Conference deposit was refunded.
- District Store revenue is the last of the badge orders from Australia coming through. District Store is now closed.
- Other is a mix of interest and recovery of 0800 number costs from District 112. There was a windfall with the BNZ refunding overcharged fees and interest of several hundred dollars.

### Expenditure:

- Well down on both last year and on budget.
- Conference relates to refund of registrations for the cancelled conference.
- Marketing was large last year; this year it is a much smaller amount against a lot smaller budget.
- Travel is still our highest expenditure item but is a lot lower now because of online training.
- No Speech Contest revenue was budgeted for and expenditure is a lot lower because we don't have food and venue costs.

### Overall:

- Surplus of \$8,660 against a budgeted deficit of \$1,828. Last year, we almost broke even.
- Available funds: \$71,868 (after deducting the \$16,716 that TI mandate as a minimum reserve).

### Balance sheet:

- Cash dominates our assets.
- Prepayments are deposits, usually for conferences.
- Accounts Receivable are outstanding recovery of 0800 numbers, since been paid.
- Current Assets are a GST refund for the first six months, which has since been received.
- Fixed Assets is down to zero book value
- Liabilities: \$2,537 of invoices and expense claims under Accounts Payable. Of the Accrued Liabilities, half is stale cheques, TI require us to keep on the books.
- Members' funds are \$93,337.

**Moved that the financial report as at 31 December 2020 be received**

**Moved: Philip Smith, FM**

**Seconded: Carol Mitchell, President, Outspoken**

Carl Horn, President, Westport Toastmasters asked how much Zoom costs us. FM Philip stated Zoom is included in the Administration line. He didn't have an exact breakdown and offered to provide that later. However, Administration costs were under budget for that time period. Zoom costs have been higher than expected but we have offset that with saving on printing. Carl asked for further information by text. DD Rob stated that it was about USD650. Carl accepted that answer.

**CARRIED**

## 15.2b Financial Report for Nine Months ended 31 March 2021

FM Philip presented the report.

### Revenue:

- Membership is the major factor. This year, it is below budget but slightly above last year. This is a factor of volume but also foreign exchange rates turning against us.
- Revenue of \$56,495 against budgeted \$61,485 compared with \$68,142 in the previous year. The previous year was bolstered by the District Store and the District Service Charge. The District Service Charge was not made this year.

### Expenditure:

- Marketing is closer to budget but still less than previous years.
- Travel is still below budget; it has been managed well.



- Education and Training has been less than expected. We budgeted for one in-person Club Officer Training event per Division but all were held online. Not all Divisions held the in-person workshops that were budgeted.
- \$28,531 spent against a \$55,312 budget, compared with \$89,444 the previous year.
- Other (-\$2,274 relates to the refund last year of the District Service Charge. This is where we didn't get notified of accounts to pay the refunds to.)
- TI has changed the grouping of expenditure, e.g. Marketing is split into Recognition, Club Growth, and Marketing.
- Public Relations relates to the website and is under budget. We have a new, cheaper website but this incurred costs to get.
- Speech contests costs have been a lot lower. They are negative at the moment because we haven't spent everything we accrued for trophy engraving and awards. These costs have been a lot lower than we were expecting.
- Travel is below budget. We've spent nothing on Lodging.

Overall:

- We budgeted for a surplus of \$6,173 compared with a \$21,302 loss made last year. We currently have a \$27,965 surplus.
- There is \$101,541 available to the District of which TI requires us to keep \$16,716. Therefore, \$84,825 is actually available. TI was originally going to take a portion of the surplus back but COVID-19 has delayed the implementation of that decision. If they enacted that policy at the moment, they would take about \$30,000.

Balance sheet:

- \$3,636 of prepayments for the 2022 conference.
- Other Assets of \$936 is accumulated GST for second half of the year.
- Accounts Payable are invoices received in March, paid in April.
- Members' Funds are \$102,498.

**Moved that the financial report for nine months ended 31 March 2021 be received**

**Moved: Philip Smith, FM**

**Seconded: Lisa Wheeler, Division E**

Celina Templeman, VP Education, Bay Harbour Toastmasters asked exactly what the website upgrade cost and whether it was tendered out. DD Rob explained that it was \$1400 and was not tendered. He elaborated that the old website used to cost around \$400/month, including a spam filter plus website hosting. We had to keep the old site while the new one was being developed, i.e. until the end of March. The new website will cost less than \$80/month.

Peter Scholtens, VP Education, Capital Chatterers complimented FM Philip on the clarity of accounts and narrative, and on the surplus. He thanked District for the answers to his questions before the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**15.3a Budget for Christchurch Conference May 2022**

FM Philip presented the report.

- Income budgeted is \$30,070 including GST.
- Expenses are \$29,940 including GST.
- Budgeting for \$130 surplus including GST.
- Venue deposit has been made.
- Dance is a fixed cost, whereas Dine is variable depending on registrations.
- Budget compares to similar conferences.

**Moved that the budget for Christchurch Conference May 2022 be received**

**Moved: Philip Smith, FM**

**Seconded: Simon Greig, Division C**

There was no discussion.

**CARRIED**

**15.3b Finance Report for Christchurch Conference May 2022**

FM Philip presented the report.

- We've paid a deposit for the venue (\$2,133) and for a website (\$317), making a total of \$2,450 expenditure so far. Held on balance sheet until the conference occurs.
- No registrations so far. (They have just opened.)

**Moved that the finance report for Christchurch Conference May 2022 be received**

**Moved: Philip Smith, FM**

**Seconded: Karen Lynley, VP Education, Cup Cake Communicators**

There was no discussion.

**CARRIED**

**16 District Semi-Annual Audit Committee Report**

AM Erin read the report from the District Audit Committee Chair, Nicola Green covering the period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020.

“The District Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and substantiating whether District funds have been spent in accordance with the mission and governing documents of Toastmasters. The audit for the 6 months ended 31 December 2020 was completed in February 2021. The committee verified that all expense claims were appropriately approved with supporting documentation and are satisfied there was no unauthorised use of funds. The District financial reports accurately reflect District income and expenses.

Toastmasters WHQ Audit Committee Guidelines have been fully complied with for the 6 months ended 31 December 2020. An audit was not completed in line with NZ auditing standards as there is no requirement to do so.

Nicola Green

Head of District Audit Committee”

**Moved that the District Semi-Annual Audit Committee Report be received**

**Moved: Emily-Jane Wilmott, President, Hutt City Toastmasters**

**Seconded: Mary Clarke, President, NZ Transport Agency Toastmaster and Division J**

There was no discussion.

**CARRIED**

DD Rob thanked Nicola Green and the other members of the committee.

## 17 Senior District Officer Reports

DD Rob called on the Senior Officers to present their reports.

### 17.1 Division Directors Reports

#### Division C Director Report

Division C Director Simon Greig presented his report with the following updates:

- On 29 April, Tairei Club held its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, which went very well.
- On 29 April, a Show Don't Tell Evening was conducted by Dunedin clubs. The result of it cannot be measured but it's hoped that Dunedin clubs will see the benefits of people understanding what Toastmasters is.
- Ian Galloway, who was instrumental in starting Toastmasters in New Zealand, died in Dunedin recently. Ian was made a patron of Dunedin Club in 1988 and was awarded the Communication and Leadership Award for his contribution to Toastmasters.
- Kayleen Gilder has been awarded the Division C Area Director of the Year award for her brilliant work organising contests. She has been in Toastmasters only two years.

**Moved his report be received**

#### Division D Director Report

Division D Director Brad Grootelaar presented his report as tabled.

**Moved his report be received**

#### Division E Director Report

Division E Director Lisa Wheeler presented her report as tabled.

**Moved her report be received**

#### Division G Director Report

Division G Director Judy Love presented her report as tabled.

**Moved her report be received**

#### Division H Director Report

Division H Director Glen Pearce presented his report with the following verbal updates:

- TradeMe Club has closed.

**Moved his report be received**

#### Division J Director Report

Division J Director Mary Clarke presented her report as tabled.

**Moved her report be received**

**Seconded: Rose Wyse, Area J5**

### 17.2 Public Relations Manager Report

In his absence, AM Erin presented PRM Tianyuan Qu's report as tabled.

**Moved his report be received**

**Seconded: Richard Taylor, VP Education, Aranui Toastmasters and Area D3**

### 17.3 Club Growth Director Report

GCD Kathryn presented her report with the following update:

- Toast IT! By Servian New Zealand has chartered and will be moved into Area G3 next year.

**Moved her report be received**

**Seconded: Clare Law, D4**

**17.4 Programme Quality Director Report**  
PQD David presented his report as tabled.

**Moved his report be received**  
**Seconded: Mary Clarke, President, NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters and Division J**

**17.5 District Director Report**  
DD Rob presented his report as tabled.

**Moved his report be received**  
**Seconded: Graeme Hunt, Area C1**

There was no discussion on these reports.

**CARRIED**

**18 District 72 Procedures**

**18.1 Motions for District 72 Operating Procedures**

DD Rob explained how procedures are altered. CGD Kathryn presented the District Procedures Report, which had been on the District website, listing the motion to amend from the District Procedures Committee. The rationale for these was published in the order papers for this meeting.

**Moved that Motions 1-4 to amend District Procedures be received**  
**Moved: Kathryn Duncan, CGD**  
**Seconded: Clare Law, Area D4**  
**CARRIED**

DD Rob called for discussion and stated that each speaker is limited to speaking once and for two minutes.

**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."*

There was no discussion.

**Moved: Nic van Irsel, Area E5**  
**Seconded: Rose Wyse, Area J5**  
**CARRIED**

**Motion 2:**

*"That section B3.1b be amended to:*

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

There was no discussion.

**Moved: Helen Cartmell, VP Education, Hutt Valley Toastmasters**  
**Seconded: Shirley Dorsey, President, Dollan House Toastmasters**  
**CARRIED**

**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."*

Helen Cartmell, VP Education, Hutt Valley Toastmasters questioned this motion given that there is a choice of four weekends in May and earlier conferences will put pressure on Division conferences. She opposed the motion. CGD Kathryn conceded that this was a good point that hadn't been considered. She agreed that this should be left as May.

DD Rob commented that the District is allowed to hold the conference far earlier than May according to the TI governing documents so this motion is aligning with those.

Celina Templeman, VP Education, Bay Harbour Toastmasters concurred with Helen but brought up the fact that some of the members are dual members with District 112. She stated that it was unfair to disregard District 112's dates. She also added that District 87 (Indonesia) holds its conference around the second weekend in April. CGD Kathryn stated that the committee talked about this at length and had discovered that District 112 had set its dates without reference to us. She stated that members can be dual members with many other districts.

Shirley Dorsey, Dollan House Toastmasters asked us to be mindful of public holidays and celebrations that occur in April and May. She thought it was courteous to reach out to fellow Toastmasters to ensure we don't clash. CGD Kathryn did not respond.

Sian Farr, President and VP Education, Toast Health supported Helen's point and explained that, internationally, they don't have Easter holidays so they are not impacted in the same way. Pushing a District conference to the beginning of April puts the Division conferences at the beginning of March when a lot of people are still going to be on leave or just coming back. CGD Kathryn did not respond.

PQD David commented that this *allows* the District conference to be held in April; it does not *require* that it be held then. District leadership still decides.

**Moved: Clare Law, Area D4**

**Seconded: Lisa Wheeler, Division E**

**CARRIED**

**Celina Templeman asked to be noted as a NO**

**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."*

Helen Cartmell, VP Education, Hutt Valley Toastmasters expressed concern that not long enough has been left to organise a large, face-to-face conferences. We should be able to hand over between committees. CGD Kathryn had no response but explained that the PQD needs to be involved with the committee. She thanked Helen for her comments.

Area H4 Director, Mike McKee, asked if the committee starting organisation of a conference two years ahead would be in limbo until the correct PQD is elected. He reminded District that we are dealing with volunteers who give their own time. CGD Kathryn declined to respond.

Area G4 Director, Anthony Fletcher, asked what the procedure used to say. DD Rob replied with "It is desirable that the location of the District Conference is to be determined at least

two years in advance by the District Council on the recommendation of the District Executive.” He explained that this issue has been raised in other Districts. He stated that past bids have been received based on promotion of the venue and the entertainment, etc without knowing how much it would cost. The new team inherits a decision based on lack of information. Overseas, this has created financial issues when the budget has been released for already approved conferences that are incredibly costly for the district to afford and for members to attend. Future conference bids would need to have much more information than they do at the moment.

PQD David pointed out that part of the bid process is that the bidder has a venue tentatively booked, even at a year out. It’s not until it’s passed at the District Council that you can go ahead.

Carol Mitchell, President, Outspoken Toastmasters clarified the rationale. Firstly, this motion doesn’t remove the fact that people can bid early. She also reminded the meeting that there are two District Council meetings per year and the decision can be made at either. She stated that, in the last couple of years, we have not had bids at this time and this allows the District Council to appoint a location and venue if no bids have been received.

Celina Templeman, VP Education, Bay Harbour Toastmasters stated that TI queries us having a conference booked two years in advance because other places only book a year in advance. She stated that our practice is against TI guidelines or protocol or policy “as you will”. DD Rob asked Celina to quote that. She was unable to and deferred to Kaylene Ledger, Region 12 Advisor.

Kaylene stated that this issue has been raised to World Headquarters before. They have stated that we shouldn’t be binding future district executives into decisions. 1 July should be the earliest we should be setting the venue. No specific reference in the governing documents was given by Kaylene.

District Parliamentarian, Denis quoted from Article Xa: Regular Meetings.  
“The District Council shall hold at least two (2) meetings during each year, with the exact number and schedule of meetings to be fixed by the District Council. One meeting shall be called the “annual meeting,” and shall be held in person (unless otherwise instructed by the Board of Directors) between March 15 and June 1. Additional meetings are conducted online. Notice of any meeting shall be sent in writing to all District Council members at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of such meeting.”  
He emphasised that the span of time is wider than the meeting had been talking about.

**Moved: Mary Clarke, President, NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters and Division J**  
**Seconded: Rose Wyse, Area J5**  
**CARRIED**  
**Celina Templeman and Mike McKee asked to be noted as a NO**

**19 General Business**

**19.1** Announcement of the 2021-2022 District Officer Appointments

District Director-elect David announced his appointments.

- Area C1 Director, Doug Fraser
- Area C4 Director, Craig McGregor
- Area D4 Director, Russell Hazelwood
- Area D5 Director, Marie Muhl
- Area E1 Director, Erik Roeper
- Area E5 Director, Sun Kim
- Area G4 Director, Daniel Malpass
- Area G7 Director, Lisa Doyle
- Administration Manager, Kayleen Gilder
- District Parliamentarian, Carol Mitchell
- District Historian, Denis McCord
- District Trainer, Helen Cartmell
- District Trainer, Kath Cherrie
- Technical Support Manager, Tim Law
- Technical Support Manager, Bailey Wood

Because these names have not spent the required time on the District website, they cannot be approved by this District Council. They will be approved at the next District Council meeting.

**20 Announcements**

**20.1** The next District Council meeting will be held as a virtual meeting on Sunday, 12 September 2021.

**20.2** The next District 72 Executive Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, 4 July 2021.

DD Rob thanked all attendees and thanked the District for the opportunity he has had in the last 12 months.

**21** The meeting closed at 4pm.

**Minutes signed:**

**Name: Rob Woolley, District Director, 45c Neill Street, Hornby, Christchurch**

**Date:**

**Name: Philip Smith, Finance Manager, 25 Birdwood Street, Lower Hutt**

**Date:**

## Appendix 1: District Council meeting attendance/registration – 15 May 2021

### District Officer Attendance

District Director	Rob Woolley
Programme Quality Director	David O'Brien
Club Growth Director	Kathryn Duncan
Finance Manager	Philip Smith
Administration Manager	Erin Daldry
District Parliamentarian	Denis McCord
Division C Director	Simon Greig
Division D Director	Brad Grootelaar
Division E Director	Lisa Wheeler
Division G Director	Judy Love
Division H Director	Owen Winter
Division J Director	Mary Clarke
Area C1 Director	Graeme Hunt
Area C4 Director	Kayleen Gilder
Area D3 Director	Richard Taylor
Area D4 Director	Clare Law
Area D5 Director	Judith Snelling
Area E1 Director	Mary Jaksch
Area E3 Director	Bryan Harrison
Area E5 Director	Nic van Irsel
Area G2 Director	Erin Rose
Area G3 Director	Susanne Krejcek
Area G4 Director	Anthony Fletcher
Area G5 Director	Lydia Johnston
Area H4 Director	Mike McKee
Area J1 Director	Pauline Cook
Area J2 Director	Gary Nicholson
Area J3 Director	Carol Wald
Area J5 Director	Rose Wyse

### Club Attendance

Alphabet Athletic	President
Alpine Toastmasters	President
Aranui Toastmasters	President, VP Education
Ashburton	VP Education
Avon Club	VP Education
Bay Harbour Toastmasters	VP Education
Boaters Club	President, VP Education
Business Breakfast Club	President
Capital Chatterers Club	President, VP Education
Christchurch Athenians Toastmasters	VP Education
Christchurch Club	President
Christchurch Womens' Club Toastmasters	President
Churton Park Toastmasters	President
Cook Strait Toastmasters	VP Education
Cup Cake Communicators	VP Education
Dollan House Toastmasters	President
Dunedin Toastmasters	President, VP Education
Fearbusters	President
Foveaux Club	President, VP Education



Gracefield Toastmasters Club	VP Education
Grand Club	VP Education
Greymouth	President
High Noon Bankers	President
Hutt City Toastmasters	President
Hutt Valley Toastmasters	VP Education
Karori Club	President, VP Education
Liffey Club	VP Education
Mid City Toastmasters	President, VP Education
Mount Victoria Toastmasters Club	VP Education
Nelson Madhatters Club	President
Newlands Toastmasters	President, VP Education
Newtown Toastmasters	VP Education
NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters	President, VP Education
Oamaru Toastmasters	VP Education
Ohariu Toastmasters Club	President, VP Education
OUTSpoken Toastmasters	President, VP Education
Paekakariki Early Birds	VP Education
Peninsula Presenters	VP Education
Police Toastmasters Club	VP Education
Porirua Central	VP Education
Rangiora Club	President
Silverstream Toastmasters	President, VP Education
Speak-Easy Club	President, VP Education
Spinnaker Toastmasters Club	President
Sunbelt Speakers Club	President, VP Education
Sunday Afternoon	President
Tabletalk Toastmasters	President
Taieri Club	VP Education
Te Puni Kōrero Toastmasters	President
Toast Health	President, VP Education
Toastmasters of Waikanae	President
Toastmasters of Wairarapa	VP Education
Turbine Talkers Club	President, VP Education
Up Top Club	VP Education
Victoria Toastmasters Club (Christchurch)	VP Education
Wadestown	President, VP Education
Wainuiomata Toastmasters	President
Wanaka Toastmasters	VP Education
Wavecrest Club	VP Education
Wellington Club	President, VP Education
Westport	President, VP Education
WOW Club	President

### **Other Attendance\***

Alan Martin	Kapi-Mana@Tawa
Alister Forsyth	Wainuiomata Toastmasters
Andrew Bickerton	High Noon Bankers
Bailey Wood	District Technical Manager
Beatrice Garcia	
Chinmay Bhagvagar	Ohariu Toastmasters
Christine Flood	Hutt City Toastmasters
Craig McGregor	Dunedin Toastmasters Club
David Templeman	Bay Harbour

Diego Nacu  
Eleonora Negrin  
Elizabeth de Jongh  
Ellie Young  
Joan Preston  
Jonathon Darby  
Joy Ackrill  
Julie Yee  
Kaylene Ledger  
Laura Bruce  
Lesley Storkey  
Mareen Ramsay  
Mariya Somenova  
Merlyn Bonaparte  
Michael Flaus  
Nick Barnett  
Paulo Tomko  
Raewyn Hunt  
Robert Green  
Sanjukta Samom  
Steve Brown  
Sue Hoseit  
Sun Kim  
Tania Fraser  
Tasha O'Brien  
Toby Petterson  
Tony Cross  
Wayne Christensen

Ohariu Toastmasters  
DIAlogue  
Christchurch Women's Club Toastmasters  
Christchurch Speechcraft  
Alan Martin's guest  
District 112  
Turbine Talkers  
Toast Health  
Region 12 Advisor  
Capital Chatterers  
International Director  
Fearbusters

Porirua Central  
Wellington Club  
Toastmasters of Waikanae

Foveaux Club  
District 69  
Hutt Valley Toastmasters  
Upper Hutt  
Dunedin Toastmasters Club  
Bishopdale  
Silverstream  
David O'Brien's guest  
Churton Park  
Kapi-Mana@Tawa  
Queenstown Club

\*This list might not be exhaustive/accurate because of the way some participants named themselves on Zoom.