

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 73

Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia



District Council Meeting 19th May 2007

The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened by Convention Chairman, Ian Pickens at 2.50pm.

2. Presentation of May 2008 Convention by Pamela McConchie by 2008 Convention Chairperson.

3. WELCOME

District Governor, Geoff Morrissey DTM, welcomed delegates to the 2007 District Council.

4. APOLOGIES

The District Secretary announced that the following apologies had been received:

Elisabeth Edwards, Seraphina Carthew.

The Chairman called for any further apologies and the following were advised:

Adrienne Bowd, Danielle Lansell, Bill Farman, May Wilson, Jason Fewings, Paul Fanning, Ray Morgan, Simon Johnson, Barbara Youd

Motion: "That the apologies be accepted."

Moved: Wendy Powell **Seconded:** Len Moore

Carried

5. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Geoff Morrissey DTM.

6. THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT

The Mission of the District was read by the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM

The mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters Educational programme by:

Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District Educational and membership goals.

Ensuring that each club effectively fulfils its responsibilities to its members

Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers

7. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Eamonn Moran DTM announced that there are 141 active Clubs in District 73, and a quorum comprises one third of active Club votes. Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education receive one vote each (282 votes total), which can be proxied. One third of votes are required for a quorum - 94 votes. 156 Club votes are registered today, well above the numbers required, so a quorum is present. In addition, 27 District Officer votes are registered, making 183 votes in total.

8. DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT

a. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 11 November 2006 (as circulated)

Motion: "That the minutes be dealt as a block and be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the District Council meeting of 11 November 2006."

Moved: Andrew Monaghan **Seconded:** Derek Mikolaj **Carried**

b. Correspondence In

i. Letter received from Central Division District Officers in relation to the matter of funds held in trust for Central Division by District 73

ii. Email received from Stephanie Demiris TI in relation to above letter.

c. Correspondence Out

i. Letter from Geoff Morrissey to Central Division District Officers in response to the matter of funds held in trust for Central Division by District 73.

Motion: That the Inwards correspondence by received and Outwards correspondence be endorsed.

Moved: Andris Bilkens **Seconded:** David Reynolds **Carried**

Matters arising:

That the Correspondence be placed on District 73 Website.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report as circulated (page 4)

In response to a query tabled from Roy Miller on Special Item 4 from District Council meeting held 11 November 2007. Verbal explanation was provided by Judy Murphy.

a. Mid Year District 73 Audit Report (as circulated)

Motion: "That the Mid Year 2006-07 to 31 December 2006 District 73 Audit Report be received."

Moved: Nola Sharp **Seconded:** Roy Miller **Carried**

Geoff Morrissey thanked the Audit Committee for their work.

b. District 73 Treasurer's Quarterly Report July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006

Motion: "That the District 73 Treasurer's Report February 1, 2007 – February 28, 2007 be received."

Moved: Judy Murphy **Seconded:** Marlene Sinclair **Carried**

10. REPORTS BY SENIOR DISTRICT OFFICERS, DIVISION GOVERNORS & AREA GOVERNORS (as circulated)

- Report by District Governor (page 5)*
- Report by Lt Governor Education and Training (page 6)*
- Report by Lt Governor Marketing (page 6)*
- Report by Public Relations Officer (page 7)*
- Report by Central Division Governor (page 9)*
- Report by Metropolitan Division Governor (page 9)*
- Report by Northern Division Governor (page 10)*
- Report by Perth Division Governor (page 11)*
- Report by Southern Division Governor (page 11)*
- Report by Western Division Governor (page 12)*
- Report by Area Governor E2 (page 13)*
- Report by Area Governor E14 (page 14)*
- Report by Area Governor E17 (page 14)*
- Report by Area Governor M4 (page 15)*
- Report by Area Governor M24 (page 16)*
- Report by Area Governor N1 (page 16)*
- Report by Area Governor P30 (page 16)*
- Report by Area Governor S5 (page 17)*
- Report by Area Governor S7 (page 17)*
- Report by Area Governor W28 (page 18)*
- Report by Area Governor W29 Page 18)*

Motion: "That the reports (as circulated) of Senior District Officers, Division Governors and Area Governors be received."

Moved: Marilyn Newby **Seconded:** Gaynor Quinn **Carried**

11. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. 2006 Convention

Verbal reports on the final wrap up of the D73 2006 Convention finances tabled by Damien Chong. Damien advised the Convention made a profit of \$4000.00.

Motion: "That the verbal report on D73 2006 Convention be received"

Moved: Trish Brown **Seconded:** Andrew Monaghan **Carried**

12. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

12.1 Continuing Motions

Motion: "Ratification of existing District 73 Continuing Motions (as circulated)"

Moved: Wendy Powell **Seconded:** Andrew Monaghan **Carried**

12.2 Club and Area Realignments

a. Victorian and Tasmanian Realignment

Motion: "That District Council endorses the realignment of Victorian and Tasmanian Clubs for 2007 – 2008 (as distributed)"

Moved: Stephen Forrest **Seconded:** Andrew Monaghan

The motion was put to the vote

Carried

b. Perth / Western Division Realignments

Motion: "That the renamed 'Successful Club' (formerly known as Exchequer in Area P20) become part of Area W21, and that 'Central Communicators' and the soon-to-be-chartered 'Young Guns' be part of Area P20, these changes to take place from 1st July 2007"

Amendment to the motion: The mover of the motion sought leave of the meeting to amend the motion by deleting 'Young Guns' club from the original motion.

Moved: Mike Helm **Seconded:** David Nicholas

The amended motion was put to the vote

Carried

12.3 Reformation of District 73

The mover will step down from the Chairman position for the purpose of debating this motion.

Sylvia Chuah took the chair.

Motion: "That District Council approves the establishing of a representative committee chaired by the current District Governor to prepare a report and recommendations on a proposal to reform the District into two districts; and to present the outcome to the November 2007 District Council meeting"

Moved: Geoff Morrissey **Seconded:** David Nicholas

Amendment to the motion: "change wording from current District Governor to 2007-2008 District Governor"

Moved: Andris Bilkens **Seconded:** Chris Noble **Lost**

The amendment was defeated by a secret ballot – 83 votes for, 90 votes against

The original motion was put to the vote

Carried

Geoff Morrissey resumed the chair.

12.4 Proposal: A Change to the Advanced Leaders Gold Award

Motion: "That the Toastmasters International Board of Directors be asked to consider adding a requirement to the proposed Advance Leader Gold award to include a number of judging requirements of members officiating at both club and higher levels.

Moved: Gordon Veerasawmy **Seconded:** Henk Van den Bergen **Carried**

The motion was put to the vote

Carried

13. ELECTION OF 2007-2008 DISTRICT OFFICERS

a. Nominating Committee Report as circulated (page 23)

Motion: "That the Nominating Committee Report be received"

Moved: Wendy Powell

Seconded: Karalee Moore

Carried

13.2 ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS 2006-07

District Governor Election

Candidates: Sylvia Chuah, Mike Helm

Nominations from the floor: Nil

Each candidate was asked to state their positions to the District Council for two minutes

Mike Helm was elected District Governor 2007-08 with 95 votes (Sylvia Chuah 92 votes)

Lt Governor Education and Training Election

Candidates: Bernard Marmion

Nominations from the floor: Nil

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Bernard Marmion was elected Lt. Governor Education and Training 2007-08.

Lt Governor Marketing Election

Candidates: Nil

Nominations from the floor: Sylvia Chuah (Nominated by Ian Pickens). The nomination was declined.

Damian Chong (Nominated by Marlene Sinclair)

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Damien Chong was elected Lt. Governor Marketing 2007-08

Public Relations Officer Election

Candidates: Nil

Nominations from the floor: Danika Mullins (Nominated by Maree Pickens)

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Danika Mullins was elected District Public Relations Officer 2007-08

Bass Division Governor Election

Candidates: Jack Fawcett

Nominations from the floor: Nil

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Jack Fawcett was elected Bass Division Governor 2007-08

Central Division Governor Election

Candidates: Nick Nash

Nominations from the floor: Nil

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Nick Nash was elected Central Division Governor 2007-08

Eastern Division Governor Election

Candidates: Sandra Glass

Nominations from the floor: Nil

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Sandra Glass was elected Eastern Division Governor for 2007-08.

Metropolitan Division Governor Election

Candidates: Bruce Hill

Nominations from the floor: Nil

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Bruce Hill was elected Metropolitan Division Governor for 2007-08.

Northern Division Governor Election

Candidates: Nil

Nominations from the floor: Nil

The position will be filled by appointment

Perth Division Governor Election

Candidate: Gil Alexander

Nominations from the floor: Nil

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Gil Alexander was elected Southern Division Governor for 2007-08.

Southern Division Governor Election

Candidate: Nil

Nominations from the floor: Nil

The position will be filled by appointment

Western Division Governor Election

Candidates: Nil

Nominations from the floor: Mark Richards (Nominated by Roy Miller)

Chairman Geoff Morrissey DTM requested the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM, to cast one vote in favour of the single candidate.

Mark Richards was elected Western Division Governor for 2007-08.

Matters Arising from the Elections:

The following members will be signatories on the District Bendigo Bank Account effective 1/7/2007:

Mike Helm

Bernard Marmion (existing)

Damian Chong

Appointed Treasurer, Alan Smith

The following changes to Lilydale Toastmasters Convention account effective 1/7/2007:

Mike Helm replaces Geoffrey Morrissey

Bernard Marmion replaces Sylvia Chuah

Graeme Wheeler remains a signatory.

14. GENERAL BUSINESS

a. The following motion was tabled

“This meeting records its disapproval of recent changes in judging as a result of a World Headquarters recommendation that judges not be named and considers these changes detrimental to good judging and or good educational programs. We require the District Executive to represent these views to World Headquarters and to seek our International Board of Directors determination about the issue of naming judges.

Moved: Craig Wyrill

Seconded: Michael Malone

The motion was put to the vote

Carried

b. Calls for bids for 2009 Annual Convention. To be followed up by new incoming District Executive.

c. Club Officer Training (first round) SA to be held 23 June 2007

15. NEXT MEETING

The date of the District Council meeting in November 2007 is to be set by District Executive.

The meeting closed at 5.00pm

GEOFF MORRISSEY DTM
District 73 Governor
Chairman/District Governor

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KARALEE MOORE
District Secretary

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