



Minutes of the 2025-2026 Board of Directors Videoconference

June 25, 2026

The 2025-2026 Toastmasters International Board of Directors met on June 25, 2026, with International President Rochat, DTM, presiding. The other officers and directors present were, Distinguished Toastmasters all: McGhee, Seshadri, Gamester, Spear, Baylor, Bown, Fedele, Horberry, Lee, Lucas, Oluyide, Periasamy, Raneri, Saineni, Sukumaran, Taylor, Tonna, and Zaini. Chief Executive Officer Rex and the following World Headquarters team members were also present: Lam, Lurquin, Kaczor, Shah, Villa, and Kyriazis. No Board Members were absent.

1. The agenda was adopted as presented.
2. The Board considered the use of the Smedley Fund to support the future of the education program in alignment with the Fund's stated purpose. The Board approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund, not to exceed \$710K USD, for the further development of the education program; the disbursement is to be applied starting from the date of approval and continuing through the end of the 2027 fiscal year.
3. **HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL**
4. The Board reviewed the alignment of priorities across the three groups and recommended the priorities, as described, to the CEO for use during the development of the 2027 Toastmasters International budget.
5. The Board evaluated the current financial position of the organization and discussed the deficits caused by inflation and multiple years of negative or flat growth. To maintain the level of service to the members and fund initiatives to move the organization forward, the Board voted to increase dues from \$60 USD to \$72 USD per semiannual payment cycle, starting with the October 2026 dues period and adopted the accompanying amendments to Policy 8.0: Dues and Fees (attached). The Board delegated to the CEO the responsibility of drafting communication for review by the Board of Directors and approval by the International President.

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As there was no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Pursuant to Protocol 11.3: Board of Directors Confidentiality, items contained in the minutes of this meeting were classified as "unrestricted" upon distribution of the minutes by World Headquarters, not to include any matters marked "restricted" or "highly confidential."



Kristen Kyriazis
Secretary

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 Past International Directors

Dues and Fees

1. Membership dues payments are governed by Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws of Toastmasters International.
2. The annual dues amount for members of all clubs is ~~\$144-120~~ USD, payable as ~~\$72-60~~ USD semiannually in April and October.
3. A member who joins a club at a time other than in April and October pays prorated dues according to the following table, payable in USD:

Join Month	Districted Clubs
May or November	\$60.00-50.00
June or December	\$48.00-40.00
July or January	\$36.00-30.00
August or February	\$24.00-20.00
September or March	\$12.00-10.00

4. The names of the members for whom dues are paid are submitted with the dues payments to Toastmasters International.
5. The new member fee for each new member, including charter members of new clubs, is \$25 USD.
6. Past International Presidents receive lifetime membership in all clubs to which they belong. All Toastmasters International dues are waived.
7. The charter application fee for a new club is \$125 USD. New clubs pay dues six (6) months or more in advance to align with the April or October dues cycle. This may result in the need to submit prorated membership dues for the subsequent dues renewal period.
8. The certification fee for a Gavel Club is \$125 USD. The annual renewal fee for a Gavel Club is \$125 USD, payable each November and prorated for groups requesting certification after November.
9. Club charter fees and membership dues and fees are paid by that club or an appropriate sponsoring agency, company, or group and not from District funds, or a District leader's personal funds, except when that District leader is also a President, Vice President, or Treasurer of that club. Club charter fees may be paid by another club, however membership dues and fees may not.
10. The Board of Directors reviews the dues, fees, and submission processes annually. In the event a dues increase is implemented, the Board of Directors will determine both the effective date for which renewal period the increase will take effect and when the change goes into effect.
11. In the event of a natural disaster or other extenuating circumstance affecting one (1) or more clubs' ability to pay membership dues, the Chief Executive Officer, after consultation with the International President, may postpone or reduce the membership dues for the affected clubs or take other appropriate measures. It is the responsibility of the affected clubs to contact World Headquarters for consideration.