



District 69 Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, 26 July 2026

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Welcome by Chairman Benjamin McCormick DTM

Quorum:

The District 69 Interim Director Benjamin McCormick advised that the District Executive Committee meeting had 46 potential voting delegates and required 24 voting delegates to establish a quorum. There were 30 voting delegates in attendance, therefore a quorum has been established.

Apologies as per District Administration Manager Deb Barnett:

Lou Cervetto

A23D

BUSINESS SECTION		Yes	No	Abstain
7	Motion 1 That the appointment of Benjamin McCormick, DTM, PID as District Director for the 2026-2027 Toastmasters Year be confirmed and the appointment be sent to District Council for ratification.	25	0	
7	Motion 2 That the District Officer Bearers appointed by the District Director be approved.	25	0	
7	Motion 3 That in addition to the International Speech contest, D69 conducts Evaluation, Table Topics and Humorous Speech Contests for Area, Division and District level events in the 2026 -27 Program year.	27	0	
7	Motion 4 That for Areas, which have 4 or fewer clubs, D69 allows 2 contestants from each Club to proceed to the Area level speech contest events.	18	7	
7	Motion 5 That for Divisions, which have 4 or fewer Areas, D69 allows 2 contestants from each Area to proceed to the District Level speech contest events.	9	15	
7	Motion 6 That the signatories and authorised administrators for online banking of the above accounts shall be the 2026-2027 District Director Benjamin James McCormick, the 2026-2027 Program Quality Director Shubhangi Chatterjee, the 2026-2027 Club Growth Director Suzanne Christina Gogolin and the 2026-2027 District Finance Manager Nicholas James Clement.	26	0	
7	Motion 7 That all payments from the above accounts shall be made via online banking requiring two signatories to give their online banking approval, with the exception that signatories are not allowed to approve a transaction for their own claims	26	0	
7	Motion 8 That the 2025-2026 District Director Nichole Stacey Lee Jurd, and the 2025-2026 District Finance Manager Kate Eliza Norris, be removed as signatories and account administrators, and instead given online banking “read-only” access from 1st July 2026 until September 30th, 2026, at which time access be revoked for all users not listed in motion 1 from the above accounts completely.	25	0	
7	Motion 9 That the 2025-26 District Program Quality Director Alexander James Smith be removed as a signatory and account administrator from 30 th June 2026.	25	0	



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Executive Support Team

Public Relations Manager	Melanie Surplice
District Administration Manager	Deb Barnett DTM
District Finance Manager	Nik Clement
District Logistics Manager	Chris Parminter DTM

Area Directors

AD1 Linda McLeod DTM	AD14 Bert Pullman	AD26 Effie Lee
AD2 Mark Hegarty	AD15 Peter McRoberts	AD27 Marty Pouwelse
AD4 Charlene MacKenzie	AD16 Huw Humphreys	AD28 Robinlyn Sinclair
AD5 Sheni Akib	AD17 tbc	AD31 Ben Handley
AD6 Priscilla O'Sughrue	AD18 Candice Roberts	AD35 Leanne Hassed
AD7 Faivalu Lale	AD20 Annette Marshall DTM	AD37 Rafi Mohamed
AD8 Mary Flowers	AD21 Geoff Roberts	AD38 Bonaventura Talingapua
AD9 Rob Whyte	AD22 Karla Ogg	AD40 Ancilla Ulai
AD10 Leonard Strub	AD23 Lou Cervetto DTM	AD 41 Rose Paul
AD11 Jake McCoombes	AD24 Trish Scott	AD44 Rachel Kobal
AD12 Peter Duncan	AD25 vacant	AD45 Frank Manue

The following office bearers do not need to be confirmed by this DEC, but the District Director wishes to acknowledge them in their positions of support for District 69:

District Parliamentarian	Barrie Fuller DTM
District Returning Officer	tbc
District Training Manager	Robert Green DTM
District Training Manager	Kate Norris DTM
District Leadership Chair	Nicky Jurd DTM
District Awards Manager	tbc
District Historian	Sue Pinker DTM
District Audit Committee	Don Crombie, Ian Gilbert, John Knox
Area Director Mentor	Mike Storkey DTM
Club Coach Coordinator	Marina Bruno
District Alignment Chair	Thomas Krafft DTM

Meeting officials and attendees were thanked for their participation and attendance. Meeting closed at 7.59pm.