

MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IN TWEED HEADS NSW ON SATURDAY & Sunday 4th & 5th MAY 2013
At the Twin Towns Services Club Tweed Heads NSW

Opened 9:26 am by Ian McLaren SAA reading the Mission and presenting the District Governor with the Mace

Present:

District Executive members: District Governor Charlie Starrett DTM, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Carolyn Phillips DTM, Lieutenant Governor Marketing Ian Pinker DTM, IPDG John Kay DTM, PRO David Burston ACB-ALB, District Secretary Ingrid Duane DTM, District Treasurer John Sells DTM (non- voting members: Parliamentarian Graham Miller DTM , SAA Ian McLaren ACG-CL)

Division Governors: Central, Eastern, Metro, Southern, Western

Area Governors :

1,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,17,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,32,33,34,35,37,38

Clubs:

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| 80 George Goalsetters (1P) | API ((2) | ACS(1) |
| Adventurers (1) | Agile (1) | Algester (1,1P) |
| Alpha Endeavour (2) | Ballina (1,1P) | BeChange (2) |
| Bechtel Brisbane (1,1P) | Boyd Park (2P) | Bribie (2P) |
| Brisbane Central (1,1P) | Brisbane CC (1,1P) | Broadwater(2) |
| Browns Plains (1P) | Buderim Mountain (1,1P) | Bunya Club (2P) |
| Business Focus (2P) | Byron Cavanbah (1P) | Caboolture (2P) |
| Caloundra (2) | Capalaba(2P) | Carina (2) |
| Centenary (2P) | Chinchilla (2) | City Midday (2) |
| City of Ipswich (1,1P) | Compass (2) | Cooloola Coast (1P) |
| Cooroy (2P) | Country Chatters (1,1P) | Crest (1P) |
| Daisy Hill (1,1P) | Darling Downs (1,1P) | DC (2P) |
| Downunder ((2) | Elanora Early Morning ((1.1P) | |
| Fraser Coast (2P) | Glasshouse (2) | Glenn Innes (2) |
| Gold Coast (1,1P) | Healthy Chatterers ((2) | Helensvale Daybreak ((2P) |
| Hervey Bay (2) | Indooroopilly (1,1P) | Inside Edge (1,1P) |
| Inverell (1,1P) | Inverell B'fast (1,1P) | Ipswich (2) |
| Islander (1,1P) | Jacaranda 2000 (1,1P) | Jimboomba (2P) |
| Kawana Waters ((2) | Kenmore (2) | Kickstart Cairns (2P) |
| Kilcoy (2) | Kings (1,1P) | Leaders by Design (2) |
| Lennox Lightning (2) | Lockyer Valley ((2) | Logan (1,1P) |
| Marlin Coast (2) | Maryborough (1,1P) | Mercury;s Motivators ((2) |
| Mighty Clarence (2) | Morning Stars (1,1P) | Morning Talkers (1P) |
| Mt Sheridan (1) | Mullum Magic (1,1P) | Nambour (1,1P) |
| Narangba Valley (1) | Nerang (2) | Northern Nomads (1) |
| Oasis (2) | Palm Beach Currr (2) | Peninsula (2) |
| Pines (2) | QR (1) | RBWH (1) |
| Robina (2) | | |

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| Robina Sunrise((1P) | Rockhampton (1P) | Rocky Mouth (1P) |
| Roma & Dist (1,1P) | Runaway 2000 (2) | Sandgate (2P) |
| SeeChange (1,1P) | Serendipity (1) | South Burnett (2P) |
| Southbank (2) | Southern Cross (1,1P) | Southport (2P) |
| Southport End (1,1P) | Speak Easy (2) | Speak N Jest (1.1P) |
| Stafford Heights (2P) | Summerland (1,1P) | Sunnybank (1,1P) |
| Sunrise (2) | Sunshine Coast (2P) | Tamborine Mountain (2) |
| Talk of the Bay (2P) | | |
| Talk of the North (1,1P) | Talk of the South (1,1P) | Tamborine Mtn (1,1P) |
| Telstra Transit (1,1P) | Toowoomba City (2P) | Top Table (2P) |
| Townsville (2P) | Townsville CC (2P) | Townsville Univ (2P) |
| Tropic City 1,1P) | TT (2) | Tweed Valley (2) |
| Twin Towns (1,1P) | Uniting (2) | Upper Mt Gravatt (2) |
| USC Speakers (1,1P) | WEBLEC (2) | Western Suburbs (2P) |
| Westgate (1,1P) | Westpac Vaigana ((1) | Whitsunday (1) |
| Wine & Dine (1,1P) | Yamba Yabbies (2) | Young Achievers (2) |

District Governor Charlie Starrett opened the District 69 Council meeting and called on District Secretary Ingrid Duane to read the Notice of the Meeting and called for one Minute silence to honour members who passed away since the last Council Meeting in November 2012 (Morrie Hee, Chris Kerlake, Brian Cairns, Lisa Bean, Claudette Patterson)

The District Governor acknowledged the presence of the District 70 Governor Jan Vecchio DTM and welcomed her to the meeting.

The following Past District Governors were acknowledged and welcomed these to the meeting: IPDG John Kay DTM, Col McFarlane DTM, Dianne Riddell DTM I, PID Clare Murphy DTM, Barrie Fuller DTM Regional 12 Advisor, Charles Harrison DTM, PID Mike Storkey DTM, Heather Rhead DTM, Sandra Simpson DTM, David Bowden DTM, Trish Springsteen DTM, Bob Simpson DTM, Lesley Storkey DTM, Coral McVean DTM, Bruce George DTM,

D70 PDGs: Sue Haynes DTM, Nick Rinaldi DTM, Elizabeth Wilson DTM, PID Gary Wilson DTM.

The District Governor welcomed all members and guests with a special welcome to First Timers and asked them to stand.

Members at the top table were introduced to the meeting:

LGET Carolyn Phillips DTM, LGM Ian Pinker DTM, PRO David Burston ACB-ALB , District Secretary Ingrid Duane DTM, District Treasurer John Sells DTM, District Parliamentarian Graham Miller DTM,

Quorum:

The District 69 Parliamentarian, Graham Miller DTM, advised that the District Council meeting had 376 potential club voting delegates, and required 126 voting delegates to

establish a quorum. There were 206 voting delegates registered, therefore a quorum was established. There are also 37 members of the District Executive present and voting. This is a total voting strength of 243 which means that 122 votes are needed for a majority. (Formula: As Per District Administrative Bylaws: One third of the Club Presidents and VPEs in District 69. One half of 188 x 2 needs 126 for a quorum.)

A Quorum was established for this meeting.

Voting procedure was explained to the meeting by the District Governor.

Apologies:

Tom Smith ACS VPE, TM, Rose Chant PDG, Robert Stevens A29G (Saturday) John Scouller DTM PDG Sandgate, Terry Sheppard DTM Daisy Hill VPE
Moved Phillip Bate DTM, "that the Apologies be accepted", seconded Fran Kay DTM, C Div. Governor. The Motion was Carried

Minutes of last District Council Meeting:

Minutes of the previous District Council Meeting from 10th November 2012 were tabled and presented in the Meeting booklet.

Ingrid Duane DTM District Secretary moved "that the Minutes as tabled and circulated be confirmed as a true and accurate record"; seconded Bevin Irvine (Tropic City). The Motion was Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

1. Letter sent to TI regarding Judges training considered as an additional item towards a Leadership Award and the position of Webmaster being added as a club executive roles.

This was actioned by PDG PDG John Kay DTM and still awaiting confirmation from the Board of International Directors.

2. In regards District 69 Council requesting Past International Director Clare Murphy to develop on their behalf and submit to World Headquarters and where necessary to Toastmasters International Board of Directors submissions and proposals in relation to changes in Policy 1.7 and turning the structure of Division Council use of Proxies at all Area and Division Council Meetings:

TI responded that the District may act whatever is in the best Interest to their members and no further action is necessary.

Correspondence:

The Inward and Outward Correspondence lists were tabled and recorded on USB stick. Moved by Janet Coleman (Yamba Yabbies)"that the Inward Correspondence be received and the Outward Correspondence be endorsed, seconded by Muriel Smith (Glasshouse). The Motion was carried.

Business arising from Correspondence:

NONE

Ratification of decisions of the District Executive Meeting

Motion by PDG Charles Harrison DTM "that the confidentiality motion which was carried at the special session held at the District Executive meeting on 3rd of February 2013 be rescinded." Seconded by Bevin Irvine ATM-G-CL (Tropic City)

Discussions and explanations were presented to the meeting allowing speakers for and against the Motion as to the benefit of transparency and for the benefit of the District being informed (including voting members) and of utmost importance. The motion was carried. District Parliamentarian read the relevant Motions from the special Session which LGM Ian Pinker DTM had chaired on 3rd of February 2013:

Motion 1:

"That a disciplinary hearing relating to Carolyn Phillips's role as LGET takes place"
That Motion was carried

Motion 2:

"That LGET Carolyn Phillips be disciplined for not upholding Toastmasters International four core values at the Toastmasters International Convention in August 2012, and also after that date; and that the disciplinary action shall be removal from District Office".
This Motion requiring a vote of 2/3 majority of all District Executive members (50 votes) – being 34 for majority.
The result of the vote returned being 25 votes for, 17 votes against removal.
The Motion was lost

Motion 3:

Confidentiality Motion: "That the disciplinary hearing against Carolyn Phillips and the result of the vote be kept completely confidential except for notifications in writing to Carolyn Phillips and World Headquarters."
The Motion was carried.

The Confidentiality Motion having been rescinded, District Parliamentarian requested that full Minutes of the Hearing be released.

PDG Sandra Simpson DTM requested that this should take place immediately after the Council Meeting to allow delegates not present at this meeting the opportunity of making an informed decision at the time of Election of District Officers.
(Emails to all Clubs were sent at 2:40pm on the 4th May 2013.)

MOTION "That the decisions of the District Executive meeting held on 3rd February 2013 be ratified".

Moved by Bevin Irvine ATM-G-CL (Tropic City), seconded Udo Moerig (Talk of the South).
The Motion was carried.

REPORTS:

Reports of the Senior District Executive and Division Governors were published on the D69 website and the Conference booklet.

At the request of the District Governor for amendments to Reports, Western Division Governor Julia Hassall DTM requested to include in her report congratulations to Graham Miller on his second DTM

Reports

Motion “that the Reports be received individually” from:

District Governor Charlie Starrett DTM

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Carolyn Phillips DTM

Lieutenant Governor Marketing Ian Pinker DTM

Public Relations Officer David Burston ACB-ALB

TLI Chairman Alison Cleaver DTM

Central Division Governor Fran Kay DTM

Eastern Division Governor Shane Cooper CC-CL

Metropolitan Division Governor Ranjeet Cavanagh ACB-CL

Southern Division Governor Christine Lennon DTM

Western Division Governor Julia Hassall DTM

Collective Motion “that the Reports from the Senior Executive and Division Governor Reports be received” by Kate Ayres DTM(Speak Easy) , seconded by Alison Andrew DTM (Oasis on Broadbeach). The Motion was carried

Report of the Toastmaster Leadership Institute Chairman

Moved Alison Cleaver DTM, Seconded Alison Andrew DTM (Oasis on Broadbeach).

The Motion was carried.

Treasurer’s Report

District Treasurer John Sells DTM presented his report which was also published in the Council Meeting Booklet and D69 Website

Moved John Sells “that the Treasurer’s Report be adopted”, seconded Fran Kay DTM (Central Division Governor).

The Motion was carried.

The Auditor’s Report was deferred to the following day with the view of the Auditor being present.

Report of the Nominating Committee

IPDG John Kay DTM Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented his Report

1. Candidates for District Governor in alphabetical order:
Marilyn Freeman DTM and Carolyn Phillips DTM
2. Candidate for Lieutenant Governor Education and Training: Ian Pinker DTM
3. Candidates for Lieutenant Governor Marketing in alphabetical order: Christine Lennon DTM and Derek Miller ACS-ALB
4. Candidates for Division Governors
 - I. Central – Marjory Hansen ACG-ALB
 - II. Eastern – Jason Topp ACB-ALB
 - III. Metro – Leigh Oke CC- CL
 - IV. Northern – Allan Carr ACB-ALB
 - V. Southern – no candidate at this time.
 - VI. Western – Jo Abbot ACB-CL

Motion "that the Report from the Nominating Committee be adopted”

Moved: IPDG John Kay DTM – seconded by Gary Kuss (Mercury Motivators).
The Motion was carried.

Motions on Notice:

I. Reformation of District 70

Motion: “That in advancement of the reformation of District 70, District 69 Clubs below parallel 28.5 be included in the reformation of District 70”.

Moved by PDG Lesley Storkey DTM, seconded by PDG Bruce George DTM,
Amendment to the Motion “that the words 28.5 parallel be replace with below the NSW Border” Moved by Rod Neucom (Compass), seconded by Udo Moerig (Talk of The South)
After extensive discussion, recommendations and ideas held and questions answered as appropriate and available, PDG Charles Harrison DTM moved “that the amendment be put”.
The Amendment was lost.

Reverting to the original Motion “That in advancement of the reformation of District 70, District 69 Clubs below parallel 28.5 be included in the reformation of District 70”.
The Motion was carried.

The Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:23 am to resume at 10:53 am

II. Re-alignment of Areas 6, 9 ,24 and 34

Motion: “That Areas 9,34 and 35 be re-aligned as follows from 1 July 2013 to become:

Area 9 – Northern Division

Marlin Coast 720912
Cairns 3779
Kick Start Cairns 1345080
Mt Isa I/F 3083215

Area 39 (new) – Northern Division

Alice Springs 9651
Darwin 2163
CDU Lunchtime Communicators 1648922
Katherine I/F 2969597

Area 6 – Southern Division

Gold Coast 1794
Gold Coast City Council 5077
Oasis on Broadbeach 1194090
Robina 584
Robina Sunrise 9633
Wyndham I/F 2833708

Area 24 – Southern Division

BeChange 2654492
Helensvale Daybreak 7873
Logan 5096
Nerang 6030
Tamborine Mountain3813

Area 34 – Southern Division

Broadwater 6408
Club Runaway 2000 6707
Griffith Guild 1994252
Southport 3944
Southport Endeavour 6550

Moved by LGM Ian Pinker DTM – Seconded by Mike Goebel (Jimboomba)
The Motion was carried.

III. D69 Travel Fund exemption for PNG Clubs

Motion: "That for the period 1 May 2013 to 31 May 2015 Toastmasters Clubs in PNG be granted an exemption from Practices 3.1(a), 3.1(f) and 3.2(a) of the District 69 Travel Fund Procedures and Practices to allow payments for travel expenses for Toastmasters from PNG clubs who compete in D69 speech contests."

Moved by Graham Miller DTM (Compass), seconded by Ranjeet Cavanagh ACB-CL (MD Governor).

The Motion was carried.

IV. D69 Finance Practice – Area Governor Expenses

Motion: That the first line of Practice 3.1(a) of the D69 Administrative Procedures and Practices be amended to read "that Area Governors shall be reimbursed from District Funds for:

- (1) Two official visits to clubs in their Area
- (2) Attendance at a Division Executive meeting (up to 2 meetings per year)

and that Practice 3.1(a)(iii) be amended to delete the two dot points so that it reads "Attendance at District Executive training.

Moved by Liz Hudson ACB-CL Area 1 Governor, seconded by Rod Neucom (TT).

The Motion was carried.

V. Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country

Motion: That the following new procedure and practices be adopted by Toastmasters District 69.

Procedure

That a Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country practice be incorporated in the program for the District Convention, Area and Division Conferences.

Practice

- i. Where possible, the Traditional Owners¹ be invited to deliver a Welcome to Country for participants at significant Toastmasters events.
- ii. The Sergeant at Arms or Conference Chairman performs an Acknowledgement of Country when a Welcome to Country is less appropriate.
- iii. It is recommended that an Acknowledgement of Country statement be included on websites and newsletters.
- iv. A recommended procedures and practices guideline² is provided by District 69 for use at Convention and conferences.

Moved by Brian Duckworth DTM (Mercury's Motivators) –seconded by Jason Topp ACB-ALB (Area 27 Governor)

After detailed discussion and explanations the Motion was lost.

10:15 am The Meeting was adjourned until 8:30 am Sunday 5th May 2013

Toastmasters District 69 Council Meeting
Twin Towns Services Club, Tweed Heads NSW
Sunday 5 May 2013

(Meeting called to order by District Sergeant at Arms, Ian McLaren ACG-CL, who read the Mission of the District and hand the meeting over to the District Governor)

The District Governor opened the Meeting at 8:30am

Apologies:

The District Secretary announced that no further Apologies were apparent for this Meeting.

Quorum:

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(Formula: As Per District Administrative Bylaws: One third of the Club Presidents and VPEs in District 69. One half of 188 x 2 needs 126 for a quorum.)

A quorum was established.

The District Governor advised the method of voting to all delegates and resumed with unresolved business from the previous day's proceedings

Adoption of Reports

Motion: That the reports from the Senior District Executive, the Division Governors and the TLI Chairman be adopted."

Moved by Christine Lennon DTM (SDG), seconded by Kate Ayres DTM (Speak Easy).

The motion was carried.

Auditor's Report

Motion:

“That the Audit Report for the period 1 July to 31 December 2012 be adopted”

In the absence of the District Auditor, it was moved by Mike Goebel DTM (Jimboomba)
– seconded by Gary Kuss ACG-ALB(Mercury’s Motivators)

The Motion was carried.

Resumption of Motions on Notice from the previous day.

Banner Parade Order

Motion: “That for the banner parade held at the District Convention the host Division should lead the event with the other Divisions following in alphabetical order after the host Division”.

Moved by Julia Hassall DTM – WDG, seconded by Terri New DTM (Talk of the Bay).

After lively and at times humorous discussion the Motion was carried

Change of Name for D69 Newsletter

Motion: That the name of the District 69 newsletter be changed from ‘Corroboree’ to ‘Storylines’.

Moved by Megan Young ACS-CL(Mullum Magic) – seconded by Donna Kildea ACG-ALB (Lennox Lightning)

Numerous suggestions, explanations on history of the name Corroboree, translations of the word Corroboree and suggestions for more consultation.

Amendment “that the name Corroboree be changed to District 69 News” moved by Rod Neucom (Compass), seconded by Julia Hassall DTM

The Amendment was lost

Reverting to the original Motion.

Procedural Motion by Leonard Scuderi DTM (Young Achievers) moved “that the Motion lie on the table for more discussion and appropriate names,” seconded by Muriel Smith DTM (Glasshouse).

The Procedural Motion was carried

Report on Strategic Planning

District Governor Charlie Starrett DTM presented an oral report on Strategic Planning and requested delegates to familiarize themselves with the printed Report in the Meeting Booklet. The District Governor expressed that it is pleasing that this has become a working document and provided numerous examples of how the specific goals had been actioned.

Motion: “That the oral report on Strategic Planning be adopted”. Moved by Ros Close DTM (Jacaranda 2000) seconded Ranjeet Cavanagh ACB-CL MDG.

The Motion was carried.

Budget for 2014 District Convention

President Kevin Pascoe CC-ALB of Indooroopilly Club presented a detailed Budget based on historical information backed up by a PowerPoint Presentation on Location and costs involved for Venue (The Landing in Brisbane) with inclusions for the 2 days based on 180

people attending (200+ this weekend). Suggested Early Bird Registration \$180 with Regular Registration of \$230.

Questions on method of payment – A. – pending,

Has the Venue been checked for suitable facilities? – A. Yes,

Can the Venue handle 250+? A. 300 is a possibility.

PDG Trish Springsteen DTM voiced concern over the lack of Educational Sessions (1 on Sunday) and suggested to give serious consideration on increasing these, being an important part of a Conference of this kind.

Motion ""That the Budget for the 2014 Convention be adopted"

Moved by Kate Ayres DTM (Speak Easy) – seconded by Mark Rosenfeld (Indooroopilly)

The Motion was carried.

Bid for hosting the 2015 Convention.

Tracey Head ACS-CL (Caloundra) on behalf of Lorraine Lehmann DTM (Caloundra) moved "That Caloundra and Caboolture Clubs be Host for the 2015 District Convention". Seconded by Jan Stafford DTM (Wine & Dine)

The Motion was carried.

No other Bids were received, the Chairman declared the host Clubs for the 2015 Convention will be Caloundra and Caboolture.

The Chairman asked leave to conduct the District Officer elections earlier. Leave was granted.

Business was suspended at 9:45 am.

Elections of District Officers conducted by the Nominating Chairman IPDG John Kay DTM.

- District Governor – two nominations in alphabetical order being Marilyn Freeman and Carolyn Phillips.
Votes returned: Informal 1- Carolyn Phillips 85 – Marilyn Freeman 190.
Marilyn Freeman duly elected as District Governor for 2013-2014
- Lieutenant Governor Education and Training – one nomination Ian Pinker. No further nominations were received and the Secretary cast one vote in favour of Ian Pinker
- Lieutenant Governor Marketing: Two nominations in alphabetical order being Christine Lennon and Derek Miller. No further nominations from the floor. Derek Miller stepped back from nomination leaving Christine Lennon as the only nomination for LGM. The Secretary cast one vote in favour and Christine Lennon was duly elected LGM.
- Central Division Governor: 1 Nomination: Marjory Hansen, no further nominations from the floor. The Secretary cast one vote in favour and Marjory Hansen was duly elected Central Division Governor.
- Eastern Division Governor: 1 Nomination being Jason Topp – no further nominations from the floor. The Secretary cast one vote in favour and Jason Topp was duly elected Eastern Division Governor
- Metropolitan Division Governor – 1 Nomination being Leigh Oke – no further nominations from the floor. The Secretary cast one vote in favour and Leigh Oke was duly elected as Metropolitan Division Governor.

- Northern Division Governor – 1 Nomination being Allan Carr – no further nominations from the floor. . The Secretary cast one vote in favour and Allan Carr was duly elected Northern Division Governor
- Southern Division Governor – 2 Nominations from the floor. In alphabetical order 1 David Lockie, 2 Nerelle Penberthy. Both presenting their speeches and the returning vote resulted in 1 informal vote. David Lockie 99 votes, Nerelle Penberthy 166 votes. Nerelle Penberthy was duly elected to the position of Southern Division Governor.
- Western Division Governor – 1 nomination Jo Abbott. No further nominations from the floor, the Secretary cast one vote in favour and Jo Abbott was duly elected as Western Division Governor.

Results of the elections to be published on the D69 website

The District Governor expressed sincere gratitude to the Past District Governors for their contributions and assistance.

Ballots to be destroyed after 24 hours.

The Meeting adjourned for Morning tea at 10:30am

Meeting resumed at 11:00am

General Business: None

The District Governor acknowledged Peter Bradley who is a visiting Toastmaster from District 61 in Eastern Ontario Canada

It was announced that PDG Mike Storkey DTM is running for 2nd International Vice President in August 2013 at the International Convention.

Presentation of two DTM Medallions was made to Sue Bandaranaike and Graham Miller

There being no further business the next Executive Meeting will be held on 9th November 2013 at the Broncos Leagues Club, Brisbane and hosted by Metropolitan Division.

The Meeting closed at 11:13 am.