



# District 112 Executive Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of the District 112 Executive Committee Meeting held online on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at 7:00pm

### Abbreviations Used:

DD - District Director

AM - Administration Manager

PRM - Public Relations Manager

PQD - Program Quality Director

IPDD - Immediate Past DD

DP - District Parliamentarian

CGD - Club Growth Director

FM - Finance Manager

### 1 Call to order and Welcome

DD Marlene Krone called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and warmly welcomed all present. She outlined the standard procedures for a District Executive Meeting and noted this meeting was being recorded.

### 2 Confirmation of Quorum

DP Murray Coutts confirmed that a quorum for an Executive Committee Meeting is the majority of its members. The Executive currently has **7** senior officers, **6** division directors, and **28** area directors making a total of **41** members. A quorum is therefore **21** members. **29** are in attendance. We therefore have a quorum.

### 3 District Mission Statement

PQD Mark Tweedale read the District Mission Statement.

### 4 Speaking Rights

DD Marlene confirmed that all members of the District Executive Committee have speaking and voting rights, and extended speaking rights only to:

- Murray Coutts, DTM, PDD as District Parliamentarian; and
- Past District Directors and District Governors present.

### 5 Apologies

AM Dione Coleman confirmed the following apologies were received:

Area Director N1 Spencer Penney

Area Director N3 Delia Yang

Area Director N5 Prisca Tang

Area Director W1 Russell Keast

Area Director W3 Sarah Wilson

Area Director W5 Cheryl Jacobs

Area Director S1 Tracy Bovett

Area Director S4 Huidan Niu

#### **Motion: "That the Apologies be Accepted"**

Moved: DAM Dione Coleman

Seconded: DivD John DiLeo

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

**6 Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda as published was confirmed. No additional items were added.

**Motion:** “That the Agenda be Adopted.”

Moved: DivD Steve Vale

Seconded: AD Jennifer Storey

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

**7 Confirmation of Minutes - 13 September and 29 November 2025**

Two sets of minutes were reviewed and confirmed.

**Motion:** “That the minutes of the District Executive Meetings held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025, as circulated, are a true and correct record.”

Moved: DAM Dione Coleman

Seconded: PQD Mark Tweedale

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

**8 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**9 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence that affects the District this year.

**10. Administrative Matters**

There are no administrative matters.

**11. Finance Manager’s Report**

**11.1 Profit and Loss Report for period 1 July 2025 – 31 December 2025**

FM, Warrick Brooks, presented his report for the period July to December 2025 and went through it line by line.

He commented that, overall, he was very happy with how the accounts were tracking close to budget. He encouraged district leaders to be prudent with their spend.

The report was open for questions. There were none.

**Motion:** “That the District Executive Committee receive the Profit and Loss Report for 1 July to 31 December 2025.”

Moved: FM Warrick Brooks

Seconded: AD Sonley Johnstone

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

**12. District Director’s Report**

DD Marlene Krone presented her report as published, with the following updates.

The District Awards Night is expected to be held in October or November this year, rather than in September. A decision on whether to combine the District 72 and District 112 awards events will be made by the incoming District Director for the 2026–2027 year.

The district continues to make solid progress toward its goals. Our monthly membership fee forecast is tracking well, with February already exceeding 100 payments as of today.

### **12.1 District Goals**

We aspire to become a Distinguished District by 30 June 2026. Achieving this together as a team would be a remarkable accomplishment. Our planning has been strong, and the results we are seeing reflect the shared commitment and common goal we are working toward.

### **12.2 District Realignment**

Information relating to the reunification of Districts 72 and 112 has been shared during briefings for District Officers, as well as at the Town Hall held earlier this week. The recording of the Town Hall has now been distributed via Division Directors to Area Directors, who will in turn share it with their clubs. Our aim is to ensure that all members in District 112 are well informed and understand the upcoming transition as we reunify into a single district.

### **13. Program Quality Director's Report**

PQD Mark Tweedale presented his report as published with the following updates:

Some club officers who were unable to attend Club Officer Training in July last year have participated in District 72's Club Officer Training in February to secure their training credit toward their club's Distinguished Club Program (DCP) goals. The final training session is scheduled for 25 February, and details are available on the District 72 website.

All district incentives have now been published, and the response from clubs has been positive. The Super Star Challenge will be updated on 1 April.

Workshops for **Vice Presidents Education** are being planned for early March. These sessions will support club leaders in guiding their clubs toward achieving Distinguished Club status. Dates will be published on the District Calendar.

### **13.1 Update on District Conference – May 2026**

Kevin Prohl, Chair of the May District Conference, advised that more than 150 attendees have already registered and paid for the conference. He encouraged District Officers to actively promote the event within their clubs and to encourage members to attend.

Kevin also noted that attendees are encouraged to secure their accommodation as soon as possible, as the rooms allocated for the conference will soon be released to the general public.

### **13.2 Conference Programme Update**

A full programme report was circulated for the meeting. Stephen Budai and Aroha Heene have been confirmed to present TED-style educational sessions for members, with two additional speakers still being sought.

Kevin also reported that he recently visited the new New Zealand International Convention Centre with District Director Marlene Krone. The venue was described as very impressive, and it is hoped that Toastmasters International may hold a conference there in the future.

DP Murray Coutts asked about the break-even point for registrations. Kevin advised that the break-even point is approximately 240 registrations. While this has not yet been reached, registrations are currently tracking in line with the conference plan.

AD John Davies noted that the programme on the District 112 website has not been updated since 9 August. District Director Marlene Krone requested that this be updated as a matter of urgency.

Motion 1: **“That the Proposed Presenters at the Conference be Approved.”**

Moved: PQD Mark Tweedale

Seconded: DivD Steve Vale

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

Motion 2: **“That the Proposed Conference Program be Approved.”**

Moved: PQD Mark Tweedale

Seconded: CGD Sandeep Kinge

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

### **13.3 Update on District Conference 2027 – Taranaki**

PQD Mark Tweedale advised that the proposed D112 Conference in Taranaki is on hold because of the District reformation. The Transition Committee is working on recommendations for the various event for the new District. Their report will be provided by 15 March. The incoming Trio will decide on the 2027 Conference details.

### **14. Club Growth Director's Report**

CGD Sandeep Kinge presented his report as published, with the following updates:

#### **14.1 Clubs in Formation**

Three clubs are currently progressing towards chartering, with a further three strong leads being supported to hold demonstration meetings.

#### **14.2 Membership Growth**

Membership growth is tracking ahead of the same period last year, and we remain focused on achieving even stronger growth. District leaders are encouraged to lead by example by renewing their memberships before the end of March.

The Woolworths promotion continues to generate interest from individuals wanting to learn more about Toastmasters or join a local club. In addition, the District 72 website is directing North Island enquiries to District 112.

Our Distinguished District goal is to have 125 clubs in good standing by the end of June. We are currently at 122 clubs.

Members working towards their DTM are encouraged to consider serving as a Club Mentor, Sponsor, or Coach as part of their leadership development. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles, please let us know, as we are currently seeking additional Club Coaches to support clubs in need.

Clubs are also reminded that Club Promotion Funding is available for boosting Facebook posts (approximately \$30–\$40). Applications can be made through the District 112 website.

The Club Health Snapshot Survey is available to help guide district support and improvement initiatives.

### **15. Public Relations Manager's Report**

15.1 PRM Tatiana Maior presented her report as published, with the following updates:

The back of bus promotion for South Auckland starts on 23 February and runs for four weeks.

All promotions on Facebook and LinkedIn are focusing on members paying their fees on time.

### **16. Immediate Past District Director's Report (optional)**

16.1 No report was available.

### **17. Division Director's Report**

#### **17.1 Northern Division**

Division Director, George Ham, presented his report as published, with the following updates:

- Toastmasters Lunchtime, East Coast Bays, Hibiscus Coast, Albany, Kristin, Birkenhead, North Shore, Belmont and Takapuna have all had membership growth since my report was provided.

#### **17.2 Harbour Division**

Division Director, Steve Vale, presented his report as published, with the following updates:

- Waiheke Island membership up to 13; Silver Service increased a DCP point, ANZ Bank up to 14 members; Mount Albert up to 18 members and Twilight Talkers up to 15 members.

- Some standout clubs are Datacom on 41 members, Auckland Toastmasters on 38 members, Spark Speakers 21 members and 7 DCP goals.
- There were, however, 3 clubs that did not complete a Club Success Plan – all of those clubs have shrunk in members. Clear link that planning the quality outcomes leads to those outcomes!
- Distinguished or Smedley Distinguished looking likely for many. Division will likely become Distinguished.
- Area and Division conferences will be held at the Auckland University in March and April respectively.
- Call for club coaches to help.

### 17.3 Western Division

Division Director, Cedric Marie, presented his report as published, with the following updates:

- W1 noticeable increase; West Harbour +5 members and 8 goals; Hobsonville 29 members and 10 goals.
- W2 Auckland West +6 members and 5 goals achieved; Henderson Waitakere 5 goals.
- W3 Three Kings +10 members and 7 goals; Maungakiekie 16 members and 5 goals.
- W4 Morning Toast 23 members (+3) and 7 goals met.
- W5 Flying Start 29 members (+2) and 7 goals met. Orakei 27 members and 5 goals met.
- Area Contests will be held on 21 March, and Division Contests on 18 April in conjunction with Harbour Division.

### 17.4 Manukau Division

Division Director, Derek Hiscoke, presented his report as published, with no further updates.

### 17.5 Central Division

Division Director, John DiLeo, presented his report as published with the following updates:

- C1 - First Impressions now has 21 members; Cambridge Treetown also has 21 members; Dawn Shakers now has 20 so we are seeing membership growth here.
- C2 - Dinsdale Club 22 members 7 goals; Dynamic Diners has grown to 11 members; Wired for Sound 14 and 6 goals; Hamilton Central Essentials 16 members and 5 goals
- C3 - Taupo 25 members; unfortunately Taniwha Hunters has confirmed closing after 31 March; Arawa now has 10 members;
- C4 - Lake City has achieved 6 goals.
- C5 - Tauranga has 35 members and 7 goals; Kickstart has 31 members; Geyser Gourmet has achieved 3 goals.
- C6 - Napier has 18 members and Hastings 16 members.
- Area Contests: C4 & C5 combined on 7 March; Area C3 - 14 March in Taupo; Area C6 - 14 March in Rotorua.
- Out of 27 clubs in the Division – 2 did not qualify for DCP and 5 did not meet the requirement for club officers trained.

#### **17.5.1 Proposal– Use of Conference Surplus Funds for Club Promotion in Rotorua**

John provided the following report on the proposed plan for spending the funds allocated to the Rotorua clubs as requested at the 13 September 2025 DEC meeting.

On the evening of Wednesday, 10 December 2025, the Central Division Director, John DiLeo, convened a Zoom meeting with leaders from the seven clubs in Rotorua. The following officers were invited to attend:

- Arawa TM Club: Peter Harington, President; Jennie Perkins, VP-PR
- Taniwha Humbers TM: Kingi Biddle, President; Annemijn Mear, VP-PR
- Geyserland Club: Keith Storey, Club President, AD C4; Mareli Esterhuysen, VP-PR
- Lake City Breakfast Club: Susan Warrender, President; Aileen Santos, VP-PR
- Pioneers TM Club: Fiona Rayner, President; Ellen Tyrrell, VP-PR
- Rotorua TM Club: Campbell Harrison, President; no VP-PR registered
- Geyser Gourmet Club: Keith Storey, President, AD C4; Kevin Loney, VP-PR

Also in attendance were Richard Perkins, Immediate Past District Director, and Jennifer Storey, AD C5.

At this session, those attending discussed promotional efforts that had worked in the past,

recurring Toastmasters events in Rotorua that could benefit from additional promotion, and general needs of clubs to raise awareness of their presence and improve access to their meeting places.

*Proposal:*

The group reached consensus that the following actions be taken, to assist the clubs in Rotorua achieve the promotional goals discussed:

1. *Promotional Fliers:* Based on the format used for a successful promotional flier produced a few years ago (example provided by Richard Perkins), design a 1/3-A5 promotional flier, to be printed on both sides on heavy cardstock, and have 500 copies printed for distribution.

*Proposed Budget: \$200*

2. *Information Night:* Book a venue for an information evening, on a weeknight. At this event, introduce attendees to the Toastmasters program, the seven (7) clubs in Rotorua, and encourage registration for upcoming Speechcraft sessions and/or a club matching their interests and schedule. Expenses will include venue charges, food and beverage.

*Proposed Budget: \$900*

3. *Speechcraft Sessions:* Conduct two (2) Speechcraft sessions – one during mornings, and one during evenings, over several weeks, each beginning soon after the Information Night. Expenses will include materials, venue charges, and refreshments.

*Proposed Budget: \$350*

4. *Signage for Meetings:*

a. For each club that doesn't have an outdoor "sandwich board" or similar sign, for placement on the footpath outside their meeting space, purchase one.

b. For each club's meeting space, identify the signs needed to mark the path from the building entrance to the meeting room (e.g., "Toastmasters This Way," with directional arrow). Purchase corflute-backed, reuseable signs to mark those routes.

*Proposed Budget: \$850*

5. *Selwyn Bennet Humorous Speech Event:* Expand the capacity of the 2026 event by booking a larger venue, increase event-specific promotion (possibly including targeted social media advertising).

*Proposed Budget: \$750*

Total Proposed spending: \$3,050, inclusive of GST

## **17.6 Southern Division**

Division Director, Paul Jacobs, presented his report as published, with the following updates:

- Massey Toastmasters possibly closing, AD Sheryl McGrath is following up
- Division Conference to be held on 21 March. Combined Area Contests for S1 and S2 on 28 February, but S3 and S4 are not having a competition.
- All clubs in S4 are in single figures for membership numbers. Working with the AD to support membership building initiatives.

## 18. Consideration of the Reports

Motion: **“That the Reports other than from the District Finance Manager’s Report be Approved.”**

Moved: AD John Davies

Seconded: DivD Cedric Marie

There being no opposition the motion was adopted.

## 19. General Business

DD Marlene provided the following items of general business:

### 19.1 District Realignment

Effective 1 July 2026 there will be one District in New Zealand – called District 72. The focus of the realignment is to build stronger support structures so clubs receive consistent leadership and service over time. This is a unique and historic time to be a Toastmaster in our District. District officers were asked to help by sharing this with all clubs and members.

### 19.2 Colin Leong

Colin Leong passed away on 7 February. Colin was member of IPU Toastmasters Club and Massey Toastmasters Club, both in Palmerston North. Colin was a Distinguished Toastmaster, an area director and club president, and up until July last year, Colin was holding two club officer roles at his two clubs. Condolences from the district were passed onto Colin’s family. One minute of silence was shared to reflect and remember Colin.

### 19.3 District Calendar

On 27 February, the District 112 Calendar will change to a transitional calendar until the end of June this year. This is needed because of expiring software licences, and because the decision to use a calendar beyond June rests with the 2026-2027 District Executive. The transitional calendar is similar to the current one, but uses a simpler format. Instructions on how to use the transitional calendar will be available on our website next week.

### 19.4 Proposed Online Club

The charter fee for a proposed monthly online club has been paid, and the club is now seeking 20 members to achieve charter status.

The club will focus on skills development in Tall Tales—the art of thinking on your feet and crafting imaginative stories while incorporating effective speaking techniques. The aim is to help members become proficient in impromptu speaking, while strengthening skills such as time management, word choice, vocal variety, gestures, and emotional expression.

This club will provide an excellent platform for members to practise and develop their speaking abilities through constructive feedback in a supportive environment.

Members who are interested in joining or learning more are encouraged to contact:

- Sandeep Kinge – clubgrowth@d112tm.org.nz
- Marlene Krone – districtdirector@d112tm.org.nz
- Murray Coutts – murraycouttsnz@gmail.com

### 19.5 Club Surveys

Area Directors were reminded to complete the club surveys with the club presidents and return it to their Division Director by the end of February 2026. The information is essential to informing district leaders where support is needed to elevate clubs to distinguished or better status.

### 19.6 Communication

District leaders were encouraged to read their emails and be across what is happening in our District, to ensure that we have better opportunities to succeed. When we are informed, we make wiser decisions, seize greater opportunities, and lead with confidence.

## 20. Close

DD Marlene thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Their presence and participation are essential to ensuring that our district can conduct its business effectively and with integrity. She reaffirmed our District goal of becoming the first team in D112 to attain Distinguished District.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:30pm.

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### Attendance List:

District Director	Marlene Krone
Program Quality Director	Mark Tweedale
Club Growth Director	Sandeep Kinge
Administration Manager	Dione Coleman
Public Relations Manager	Tatiana Maior
Finance Manager	Warrick Brooks
District Parliamentarian	Murray Coutts
Northern District Director	George Ham
Western Division Director	Cedric Marie
Manukau Division Director	Derek Hiscoke
Central Division Director	John DiLeo
Harbour Division Director	Steve Vale
Southern Division Director	Paul Jacobs
Area Director N2	Sonley Johnstone
Area Director N4	Icy Guo
Area Director W2	John Davies
Area Director W4	Cliff Hall
Area Director M1	Jane Guo
Area Director M2	Stephen Budai
Area Director M3	Yen Cheng
Area Director M4	Grant Pepper
Area Director C1	Georgina Templeton
Area Director C2	Walter Hitchins
Area Director C4	Keith Storey
Area Director C5	Jennifer Storey
Area Director C6	Peter Drew
Area Director H2	Tim Crankshaw
Area Director H3	Fred Musika
Area Director H4	Lily Li
Area Director H5	Tracy Feickert
Area Director S2	Isabel Carter
Area Director S3	Sheryl McGrath

### Field Officers / Past District Directors/District Governors

Past District Governor	Neil Stichbury
Past District Governor	Alun Chisholm
Webmaster	Mike Diggins
Zoom Master	Troy Smith
Training Chair	Brett Dickson
Historian	Jonathan Darby
Conference Chair 2026	Kevin Prohl
Area C3 Helper	Lindley Craig