



**Minutes for District Council Meeting held on - Saturday, 09 May 2020**  
**Venue: Zoom Meeting**

1.	Call To Order	Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, called the meeting to order and handed control over to the District Director, Nikki Quinn DTM.
2.	Welcome and Introductions	<p>The District Director as Meeting Chairman welcomed everyone to the first District Council Meeting for the year 2019-2020 Toastmasters year.</p> <p>This meeting serves two purposes: it is primarily to conduct the business of the District and also serves as an educational session for all Toastmasters.</p> <p>Chairman introduced Cabinet Members followed by the Division Directors. Cabinet Members and Division Directors form the <b>District 74 Directorate</b>.</p> <p>Chairman then recognized Area Directors present on the day. The Cabinet Members, Division Directors and Area Directors form <b>District 74 Executive Committee</b>.</p> <p>Chairman then recognized Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents of Education present on the day. The Cabinet Members, Division Directors, Area Directors, Club Presidents and Club Vice Presidents of Education form <b>District 74 Council</b>.</p>

		Past District Governors, Past District Directors, District Coordinators, Guests from other Districts and members present on the day were also recognized and welcomed by the Chairman.
3.	Credentials Committee Chair Report	Credentials Committee Chair, Karen Armour DTM, presented the Credentials Committee Report and confirmed to the District Council that Quorum was met.
4.	Parliamentarian Address	<p>Our method of business refers to several documents in the following order of priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Toastmasters International Articles of Incorporation.</li> <li>● Special Instructions from the Board of Directors.</li> <li>● District Administrative ByLaws.</li> <li>● Roberts Rules of Order.</li> <li>● Standing Rules laid down in our District Code of Practice.</li> </ul> <p><u>District Standing Rules for this meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All Toastmasters have the right of attendance at this meeting.</li> <li>● The right to speak during this meeting, however, is reserved for Members of Council and PDG's and PDDs in active service, but all of these people must have registered with the Credentials Officer. In the case of an online meeting, all should have signed the attendance register.</li> <li>● Observers may speak if the Chairman so authorises but priority will obviously be given to Members of Council.</li> <li>● Please keep discussion as concise as possible. We have specified time limits and must work within these time limits.</li> <li>● Please ensure that you are muted when you are not speaking. The Administration Manager has been instructed to mute everyone.</li> <li>● Please wait until the Chairman recognizes you before speaking.</li> <li>● Speakers are limited to two minutes to ask questions and/or make statements.</li> <li>● The Chairman reserves the rights to mute members as and when it is required.</li> </ul>
5.	Adoption of the Agenda	<p>Nomonde Booi (Area Director) proposed that since reports were published and members of the Council had enough time to go through them, for this meeting only two reports be presented and those reports being the District Director's Report and the Finance Manager's Report.</p> <p>Andrew Tsuru (Club President) and Kage Kgobero (Division Director) seconded the motion. A poll was conducted with 189 members of Council in support of the motion and 26 members of Council against the motion.</p>

		Agenda adopted with the proposed amendment.
6.	Minutes of the previous meeting	There was no objection nor arising matters from the minutes of the previous Council Meeting.
7.	District Director & Finance Manager Reports	<p>The District Director and the Finance Manager presented their reports to the District Council.</p> <p>Both reports were proposed and seconded by members of the District Council.</p> <p>Two polls were conducted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adoption of Finance Manager Report Poll <p style="margin-left: 40px;">TOTAL VOTES: 214 Voted for the adoption of the report: 212 Voted against the adoption of the report: 2</p> </li> <li>2. Adoption of The District Director Report Poll <p style="margin-left: 40px;">TOTAL VOTES: 201 Voted for the adoption of the report: 199 Voted against the adoption of the report: 2</p> </li> </ol>
8.	District Alignment Report	<p>The District Alignment Chair, Thandwefika Tshabalala, presented the background and motivation for the alignment.</p> <p>The report was open for questions and/or comments.</p> <p>Rick proposed amendment to the letters = TO MY LEADRSHP Andree Venter seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion was debated with a limit of 1 minute per person.</p> <p>The proposed amendment was adopted by an overwhelming majority over a poll.</p> <p>The District Council then voted on the adoption of the amended motion.</p>

		<p>73% of the Council Members voted in favour of the motion and 27% voted against the motion.</p> <p>New alignment was adopted.</p>
9.	District Leadership Committee (DLC) Report	Frank Tsuru DTM presented the DLC report to the District Council.
10	District Elections	<p><b>District Director Elections</b></p> <p>Merryl Jubber DTM was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.</p> <p>Merryl Jubber DTM was voted as the 2020/2021 District Director.</p> <p><b>Program Quality Director Elections</b></p> <p>Njabulo Thela DTM was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.</p> <p>Njabulo Thela DTM was voted as the 2020/2021 Program Quality Director.</p> <p><b>Club Growth Director Elections</b></p> <p>Joel Gombera was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.</p> <p>Joel Gombera was voted as the 2020/2021 Club Growth Director.</p> <p><b>Public Relations Manager Elections</b></p> <p>Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 178 votes were casted</li> <li>● Kage Kgobero received 87 votes</li> <li>● Maud Nale received 91 votes</li> </ul>

Maud Nale was voted as the 2020/2021 District Public Relations Manager

#### **Administration Manager Elections**

Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:

- 173 votes were casted
- Franz Devantier received 66 votes
- Lazola Belle DTM received 107 votes

Lazola Belle DTM was voted as the 2020/2021 District Administration Manager

#### **Finance Manager Elections**

Jazzmin Hecht DTM was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.

Jazzmin Hecht DTM was voted as the 2020/2021 Finance Manager.

#### **Division A Elections**

Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:

- 162 votes were casted
- Maleisamane Masemola received 34 votes
- Vusi Maupa received 100 votes
- Lebogang Mogolane received 28 votes

Vusi Maupa was voted as the 2020/2021 Division A Director

#### **Division D Elections**

Sharlene Cassel-Ross DTM was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.

Sharlene Cassel-Ross DTM was voted as the 2020/2021 Division D Director.

**Division E Elections**

Mimi Makapula was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.

Mimi Makapula was voted as the 2020/2021 Division E Director.

**Division H Elections**

Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:

- 156 votes were casted
- Enias Chingwe received 73 votes
- Elaine O’Gorman received 83 votes

Elaine O’Gorman DTM was voted as the 2020/2021 Division H Director

**Division L Elections**

Lucinda Harman was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.

Lucinda Harman was voted as the 2020/2021 Division L Director.

**Division M Elections**

Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:

- 150 votes were casted
- Patience Chisanga received 103 votes
- James Chiumia received 47 votes

Patience Chisanga was voted as the 2020/2021 Division M Director

**Division O Elections**

Thato Raphael was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.

Thato Raphael was voted as the 2020/2021 Division O Director.

**Division P Elections**

Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:

- 144 votes were casted
- Eric Kaila received 60 votes
- Joanne Schmitt received 84 votes

Joanne Schmitt was voted as the 2020/2021 Division P Director

**Division R Elections**

Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:

- 142 votes were casted
- Fungai Mtisi DTM received 69 votes
- Trynos Dongo received 73 votes

Trynos Dongo was voted as the 2020/2021 Division R Director

**Division S Elections**

Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:

- 133 votes were casted
- Sandile Selaule received 75 votes
- Andree Venter received 58 votes

		<p>Sandile Selaule was voted as the 2020/2021 Division S Director</p> <p><b>Division T Elections</b></p> <p>Gavin Chisholm was the only candidate. District Administration Manager, Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa, casted a vote on behalf of the District Council.</p> <p>Gavin Chisholm was voted as the 2020/2021 Division T Director.</p> <p><b>Division Y Elections</b></p> <p>Members of the District Council voted and the votes were distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 124 votes were casted</li> <li>● James Chiumia received 36 votes</li> <li>● Lungile Hlatswayo received 88 votes</li> </ul> <p>Lungile Hlatswayo was voted as the 2020/2021 Division Y Director</p>
11	Motions	<p>We received two motions.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>I move that the District Director appoints the District Logistic Manager as an additional member of Cabinet.</p> <p><b>Justification:</b></p> <p>Currently, each office manages their own logistics. Centralizing logistics will help the team to be more focused and reduce the amount of work required for attending to role specific logistics.</p>



		<p>There is no District Leadership Credit for serving as the District Logistic Manager and making the role an elected position may create confusion.</p> <p><b>Proposer:</b> Gaoretelelwe Molebalwa DTM, District Administration Manager <b>Secunder:</b> Andrew Tsuru DTM, Club President</p> <p>The District Parliamentarian highlighted that this already exists in the Code of Practice.</p> <p>There was nothing more to add to what is already in the Code of Practice and therefore there was no need to vote.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>I move that the District Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rescinds the motion passed by District Council by electronic vote (following the meeting on 15 September 2019) to reduce the mileage rate to \$0.14/mile.</li><li>2. Amends paragraph 5.ii of Section 7.6 of the District Code of Practice to:</li></ol> <p>“The mileage incurred at a rate set by the District Finance Manager, in consultation with the District Director, that is within the current United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard business rate and within the District’s budget, with the additional limitation that the total mileage cost should be limited by a reasonable alternative, such as the airfare travel to the same destination;</p> <p><b>Justification:</b></p> <p>Earlier in the current Toastmasters year (in an electronic vote following the non-quate September District Council meeting), District 74 changed its mileage/travel re-imburement rate from ZAR3,05/km to the ZAR equivalent of US\$0.14/mile on the date of travel which is the current charitable standard mileage rate in effect for federal income tax purposes by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS)</p> <p>However, Toastmasters International has since revised its policy to read as follows:For non-United States citizens residing outside of the United States, reimbursement is governed by local regulations and/or District policy, not to exceed the current IRS standard business rate. Reimbursement rates and amounts should fall within what is budgeted for the 2019-2020 term.</p>
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13.	Date of next District Council Meeting	The next District Council Meeting will take place in September 2020
14.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned.