

# Minutes of 2020 District 89 Online Council Meeting held at 15:00hrs, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

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Meeting Tool: Zoom Voting Tool: WJX

Chairman: Talis WONG, DTM,

District Director

Secretary: Julia LIU, DTM

District Administration Manager

#### **Introductions**

he meeting was announced opened by District Director (DD) Talis WONG DTM. We are honoured to have our International Director Susan ZHOU, Regional 14 Advisor Gauri Seshadri attending our District Conference and Business Meeting today. We are also honoured to have past Regional 14 Director Kees Broos DTM, a special representative of the Board of Directors of Toastmasters International with us.

- 2. DD gave a short introduction to online business meeting rules; and went over the Meeting Agenda.
- 3. International Director Susan ZHOU gave us an inspirational opening remarks.
- 4. <u>Talis WONG</u> DTM District Director invited Ophelia Tang,VPE of City University of Hong Kong Toastmasters Club to read the district mission in English and invited . And invited Xuezhi Huang,CCB Xiamen Toastmasters Club, AZA Crazy Nut Toastmasters Club,Dell Toastmasters International Club (Xiamen) to read it in Mandarin.

## **Credential Report**

5. Matt STEELE, DTM, Past District Director, presented the Credentials Report. Total active presidents and VPEs are 260 so to meet quorum we need 87. We have clubs registered 153, the quorum is achieved. District officers registered 44. We have 197 possible votes all together.

#### **Voting Rules**

- 6. Talis WONG, DTM, District Director introduced the voting procedure in English, Division R Director Gavin YAO, CC, CL explain the voting procedure in Mandarin, and a test vote with the council members was conducted successfully. Competitive
- 7. Speakers Hong Kong Toastmasters Club, Ben FUNG, ACS, ALB asked questions about the registered voters.
  - \*Voting Practice Result: Total cast 107, 65 vote for eggs, 42 vote for chicken. The result is Egg came first.

# **Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

8. Sean LIN DTM, Hong Kong Elite Toastmasters Club moved to adopt the agenda

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of the meeting. <u>Irene Kwok</u>, DTM Division H Director seconded it. The meeting voted on adopting the Agenda: There were 98 votes: 95 Yes; 3 Against the agenda.

\* Motion to adopt the meeting agenda - Passed

### **Audit Committee Report of 2019-2020**

9. Alec CHUNG, ACB, CL, chair of District 89 Audit Committee 2019-2020. Jessica LAM and Kam WONG were appointed by Mr Talis WONG, DTM, District Director, to form the audit committee for the term. We reviewed all the finance statement, the district incomes and expenses. In January 2020, we performed a mid-year order for the first half of the term. The scope of order followed all the committee guideline prepared by Toastmasters international. Finance Manager PH ONG, DTM and her team provided the finance record with supporting document, and substantiated the transaction. The first half of the term is in order, no irregularities were noted.

# Finance Manager Report-PH ONG, DTM

10.PH introduced her Finance team, recapped the budget by TI approve, estimated the profit and lost from 1st July 2019 to 30 June 2020, and reviewed the commitments for the rest of the term.

#### **Motion of Limit Time Discussion for 5 Minutes**

- 11. PQD, Molly YIP, DTM, proposed the motion. Tim Chen, PM1, MBS Alumni Toastmasters Club seconded the motion. Sean LIN DTM, Hong Kong Elite Toastmasters Club support the motion.
- 12.Ben FUNG(Cheuk Luk FUNG), ACS, ALB, Competitive Speakers Hong Kong Toastmasters Club suggest to amend the motion:I proposed the motion as to limit the discussion of a point to 5 minutes, with each member at maximum with 1 minute. Tim Chen, PM1, MBS Alumni Toastmasters Club proposed the amended motion. Mercy LIU, ACB, ALB, Area K4 Director seconded the amended motion. There were 93 votes: 81 Yes; 12 No.
  - \*Motion to Adopt Limit Time Discussion to 5 Minutes with each member speaking max 1 min Passed.

#### **District Director Report - Talis WONG, DTM**

13. Talis WONG, DTM presented the challenge and district achievement. He reminded integrity and service were the core values of Service Leadership.

# Approval of last council meeting minutes

14.PQD, Molly YIP, DTM proposed to adopt the last council meeting minutes. Shelley XU, DTM, Division M Director seconded the motion. There were 94 votes made: 92 Yes; 2 No.

\* Motion to Approve of last council meeting minutes - Passed

# Program Quality Director Report - Molly YIP, DTM

15. Molly YIP gave a brief report about members situation, and education situation pathways done.

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#### Alignment Committee Report - Talis WONG, DTM on behalf of CGD Cherish Lin DTM

16. Talis WONG gave a brief report about the alignment committee report. Rainbow LEE, DTM, HKUST Toastmasters Club proposed to adopt the alignment committee report. Sean LIN DTM, Hong Kong Elite Toastmasters Club seconded the motion. There were 117 votes cast: 105 Yes; 11 No.

· Motion to Adopt Alignment Committee Report - Passed

### Club Growth Director Report - Cherish LIN, DTM

17. Cherish LIN, DTM gave a brief report about the action plans for club growth.

# District Leadership Committee Report - Kin Ching TANG, DTM

18.Kin Ching TANG gave a report about working timeline, qualifying criteria for district officers, the DLC evaluations and nominations, DLC team members, nominated candidates and floor candidates.

#### **District Leader Elections**

- 19. There are two District Director nominated Candidates: Wilson YAU and Molly YIP. As Molly YIP has withdraw from the election, only one candidate for the District Director. Without objection, District Director Talis WONG, DTM instructed the PARLIAMENTARIAN Jim WAN, DTM to cast (in the form of a voice vote) a single ballot for the candidate for this uncontested office.
- 20. Program Quality Director nominated Candidates withdraw from the election. A vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by the District Executive Committee based upon the recommendation of the District Director Wilson YAU, DTM.
- 21. There are two Club Growth Director nominated candidates: Sean LIN, DTM and Julia LIU, DTM. Each gave 2 minute speeches. District Director Talis WONG, DTM called for the voting session. There were 123 votes made: 65 votes for Sean LIN; 58 votes for Julia LIU.

  \*Club Growth Director 2020-2021 Sean LIN, DTM

# **Division Directors Reports**

22. Division Directors from G to Z were invited to take a video and show the report at the meeting. Ben WONG (Division G Director), Irene Kwok (Division H Director), Herman TSUI (Division K Director), Shelley XU (Division M Director), Emily HO (Division O Director), Gavin YAO (Division R Director), Ella ZHANG (Division W Director), Sophia AU (Division Z Director) gave a brief report about his/her team, the achievement presented their reports about division activities, performance and shared good practices of their divisions during this term.

#### Immediate District Director Report-Kenneth LAU, DTM

23.Immediate District Director Kenneth LAU, DTM presented Immediate District Director Report. He shared District 89 plans regarding district success plan, membership growth, and achievement.

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#### **Division Directors Election for 2020-2021**

- 24.Division O Director no name has placed in the nomination. Jack REN, DL2, Haikou Toastmasters Club nominated Reinhard CHAU, DTM for division O Director. Reinhard CHAU, DTM accepted the nomination. DLC Chair Kin Ching TANG, DTM confirmed he was qualified for election.
- 25. Division X Director no name has placed in the nomination. Shelley XU, DTM, Division M Director nominate Aaron LI, CC, ALB for Division X Director. Molly YI, DTM, Program Quality Director seconded the nomination. Aaron LI, CC, ALB accepted the nomination. DLC Chair Kin Ching TANG, DTM confirmed he was qualified for election.
- 26.The final results are Division G Director, Alice TSE, ACS; Division H Director, Aaron LEUNG, DTM; Division K Director, Coen ZENG, DTM; Division M Director, Linghong ZHENG, ACS, CL; Divison O Director Reinhard CHAU, DTM; Division R Director, Lisa LI, CC, CL; Division W Director, Echo ZHENG, TC2; Division Z Director, Hagan Robert Arhelger, DL2.

# Administration Manager Report-Julia LIU, DTM

27.Julia LIU, DTM, presented her report about the responsibilities, highlight the extra difficulty of Hongkong and mainland system and how to benefit all members.

### 2022 Conference City Appointment

28.2020 Maoming Conference was canceled because of epidemic. With no other city coming forward to host the district conference in 2022, District Director Talis WONG, DTM appointed Maoming as the host city for the conference for year 2022.

#### **New Business**

- 29. Robert Kienzle, DTM, VPE, Roastmasters Hong Kong Toastmasters asked the District to verify three points:
  - (a) That D89 followed TI Gov Documents and Protocol 3 to investigate possible ethics and conduct violations by a member;
  - (b) That world HQs ordered the investigation to close and said no questions would be answered; and
  - (c) That world HQs would not cite any policies in the Gov Documents that they used to stop the investigation.
- 30. Member Kienzle followed up with:
  - (a) How does the District have interference officially reviewed by TI to verify that indeed police was followed by TI or at least obtain the polices used by TI since they have not answered any of our questions; and
  - (b) How can D89 continue to proceed with Protocol 3 in the Gov Documents as is their right as a District per the Gov Documents?

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"The investigation ... was reviewed by the International President and World Headquarters and per the International President's direction and guidance, no further action is to be taken related to the investigation.

As you are aware, there were concerns regarding last year's credentials process and election and therefore this year, past Region Adviser Kees Broos was assigned by the Board of Directors to assist to ensure the D89's Council Meeting is conducted without any concerns.

D89 has been directed to move forward and not dwell on any mistakes that transpired last year and D89 shall respect the direction that has been provided by the International President and will not discuss this any further."

- 31. In reply District Director Talis WONG, DTM answered Yes to 34(a). In response to 34(b), DD WONG read out the reply he received from TI: In reply to Q: 34c DD WONG confirmed that D89 was only told to stop the investigation without any reference to any Gov Docs.
- 32.In response to questions at 35 above, DD WONG stated that he would continue to communicate with TI to get satisfactory answers.

#### **New District Officers Installation**

33. International Director Susan Zhou DTM conducted a District Officer Installation with Wilson Yau, DTM, District Director *Elect* delivering a 4 minute speech.

#### **Remarks by District Director elect**

34. Talis WONG, DTM, District Director, announced the meeting adjourned at 18:00hrs.

(Julia LIU) DTM Secretary Administration Manager 2019-2020 District 89 (Talis WONG) DTM Chairman District Director 2019-2020 District 89