**Motion on Notice 1**

**That District Procedure DISTRICT CONFERENCE be amended by replacing existing DP 4.2 and DP 4.3 with the following. The change to take effect from the close of this meeting.**

4.2 The purpose of the Annual District Conference is to:

1. hold the Annual District Council Meeting.
2. Hold a Candidates Showcase sometime prior to the District Council for candidates for District Director, Programme Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Director, and at a time suitable for voting members to attend. The showcase shall follow the procedure defined in Protocol 9.0, 9(C).
3. Provide a "Candidates' Corner" from the start of the Conference until one hour prior to the start of the District Council.
4. accommodate the District International, Humorous, Evaluation and Table Topics Speech Contest finals.
5. Provide a varied educational programme.

4.3.1 Whenever possible the Annual District Conference is held physically over three days commencing on Friday morning and concluding on Sunday afternoon.

4.3.2 Should a virtual Annual District Conference be necessary the district shall strive to provide as much content and benefit to the virtual attendees as they would have received if attending physically. The District Council and related activities, as well as the contest finals shall be held over a two-day weekend and educational sessions may also be held on the days prior and subsequent to that weekend.

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| Explanatory Note (not part of the motion)  This years District Conference will be virtual. Whilst we hope that future years will all revert to the traditional physical gathering, this is not absolutely guaranteed and it is worthwhile to have an appropriate provision in the District procedures. The wording the DPs which are being replaced are  EXISTING DP 4. 2 The duration of the Annual District Conference to be three days, commencing on Friday morning and concluding on Sunday afternoon to accommodate the District International, Humorous, Evaluation and Table Topics Speech Contest finals, an educational programme, the Annual District Council Meeting and District Awards.  EXISTING DP 4.3 The Annual District Conference shall:  4.3.1 Include a Candidates Showcase on the Friday Evening for candidates for District Director, Programme Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Director, and shall follow the procedure defined in Protocol 9.0, 9(C).  4.3.2 Provide a "Candidates' Corner" from the start of the Conference until one hour prior to the start of the District Council.  4.3.3 Have the formal opening of the Conference on Friday morning and where practical finish by early afternoon on the Sunday.  4.3.4 Include those matters specified in DAB X (a) and Protocol 7.1 (8), as well as including the presentation of those awards specified in Appendix A. |

**Motion on Notice 2**

**That a new District Procedures 5.9 and 5.10** **be added to DP 5 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT to take effect from 1 July 2021.**

DP 5.9.1 Reports and other items to the meeting which were received by due date are deemed received when the meeting approves the agenda. A member wishing to raise a late item is required, at the appropriate agenda item, to move that it be received,. If the meeting agrees to receive the item, the item is open for discussion.

5.9.2 District Officers were requested to submit any written questions to the District Administration Manager, up to a week prior to this meeting. Those questions will be addressed in the appropriate agenda item prior to any questions on the day.

5.9.3 If you have a question or comment on the day of the meeting.

* In a virtual meeting, please type your role, name and question into the chat and wait to be acknowledged by the chair.
* In a physical meeting, please raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged by the chair.

5.10.1 For a virtual meeting, please ensure that your name is shown by the role abbreviation then your name. For example, (District Director) DD Arthur Blue; (Division Director Div T) DTD Mary Green (Area Director T4) ADT4 John Scarlet.

5.10.2 At a Virtual Meeting the chair will put a motion and then ask if there is any opposition to it. If no member objects to the motion, the motion is carried. If there is any opposition then there is a vote using the polling option in Zoom. The poll is open for two minutes. Either the chair or any ten district officers can request a formal vote, in which case each district officer is asked to give a spoken vote of Aye No or Present. (present means they did not vote). This can be very time consuming.

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| Explanatory Note (not part of the motion)  With reduced funding available compared with previous years, it is likely that most if not all meetings of the District Executive will be virtual. Some have expressed the view that an individual’s attention span may be less in a virtual meeting that in a traditional face to face meeting. Accordingly, we are striving to reduce the verbiage at bit. This DP does not apply to the May 2021 DEC. |