



District Council Meeting Agenda

27 September 2026

Toastmasters International District 69 District Council Meeting (DCM) Agenda

Sunday 27 September 2026 at 2:00 pm via Zoom

[Zoom Link to register for this meeting](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Open Meeting
3. Voting Requirements
 - a) Quorum, and
 - b) Voting method
4. Meeting Administration
 - a) Apologies
 - b) In Memory – District 69 Members
 - c) Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - d) Business Arising from the Minutes
5. District Officers and Executive Support Team
6. Correspondence
7. Reports
8. Motions on Notice
9. Date of Next Meeting
10. Close of Meeting.

5. District Officers and Executive Support Team

Motion 1 – confirmation of appointments

The District Director has appointed the District Executive Support Team, which was approved by the District Executive Committee and now needs to be approved by this District Council meeting.

- District Director: Ben McCormick, DTM, PID
- Public Relations Manager: Melanie Surplice
- District Administration Manager: Deb Barnett DTM
- District Finance Manager: Nik Clement
- District Logistics Manager: Chris Parminter DTM



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Area Directors

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AD1 Linda McLeod DTM	AD14 Bert Pullman	AD26 Effie Lee
AD2 Mark Hegarty	AD15 Peter McRoberts	AD27 Marty Pouwelse
AD4 Charlene MacKenzie	AD17 Seri Lewis	AD35 Leanne Hassed
AD5 Sheni Akib	AD18 Candice Roberts	AD37 Rafi Mohamed
AD6 Priscilla O'Sughrue	AD20 Annette Marshall DTM	AD38 Bonaventura Talingapua
AD7 Faivalu Lale	AD21 Geoff Roberts	AD40 Ancilla Ulai
AD8 Mary Flowers	AD22 Karla Ogg	AD 41 Rose Paul
AD9 Rob Whyte	AD23 Lou Cervetto DTM	AD44 Frank Manue
AD10 Leonard Strub	AD24 Trish Scott	AD45 Rachel Kobal
AD11 Jake McCoombes	AD25 vacant	AD51 Wonder Chimonyo
AD12 Peter Duncan	AD28 Robinlyn Sinclair	
AD16 Huw Humphreys	AD31 Ben Handley	

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

District Parliamentarian	Barrie Fuller DTM
District Returning Officer	vacant
District Training Manager	Robert Green DTM
District Training Manager	Kate Norris DTM
District Leadership Chair	Nicky Jurd DTM
District Awards Manager	Lisa Dodis DTM
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

6. Correspondence

The list of District correspondence has been placed on the District 69 website for review by members

7. Reports

Preamble: The reports from the Trio, Top Table and Division Directors have been published on the District 69 website.



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8. Motions on Notice

Motion 2 – Approving the District 69 2026-27 Budget

Preamble:

Toastmasters International has advised that the anticipated income for District 69 for 2026-27 will be \$140,506.49. The District Trio in conjunction with the District Finance Manager have divided the allocation into the various budget categories as approved by Toastmasters International. The 2026-27 District Budget has been posted on the District 69 website.

Approval of the draft budget was provided by Toastmasters International on 10 September 2026.

Motion 2:

That the 2026-27 District Budget be recommended to the District Council for approval.

Motion 3 - Approving the 2026-27 District Success Plan.

Preamble:

TI requires that each District submit a District Success Plan. The District Trio has reviewed and updated the 2025-26 District Success Plan to incorporate the aims of the Trio for 2026-27. The 2026-27 District Success Plan has been posted on the District 69 website.

Motion 3:

That the 2026-27 District Success Plan be recommended to the District Council for approval.

Motion 4 – Remote Leadership

This motion will enable the District Council to provide firm guidance to the District Leadership committee on whether remote leaders will be able to serve in the 2027-2028 Toastmasters year in D69. From the Governing Documents:

1. Fully Remote District Leader: Any District Executive Committee member having a registered domicile outside the boundaries of the District in which they are serving and who will not attend onsite events as required by the District.
2. Partially Remote District Leader: Any District Executive Committee member having a registered domicile outside the boundaries of the District in which they are serving but who will attend onsite events as required by the District.

Motion 4: THAT from 2027-2028 District 69 permits both local and partially remote but not fully remote elected District Leaders.



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Motions 5 - Financial Considerations of Remote Leadership

This motion is conditioned on any form of remote leadership being approved.

Motion 5: THAT the District should not reimburse costs for remote leaders in the 2027-2028 program year.

8. General Business

9. Date of Next Meeting

Next meeting will be the District Council Meeting on Sunday 18 April 2027.

10. Close of Meeting.