



# District Director Report

5/10/2021

Our first fully virtual District Council meeting was held on 12 September and apart from a few technical and script errors, I felt it went very well. Not being able to talk directly with the District Parliamentarian was a challenge but also a great learning opportunity for myself as District Director.

We currently only have a vacancy for Area E3 on the District Leadership Team as I appointed a Division D Director, and Area G1 Director.

The rest of the team is starting to build a very good working culture.

Having the budget pass relatively easily at the District Council Meeting was a huge relief. District has completed the budget, District success plan and financial requirements for TI and the team can get on with running the District.

The recently held WOW weekend which involved online presentations from PIP Lark Doley, 2013 world champion Pres Vesilev, past Region 12 ID David Templeman and 1996 world champion David Nottage was a huge success and I thank our PQD Kathryn Duncan, CGD Glen Pearce and PRM Brad Grootelaar for their hard work organizing this event. The feedback from those who attended was that it was well received and that they like the format of 4 1/2 sessions over the two days, and while there is room for improvement, we are more than happy with the result.

The covid situation is still as present as it has been for the last 18 months and will continue to impact what we do for the foreseeable future; this makes decision making extremely challenging as we have to have back up plans in case of a lockdown situation, however at the moment most clubs are meeting in person and hopefully we will start to see a rise in membership as clubs are more active in marketing their clubs.

As we settle into this next period of the toastmaster's year, the District will start to focus more on delivering what we need to do to build membership and help members achieve their educational and leadership awards.

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