

District 109 - District Council Meeting

Friday 31st of January 2020, 19:00 CET - Online

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

1. Call to Order

At 19:00 CET Metaxia Kritsidima, District Director, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. She then provided some guidelines on how the meeting will be conducted.

Guidelines:

- We will be following Robert rules of Parliamentary procedures.
- When someone wishes to speak, either he unmutes himself and requests to speak or he sends a message to the District Director who will then address the speaking.
- Only District Officers, Club Presidents and VPEs have the authority to speak and make decision.
- In virtual meetings no proxies are allowed.
- District Officers, Club Presidents and VPEs who have a double role, have a double vote.
- There will be electronic voting through the Zoom Poll Tool we have available.
- Minutes will be kept by Helen Polymerou. The meeting will be recorded to assist in the drafting of minutes. After approval of the minutes at our next DCM the recording will be deleted.
- Lorenzo will be our timer. When you hear clapping and you are speaking we are kindly requesting you to stop.
- All discussions will be in 1 min intervals in a total of 6 min. Positions opposing will be speaking first then those in favor.
- In the case that we have no opposition we will be moving to approval with a single vote.

2. District Mission

Helen Polymerou, Administration Manager, read the District's Mission: "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence."

3. Certification of Quorum

Helen Polymerou, Administration Manager, confirmed that 61 out of 243 council members are present. We need 69 officers to have a quorum. Quorum for this meeting has not been met.

According to the Article 10 C of the Bylaws,

“In the event that any business is transacted at any District Council meeting at which a quorum is not present, the action shall be deemed as valid as if a quorum were present if it thereafter is expressly approved in writing, personally, by mail, fax, e-mail, electronic transmission or other reasonable means, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Member Clubs in the District on the basis of two (2) votes per club”,

So we will be conducting the meeting as if we do have a quorum and within the day, we will be sending an e-mail requesting from Club Officers, of the Member Clubs in the District, to vote on the basis of two (2) votes per club.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for today's meeting has been sent to the district's council members via e-mail.

Francesco Fedele IPDD: Move to approve the agenda as presented.

Lorenzo Gios PQD: Seconding

Opposition: no

AM: single vote has been placed

Motion has been carried. The agenda has been approved as presented.

5. Presentation of Finance District Budget 2019-2020

Presentation of finance district budget 2019-2020, as this budget has been amended, after feedback we've received from Toastmasters International when we submitted it in late September.

District reserve from 40727 euros was reduced to 22201 euros. This was a wrong estimate and Toastmasters International closed the books at the end of the September. So our real district reserve was communicated to us on the 29th of September.

George Xydas, Finance Manager, will present this amended budget.

What has changed from the budget that was discussed in Geneva is the district reserve, which has been reduced to 22201 euros. With this reduction of approximately 18500 euros, the total district revenue has been reduced to 97936 euros. According to regulations, we have to maintain a balance between the revenue and the expenses. This means that we have to equally reduce our expenses in order to have an absolute balance between the two.

To bring this balance the Core Team has thought of applying reductions in all main categories: Marketing, Education & Training and Travel Expense.

In more detail, Marketing has been reduced from 8590 to 6400 euros, Education & Training from 30350 to 22160 euros and the Travel Expense from 32890 to 27105 euros.

In the presented budget, the conference with 25200 euros is the Chania Conference, then the Winter TLI is the one that took place in Bulgaria. These numbers and all the remaining ones in the presented budget have stayed the same, apart from the main categories mentioned earlier.

In summary, the main issue we had was the district reserve that was brought forward wrongly from previous years, as Metaxia mentioned in the beginning.

Metaxia: That was the revised budget as presented.

Aires Marques CGD: Motion to approve the budget as presented.

Christoph Aublinger AD E1: Seconding

Opposition: no

AM: single vote has been placed

Motion has been carried. The budget has been approved as presented.

6. Other Business

Metaxia: Do we have any other business form the floor for discussion.

No other business.

7. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned to the 17th of May, at the Chania 2020 District 109 Conference.