



District Executive Meeting Agenda

26 July 2026

Toastmasters International District 69 District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting agenda

Sunday 26 July 2026 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

[Zoom Link to join the meeting](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Open Meeting
3. Quorum
4. Apologies
5. Election of District Director
6. Executive Support Team
7. Motions on Notice
8. General Business
9. Date of Next Meeting
10. Close of Meeting.

5. Election of District Director

The appointment of Ben McCormick DTM to District Director needs to be confirmed by this DEC meeting due to the resignation of endorsed District Director Alex Smith.

6. Executive Support Team

The following appointed Office bearers need to be confirmed by this DEC meeting.

Public Relations Manager: Melanie Surplice

District Administration Manager: Deb Barnett DTM

District Finance Manager: Nik Clement

District Logistics Manager: Chris Parminter



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The following 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 vacant	AD31 Ben Handley
AD6 Priscilla O'Sughrue	AD18 Candice Roberts	AD35 Leanne Hasted
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 Renata Danisevska	

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	Thomas Krafft DTM
District Alignment Chair	Thomas Krafft DTM



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7. Motions on Notice

Motion 1 – Confirming the Appointment of the District Director

Preamble:

Under Article VII: Officers of the District Administrative Bylaws, subsection g 1, *A vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by the District Executive Committee based upon the recommendation of the District Director, or upon recommendation of the highest elected District officer if the vacancy is in the office of District Director.*

Individual members who fill vacant roles shall meet all qualifications for the role as defined in Article VII, Section (d), of these administrative bylaws. Such appointment shall become effective immediately and will run until the next succeeding District Council meeting. At that District Council meeting, the appointment shall be ratified or another individual member elected to the office.

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.

Motion 2 - Approving Appointment of District Officers

Preamble:

The District Director has appointed various District Officers to support the District in achieving its mission. Those District Officers are listed above and need to be approved by the District Executive Committee.

Motion 2:

That the District Officer Bearers appointed by the District Director be approved.

Motion 3 - Additional 3 Speech Contests for 2026-27

Preamble:

Toastmasters International requires each District to conduct an International Speech Contest each year. Each District can also then conduct up to 3 of any of the following 5 contests:

Humorous Speech Contest;

Evaluation Speech Contest;

Table Topics Speech Contest;

Tall Tales Speech Contest;

Online Speech Contest for Area, Division and District level events.

District 69 needs to determine which additional speech contest it will hold at each of the 3 levels of contests (ie Area, Division & District).

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.



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Motion 4 - Number of Contestants in Area Speech Contests

Preamble:

Where there are only 4 or fewer Clubs in an Area, Districts can choose to allow 1 or 2 contestants from each Club to proceed to the Area level speech contest event.

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.

Motion 5 - Number of Contestants in Division Speech Contests

Preamble:

Where there are only 4 or fewer Areas in a Division, Districts can choose to allow 1 or 2 contestants from each Area to proceed to the Division level speech contest event.

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.

Motions 6-9 Bank Signatories Changes

Preamble:

That, for each of the following Toastmasters International District 69 bank accounts: Westpac Community Solutions One: BSB:034-065, Account number: 327069. Westpac Community Solutions One: BSB:034-660, Account number: 195267. the following changes to permissions for signatories and account administrators should be made:

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.

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

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.



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Motion 9 That the 2025-26 District Program Quality Director Alexander James Smith be removed as a signatory and account administrator from 30th June 2026.

8. General Business

9. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be the District Executive Council meeting on Sunday 13 September 2026.

10. Close of Meeting.