

# MOTIONS FOR THE JULY DEC

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## Motion 1

That DP 3.2 Selection of the Speech Contests be amended to read

In accordance with Policy 6.0, The District Director will recommend which optional speech contests are to be conducted as well as in which months the District final of a contest will be held. ~~contests will be run in the first half and second half of the Toastmasters year.~~ The recommendation shall be submitted for approval at the first meeting of the District Executive. Following the meeting The Program Quality Director shall advise the selection to all clubs, within one week of the meeting.

Reason

This change reflects the new TI Policy 6.0 effective 1 July 2025

New Policy 6.0 1b “Districts (including Areas and Divisions) and Provisional Districts (including Areas and Divisions) may conduct up to three (3) additional English speech contests each year. The District Director recommends which contests are to be conducted **and at which event the District-level contests take place (i.e., the annual District conference or an October/November event)**. The recommendations are subject to the approval of the District Executive Committee at its first meeting of the program year.

## Motion 2

That the District Executive Committee accepts the District Director’s recommendation that the optional contests to be run in addition to the International speech contest, during the 2025-2026 Toastmasters year are: the Table Topics Contest, Humorous Speech Contest and the Evaluation Contest. All District finals to be held at the May District Conference.

## Motion 3

That the District Organisation Chart be approved.

In motions 4 & 5 any text in a small font is a clause which has not changed although it’s number may have.

## Motion 4

The District Procedure 8 be replaced with

### 8.1 The Purpose of the District Conference.

The purpose of the Annual District Conference is to:

- i. Hold the Annual Meeting of the District Council
- ii Provide Communication and leadership training opportunities in support of the District mission
- iii Provide opportunities for networking and the exchange of ideas.
- iv Recognise and celebrate member and District achievements.
- v Hold the final of the International Speech Contest and other District-level speech contests.

- vi Provide Educational sessions that focus on achieving the club and District missions.
- vii Hold an online Candidates Showcase ~~some time prior to the District Council~~ for candidates for District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Division Directors, ~~and at a time suitable for voting members to attend~~. The showcase shall follow the procedure defined in Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections Section 9.

1. The current words are replaced with the purposes listed in the District Leadership Handbook, which is TI Protocol.
2. Makes the Showcase online

## DP 8.2 D112 Conference Handbook

8.1.1 The District 112 Conference Handbook, adopted or amended under the joint authority of the District Director and the Program Quality Director, is the guide to be followed by District Conference Committees except where it is incompatible with District 112 Procedures, or Toastmasters International Policy or Protocols.

8.1.2 The Conference Chair is to ensure that all conference committee members have a copy of the Conference Handbook.

Reason Existing 8.1.1./ 8.1.2 just ensures that committee members have a copy of the handbook.

## 8.3 Bids for the District Conference

8.3.1 Bids for a District Conference are considered and approved by the Semi Annual District Council Meeting (September) in the Toastmasters year prior to the year in which the conference will be held.

8.3.2 Any club or groups of clubs wishing to bid for a District Conference need to complete the D112 Bid Document (available on the D112 website) and provide this to the current Program Quality Director by the 31st of August. For the bid to be considered the Program Quality Director needs to certify to the Semi Annual District Council that the bid meets the requirements specified on the Bid Form.

Changes the lead time to 18 months

Sets a date for bids to be received, instead of requiring the bid clubs to work out the due date.

DP 8.3.3 The District 112 Annual Conferences ~~shall be~~ are held on a weekend occurring in May, preferably over the first weekend. ~~And where possible on a different weekend to the District 72 Annual Conference.~~

D72 has dropped their requirement to hold a conference on a different weekend to D112.

## 8.4 The Conference Committee:

8.4.1 The conference committee is a subcommittee of the District Executive Committee and is responsible to the Executive, through the Program Quality Director.

8.4.2 The Conference Committee Chair, Registrar and Treasurer are appointed by the District Director.

8.4.3 The District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and District Finance Manager and District Public Relations Manager are ex-officio members of the Conference committee.

This is so the DPRM can know what is going on with the conference. It does not require them to attend committee meetings.

8.4.4 Other members of the conference committee are appointed by either the District Director or the Program Quality Director.

8.4.5 If a member of the committee resigns, their replacement is appointed by either the District Director or the Program Quality Director as provided for in 8.4.2 and 8.4.4.

**8.4.6 Minutes are to be taken at all Committee Meetings and provided to the Program Quality Director within five days of the meeting.**

## **8.5 Role of the District Executive Committee:**

8.5.1 Approves the conference budget, including the registration fees and any terms and conditions relating to the fee structure. Note that the conference budget becomes a component of the District Budget and is fixed once submitted to Toastmasters International by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

8.5.2 Approves the conference programme, including presenters **and topics** of educational sessions. **Any significant changes to these approvals require the consent of the trio.**

Under the current DPs once the DEC has approved the speakers etc, only the DEC can approve any changes. This makes such approvals a bit easier. Example One of the Taupo presenters pulled out in the week of the conference due to family emergency in Ireland.

8.5.3 The DP provides the conference committee with a list of Toastmasters International Policies, Protocols and Bylaws as well as District Procedures relating to the conference.

## **8.6 Conference Finance:**

8.6.1 The District Director is the only District Officer authorised to sign contracts on behalf of the District.

**8.6.2 The Conference Treasurer is responsible for developing the conference budget in conjunction with the Conference Chair, submitting expense claims through the Conference Chair to the District Finance Manager, ensuring that registrations are paid for and keeping the Conference Registrar advised of registration payments received.** Conference expenditure shall comply with the District Expenditure controls outlined in DP 12.

Adding in the role of credit control, clears up a past dispute between the Treasurer and Registrar

8.6.3 The Conference Committee shall comply with any written requirements from the District Finance Manager relating to financial management, records, and related areas.

8.6.4 The expenditure for any item which is more than \$150 over the approved budget requires the prior consent of the Program Quality Director and the District Finance Manager.

8.6.4 Where Conferences incur expenses in advance of receiving income, the Program Quality Director may apply to the District Director for the expenses to be met from general funds and charged against the conference budget.

## **8.7 Promoting the Conference.**

At least six months prior to the conference, the District Conference shall be promoted on the District website. The District Conference Committee will provide content to be displayed on the District website promoting the District Conference. This will be updated and will include contest dates, details of keynote speakers and workshops. This may include a link to the District Conference site or page(s). The current year's District Conference content is to be removed from the District website prior to the start of the next Toastmasters Year.

# **Motion 5**

This is an omnibus Motion covering several DPs

That the following changes and any consequential numbering changes be approved.

**5.1** That DP 2.3 be amended

2.3 Division Conference Dates

Sometime after the May District Council, the incoming Division Directors meet with the incoming Trio and identify suitable dates for the Division Conferences. Those dates should allow one of the Trio (DD, PQD and CGD) to attend each Division Conference. ~~The proposed Division Conference dates are recommended by the July District Executive Committee via a motion on notice.~~

Removed the need for the DEC to approve the dates.

5.2 That DP 2.5 be amended to read

~~There shall be~~ A District Awards event, **shall be held in conjunction with a District Executive Committee meeting, scheduled on a date sometime between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November. The specific date will be determined by the July District Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the District Director.** ~~no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, where the awards pertaining to the previous Toastmasters year shall be presented. Wherever possible the District Awards Event shall be in person. If that is not possible due to circumstances beyond the District's control, a virtual event shall be held and the trophies etc are then forwarded direct to the recipients.~~

If the incoming District Director decides to hold one or more District Finals in October/November [Changes to TI Policy 6, effective 1/7/25], this change gives them the opportunity to hold the District Awards event in conjunction with those District Finals.

5.3 That DP 3.3.2 be amended by

Divisions with four ~~or fewer~~ areas will allow the two highest placed available contestants, in each area, in each speech contest, to proceed to the division contest. This clause is perpetual communication of the rule in the Speech Contest Rulebook.

We are no longer allowed a Division with less than 4 areas.

5.4 That DP 3.7 ZZ be amended to read

3.7 Scheduling of Contests - part 2

3.7.41 There shall be a gap of at least two weekends between the last group of Division contests and the District **final for that contest** ~~Conference~~. This is to allow the Program Quality Director time to appoint judges who meet the criteria in the rulebook.

5.5 That DP **37e deleted**

3.7.2 ~~Division Speech Contests are to be held in the months of October/ November and March/ April each year.~~

5.6 That DP 5.1.2 be deleted

~~5.1.2 — All District events are to adhere to the Government's pandemic regulations. All clubs are recommended to comply with the Government's pandemic regulations.~~

5.7 The first sentence of DP **5.2** be amended

This section ~~provides~~ **outlines** District Best Practice the actions needing to be performed before the start of the event.

5.8 Sub clause (v) be added to DP 5.2

**(v) Identify the location of the AED equipment**

5.9 That DP 7.3.2 be deleted. It is covered in DP 10.7

~~7.3.2 Under the direction of the District Director the District Parliamentarian shall organise and oversee the running of the credentials desk at the May District Council Meetings, which always shall be in accordance with Toastmasters International Policies and Protocols.~~

5.10 That DP 9.2 be amended to read

9.2 First District Executive Committee Meeting of the Year

The Incoming District Executive Committee shall hold its first meeting in July of each year, to ~~determine matters specified in these District Procedures. facilitate amongst other things TI~~  
~~Policy 6.0 Section 1B.~~

5.11 That a new DP 10.7 be approved

## 10.7 Voting at District Councils

10.7.1 All contested elections shall be determined by secret ballot. For other motions 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 ballot.

10.7.2 The District Director appoints the Credentials Chair for the District Council. They shall:

- (i) determine the credentials of Council Members and provide that information to the Vote Manager.
- (ii) At the Council confirm that a quorum is present and the total number of votes available.

10.7.3 The District Director determines the voting platform to be used and appoints a Vote Manager, who shall

- (i) establish and test the voting platform prior to the Council meeting; and
- (ii) during the meeting advise the District Director the results of any ballot.

~~10.7.4 As provided in Protocol 9 (11K) candidates may appoint an observer to monitor the integrity of the voting and ballot counting process.~~

We had the method of approval in the DPs for DEC but not for the Council.
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5.12 That DP 14.1 be amended to read

14.1 ~~The Distinguished Toastmaster recognition, any District Citations, the Long Service Awards, and the O'Leary-Wightman Shield for attendance are presented at the District Conference: The District Trophies to be presented at the District Awards event (DP 2.6) by the Immediate Past District Director are:~~

1. The Warwick Lowndes Cup for The Outstanding Division Director of The Year.
2. The Len Jury Cup for the Outstanding Area Director of the Year.
3. The Chrissy Meyer Cup for District Toastmaster of the year.
4. The Laurel Francis Cup for Club Coach of the Year.
5. The Murray Coutts Cup for Outstanding Division.
6. The Kingsley Moody Shield for Club Public Relations.
7. ~~District 112 Citations~~

- 7 Club Leadership Excellence Awards.
- 8 Toastmasters International Distinguished Division and Distinguished Area Awards if received in time. Otherwise, the IPDD is responsible for getting these to the past District Officers.

Removes Triple Crown presentations from the District Conference