**Minutes of 2020 District 89 Online Council Meeting**

held at 15:00hrs, 17th May, 2020

Meeting Tool: Zoom

Voting Tool: WJX

Chairman: Talis WONG, DTM, District Director

Secretary: Julia LIU, DTM

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# Introductions

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1. DD gave a short introduction to online council meeting rules; and went over the Meeting Agenda.
2. Region 14 International Director Susan ZHOU gave us an inspirational opening remarks.
3. Talis WONG 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, VPE of CCB Xiamen Toastmasters Club to read it in Mandarin.

# Credential Report

1. 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 153 Club Presidents and VPEs registered, the quorum is achieved. 44 District officers registered. We have 197 possible votes all together.

# Voting Rules

1. 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.
2. Ben FUNG, ACS, ALB, VPE of Competitve Speakers Hong Kong Toastmasters Club, asked question about “how do we know we are registered and eligible to vote?
3. Steve Cheung, VPE of Hong Kong MBA Toastmasters Club asked question about how would we know if we have 1 or 2 votes?
4. Rainbow Lee, President of HKUST Toastmasters Club asked question about if the voting is made in secret ballot? How can we ensure the casted ballots is made anonymously while it is made in electronic way?
5. Joyce Chan, VPE of i CREATE Toastmasters Club asked question about the vote is not working, “incorrect date” when membership number is entered
6. Man Hei Ng, President of i CREATE Toastmasters Club raised a complaint. Someone used her name and sneaked into the meeting. She notified Matt Steele and kicked that person out.
7. Man Hei Ng, President of i CREATE Toastmasters Club raised second complaint. She logged in with her membership number but it said she had voted which she did not. Someone has used her identity to join the meeting
8. In response to those questions, DD Talis WONG and Matt Steele explained that the system screens the people clicking on the link, identifying by their membership numbers, to make sure only registered council members can vote, this is most crucial.  Secrecy of ballots is maintained by trios and respective election officers, by making no reference to the identification of voters of the ballots.  This is comparable to the use of paper ballots that all ballots bear identification serial numbers which could be referred back to the registration list from the credential desk for identification, if it is deemed necessary.  There are clear protocols on upholding the secrecy of ballots.  And this requires integrity and it works on an honesty system.
9. In respect of those cases claiming their membership numbers were used by others. The system rejected her as her vote had already been cast.  Her membership number might have been used by others.  In the end, that particular vote was made void, and she was given a temporary number to vote.

Voting Practice Result: Total cast 107, 65 vote for egg came first, 42 vote for chicken came first. The result is Egg came first.

# Adoption of Meeting Agenda

1. President of Hong Kong Elite Toastmasters Club Sean LIN DTM moved to adopt the agenda of the meeting. Irene Kwok, 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

1. 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 income and expenses. In January 2020, we performed a mid-year audit 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

1. 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

1. Program Quality Director, Molly YIP, DTM, proposed the motion. Tim Chan, PM1, MBS Alumni Toastmasters Club seconded the motion. Sean LIN DTM, Hong Kong Elite Toastmasters Club support the motion.
2. Ben FUNG(Cheuk Luk FUNG), ACS, ALB, VPE of 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 Chan, PM1, MBS Alumni Toastmasters Club proposed the amended motion. Mercy LIU, ACB, ALB, Area K4 Director seconded the amended motion.
3. Sean Lin, President of HK Elite Toastmasters Club suggested that if the hyperlink for individual voting could be different, the integrity can possibly be protected a bit more.
4. Matt Steele responded that the same hyperlink for the individual voting was maintained because it came with the screening function. Each voting was time limited, so the question of integrity should not be a concerned. Those registered voters having issues in the previous round, the arrangement of temporary number for them could resolve the issue.
5. 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

1. 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

1. Program Quality Director, 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

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

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

1. Talis WONG gave a brief report about the alignment committee report. Rainbow LEE, DTM, VPE, HKUST Toastmasters Club proposed to adopt the alignment committee report. Sean LIN DTM, President of Hong Kong Elite Toastmasters Club seconded the motion.
2. There were 116 votes cast: 105 Yes; 11 No.

Motion to Adopt Alignment Committee Report - Passed

# Club Growth Director Report - Cherish LIN, DTM

Cherish LIN, DTM gave a brief report about the action plans for club growth. Reported on the efforts made in promoting Speechcraft.

# District Leadership Committee Report - Kin Ching TANG, DTM

1. 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

1. There are two District Director nominated Candidates: Wilson YAU, DTM and Molly YIP, DTM. As Molly YIP has withdrawn 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.
2. Program Quality Director nominated Candidates withdrew 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.
3. 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.
4. Sarah Lee, President of Distinguished Toastmasters Club requested to invalidate her vote as it was not her who did the voting. This was done accordingly.
5. 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

1. 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

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

# Division Directors Election for 2020-2021

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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

1. 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

1. . 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

1. Robert Kienzle, DTM, VPE, Roastmasters Hong Kong Toastmasters asked the District to verify three points:
	1. That D89 followed TI Gov Documents and Protocol 3 to investigate possible ethics and conduct violations by a member;
	2. That world HQs ordered the investigation to close and said no questions would be answered; and
	3. That world HQs would not cite any policies in the Gov Documents that they used to stop the investigation.
2. Member Kienzle followed up with:
	1. How does the District have interference officially reviewed by TI to verify that indeed policy was followed by TI or at least obtain the polices used by TI since they have not answered any of our questions; and
	2. How can D89 continue to proceed with Protocol 3 in the Governing Documents as is their right as a District per the Governing Documents?
3. . In reply District Director Talis WONG, DTM answered Yes to **para. 42**(a). In response to **para. 42**(b), DD WONG read out the reply he received from TI:

“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.”

1. In reply to Q in **para: 42** (c) DD WONG confirmed that D89 was only told to stop the investigation without any reference to any Gov Docs.
2. In response to questions at para. 43 above, DD WONG stated that he would continue to communicate with TI to get satisfactory answers.

# New District Officers Installation

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

# Closing Remarks by District Director

1. DD Talis WONG wrapped up the meeting by sharing an incident. He said he had a little confession to make. He found he made an error that, having overwhelmed by work over the past weeks, he didn’t realize that he was not supposed to endorse anybody, and he was asked by one of the past DvDs in our district, Susanna WONG, who was running for CGD in her new district in the US. He said he was very careless and insensitive and he told her to use the previous endorsement he had for her when she ran for her Division Directorship. Having realized that was a mistake, he wrote to Susanna, insisting to connect with her District Director and DLC chair for a written apology for the mistake he made. He said to him this is integrity.
2. DD Talis WONG announced the meeting adjourned.

(Julia LIU) DTM Secretary

Administration Manager 2019-2020

District 89

(Talis WONG) DTM

Chairman

District Director 2019-2020

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