



Chronological Report of Decisions

January 15, 2015

- Accepted the appointment of the Region Advisors recommended by Committee for the 15-month term beginning April 1, 2015

February 4, 2015

- The appointment of the 2015-2016 ILC members ratified

February 6, 2015

- Approved the appointment of Gary Schmidt as Chair and Ted Corcoran as Co-Chair of the Audit Committee

February 19-21, 2015

- Reformation processes for D85, D4, D42, D51 and D95 – approved, to conclude on July 1, 2016
- Boundary change between D6 and D64 – approved, effective July 1, 2015
- Boundary change between D64 and D78 – approved, effective July 1, 2015
- Approved the CEO compensation package for the 2015-2016 year
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article III: Affiliation and Liability, (b) With Toastmasters International – Revised, clarified that districts do not have the authority to create separate Toastmasters' legal entities, effective immediately
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – Revised, Item 1 "Standards" and Item 3 "Harassment and Bullying" clarified language and examples of behavior that will not be tolerated
- Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management – Revised, district funds cannot be placed in investment accounts and district leaders have explicit authority to establish district bank accounts

March 26, 2015

- Approved a resolution for a disciplinary hearing in relation to alleged misappropriation of district conference funds
- Approved a resolution for a disciplinary hearing in relation to alleged ethic and conduct violations



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[April 16, 2015](#)

- Protocol 9.2: Presidential Citation – Adopted, outlining the process and criteria for selecting recipients

[April 30, 2015](#)

- Disciplinary hearing resulted in the removal of a member from good standing with Toastmasters International

[May 14, 2015](#)

- Disciplinary hearing resulted in the removal of a member from good standing with Toastmasters International

[June 18, 2015](#)

- Investigation into allegations of impropriety during district officer nominations processes and elections resulted in the Board voting to:
 - ▶ Invalidate the elections and hold new elections, to be conducted electronically by WHQ
 - ▶ Require participation of the district in the finance pilot program currently in progress
 - ▶ Provide on-site nomination and election support for two years
- Jennifer Quinn appointed Secretary/Treasurer, effective immediately, until the first Board meeting after the Annual Business Meeting in August 2015

[July 6, 2015](#)

- Approved a resolution for a disciplinary hearing in relation to alleged misappropriation of district fund between July 2013 and February 2014 by the then district governor

[July 16, 2015](#)

- Approved the 2015 Strategic Plan



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- Approved the specific types of recognition members will receive in the Revitalized Education Program
- Investigation into allegations of impropriety during district elections resulted in the Board voting to:
 - ▶ Invalidate the elections and hold new elections, to be conducted electronically by WHQ
 - ▶ Provide nomination and election support for two years
- Due to membership misrepresentation and improprieties during the last week of the program year, under Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct, acceptance was withdrawn for the involved membership payments and new club charters, which were subsequently returned

July 28, 2015

- Disciplinary hearing resulted in the removal of a member from good standing with Toastmasters International

August 10-11, 2015

- Toastmasters International Singapore LTD. incorporated to enable D80 to properly establish bank accounts and conduct transactions
- D59 and D95 joint reformation committee – approved
- Boundary change for D94 approved – added Gabon
- “Empowering individuals through personal and professional development” approved to represent the organization’s brand promise
- Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, clarification of terms and eligibility requirements
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, agree to confidentiality of assessment results before receiving them and establishing a system to track candidate communications
- Complete audit of Policy and Protocol resulting in several approved modifications
- Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, virtual participation in clubs allowed



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[August 15, 2015](#)

- The International Officers for the 2015-2016 term and the International Directors for the 2015-2017 term were elected
- Proposal A: Amendments to the Bylaws of Toastmasters International – passed

[August 16, 2015](#)

- Jennifer Quinn appointed Secretary/Treasurer for the 2015-2016 year

[September 24, 2015](#)

- Approved the Audit Committee's recommendation of Squar Milner for the audit of the 2015 fiscal year

[October 30, 2015](#)

- Joseph Gomez appointed as a replacement representing Region 14 on the ILC

[November 18, 2015](#)

- Approved the 2016 budget, including a 25% dues increase to take effect October 1, 2016

[December 2, 2015](#)

- Gavin Blakely appointed as a replacement representing Region 12 on the ILC

[February 19-21, 2016](#)

- Protocol 11.1 – amended, adjustments to agenda development and approval process
- Accepted the appointment of the Region Advisors recommended by the Selection Committee for 2016-2017
- D72 approved to establish a reformation committee
- Reformation process for DF, D20, D30 and D79 – approved, to conclude July 1, 2017
- Boundary change for D59 approved – add Greece, effective July 1, 2016



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- Boundary change for D95 approved – add Moldova and Bulgaria, effective July 1, 2016
- D34 directed to establish a reformation committee and provide potential reformation plans
- Modifications to Speech Contest Rulebook – approved, effective for the contest cycle beginning July 1, 2016
- Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, Taped contest now Video contest and limitations on fees associated with contests
- In accordance with California NIA 2004, reviewed and determined as reasonable the CFO's compensation
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, further define how ACPP receives information and provides advice
- Protocol 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, define online attendance at club meetings
- Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, allow online attendance and chartering of online clubs
- District Administrative Bylaws and Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, District Nominating Committee now District Leadership Committee

[February 21, 2016](#)

- John Lau appointed 2016-2017 Audit Committee Co-Chair

[February 27, 2016](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2016-2017 ILC members

[March 23, 2016](#)

- Accepted the naming system for the revitalized education program (to be announced at a later date)



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[March 28, 2016](#)

- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, only district council’s annual meeting needs to be held in person (others can be conducted virtually)
- Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, signed Officer Agreement and Release Statements required for all elected and appointed district leaders in order to access district reserve accounts
- Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, district nominating committee changed to district leadership committee with processes similar to the ILC
- Adopted new methodology for strategic initiatives
- District Administrative Bylaws – amended, clearly assigned responsibility for member retention at the district level
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, individuals are applicants for the position as opposed to candidates
- Approved a revised Code of Conduct
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, added revised Code of Conduct
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Meetings – amended, Executive Committee required to provide their rationale for the recommendations or decisions they make
- Protocol 11.1: Board of Directors – amended, Executive Committee meeting agendas and background information to be provided to the Board at the same time as the Executive Committee

[April 13, 2016](#)

- Voted to propose two amendments to the Bylaws at the Annual Business Meeting in August 2016 – one regarding the location of WHQ and where the organization is legally domiciled, the other regarding the Audit Committee

[April 21, 2016](#)

- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, for further clarification about the ACPP
- Policy 8.5: Smedley Fund – amended



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[June 16, 2016](#)

- Approved the proposed requirements to achieve Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) in the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, applicant requirements
- Voted to direct WHQ to conduct electronic elections for two offices in D94 and provide nomination and election support during the next year

[July 28, 2016](#)

- District level excellence awards modified to match the new district leader titles
- Protocol 11.5: Board of Directors Visits – amended, to clearly define the process for getting visits approved and clarifying the reimbursements available

[August 1, 2016](#)

- Past International Director David McCallister, DTM appointed International Director Region 3, effective August 20, 2016

[August 15-16, 2016](#)

- Reviewed newly formed districts – D4 and D101; D42 and D99; D51 and D102; and D85 and D88
- Reviewed status of reformations to take effect July 1, 2017 – DF and D100; D20 and D105; D30 and D103; and D79 and D104
- Reformation process of D6 approved – 2 districts, D6 and D106 effective July 1, 2018
- Reformation process of D59 and D95 approved – 6 districts effective July 1, 2018
- Boundary change D94P approved – add Gambia and Cameroon
- Authorized WHQ to open a bank account in Qatar in the name of Toastmasters International, while continuing to research creating a legal entity
- Approved the CEO compensation package for the 2016-2017 year
- Modified the annual budget review and approval process and timeline
- Protocol 11.1: Board of Directors Meetings – amended, proposed budget to be provided a minimum of 10 days prior to discussion
- Pricing strategy for Toastmasters Pathways learning experience approved



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- Region-level quarterfinals for the International Speech Contest to be introduced for the 2018-2019 contest cycle
- October/November district conferences to be discontinued in 2018
- Recommends the adoption of the Concur expense reporting system for all districts as it becomes available
- Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees and Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, to reflect the October 2016 dues increase

[August 20, 2016](#)

- The International Officers for the 2016-2017 term and the International Directors for the 2016-2018 term were elected
- Proposal A – adopted, amendments made to the Bylaws regarding where the organization is legally domiciled and the ability to strategically place WHQ in the future
- Proposal B – adopted, amendments to the Bylaws formally recognizing the Audit Committee as a standing committee of the Board of Directors

[August 21-22, 2016](#)

- Jennifer Quinn appointed Secretary/Treasurer for the 2016-2017 year

[September 28, 2016](#)

- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, changes to who can serve on the Selection Committee and for how long

[October 26, 2016](#)

- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, allow for additional RAs to be appointed in regions with nine or more districts; to take effect with the 2017-2018 term
- Modified *A Toastmasters Promise* to reflect the new Toastmasters Pathways learning experience



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[December 14, 2016](#)

- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, clarify and strengthen the relationship between the ACPP and the Board
- Reviewed status of reformatations to take effect July 1, 2017 – DF and D100; D20 and D105; and D79 and D104
- Confirmed the assignment of district numbers, by country, for the reformation of D59 and D95
- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended to take effect July 1, 2017, related to eligibility requirements and the level of originality for Table Topics and Evaluation contest speeches
- Authorized WHQ to proceed with forming a legal entity in China
- Protocol 10.0: Region Advisor Expenses – amended, new name and changes to more accurately address the costs incurred by RAs when traveling
- Protocol 11.2: Board of Director Expenses – amended, allow WHQ to issue Board members a credit card for use when traveling for Toastmasters business and clarify certain expenses incurred by the International President
- Protocol 11.3: Board of Director Confidentiality – amended, annual notice only sent to former Board members whose dues are paid

[March 5-7, 2017](#)

- Territorial council status granted to Brazil – effective July 1, 2017
- Territorial council status granted to East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania United Republic, Uganda) – effective July 1, 2017
- Boundary change for D41 approved – add Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal, effective July 1, 2017
- Boundary change for D43 and D77 approved – move Lauderdale County and Meridian, Mississippi
- D60 and D86 to establish joint reformation committee
- Request to reform by D33 approved
- Reformation of D34 approved – the two districts formed will be D34 and D113, process to conclude on June 30, 2018



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- Reformation of D72 approved – the two districts formed will be D72 and D112, process to conclude on June 30, 2018
- D82 reformation committee – approved
- Policy 8.6: Use of Reserve Funds and Policy 8.7: Investments – amended, to accurately reflect the organization’s assets
- Protocol 4.0: Intellectual Property – amended, clarify, strengthen and reinforce copyright and trademark protections related to translations
- Tamil to be added as a supported language
- As required by California NIA 2004 - reviewed and determined as reasonable the CFO’s compensation
- Amendments to be presented for a vote at the 2017 ABM – Bylaws and Club Constitution, regarding the dues payment process and the timing of dues payments
 - ▶ If adopted, Policy and Protocol 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, will take immediate effect
- Amendments to be presented for a vote at the 2017 ABM – Bylaws, regarding the ILC and the international selection and election process
 - ▶ If adopted, Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, will take immediate effect
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, assessments sent to paid members only; once a candidate submits a Letter of Intent they may not run for, be elected to or appointed to, or serve in a district-level role; definition of a campaign mailing; effective for the 2017-2018 election cycle
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, assessments sent to paid members only; effective for the 2018-2019 Region Advisor Selection Committee
- Amendments to be presented for a vote at the 2017 ABM – Club Constitution, definition of an honorary member
- Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, establish a process for determining the good standing of former or prospective members
- District Administrative Bylaws Article VII, Section (f) – amended, clarify the process and requirements to fill vacancies



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- Policy 11.9: Secretary-Treasurer – amended, define the future management of Restricted and Highly Confidential minutes
- Protocol 11.3: Board of Directors Confidentiality – amended, define the future management of Restricted and Highly Confidential minutes and clarify the proper classification of certain documents
- Approved the appointments of the Region Advisors for 2017-2018 recommended by the RA Selection Committee
- Recommendations Alignment and Prioritization Committee prioritized list, rescission of previous Board recommendation and working protocol for future Board committees – accepted
- Recommendations Alignment and Prioritization Committee recommendation that the EC review items that have been on the priority list for more than 3 years without action, non-relevant items to be presented to the Board for rescission – accepted

[March 8, 2017](#)

- Tim Keck appointed 2017-2018 Audit Committee Co-Chair

[March 31, 2017](#)

- All Chief Ambassadors and current Ambassadors will be recognized with credit for district service

[April 26, 2017](#)

- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, clarify the process of selecting an auditing firm
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, improve and strengthen communication between the ACPP members and the Board

[May 24, 2017](#)

- Approved the Audit Committee's acceptance of the annual financial audit



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[June 9, 2017](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2017-2018 ILC members

[June 28, 2017](#)

- Boundary change between D33 and D52 approved
- Protocol 11.1 – amended, reduce the number of days in which the minutes will be provided to the Board after each meeting; clarify the content of minutes
- Approved appointment of Mary Swanson as 2017-2018 Region 1 Advisor

[July 26, 2017](#)

- Approved the signatories on the organization's bank accounts

[August 20-22, 2017](#)

- D60 and D86 joint reformation committee approved as submitted
- Request to form a reformation committee by D89 approved
- Brazil granted Territorial Council status, effective July 1, 2017
- East Africa granted Territorial Council status, effective July 1, 2017
- D93P and D94P granted full district status, effective July 1, 2017
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, Executive Committee has the authority to establish legal entities outside the United States
- Approved compensation package for the CEO for the 2017-2018 year
- Beginning in January 2018, district leaders will receive information on the recording standards and how it will impact the International Speech Contest
- Approved the budget to test market the advertising plan in California and Florida, starting in mid-2018
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article I: Authority and Title – amended, applicable to provisional districts and territorial councils as well
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended, expanded the section on territorial councils
- Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees – amended, all clubs now pay the same dues
- Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, territorial councils will receive funds from the collection of dues



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- Number of regions in the Americas reduced from 10 to 9 and a fifth region added to the rest of the world, effective July 1, 2018
- Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, clarify the process for individuals who are not paid members of a club
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended
- District Administrative Bylaws, Articles VII, X and XI – amended
- Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, district level contests only conducted at the annual district conference
- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended
- Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, the district budget provided to the district council for approval by September 30
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, an individual who submitted a Letter of Intent to run for an international director or position may not apply for a Region Advisor position
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, candidate assessments will be sent to additional district leaders who served with the candidate while they were a district leader
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, applicant assessments will be sent to additional district leaders who served with the candidate while they were a district leader
- Approved Audit Committee's recommendation to retain Squar Milnar as the organization's 2017 auditor
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, monthly reporting to the International President

[August 26, 2017](#)

- The International Officers for the 2017-2018 term and the International Directors for the 2017-2019 term were elected
- Proposal A: Dues Payments: Methods – adopted
- Proposal B: Dues Payments: Timing – adopted
- Proposal C: International Leadership Committee Service Timeline – adopted



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- Proposal D: Floor Candidacy Prerequisites – adopted
- Proposal E: International Director Qualifications – adopted
- Proposal F: Minimum Vote Percentage – adopted
- Proposal G: Honorary Club Membership – adopted

[December 12, 2017](#)

- Jennifer Quinn-Barr appointed Secretary/Treasurer for the 2017-2018 year
- Policy changes approved in August 2017, as part of the 2016 Developing Markets Committee report, shall not take effect until October 2018 at the earliest
- Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, clarified appropriate use of district funds and the percentage that will be collected from the reserve account monthly
- The leadership requirement to earn an advanced leader silver award will only be waived for members in territorial councils and online clubs only if they are not members of districted clubs
- Competent Communicator applications shall not be accepted for any new member in a district where Pathways has been rolled out
- Reformation committee for D46 – approved
- D82 and D92 required to establish a joint reformation committee
- Realignment of the borough of Sayre, PA from D38 to D65 – approved
- Reformation committee for D37- approved
- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, relating to the addition of region quarterfinals
- Protocol 11.5: Board of Directors Visits – amended to adjust to the discontinuation of the October/November district conferences

[January 24, 2018](#)

- Each Territorial Council to be provided \$5000 during the 2017-2018 program year, which must be spent in accordance with all Policy and Protocol governing district fiscal management



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[February 21, 2018](#)

- Approved the appointments of the Region Advisors for 2018-2019 recommended by the RA Selection Committee

[March 19-22, 2018](#)

- Policy 8.7: Investments – amended
- D82 and D92 joint reformation committee co-chairs approved as submitted
- D37 two-year transition period – approved
- Boundary change for D6 and D78 approved – Douglas and Grant counties in Minnesota moved to D6, effective July 1, 2018
- Boundary change for D21 and D96 approved – Mission, B.C., Canada moved to D21, effective July 1, 2018
- Qatar to become Provisional District 116, effective July 1, 2018
- As required by California NIA 2004 - reviewed and determined as reasonable the CFO's compensation
- In 2019, each international officer will visit one Mid-year Training. The effectiveness of their attendance will be evaluated in March 2019
- Amendments to the Bylaws of Toastmasters International, Article XI: Quorum to be presented to the membership for vote at the 2018 ABM
- Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, added minimum requirements for a club to charter
- Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, clarified who has the authority to determine which speech contests a district will conduct in addition to the International Speech Contest
- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, districts may not conduct joint events with other districts
- Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees – amended, added the practice of the organization waiving membership dues payments for Past International Presidents
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII and Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, effective July 1, 2018; regarding the election or appointment of district officers, specifically area directors



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- Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, regarding the financial recording and control systems provided by Toastmasters International
- Assignment of districts to each region advisor clarified and accepted, retroactive to February 21, 2018
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective after the 2018 ABM; more clearly defined campaign processes and communications
- New members of existing prison clubs allowed to work in the traditional education program until June 30, 2020.
- Policy 8.5: Ralph C. Smedley Memorial Fund™ - amended, clarified that clubs may contribute to the fund

[April 25, 2018](#)

- Approved revised proposal for split of D89, effective July 1, 2019
- Ratified the appointment of the 2018-2019 ILC members
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committee – proposed amendment adopted; to be effective if the membership votes to amend the Bylaws Article XI
- Bylaws, Article XI: Quorum – amended proposed amendment to be presented at the 2018 ABM

[May 23, 2018](#)

- Approved the ratification of the financial audit by the Audit Committee

[July 25, 2018](#)

- Protocol 4.0: Intellectual Property – amended, Korean added as a supported language
- Protocol 10.1: Region Advisor Visits – adopted
- Protocol 11.5: Board of Directors Visits – amended
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article X, Section (e) – amended, clarified the number of votes district executive committee and district council members are entitled to an in-person or virtual meetings



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[August 19-21, 2018](#)

- Approved compensation package for the CEO for the 2018-2019 year
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended, extend the transition period for reforming districts, effective for all reformation requests after September 1, 2018
- D41 request to establish a reformation committee approved
- Reformation of D46 approved, process to conclude on July 1, 2020
- D60 and D86 joint reformation committee recommendation not approved – D86 to establish a reformation committee
- Proposed members of the D83 and D92 joint reformation committee approved
- Addendum of Standard Club Options – amended
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended
- Recognition Committee recommendations adopted, effective July 1, 2020 – World Headquarters to research the feasibility and time required to meet this timeline
- Include plan developed by the District Marketing Effectiveness Committee in the training for public relations managers for the 2018-2019 program year
- Conduct a pilot program of the district Marketing Plan with several club growth directors during the 2018-2019 program year

[August 25, 2018](#)

- The International Officers for the 2018-2019 term and the International Directors for the 2018-2020 term were elected
- Proposal A – adopted

[August 26-27, 2018](#)

- Jennifer Barr appointed Secretary/Treasurer for the 2018-2019 year

[September 26, 2018](#)

- Approved Audit Committee's recommendation to retain Squar Milnar as the organization's 2018 auditor



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[December 19, 2018](#)

- In accordance with the California NIA 2004 - reviewed and determined as reasonable the CFO's compensation
- Protocol 2.2: Toastmasters International Legal Entities – adopted
- Give successful club coach credit and leadership service credit, effective immediately
- Modify the requirements for the District Recognition Program for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 program years

[January 19, 2019](#)

- Jack Gillespie appointed 2019-2020 Audit Committee Co-Chair

[January 30, 2019](#)

- Approved club banner designs that will be provided digitally for local production
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, define the purpose and composition of a standing Disciplinary Committee

[January 30, 2019](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2019-2020 ILC members

[February 27, 2019](#)

- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, for the 2019-2020 program year
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended, to reflect changes in the Speech Contest Rulebook
- Approved business card designs to be available in the 2019-2020 program year
- Brazil Territorial Council Chair to serve a second year in that position
- Exception made to allow all Territorial Council leaders, if elected, to serve a succeeding term in the same position for the 2019-2020 program year
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, Region Advisor Selection Committee can recommend the appointment of additional region advisors
- Accepted the appointment of the Region Advisors recommended by the Selection Committee for 2019-2020



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[March 14-17, 2019](#)

- Angela Mennenga appointed Secretary/Treasurer for the remainder of the 2018-2019 year
- Amendments to the Bylaws, Article VI: Officers to be presented to the voting membership at the 2019 Annual Business Meeting
 - ▶ Policy 11.9: Secretary-Treasurer and Protocol 9.1: International Elections will be automatically amended if the proposed amendments are adopted
- Accredited Speaker Program Rules amended to incorporate the Toastmasters Pathways learning experience
- Policy 11.0: Board of Directors – amended, included reference to the Board of Directors Acknowledgement of Responsibilities form
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, added section addressing the conduct of World Champions of Public Speaking and Accredited Speakers
- Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, included procedure for discipline of World Champions of Public Speaking and Accredited Speakers
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article IX – amended, require district council members in attendance at the annual district conference to attend the district council annual meeting
- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, require voting members and proxyholders at the annual district conference to attend the district council meeting
- D82 to reform into D82 and D120, effective July 1, 2020
- D92 to reform into D92 and D121, effective July 1, 2020
- D41 and D98 to form a joint reformation committee
- Toastmasters International subsidiary in Shenzhen, China is legally recognized, effective January 22, 2019
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, added to the list of individuals who are sent the assessment for region advisor applicants
- Policy 7.2: District Management – amended, added a section titled “District Corporate Relations”
- Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees – amended, allow new clubs to pay more than six months dues to align with the April or October dues cycle



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- Full audit of the Bylaws of Toastmasters International, Club Constitution, District Administrative Bylaws, and Policy and Protocol conducted
 - ▶ Amendments to the Bylaws and Club Constitution to be presented to the voting membership at the 2019 International Convention
 - ▶ District Administrative Bylaws – amended
 - ▶ Policy and Protocol – amended
 - ▶ District Administrative Bylaws and Policy and Protocol will be amended automatically to align with the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Club Constitution if they are adopted
- Policy 8.5: Ralph C. Smedley Memorial Fund ® – amended
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, regarding potential conflicts of interests
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended

[April 24, 2019](#)

- Approved the ratification of the financial audit by the Audit Committee

[May 9, 2019](#)

- Nancy Starr-Cassidy appointed as a replacement representing Region 3 on the ILC
- Monique Levesque-Pharoah appointed as a replacement representing Region 4 on the ILC

[May 29, 2019](#)

- D41 and D98 joint reformation committee co-chairs approved as submitted
- Toastmasters clubs in Pakistan approved to form a Territorial Council, contingent upon there being 20 paid clubs by June 30, 2019
- Investigation into allegations of impropriety and flaws in confidentiality during district elections resulted in the Board voting to:
 - ▶ Invalidate the elections for all contested positions
 - ▶ Direct World Headquarters to conduct new elections electronically
 - ▶ Provide on-site credentials and election support for the 2020 elections



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[July 24, 2019](#)

- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, expanding the timeframe for conducting Club Officer Training
- Boundaries for the reformation of D60 and D86 into D60, D86 and D123 approved, effective July 1, 2020
- Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses, Protocol 10.0: Region Advisor Expenses, and Protocol 11.2: Board of Directors Expenses – amended, to comply with the United States Internal Revenue Service reimbursement rates
- Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses – amended, to align with current practice regarding district directors attending International Convention
- Bank accounts for Toastmasters International established in Canada and Hong Kong; signatories approved

[August 16, 2019](#)

- Sonny Varghese appointed as a replacement representing Region 11 on the ILC

[August 17-20, 2019](#)

- Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management and Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, to enhance the effectiveness of district spending and promote sound fiscal policies; effective July 1, 2020
- Protocol 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, regarding guests and the participation of guests in club meetings
- Adopted processes for evaluating and prioritizing the implementation of Board and Board committee recommendations and decisions
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended
- Adopted changes to the District Recognition Program to be effective as early as the 2021-2022 program year
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective September 1, 2019
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct, Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct, and Protocol 10.1: Region Advisors Visits – amended, establishing a code of conduct for region advisors



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- District Administrative Bylaws Article VII: Officers and Article XI: Committees and Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, regarding floor candidates and the District Leadership Committee
- D116P granted full district status, effective July 1, 2019
- East African Territorial Council to become Provisional District 114P, effective July 1, 2019
- Policy 6.1: Accredited Spear Program – adopted, effective September 1, 2019
- Speech Contest Rulebook, Section 5 – amended, reverted to wording from the 2018-2019 rulebook
- Approved compensation package for the CEO for the 2019-2020 year

[August 23, 2019](#)

- The International Officers for the 2019-2020 term and the International Directors for the 2019-2021 term were elected
- Proposal A: Modernization and Consistency of Language – adopted
- Proposal B: Redundant Language – adopted
- Proposal C: Start/End Times for Terms of Office – adopted
- Proposal D: How Members are Notified About International Dues Changes – adopted
- Proposal E: Change to the Term “Board Members” – adopted
- Proposal F: Introduction of the Term “Charged Member” – adopted
- Proposal G: Definition of the Term “Active Membership” – adopted
- Proposal H: International Dues and Fees Versus Club Dues and Fees – adopted
- Proposal I: Outdated Materials and Committee Designation – adopted
- Proposal J: Club Management of Individual Memberships – adopted
- Proposal K: Speech Contests and Inactive Members – adopted
- Proposal L: Simplification of Structural Handling of Officer Positions at the Corporate, International, and District Levels – adopted

[August 25-26, 2019](#)

- Angela Mennenga appointed Secretary for the 2019-2020 year
- John Bond appointed Treasurer for the 2019-2020 year



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- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended

[August 26, 2019](#)

- Past International President Michael Notaro appointed replacement chair of the ILC

[September 9, 2019](#)

- Past International President Dilip Abayasekara and Robert Cravalho appointed Accredited Speaker Program Council Chairs

[September 15, 2019](#)

- Benjamin McCormick appointed as a replacement representing Region 12 on the ILC

[October 30, 2019](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2020 International Disciplinary Committee members
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, regarding conflicts of interest for members of the ILC
- Approved Audit Committee's recommendation to retain Squar Milnar as the organization's 2019 auditor
- Approved Audit Committee's recommendation to retain Mazar as the 2019 auditor for Toastmasters International Singapore Limited
- Approved Audit Committee's recommendation to retain Shanghai Deloitte Tax Limited as the 2019 auditor for Toastmasters International (Hong Kong) Limited and Shenzhen Toastmasters Culture Exchange Company Limited (Toastmasters China)

[December 4, 2019](#)

- Policy 5.0: Corporate and Community Activities – amended, including a change in title



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[December 18, 2019](#)

- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, Disciplinary Committee members continue to serve if there is a specific matter that remains unfinished at the end of their term
- D74 to form a reformation committee
- D85 to form a reformation committee, pending a positive vote of the District 85 Executive Committee
- Adopted the following related to Toastmasters clubs in correctional facilities:
 - ▶ All new members must use the Pathways learning experience, effective July 1, 2020
 - ▶ Any clubs unable to participate in Pathways may become Gavel Clubs (which will continue to use the traditional education program) but must notify World Headquarters by June 30, 2020
 - ▶ District club and membership bases for the 2020-2021 program year will be adjusted to reflect the transition of Toastmasters clubs to Gavel Clubs for those clubs that notified World Headquarters by the prescribed deadline
- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 speech contest cycles
- Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program – amended
 - ▶ Corresponding changes to the Accredited Speaker Program Handbook were made
- In accordance with the California NIA 2004 - reviewed and determined as reasonable the CFO's compensation

[January 1, 2020](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2020-2021 ILC members

[January 29, 2020](#)

- Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses, Protocol 10.0: Region Advisor Expenses, and Protocol 11.2: Board of Directors Expenses – amended, regarding mileage reimbursement



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- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, regarding protests under specific circumstances, for the 2020-2021 speech contest cycle

[February 12, 2020](#)

- Accepted the appointment of the Region Advisors recommended by the Selection Committee for 2020-2021
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, effective immediately

[February 24, 2020](#)

- Adopted the recommendations of the District Excellence Committee, including 26 strategies and their associated tactics for District success planning

[February 26, 2020](#)

- Adopted updated education goals for the Distinguished Club Program, beginning July 1, 2020
- Approved two Smedley Fund disbursement requests
- 2020-2021 Speech Contest Rulebook - amended, to align with editorial and Toastmasters style guide standard
- Policy 11.12: Board of Directors Conduct – amended, relating to social media use by members of the Board, effective immediately.

[March 14-16, 2020](#)

- Youth Leadership Program and Interpersonal Communication Program to be combined into one new program, with a pilot to be conducted in specific geographic areas worldwide
- Protocol 8.2: Fundraising – amended, relating to conducting Speechcraft, the Success Communication Series, the Success Leadership Series, The Better Speaker Series, The Successful Club Series, and the Leadership Excellence Series
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, relating to vacancies on the ILC and the evaluation of a candidate’s attributes and competencies, effective for the 2020-2021 election cycle



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- Boundary change approved – city of Mississauga included in the newly reformed boundary of D86
- D41 and D98 two-year transition period – approved, based on the joint reformation committee’s recommendation
- Extended the submission of Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) and Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) in the traditional program to June 30, 2021
- Extended Club Coach program for Club Coach District Leader credit through the 2020-2021 program year
- Amendments to the Bylaws, Articles V: Board of Directors, VII: Committees, VIII: Nominations, and IX: Elections to be presented to the voting membership at the 2020 Annual Business Meeting
 - ▶ Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections and Policy 10.0: Region Advisors will be automatically amended if the proposed amendments are adopted
- Adopted recommendations relating to extensions and other exceptions in light of the COVID-19 global pandemic
- Recommendations of the Club Leadership Roles and Responsibilities Committee adopted
- Amendment to the Bylaws, Article III, Section 13.d to be presented to the voting membership at the 2020 Annual Business Meeting

[April 8, 2020](#)

- Adopted exceptions to Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections and Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections
- Adopted the Strategic Alliance Agreement with Rotary International
- Adopted allowances relating to special meetings devoted solely to prepared speeches
- Cancelled the 2020 Toastmasters International Convention in Paris, France

[April 22, 2020](#)

- D105 approved to establish a reformation committee



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- Adopted recommendations regarding the Annual Business Meeting and voting procedures
- Adopted recommendations regarding the Town Hall
- Adopted recommendations regarding the Candidate Showcase
- Approved the ratification of the financial audit by the Audit Committee
- Approved enhancements to the Club Proxy Assignment page of the website

[April 30, 2020](#)

- Extended access to Pathways Base Camp, for those members who were in good standing of clubs in good standing as of April 29, 2020, to June 30, 2020

[May 14-15, 2020](#)

- Created a special club recognition program for the 2019-2020 program year, including developing additional awards focusing on membership retention and growth
- Created special recognition programs for the 2019-2020 program year for Areas, Divisions, and Districts
- Educational awards for the special recognition program for Districts to be calculated based on awards submitted through Club Central

[May 27, 2020](#)

- Adopted holding the 2020 Toastmasters International Convention, 2020 District Leader Training, and the 2020 Executive Committee and Board of Director meetings online
- Adopted requirement for all Districts to accommodate online attendance at all in-person District events through August 31, 2020

[June 24, 2020](#)

- Policy 5.0: Toastmasters International and Other Organizations – amended, relating to partnerships and alliances
- Protocol 5.0: Corporate and Community Activities – amended, new title



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- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VIII, Section e – amended, to align with the Toastmasters education program
- Approved extension of the December 2018 modifications to the District Recognition Program through the 2020-2021 program year

[July 22, 2020](#)

- Protocol 4.0: Intellectual Property – amended, relating to the translation of Toastmasters materials
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended, relating to Territorial Councils

[July 27, 2020](#)

- Adopted the recommendations of the Prioritization Committee, including process improvements for future committees

[July 29, 2020](#)

- Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, third-party gift cards and other cash equivalents no longer allowed to be used as incentives
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, relating to an online scheduling tool for international candidate interviews
- Adopted the [Policy Violations Quick Reference Guide](#)
 - ▶ Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, to include reference to this new document
- Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, relating to disciplinary matters involving Region Advisors
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article X, Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct, Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program, and Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, replaced the word “virtual” with “online”

[August 14-17, 2020](#)

- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended
- D114P granted full District status retroactively, effective July 1, 2020
- Protocol 4.0: Intellectual Property – amended, relating to social media use



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- Exception exercised to reduce the five (5) percent District expense allocation for the 2020-2021 program year
- District business can be conducted online through June 30, 2021
- All Area, Division, and District speech contests must be conducted online
- Approved compensation package for the CEO for the 2020-2021 year
- Developed an interim strategic plan which will be updated as the global environment changes
- Approved the District Leadership Evaluation process, Self-Evaluations, and 360-degree Evaluations
- All policy exceptions in effect relating to club online meetings and business extended through June 30, 2021
- Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, effective September 1, 2020
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII: Officers – amended, effective September 1, 2020
- Districts will be allowed to charter online clubs effective from the 2020-2021 program year
 - ▶ District Administrative Bylaws, Article V: Boundaries – amended, effective July 1, 2020
- Protocol 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility – amended, relating to clubs designating how meetings are conducted
- Extended exception relating to Speakathons through June 30, 2020

[August 28, 2020](#)

- The International Officers for the 2020-2021 term and the International Directors for the 2020-2022 term were elected
- Proposal A – not adopted
- Proposal B – adopted

[September 11-13, 2020](#)

- Kate Wingrove appointed Secretary for the 2020-2021 year
- John Bond appointed Treasurer for the 2020-2021 year



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[October 7, 2020](#)

- Clarified that all speech contests at the Area, Division, and District levels must be conducted online with each contestant participating from physically distanced locations using equipment obtained by the contestant
- Exception to Policy 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility approved, waived the requirement that three of the minimum eight members have been members during the previous renewal period
- Exception to Protocol 2.0: Club and Membership Eligibility approved, relating to clubs that have been inactive for two (2) full dues renewal periods

[October 22, 2020](#)

- Robert Cravalho and Rochelle Rice appointed 2021 Accredited Speaker Program Council Chairs

[October 28, 2020](#)

- Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, in connection to amendments adopted to this Protocol and the District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII: Officers in August 2020
- Policy 8.5: Ralph C. Smedley Memorial Fund® - amended
- Multiple disbursement requests from clubs for the Smedley Fund were approved
- Regie Ford appointed as a replacement on the International Disciplinary Committee, to serve through 2022
- Exception to Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management approved, relating to the reallocation of excess funds in the District Reserve Account
- Exception to Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management approved, allowing Districts to budget a loss for the 2020-2021 program year as long as certain conditions are met
- Approved Audit Committee's recommended auditors for the organization's 2020 financials
- Approved an incentive for new clubs relating to dues and fees, effective November 1, 2020, through January 31, 2021



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[December 2, 2020](#)

- Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program – amended, effective immediately
- *Accredited Speaker Program Handbook* – amended, changes implemented upon the Board's adoption of corresponding amendments to Policy 6.1
- Approved the 2021 budget, including the suspension of the print version of the Toastmaster magazine through December 2021.

[December 7, 2020](#)

- Glossary of Governing Documents – amended, effective February 1, 2021
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII: Officers – amended, effective February 1, 2021
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article X: Council Meetings, Quorum, Proxies, and Voting – amended, effective February 1, 2021
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure, Protocol 7.1: District Events, and Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, intended to provide guidance to Districts on how to allow and support the election and/or appointment of remote District leaders

[December 16, 2020](#)

- Approved proposal for new Club Officer Training and Area and Division Director Training, with both programs promoting a blended learning approach and leveraging content that already exists in Districts around the world
- Approved a blended District Leader Training program, with a virtual component in June and on-premises component in August, effective no earlier than 2022
- Speech Contest Rulebook - amended, to better clarify existing rules and improve structure and process, effective for the 2021-2022 speech contest cycle
- Approved the District boundary adjustment for Districts 15 and 115, effective July 1, 2021
- Approved amendments to Section 4 of the Addendum of Standard Club Options. The amendments support modifications made to Policy 2.0 and Protocol 2.0 which allow clubs the option to hold meetings in one of three ways: in person, online, or hybrid



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- Approved Smedley Fund disbursement request to support a Youth Leadership Program for a school in Japan
- Ratified the appointment of members to the 2021 International Disciplinary Committee
- Approved the appointment of the 2021-2022 Region Advisors recommended by the RA Selection Committee

[December 23, 2020](#)

- Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses – amended, effective February 1, 2021

[January 27, 2021](#)

- Approved the proposed co-presented webinar with Toastmasters International and the American Psychological Association
- Approved the conducting of the 2021 International Convention as an online-only event, for the safety of the membership
- Extended the new club incentive program through June 30, 2021, in order to support the leaders of the organization as they continue working to achieve new club goals during a challenging time

[February 15, 2021](#)

- Ratified appointment of members to the 2021-2022 International Leadership Committee

[February 22, 2021](#)

- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, effective July 1, 2021

[February 24, 2021](#)

- Approved an exception allowing clubs which were paid for in April 2020, but have not yet completed the October 2020 renewal requirement, be provided an additional six months to return to good standing before being suspended
- Approved an extension of the allowance for clubs to remain in good standing without renewing members to October 2020



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- Approved a decrease of the reinstatement fee for clubs from \$360 USD to \$100 USD per missed dues cycle through September 30, 2021
- Approved the publishing of information reports to all District Executive Committee members, Region Advisors, and Past International Presidents twice a year
- Adopted new Club Officer Agreement and Release Statement, effective for the 2021-2022 program year
- Approved creation of a legal entity in India, to support and protect the members and clubs in India, as well as to provide increased protection and awareness of our intellectual property, including our name, logo, and educational programs
- Exception to Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections approved, to allow an Online Candidate Corner for the 2021 District Election Cycle
- Protocol 2.3: Club Programs and Events - amended, to clearly define Speakathons and the organization of such events
- Voted not to allow proxies for any annual District Council meeting for the 2020-2021 program year
- Protocol 11.5: Board of Directors Visits - amended, to provide additional guidance for scheduling International Officer Visits, to be implemented for the 2021-2022 program year onwards.

[March 1, 2021](#)

- Approved changes to the Glossary of Governing Documents, effective no later than March 31, 2021, to provide consistency and clarity regarding the use of the term "Speakathon"
- Approved changes relating to the uses of social media by Region Advisors, including who may and may not administer region websites and region-related social media profiles
- Policy 5.0: Toastmasters International and Other Organizations - amended, effective July 1, 2021
- Protocol 4.0: Intellectual Property - amended, intended to provide guidance and direction regarding advertising on club, District, and region websites or social media profiles, effective July 1, 2021



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- Protocol 4.0: Intellectual Property - amended, allowing Region Advisors to appoint members from their region to serve as administrators of the social media profiles for the region, as well as indicating which members may not be administrators, effective July 1, 2021
- Approved changes for International Officer and Director visits, which identify and clarify types of Board Member visits, effective for the 2021-2022 program year

[March 12-14, 2021](#)

- Approved a two-part process for assigning in-person undistricted clubs to a District. The first part will focus on assigning undistricted geographical areas in which clubs are located. The second part will look at countries with no club presence to see to which District the country should be aligned
- Approved the District boundary adjustment for District 107, effective July 1, 2021
- Approved the District boundary adjustment for Districts 60 and 61, effective July 1, 2021
- Approved enhanced International Officer and International Director candidate assessment questions
- Approved the elimination of comments sections from the 360-degree assessments for Board candidates and Region Advisor applicants, effective July 1, 2021
- Approved the proposed outline and timeline for an International Officer and Director Candidate Training program
- Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program - amended, to ease the Accredited Speaker Program judge selection process by lessening the burden on those volunteering to judge
- Approved a series of recognition and incentive items, effective for the 2020-2021 program year, which are intended to provide motivation and support to the volunteer leaders of the organization



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[April 28, 2021](#)

- Approved Smedley Fund disbursement requests to continue providing support to clubs that suffered financial ramifications as a result of the warehouse explosions of Beirut in August 2020.
- Ratified the approval of Past International President Jim Kokocki as 2021-2022 Audit Committee Co-Chair
- Ratified the Audit Committee's 2020 financial audit

[May 26, 2021](#)

- Approved requirement relating to speech contests for the 2021-2022 program year, where each District Executive Committee may choose a contest format of either in-person or online, and may switch to online to protect the safety of our members
- Modified the previous decision to remove comments from 360-degree assessments of Board candidates, to add two (2) comment questions at the end of the assessments that give reviewers the opportunity to comment on the candidate's key strengths and their opportunities for improvement, effective July 1, 2021

[June 23, 2021](#)

- Approved the continuation of the current District Recognition Program without adjustment through the 2022-2023 program year
- Approved the Districts to budget a financial loss for the 2021-2022 program year of no more than 20% of budgeted revenue
- Reinstated the reallocation of District funds, per Protocol 8.4, for the 2021-2022 program year
- Approved the alignment of undistricted in-person clubs to a District, effective July 1, 2021
- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors - amended, clarifying the requirements for and responsibility when serving as a Region Advisor, as well as establishing how the Past Region Advisor Council is formed
- Protocol 10.1: Region Advisor Visits - amended



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- Protocol 9.2: Presidential Citations - amended, to clarify who is ineligible to receive a Presidential Citation at the time of selection

[July 12, 2021](#)

- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct, Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees, Policy 11.12: Board of Directors Conduct, and District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII: Officers - amended, with the intent to eliminate unclear content in the governing documents related to the disciplinary process, effective no later than October 1, 2021

[July 19, 2021](#)

- The Board approved recommendations from the Leadership Credit Committee made to ensure that members better understand the expectations and responsibilities of their role and how they can earn leadership credit.

[July 28, 2021](#)

- Approved two options for the 2021-2022 program year by which Club Coach credit could be obtained for the DTM award

[August 12, 2021](#)

- District Administrative Bylaws, Policy 4.0: Intellectual Property, Policy 7.0: District Structure, Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses, and Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, to remove references to Territorial Councils, effective July 1, 2022.
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective for the 2022-2023 election cycle
- Protocol 9.1: International Elections – amended, to align with the amendments to Policy 9.1, effective for the 2022-2023 election cycle
- Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective no later than July 1, 2022



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[August 14-15, 2021](#)

- Approved the alignment of undistricted in-person clubs to Districts, retroactive to July 1, 2021
- Reformation of D74 and D127 approved, effective July 1, 2024
- Reformation of D85 and D128 approved, effective July 1, 2024
- Approved conducting 2022 Mid-year Training as an online-only program
- Exception approved to allow District to conduct the Annual District Conference online or hybrid for the 2021-2022 program year; exception approved to require Districts to conduct the Annual District Council Meeting online for the 2021-2022 program year
- Protocol 2.3: Club Programs and Events – amended, regarding the Club Coach program
- Approved updated to Pathways Level 1 content for implementation in Q4 of 2021
- Protocol 4.0: Intellectual Property and Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended, relating to the removal of Territorial Councils and new requirements for the formation of Provisional Districts, effective July 1, 2022
- Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective no later than July 1, 2022
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, relating to the International Leadership committee
- Approved Audit Committee’s recommended auditors for the organization’s 2021 financials

[August 26-27, 2021](#)

- The International Officers for the 2021-2022 term and the International Directors for the 2021-2023 term were elected

[September 10-12, 2021](#)

- Kate Wingrove appointed Secretary for the 2021-2022 year
- John Bond appointed Treasurer for the 2021-2022 year



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[October 25, 2021](#)

- Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program and Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – amended, regarding filling vacancies for the Accredited Speaker Program Council and the Past Region Advisor Council, effective immediately
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII: Officers, and Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective December 1, 2021
- Approved several Smedley Fund disbursement requests

[December 6, 2021](#)

- Approved Smedley Fund disbursement request
- Approved a recognition program for the 2021-2022 program year centered on Districts which increase their average club size

[December 8, 2021](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2022-2023 ILC members

[December 13, 2021](#)

- Ratified the appointment of members to the 2022 International Disciplinary Committee

[December 20, 2021](#)

- Kristen Kyriazis appointed Secretary *Pro Tem* while the current Secretary is on leave
- Policy 6.0: Speech Contests, Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections, and the Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, to clarify existing rules and improve structure and process, effective for the 2022-2023 speech contest cycle
- Reformation of D94 approved, effective July 1, 2024

[December 21, 2021](#)

- Rochelle Rice and Greg Wood appointed 2022 Accredited Speaker Program Council Chairs



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[January 24, 2022](#)

- Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program – amended, relating to the term length for council chairs, effective for the application cycle beginning in January 2023
- Approved the appointment of the 2022-2023 Region Advisors, along with alternates, recommended by the RA Selection Committee

[January 31, 2022](#)

- Approved a recommendation from the Incentives Committee to finalize incentive guidance for District leaders

[February 7, 2022](#)

- Amendments to the Bylaws, Articles X, XI, XIII, and XIV, to be presented to the voting membership at the 2022 Annual Business Meeting
- Amendments to the Club Constitution, Article VII, to be presented to the voting membership at the 2022 Annual Business Meeting
 - ▶ If adopted, District Administrative Bylaws, Articles IX and X – amended, will take immediate effect
- Amendments to the Club Constitution, Article VI, to be presented to the voting membership at the 2022 Annual Business Meeting

[March 3, 2022](#)

- Full audit of the Bylaws of Toastmasters International, Club Constitution, District Administrative Bylaws, and Policy and Protocol conducted
 - ▶ Amendments to the Bylaws and Club Constitution to be presented to the voting membership at the 2022 Annual Business Meeting
 - ▶ District Administrative Bylaws – amended, effective no sooner than July 1, 2022
 - ▶ Policy and Protocol – amended, effective no sooner than July 1, 2022
- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund



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[March 12-13, 2022](#)

- Established goals for the organization for the 2022-2023 year in six metric categories
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, relating to those authorized to establish and maintain District bank accounts, effective immediately
- Approved expedited reformation for D85, reformation to now take effect July 1, 2023
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct and Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, creating guidance and processes for past Board Members and Past Region Advisors
- Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees – amended, relating to those who can serve as officers or directors of legal entities established outside the United States, effective immediately
- Approved a club reinstatement program effective July 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023
- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund

[April 25, 2022](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund
- Approved the ratification of the financial audit by the Audit Committee

[May 28, 2022](#)

- Approved an extension of the deadline to submit Club Officer Training reports and Area Director Club Visit Reports for second-round submissions of the 2021-2022 program year

[May 31, 2022](#)

- Approved an exception to the reinstatement fee, effective immediately through September 30, 2022
- Approved a hybrid format for Level 2 of the Accredited Speaker Program at the 2022 International Convention



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- Approved a hybrid format for the 2022 International Speech Contest Semifinals and 2022 World Championship of Public Speaking
- Past International President Jana Barnhill appointed to fill a vacancy in a co-chair position on the International Leadership Committee

[June 27, 2022](#)

- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, relating to education eligibility requirements for the International Speech Contest, effective for the 2022-2023 speech contest cycle

[July 1, 2022](#)

- Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, relating to the list of expenses for which Districts may request budget limit exceptions, effective immediately

[July 3, 2022](#)

- Exception to Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses approved, allowing District leaders who expected to attend District Leader Training, but were unable to attend, to be reimbursed by the District for incurred travel expenses

[July 25, 2022](#)

- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, relating to decision-making authority of District officers relating to location, venue, and signing of contracts
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, relating to the International Leadership Committee, effective September 1, 2022
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article X – amended, relating to quorum at District Council meetings, effective September 1, 2022
- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, relating to quorum at District Council meetings, effective September 1, 2022
- Approved changes to the Distinguished District Program and the Distinguished Club Program for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 program years



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- Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees – amended, relating to the frequency of the review cycle, effective immediately
- Approved an exception to allow District to select between online only and hybrid formats for the 2022-2023 speech contests

[August 14-16, 2022](#)

- Presented the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan
- Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, relating to members who can serve on a District Disciplinary Committee
- Approved partnership with Yoodli

[August 19, 2022](#)

- The International Officers for the 2022-2023 term and the International Directors for the 2022-2024 term were elected
- Proposal A: Consistency and Clarity – adopted
- Proposal B: Restatement of the Organization and Club Purposes – adopted
- Proposal C: Inclusive Language for Gender – adopted
- Proposal D: Communication and Technology – adopted
- Proposal E: Clarification on Voting Rights for Member Clubs – adopted
- Proposal F: Announcements to Members – adopted
- Proposal G: Clarity on References to Geographic Regions – adopted
- Proposal H: Scheduling of Board of Directors Meetings – adopted
- Proposal I: Voting at the Annual Business Meeting – adopted
- Proposal J: Club Leadership Committee Chair – adopted
- Proposal K: Club Officer Requirements – adopted
- Proposal L: Club Representatives on the District Council – adopted

[August 21-22, 2022](#)

- Kristen Kyriazis appointed Secretary for the 2022-2023 year
- John Bond appointed Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year



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[August 23, 2022](#)

- Ratified the appointment of Past International President Michael Notaro as 2022-2023 Audit Committee Co-Chair

[September 12, 2022](#)

- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, relating to one-day events between September 1 and December 1, effective immediately
- Approved two disbursements from the Smedley Fund

[October 24, 2022](#)

- Ratified the appointment of members to the 2023 International Disciplinary Committee

[October 26, 2022](#)

- Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective immediately
- Approved Audit Committee's recommended auditors for the organization's 2022 financials
- Approved two disbursements from the Smedley Fund

[December 3, 2022](#)

- Francesco Fedele appointed as a replacement 2022-2023 Region Advisor for Region 10

[December 5, 2022](#)

- Approved an exception to Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program, regarding the terms of service for the current Accredited Speaker Program Council Chairs, in order to facilitate a transition period to the new term of service that will take effect on January 2023
- Reviewed the current awards presented at the Hall of Fame event at the International Convention. Adopted the amended list of awards to be presented at the Hall of Fame



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- Approved exceptions to Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management, regarding budgets for the 2022-2023 program year
- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended to better clarify existing rules, effective for the 2023-2024 speech contest cycle
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII - amended to better clarify existing rules, effective July 1, 2023

[December 12, 2022](#)

- Approved the 2023 Toastmasters International budget
- Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees – amended the dues from \$45 to \$60 USD per semiannual payment cycle effective October 1, 2023

[December 20, 2022](#)

- Approved an exception to Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program to allow one of the two Accredited Speaker Council Chairs to serve as chief judge online for the Accredited Speaker Level 2 presentations at the 2023 and 2024 International Conventions

[January 26, 2023](#)

- Approved the appointment of the Region Advisors recommended by the RA Selection Committee for 2023-2024
- Approved an exception to Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections to allow the chair of the International Leadership Committee to serve a second year as International Leadership Committee Chair in 2023-2024
- Adopted advice from legal counsel on filing a restatement of the Articles of Incorporation to incorporate capitalization of "corporation" when referring to the organization along with the removal of extraneous language
- Protocol 9.2: Presidential Citation – amended to clarify that service on the Board of Directors will not be considered when determining if a citation is merited and to remove the restriction on Past International Presidents being eligible to receive a citation



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- Approved an exception to Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections related to how election-related events at the International Convention are conducted
- Directed World Headquarters to move forward with a hybrid format for the 2023 International Speech Contest semifinals and 2023 World Championship of Public Speaking

[February 14, 2023](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2023-2024 ILC members

[February 27, 2023](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund

[March 18-19, 2023](#)

- Accepted the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging, and Accessibility (DEIBA) committee's recommendations on some of the next steps the organization can take to further its DEIBA efforts
- Policy 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, relating to conflicts of interest and District funds, were adopted by the Board, effective immediately
- District Administrative Bylaws, Articles VIII and X – amended, relating to the ordering of options, were adopted by the Board effective immediately
- Policy 4.0: Intellectual Property – amended, relating to members' contact information, were adopted by the Board, effective immediately
- Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, relating to conducting Toastmasters events, were adopted by the Board, effective immediately
- Adopted new goals, as shown in the table below, for each category for the 2023-2024 program year

Category	2023-2024 Goal
Distinguished Clubs	3% Increase
Membership Payments	3% Increase
Renewal Rate	1% Increase
Member Satisfaction	5.8 Rating



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Club Growth	3% Increase
Pathways Level Completions	3% Increase

- Approved August 1, 2023, as the start date for charging members the new dues amount of \$60 USD. Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees – amended to reflect new dues
- Approved the replacement of physical charter kits with a digital kit starting with the 2023-2024 program year
- Approved increasing the certification and renewal fees for Gavel Clubs to \$125 USD. Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees – amended, as well as implementing the digital Gavel Club kits, starting with the 2023-2024 program year
- Adopted March through August 2023 Committees: District Reporting Committee, International Campaigns Committee, and Region Alignment Committee
- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund. April 7, 2023
- Past Region Advisor Karen Isaacs, DTM appointed as the replacement 2023-2024 Region Advisor for Region 6

[April 18, 2023](#)

- Past International Director Joan Lewis, DTM appointed as the replacement for Region 2 on the International Leadership Committee (ILC) through August 2024

[April 24, 2023](#)

- Approved two disbursements from the Smedley Fund
- Accepted the Audit Committee's recommendation to accept the 2022 audited financial statements, the Governance Letter (AU-C 260), and the Internal Control Letter (AUC 265)
- Accepted the Audit Committee's recommendation to accept the updated 2022 audited financial statements that were revised to reflect an adjustment in the depreciation expense

[May 24, 2023](#)

- Approved a plan to support District leaders, and the other members of the District working with them, in developing a greater understanding of the club-



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building process and the critical nature of building new clubs to our organization's success. Included in the plan is the addition of the following three qualifying requirements for the Distinguished District Program for the 2023-2024 program year: submission of the District Market Analysis Plan by September 30, submission of the District Communication Plan by September 30, and attendance at a minimum of two meetings with the Region Advisors by May 31

- Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, regarding the submission of the District Signature Forms effective July 1, 2024
- Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct and Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, relating to the ordering of options

[June 26, 2023](#)

- Policy 4.0: Intellectual Property – amended, relating to the organizer of every Toastmasters event, were adopted, effective immediately

[July 3, 2023](#)

- Michael Bayer, DTM, AS, appointed as Accredited Speaker Program Council Chair to serve from September 1, 2023, to October 31, 2025

[July 11, 2023](#)

- Past District Director Patricia Lum, DTM, appointed as the replacement member for Region 13 on the International Leadership Committee (ILC) through August 2025

[July 20, 2023](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the members listed below to the Social Media Monitoring and Discipline Committee

[July 21, 2023](#)

- Ratified the approval of Past International President Balraj Arunasalam, DTM as 2023-2024 Audit Committee Co-Chair



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[July 24, 2023](#)

- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective for the 2023-2024 election cycle
- Speech Contest Rulebook, for 2023-2024, approved an exception to allow each District to select between onsite, online, or hybrid as the format for speech contests at the Area, Division, and District levels

[August 12-14, 2023](#)

- Policy 4.0: Intellectual Property – amended, with an updated definition of “special events” effective immediately
- Protocol 7.1: District Events – amended, with updated definition of “special events” effective immediately
- Approved a realignment of the regions to be evenly split with seven regions in the Americas and seven in the rest of the world, effective for July 1, 2024
- Adopted several methods for enhancing the District Performance Reports by simplifying the user experience through better navigation, adding detailed information that can be easily found, and providing more notifications
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, removing the use of physical campaign mailings effective for the 2024-2025 election cycle
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, removing the use of social media profiles for campaigning purposes effective for the 2024-2025 election cycle
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, relating to physical campaign spaces for international candidates at District events effective for the 2024-2025 election cycle
- Approved two disbursements from the Smedley Fund
- Adopted September 2023 through March 2024 Committees: District Structure Committee; Recognition Committee; and Region Advisor Selection Committee
- Approved District 75 to form a reformation committee
- Approved full District status for Provisional District 97, retroactively effective as of July 1, 2023



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- Protocol 11.2: Board of Directors Expenses – amended, relating to reimbursement for transportation to and from the Board Member’s home to the passenger terminal were effective immediately
- Protocol 10.0: Region Advisor Expenses – amended, relating to reimbursement for transportation to and from the Region Advisor’s home to the passenger terminal effective immediately
- Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses – amended, relating to meal reimbursements effective as of July 1, 2023
- Protocol 11.2: Board of Director Expenses – amended, relating to meal reimbursements effective starting with the 2023-2024 Board of Directors
- Protocol 10.0: Region Advisor Expenses – amended, relating to meal reimbursements effective July 1, 2023

[August 18, 2023](#)

- The International Officers for the 2023-2024 term and the International Directors for the 2023-2025 term were elected

[August 20-21, 2023](#)

- Kristen Kyriazis appointed Secretary for the 2023-2024 year
- John Bond appointed Treasurer for the 2023-2024 year

[September 30, 2023](#)

- Ratified the appointment of Past Region Advisor Kazuko Kawauchi, DTM, as the replacement member for Region 14 on the International Leadership Committee (ILC) through August 2024
- Ratified the appointment of Past District Director Glenda Teams Edwards, DTM, as the replacement member for Region 7 on the ILC through August 2025

[October 26, 2023](#)

- Adopted authorized representatives to speak with and provide documentation to the Canada Revenue Agency



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[December 14, 2023](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund
- Adopted the following recommendations for the 2024-2025 contest cycle:
 - ▶ No longer grant exceptions to the Speech Contest Rulebook allowing the current contest types to be conducted in an online or hybrid format beyond the club level.
 - ▶ Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, for consistency with the Speech Contest Rulebook
 - ▶ Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, to clarify the rules around non-English contests
 - ▶ Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, to increase clarity of the term “multilingual speech contest”
 - ▶ Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, to increase clarity of the term “multilingual speech contest”
- Adopted closed club reinstatement program for the reinstatement of clubs that closed between March 2023 and September 2023 which would run from December 2023 through March 2024

[December 21, 2023](#)

- Adopted the 2024 Toastmasters International budget

[December 25, 2023](#)

- Ratified appointed members to the 2024 International Disciplinary Committee

[January 25, 2024](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund.
- Adopted the glossary definition of “conflict of interest” and the amendments to the following effective immediately:
 - ▶ District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII: Officers
 - ▶ Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program
 - ▶ Policy 7.2: District Management
 - ▶ Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections



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- ▶ Policy 10.0: Region Advisors
- ▶ Policy 11.11: Board of Directors Conflict of Interest
- ▶ Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct
- ▶ Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections
- ▶ Protocol 11.1: Board of Directors Meetings
- Protocol 8.4: District Fiscal Management – amended, relating to the matter of District budgets and the requests by Districts for exceptions effective for District budgets for the 2024-2025 program year.
- Adopted the appointment of the 2024-2025 Region Advisors for Regions 1-14, along with two alternates.
- Adopted a closed club incentive that will enable clubs that closed in 2023 to return to good standing, effective February to June 2024.

[February 1, 2024](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2024-2025 ILC members

[February 29, 2024](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund

[March 15-16, 2024](#)

- Approved to continue the temporary adjustments to the Distinguished Club and District Recognition Programs, adopted for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 program years, for the 2024-2025 program year. This includes the three qualifying requirements for the Distinguished District Program which were added for the 2023-2024 program year in connection with the club building initiative
- Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, supporting the addition of the Online Speech Contest type, effective beginning with the 2024-2025 contest cycle
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article XI: Committees, Section – amended, relating to the composition and work of the Alignment Committee, effective July 1, 2024
- Protocol 7.0, Section 3 – amended, relating to the reformation process, effective July 1, 2024



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- Policy 7.0: District Structure – amended, relating to the minimum size of a District, effective July 1, 2025
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended, relating to the minimum size of a District, effective July 1, 2025
- Approved the following March through August 2024 committees: Club Quality Committee, District Alignment Committee, and District Leader Qualifications Committee
- Approved amendments to the Speech Contest Rulebook, International Speech Contest Judge’s Guide and Ballot, International Speech Contest Tiebreaking Judge’s Guide and Ballot, Speaker’s Certification of Eligibility and Originality, Judge’s Certification of Eligibility and Code of Ethics, and adopted the Online Speech Contest Judge’s Guide and Ballot and the Online Speech Contest Tiebreaking Judge’s Guide and Ballot, effective for the 2024-2025 contest cycle

[March 27, 2024](#)

- Approved clarifying implementation dates for the Recognition Committee’s as follows:
 - Smedley level for the Distinguished Club Program will be implemented starting with the 2025-2026 program year
 - Achievement requirements for the Distinguished District Program will be implemented starting with the 2025-2026 program year
 - Achievement requirements for the Distinguished Division Program will be implemented starting with the 2025-2026 program year
 - Recognition of District achievements during Region Gatherings at the International Convention will be implemented starting July 1, 2024
 - Recognition of the leader and the responsible team on District Excellence awards presented at the Hall of Fame will be implemented starting July 1, 2024

[April 25, 2024](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund for the Member Club in Palestine and the Member Clubs in Haiti.



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- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amendments related to reformed or consolidated Districts, effective July 1, 2024. Other amendments are effective July 1, 2025

May 23, 2024

- Approved the achievement requirements for the Distinguished Club Program as follows, effective with the 2025-2026 program year

Level of Distinguished	Membership Requirement	DCP Goals Required
Distinguished	20 members or a net growth of 3	5
Select Distinguished	20 members or a net growth of 5	7
President’s Distinguished	20 members	9
Smedley Distinguished	25 members	10

- Approved, adding the submission of the Club Success Plan by September 30 as a qualifying requirement

June 27, 2024

- The Committee received an update on the organizations’ investment portfolio
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII: Officers – amended, related to the election and removal of District leaders, effective July 1, 2024
- Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, related to the election and removal of District leaders, effective July 1, 2024

July 11, 2024

- Approved appointment of Freddi Dogterom, DTM, AS, as Accredited Speaker Program Council Chair to serve from September 1, 2024, to October 31, 2026. Michael Bayer, DTM, AS, will continue to serve as the other council chair until October 31, 2025



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[July 17, 2024](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund for the Member Club in Malaysia

[July 18, 2024](#)

- Approved Past International President George Yen, DTM as 2024-2025 Audit Committee Co-Chair

[July 25, 2024](#)

- Approved the appointment of Past International President Mike Storkey, DTM, as the replacement second co-chair on the International Leadership Committee (ILC) through August 2025

[July 25, 2024](#)

- Policy 1.1: Mission Statements, Core Values, and Envisioned Future – amended, to reflect the updated envisioned future, effective immediately
- Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, updates to the District disciplinary process, effectively immediately
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, updates to the nomination process, effective immediately

[August 10-12, 2024](#)

- Approved updated definition of remote District leader for the glossary, differentiating between partial and fully remote District leaders, effective no later than July 1, 2025
- District Administrative Bylaws, Article VII – amended, relating to the election and/or appointment of District leaders and qualifications for serving in District officer positions, effective July 1, 2025
- Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses – amended, relating to expenses for remote District leaders, effective July 1, 2025
- Policy 7.0: District Structure – amended, to provide additional clarity around the growth plan, effective immediately



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- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended, to align with the amendments to Policy 7.0, effective immediately
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure, Section 4 – amended, relating to the District growth plan, effective July 1, 2025
- Approved a District Realignment Program for Regions 1 to 7, effective immediately

[August 16, 2024](#)

- The International Officers for the 2024-2025 term and the International Directors for the 2024-2026 term were elected

[August 18, 2024](#)

- Kristen Kyriazis appointed Secretary for the 2024-2025 year
- John Bond appointed Treasurer for the 2024-2025 year

[September 16, 2024](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund from a Member Club in North Carolina

[September 25, 2024](#)

- Approved the appointment of Past District Director Mohamed Ibrahim Maricar, DTM, as the replacement committee member from Region 11 on the International Leadership Committee (ILC) through August 2025

[September 26, 2024](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund from Member Clubs in Palestine
- Ratified the Audit Committee's recommendation to engage the public accounting and auditing firm Eide Bailly as the auditor of the organization's financial statements for 2024



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- Ratified the Audit Committee's recommendation to retain the public accounting and auditing firm Forvis Mazars Group as the auditor of the financial statements of Toastmasters International Singapore Limited for 2024

[January 27, 2025](#)

- Ratified appointment of members to the 2021-2022 International Leadership Committee.

[January 30, 2025](#)

- Approved the appointment of the 2025-2026 Region Advisors for Regions 1-14, along with alternates for Regions 1-7 and 8-14.
- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund.
- Policy 6.0: Speech Contests – amended, regarding exceptions for safety concerns, the Video Speech Contest, and timing for conducting the Online Speech Contest at the District level, effective with the 2025-2026 cycle. The Speech Contest Rulebook was adopted to align with the amendments to this policy.

[February 10, 2025](#)

- Ratified an exception to the District assignment of a Member Club which meets within the boundaries of District 78, reassigning the club to District 19, effective immediately.

[February 20, 2025](#)

- Ratified the approval of Past International President Jon Greiner as 2025-2026 Audit Committee Co-Chair.

[February 27, 2025](#)

- Protocol 2.3: Club Programs and Events – amended, to more accurately reflect the detailed requirements of the Club Coach Program, effective immediately.



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[October 18, 2024](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund

[October 24, 2024](#)

- Policy 10.0: Region Advisors – changes to the appointment of the Region Advisor Selection Committee members and the Region Advisor applicant assessments process, effective for the next iteration of the Region Advisor Selection Committee

[November 22, 2024](#)

- Approved new boundaries for Districts 3, 16, 25, 26, and 55 effective July 1, 2025
- Approved new boundaries for Districts 2 and 21 effective July 1, 2025
- Authorized the Chief Executive Officer to make temporary exceptions to the District Administrative Bylaws and Policy and Protocol for Districts undergoing the District realignment process
- Granted authority to the District Realignment Steering Committee to appoint a transition lead, for the Districts in Group A and B, who will have the authority to appoint a District Leadership Committee Chair, appoint a District Alignment Committee Chair, and provide support and guidance throughout the transition process

[December 16, 2024](#)

- Ratified the appointment of the 2025 International Disciplinary Committee members

[March 14-15, 2025](#)

- Approved the refocused Region Advisor program, beginning with the 2025-2026 Region Advisors.
- Approved the creation of a District Transition Team, effective July 1, 2025, to assist each District that undergoes realignment through the process and into the beginning of the first program year after realignment.
- Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective immediately.



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- Adopted amendments to the Bylaws of Toastmasters International to be presented to the voting membership for adoption at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.
- Adopted amendments to the Club Constitution to be presented to the voting membership for adoption at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.
- Adopted the groupings of amendments to the Bylaws and Club Constitution into Proposals which will be presented to the voting membership for adoption at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.
- Adopted amendments to the District Administrative Bylaws, effective no sooner than July 1, 2025.
- Adopted amendments to Policy 6.1: Accredited Speaker Program, Policy 8.3: District Leader Expenses, and Policy 8.5: Ralph C. Smedley Memorial Fund®, effective no sooner than July 1, 2025.
- Adopted amendments to Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct, effective upon the adoption of the amendments to the Bylaws, Article III, Section 13, by the voting membership.
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure, Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections, and Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct – amended, effective immediately upon adoption of the amendment to the Bylaws, Article III, Section 13, by the voting membership.
- Reviewed the expenses of the Chief Executive Officer and reported that all expenses were found to be reasonable and within policy.

[April 24, 2025](#)

- The Committee received an update on the organization's investment portfolio.
- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund.

[May 22, 2025](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund.
- Adopted the discontinuation of the District Club Strength Award, effective immediately.



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[July 24, 2025](#)

- Approved new boundaries for Districts in Regions 1-7, effective July 1, 2026.
- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund.
- Approved allowing local and partially remote leadership for the 2026-2027 program year in the Districts which will be realigning. Further, approving allowing those members serving for the 2025-2026 program year as full remote leaders in the positions of Program Quality Director or Club Growth Director to be eligible for election in the 2026-2027 program year.
- Approved a Transition Team to function from July 2025 through September 226. The Committee members are: Past International President Terry Daily as Chair; Past International Directors Don Griffith and Mary Morrison and co-chairs.

[July 31, 2025](#)

- Ratified the appointment of Dale Anne Clark as Accredited Speaker Program Council Chair to serve from September 1, 2025, to October 31, 2027.

[August 16-18, 2025](#)

- Approved the new boundaries presented by the Joint Realignment Committee Group 1, effective July 1, 2026.
- Adopted an increase to the new member fee from \$20 USD to \$25 USD, including amendments to Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees, effective October 1, 2025.
- Ratified the Audit Committee's recommendation to engage Eide Bailly and HLB Atrede as the auditor of the financial statements of Toastmasters International Singapore Limited for 2025.
- Adopted new goals, as shown in the table below, for each category for the 2025-2026 program year

Category	2025-2026 Goal
Distinguished Clubs	3%
Membership Payments	3%
Renewal Rate	>0%
Member Satisfaction	>50
Club Growth	3%



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Pathways Level Completions	5%
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- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, related to the upcoming election cycle, effective September 1, 2025.
- Approved the proposed new boundaries for Districts from Joint Realignment Group 2, effective July 1, 2026.
- Approved September 2025 through March 2026 Committee: Region Advisor Selection Committee.
- Approved the realigned region boundaries for Regions 1-7, as presented, effective July 1, 2026.
- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund.
- Approved to maintain use of the phrase “invalid votes” for the Annual Business Meeting, effective immediately.
- Approved to rescind the approved recommendations of the Club Leadership Roles and Responsibilities Committee.
- Approved enhancements to the Pathways Learning Experience which would incorporate required meeting roles and presentations from the *Successful Club Series*, *Better Speaker Series*, and *Leadership Excellence Series*. In addition, approved the continued development and implementation of the Vintage Path.
- Adopted the establishment of a committee to develop a plan to realign the Districts in Regions 8-14.

[August 22, 2025](#)

- The International Officers for the 2025-2026 term and the International Directors for the 2025-2027 term were elected

[August 24, 2025](#)

- Kristen Kyriazis appointed Secretary and Jonathan Lam appointed Treasurer of the corporation to serve until the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the 2026 Annual Business Meeting.



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October 23, 2025

- Approved a request from District 101 to keep its District number after July 1, 2026.
- Approved two disbursements from the Smedley Fund

December 4, 2025

- Adopted the 2026 Toastmasters International budget.

December 11, 2025

- Approved boundaries for Districts, effective July 1, 2026.
- Adopted the Audit Committee's recommendation to engage Shanghai Acumen as the 2025 auditor and keeping Deloitte as the 2025 tax preparer for the Toastmasters International (Shanghai) Education Technology Co., Ltd. (Tou Ma).
- Ratified the appointment of the members of the 2026 International Disciplinary Committee (IDC).
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, to modernize and streamline the campaign process, effective September 1, 2025.
- Policy 8.3: District Fiscal Management – amended, effective upon publication of these minutes.
- Policy 9.1: International Campaigns and Elections – amended, effective upon publication of these minutes.
- Speech Contest Rulebook – amended, for clarify and better alignment with Policy 6.0: Speech Contests, effective for the 2026-2027 contest cycle.
- Protocol 7.0: District Structure – amended to remove a reference to the discontinued Video Speech Contest, effective immediately.
- Adopted an updated Smedley Fund recognition program, with the inclusion of an additional corporate contributor level.
- Adopted the establishment of a pilot Smedley Fund Committee to serve for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Board term.
- Adopted Past International Presidents Morag Mathieson and Terry Daily as co-chairs of the Transition Team to guide and support the Districts, through September 2026.



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- Adopted adjusting the boundaries of District 6 to include the city of Hudson, Wisconsin, United States, removing that city from the boundaries of District 212. In addition, adjusting the boundaries of District 217 to include the counties of York and Horry, in South Carolina, United States, removing those counties from the boundaries of District 213.

[January 9, 2026](#)

- Approved the appointment of the 2026-2027 Region Advisors for Regions 1-14, along with alternates.

[January 20, 2026](#)

- Approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund.