Annual District Council Meeting Minutes 17th May 2025

Abbreviations used in the Minutes.

District Director	DD	Finance Manager	FM	Web Master	WM
Program Quality Director	PQD	Administration Manager	AM	Logistics Manager	LM
Club Growth Director	CGD	Public Relations Manager	PRM	Zoom Master	ZM
IP District Director	IPPD			District Parliamentarian	DP

1	The District 112 Annual District Council Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm

DD Richard welcomed all present.

AM Toni read the Notice of Meeting.

The officials for this meeting were:

Presiding Officer	Richard Perkins DTM as District Director
District Parliamentarian	Neil Stichbury DTM PDD
District Zoom Master	Troy Smith
Chat Masters	Marlene Krone & Mark Tweedale.
Ballot Counters	James Hippolite & Neil Stichbury
Timer	Rob Wightman

Procedures For the District Council Meeting were confirmed.

2	PQD Marlene Read the District Mission Statement

3	Credentials Report and Confirmation of Quorum

DP Neil confirmed a quorum for a hybrid District Council Meeting is one third of the Club Presidents and Vice-Presidents Education.

The District currently had _121_ clubs in good standing, making 242 votes.

One third of this was 81 votes.

DP Neil confirmed, there were 85 Club Presidents, and Vice-Presidents Education registered with votes present and, we did have a quorum.

DD Richard asked District Parliamentarian Neil to confirm the number of votes held by District Officers

There were 29 District Officers registered to attend this meeting;

Therefore the total number of votes was 85 + 29 totalling 114 votes.

4	Speaking Rights for this meeting were confirmed

DD Richard invited all those Toastmasters present to officially attend and extended speaking rights **only** to all members, all past District Governors and Directors, and current District 112 Field Officers,

PDG Joan Hook made a point of clarification where it was confirmed that all Toastmasters present were given speaking rights only. Richard confirmed this was his intention.

5	Voting Rights were confirmed

6	In Memoriam

A moment of silence was held to remember members that had been lost throughout the course of the year.

In order that no members were inadvertently overlooked, no names as such were specified however special mention was made by attendees for Rae Clark and Graham Valentine.

7	Apologies

AM Toni confirmed the following apologies had been received:

District Officers:

Finance Manager Warrick Brooks

Division P Director Tracy Bovett

AD L2 George Ham

AD P2 Helen Ivess

AD R3 Peter Drew

Clubs:
Academic
Birkenhead Toastmaster Club
Botany Toastmasters
Cambridge Treetown Toastmasters
Datacom Toastmasters Tahi

East Coast Bays Toastmasters Club
Flying Start Club
Howick Toastmasters Club
IPU New Zealand Toastmasters
Milford Club
Morning toast

Nga Manu Reo Toastmasters Club
Pioneers Toastmasters Club
Ponsonby Toastmasters
Thames Toastmasters

Waiheke Island

Wake Up! Communicate - Toastmasters
Whanganui Toastmasters Club

Other apologies:

AD M2 Jamie Rodriguez was added

Motion: "That Apologies be accepted"

Moved: AM Toni Sharp

(No seconder was required)

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

8	Confirmation of Agenda

No extra items were added to the agenda.

9	Confirmation of the Minutes

There were no corrections to the published minutes Of the Virtual Semi-Annual Council meeting of 27th September 2024.

Motion: "That the minutes of the Semi-Annual District Council meeting held on 27th September, 2024, as circulated are a true and correct record".

Move: AM Toni Sharp

Seconded: AD N2 Jerry Jacob

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

10	Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

DD Richard instructed District Administration Manager Toni to delete the recording of the September 2024 Semi-Annual District Council meeting.

11	Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence to be brought to the attention of this Council.

12	Confirmation of Officer Appointments

Since the September Semi-Annual District Council Meeting there had been one appointment made; Ralph Conner as Area Director for Area P3

13	District Audit Report for the Period July 2024 – December 2024

Before commencing with the financial reports DD Richard advised that our District Finance Manager Warrick was unavailable for this meeting and that Murray Coutts would represent him.

The Audit Chair Alistair Jennings was called on to present the half yearly District Audit Report.

This was presented as published and there were no questions.

DD Richard warmly thanked Alistair and his team for the work they had done in completing the audit.

Motion: "That the report of the half yearly district audit committee report be adopted."

Moved: Alistair Jennings President Devonport Esplanade Toastmasters Club
Seconded: Murray Coutts President Auckland Advanced TM Club
There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

14	District Financial Statement for the period 1 July to 31 December 2024

PDDG Murray Coutts was invited to present the Financial Statement for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024,

Steve Vale, AD M5, sought confirmation of the profit that was showing, it was confirmed that this would be rectified once the Conference expenses had been entered.

Rhys Lewis, VP Education Orakei Toastmasters Club, queried if the expenses are likely to be the same as budgeted? Murray confirmed the conference is supposed to break even however the final result will not be known until the conference expenses had all been paid.

DD Richard confirmed the Conference budget was looking to practically break even.

Motion: "That the financial statement for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 be adopted."

Moved: Murray Coutts, VP Education Northern Impromptu

Seconded: Jobet Panton, AD P4
There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

15	District Profit & Loss Report - 1 July 2024 to 31st March 2025

DD Richard presented the District Profit and Loss report as published for the period 1 July 2024 to 31st March 2025

He noted this was for information only and did not need to be approved. It was confirmed this did not include the April membership revenue as it would not be available until later in May.

There was no discussion.

16 Reports

16.1 District Directors Report

DD Richard presented his report with no verbal updates.

Richard did however reiterate his thanks to everyone for their assistance and input throughout the course of the year.

16.2 Program Quality Directors Report

Program Quality Director Marlene Krone presented her report with no verbal updates.

16.3 Club Growth Directors Report

Club Growth Director Mark Tweedale presented his report with the following verbal updates:

AD reports:

88% complete

3% in progress

4% scheduled

5% not started

Paid Clubs: up 3 to 121, still 9 from target

Member payments: up to 4331, still 314 from target

Distinguished clubs: 32 up 4, still 27 from target

Club Coaches:

Club Coach Status Achieved In the 2024–2025 programme year, 25 Club Coaches supported 18 clubs across District 112. Despite various challenges, including post-pandemic recovery and membership fluctuations, four clubs successfully reached Distinguished status or higher:

Club Name Division/Area Coach(es) Awarded Status

Pakuranga Toastmasters O3 Peter Chatteris, MS3 Select Distinguished

Sunnynook Toastmasters K4 Glenda George, PM4 & Marcus G. Bristol, DTM Select Distinguished

Papatoetoe Club O4 Andy Becker President's Distinguished

Ellerslie Sunrise Toastmasters O2 Mike Diggins, DTM Distinguished

A total of 5 coaches will be eligible to receive the Successful Club Coach Award for their exceptional contributions.

One additional club has been added since March;

- Gallagher Toastmasters

We have had 914 new members so far this TM year.

16.4 **District Public Relations Manager's Report**

Public Relations Manager Kenneth Gustilo presented her report with no verbal updates.
Kenneth did however sincerely thank her Marketing Team of Wendy Wickliffe, Elizabeth Viljoen, Suresh Paleti, Israel from Glenfield Club, Grace from Hamilton Central, Marina from Flying Start Club, thanks also to all who assisted in the course of the year. Special thanks was expressed to CGD Mark Tweedale for always listening.

16.5 **Immediate past District Directors Report**

Immediate Past District Director James Hippolite presented his report with no verbal updates.

16.6 **Consideration of the Reports**

Motion: "That the reports of the Trio, the Public Relations Manager and the Immediate Past District Director be adopted".

Moved: Toni sharp VP Education First City Club.

Seconded: Rob Wightman President Belmont Club

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

17	District Structure for the 2025 – 2026 Toastmasters Year

DD Richard confirmed that each year the District is required to review the assignment of clubs into Areas and Divisions for the following year.

The District Alignment committee report had been published on the district website. It was advised that the key criteria is that the club be in good standing as at 30 June. We would only want to consider amendments to a club's membership numbers where the report showed a membership of under 8.

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PDDG/Co-chair of the Alignment Committee Murray Coutts presented the following updates to the Alignments Report as was published in the meeting documents.

For the alignments this year TI changed the rules.

Four paid clubs in area by 30 June

At least four areas in a Division

As far as possible allocations based on where the club met

Principles - Communication

Interim report to the March 7 DEC

Considered in detail by the District Officers

This report published 1st May.

Updates and amendments

Updates from the Alignments Report

Division	Club	Membership 29 April	Status 15 May
Northern 5	Milford Club	5	Now 8 members & in good standing
Harbour 1	Moo Talk Toastmasters Club	7	SUSPENDED
Harbour 4	High-5 Toasties	7	Still 7 members. Not in good standing
Central 5	Tauranga Toastmasters Club	0	Has no members.
Central 5	Achieve Toastmasters	2	SUSPENDED
Southern 1	Good Vibes (Online club)	6	Now 8 members & in good standing

Proposed Amendments to the D112 Alignment Report.

Waiheke Club is moved from Harbour Area 5 to Harbour Area 1

The DEC had made **another amendment** on the previous day

- **"That, The Allocation Of Southern 3 And Southern 4 Areas Be As Follows:"**
- Southern 3
    - Palmerston North
    - Feilding
    - Massey University
    - DRI Remarks
- Southern 4
    - Dannevirke
    - Central Hawkes Bay (Waipukurau)
    - IPU
    - PN Advanced
    - Change recommended by the Division R District officers at the meeting,
    - This was an adjustment of the existing clubs in those 2 areas. The change did not affect any other club.
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    - Margot Burton division M Director asked for a visual of the alignment, this was shown.
    - John DiLeo President Gallagher Toastmasters Noted this club should be in Area C2 and not C3, this was noted as a correction to the document.
    - John Fauvell PIP asked why the prospective Divisions were not labelled in a sequential order, PDDG Murray clarified that this was not a requirement of TI, the explanation was accepted.
    - DD Richard added further clarification to this question.
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    - There being no further discussion the motion was put.
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    - Motion: That as recommended by the District Executive Committee, the two recommendations from the District 112 Alignments Committee , with the updates be approved.
    - Moved: Murray Coutts VP Education Northern Impromptu
    - Seconded: Toni Sharp VP Education Taupo club

- There being no opposition the motion was adopted.
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- Wendy Wickliffe President Wired For Sound, asked what this change would mean for existing banners and trophies.
- PDDG Murray noted that over the years many Divisions and Areas had lost their trophies. He noted that with the inception of D112 in 2018 new trophies that had been purchased had plates on them that were able to be updated.
- AD M5 Steve Vale expressed his huge thanks to the Co-chairs and Committee for their commitment to this project.
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18	Elections

DD Richard noted that the report of the District leadership committee was received and published in time

He confirmed we will hold the elections in the following order.

District Director,

Program Quality Director,

Club Growth Director,

and Division Director roles – in north/south geographic order of Division names.

The first election was for the 2025-2026 District Director.

There was one candidate Marlene Krone, DTM

As there was only one candidate, the District Administration Manager was instructed to cast a single ballot for Marlene Krone, DTM

Marlene Krone, DTM was declared elected as District Director

She was congratulated by all present.

The next election was for the 2025-2026 Program Quality Director.

There was one candidate Mark Tweedale DTM

As there was only one candidate, the District Administration Manager was instructed to cast a single ballot for Mark Tweedale DTM

Mark Tweedale DTM was declared elected as Program Quality Director

He was congratulated by all present.

The next election was for the 2025-2026 Club Growth Director.

There were two candidates.

In order of last name;

John DiLeo DTM

and Sandeep Kinge DTM

Each candidate presented a two (2) Minute speech.

Following the vote Sandeep Kinge DTM was declared elected as Club Growth Director.

He was congratulated by all present.

DD Richard noted there had been one candidate withdraw from nomination to the Western Division Director position.

Richard also noted that due to an issue with Tauranga Club dues renewal that was in progress at that time, Paul Jacobs would be appointed by the incoming DD for Southern Division Director.

Division Director Elections

District Administration Manager was instructed to cast a single ballot for all uncontested Division Director positions of which there were three (3), Western, Harbour & Manukau.

Cedric Marie was declared as Western Division Director.

Steve Vale was declared as Harbour Division Director

Derek Hiscoke was declared as Manukau Division Director

The next election was for the Northern Division Director

DD Richard called for floor nominations for the role of *Northern* Division Director

Name: George Ham

Nominated by Murray Coutts President Auckland Advanced

Seconded: Steve Vale AD M5

DD Richard confirmed the candidate was qualified for the role of Division Director

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As there was only one candidate the District Administration Manager was instructed to cast a single ballot for the *Northern* Division Director

George Ham was declared as our new *Northern* Division Director

DD Richard called for floor nominations for the role of Central Division Director.

Name: Jobet Panton

Nominated by: PDG Alun Chisholm President Pakuranga

Seconded: PDD Stephen Budai VP Education Pacific Toastmasters Club

DD Richard confirmed that the candidate was qualified for the role of Division Director

Name: John DiLeo

Nominated by: PDD Neil Stichbury VP Education Franklin Toastmasters Club

Seconded: Georgie Templeton President Taumarunui Club

DD Richard confirmed that the candidate was qualified for the role of Division Director

Following the vote John DiLeo DTM was declared elected as Central Division Director.

All elected Division Directors were congratulated and asked to stand to be recognised.

19	2025 to 2026 Appointed District Officers

DD Richard invited the District Director Elect to announce her proposed appointments, for the Top Table and Area Director roles.

DDE Marlene took pleasure in announcing the appointments for the following District officers for the 2025-2026 period.

Role	Candidate
Administration Manager	Dione Coleman
Public Relations Manager	Tatiana Maior
Finance Manager	Warrick Brooks
Parliamentarian	Murray Coutts
Logistics Manager	John O'Leary
Webmaster	Mike Diggins
District Historian	Jonathan Darby
District Webmaster	Troy Smith

Newly aligned Divisions

Northern Division – N	Western Division – W	Harbour Division – H
Manukau Division – M	Central Division – C	Southern Division - S

Area Director appointments (29)

Role	Area	Candidate	Role	Area	Candidate
Area Director	N1	Spencer Penny	Area Director	M1	Jane Guo
Area Director	N2	Sonley Johnstone	Area Director	M2	Eimaan Koloamatangi
Area Director	N3	Delia Yang	Area Director	M3	Yen Cheng
Area Director	N4	Icy Guo	Area Director	M4	Grant Pepper
Area Director	N5	Prisca Tang	Area Director	C1	Georgina Templeton
Area Director	W1	Vacant	Area Director	C2	Vacant
Area Director	W2	Vacant	Area Director	C3	Walter Hitchins
Area Director	W3	Sarah Wilson	Area Director	C4	Vacant
Area Director	W4	Vacant	Area Director	C5	Vacant
Area Director	W5	Vacant	Area Director	C6	Peter Drew

Area Director	H1	Vacant	Area Director	S1	Huidan Niu
Area Director	H2	Vacant	Area Director	S2	Wendy Smith
Area Director	H3	Vacant	Area Director	S3	Sheryl McGrath
Area Director	H4	Vacant	Area Director	S4	vacant
Area Director	H5	Vacant			

More appointments will be announced at the District Executive Committee meeting in July 2025.

Motion: "That the appointments as listed be adopted."

Moved: Marlene Krone PQD

Seconded: PDD Stephen Budai VP Education Pacific Toastmasters Club

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

20 **General Business**

PQD Marlene informed all that NO bids had been received for the 2027 District conference. She encouraged members from outside of Auckland to consider offering to take this project on board.

PIP John Fauvel made reference for the DEC to consider D72 and D112 re-merging which would open further destinations for the 2027 conference.

21 **2026 Waipuna Conference**

This is being held from 1st – 3rd May 2026.

22 **Final Comments and Valedictory**

IPDD James spoke about his journey over the past 4 years and informed all of his intention to stand for R12 International director in 2027.

DD Richard, on behalf of D112, expressed his heartfelt thanks to James for his service

23 Close

DD Richard informed all that the next meeting of the District 112 District Council will be the Virtual Semi-Annual District Council meeting on the evening of the 26th of September 2025.

The meeting was declared closed at 3:13 pm.

APPENDIX 1
ATTENDANCE LIST

CLUBS PRESENT	
Arawa Toastmasters Club	Napier Toastmasters Club
Auckland Advanced TM Club	New Plymouth Toastmasters Club
Auckland Toastmasters Club	Northern Impromptu
Auckland West	Northwest Club
Bay of Islands Toastmasters	Orakei Toastmasters Club
Bell Block Toastmasters Club	Pacific Toastmasters Club
Belmont Club	Pakuranga
Devonport Esplanade Toastmasters Club	Palmerston North Club
Dinsdale Club	Papakura Toastmasters Club
DRI Remark Club	Papatoetoe Toastmasters Club
Dynamic Diners Toastmasters Club	Piako Toastmasters Club
Eco City Waitakere Club	PN Advanced
Ellerslie Sunrise Toastmasters	Pokeno Toastmasters
Ernst & Young Achieving Potential	Review Toastmasters
First City Club	Riverhead Toastmasters
First Impressions Club	Rotorua Toastmasters Club
Franklin Toastmasters Club	Silver Service Toastmasters Club
Gallagher Toastmasters	Silverdale-Orewa Toastmasters
Geyser Gourmet Club	Spark Speakers
Geyserland Club	Takapuna Midday Toastmasters Club
Glenfield Club	Talking Heads Club
Good Vibes	Taumarunui Club
Hamilton Central Essential Toastmasters Club	Taupo Club
Hamilton Club	Te Awamutu Toastmasters Club
Hobsonville Toastmasters | Speechcraft Club	Toastmasters @ Lunchtime
Lake City Breakfast Club	Toastmasters at Kristin
Massey Toastmasters Club	West Harbour Toastmasters
Maungakiekie Club	Whakatane Toastmasters Club
MCBC Toastmasters	Whangarei Toastmasters Club
Meadowbank Toastmasters	Wired For Sound Toastmasters Club

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DISTRICT OFFICERS	
District Director	Richard Perkins
Program Quality Director	Marlene Krone
Club Growth Director	Mark Tweedale
IPDD	James Hippolite
Administration Manager	Toni Sharpe
Public Relations Manager	Kenneth Gustilo
Division K Director	Helen Madden
Division L Director	Sheryl Dickerson
Division M Director	Margot Burton
Division N Director	Nathan Saminathan
Division O Director	Sandeep Kinge
Division Q Director	Talia Powell
Division R Director	Meegan Herewini
Area K1 Director	Jennet Penney
Area K3 Director	Sonley Johnstone
Area L1 Director	Beryl Bourhill
Area L3 Director	Shane Potter
Area L4 Director	Natalia Ortega
Area M1 Director	Brendan Richardson
Area M4 Director	Cedric Marie
Area M5 Director	Steve Vale
Area N2 Director	Jerry Jacob
Area N4 Director	Charles Wilding
Area O2 Director	Steven Cui
Area O5 Director	Yen Cheung
Area P1 Director	Gordon Gower
Area P3 Director	Ralph Connor
Area P4 Director	Jobet Panton
Area Q1 Director	Karan Allen
Area Q2 Director	Chareza Fourie
Area R1 Director	Sheryl McGrath