



Minutes of the Toastmasters International Annual Business Meeting

August 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by International President Aletta Rochat, DTM, at 12 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

Chair Rochat announced the following appointments:

- Timers – Past International Director Louisa Davis, DTM; and Past International Director Jesse Oakley III, DTM
- Credentials Committee Chair – Past International President Deepak Menon, DTM
- Credentials Committee Co-Chairs – Past International President Richard E. Peck, DTM; Past International President Gary Schmidt, DTM; Past International Director Jim Kohli, DTM; and Past International Director Monnica Rose
- Supervising Director – International Director Monique Tonna, DTM
- Parliamentarian – International President-Elect Stefano McGhee, DTM

Credentials Committee Chair Menon reported as follows: A total of 18,987 votes were accredited, representing 9,404 of the 13,822 eligible clubs, with two votes each, and 179 of the 281 eligible Delegates at Large, each with one vote. A total of 9,275 votes needed to be registered at the beginning of the meeting for quorum to be present and 16,471 votes were registered as present at that time. The Chair declared a quorum to be present.

The Credentials Committee report was presented and adopted by the required majority. The voting results (also attached) on the motion for adoption were: Yes, 17,332; No, 371.

The meeting agenda was adopted without objection.

The standing rules were adopted without objection.

International President-Elect McGhee explained the procedural rules for the election of three officers for the 2026-2027 term and seven directors for the 2026-2028 term. McGhee also provided instructions to voting delegates on the process for the casting of votes.

Past International President, Matt Kinsey, DTM, Chair of the 2025-2026 International Leadership Committee, presented the committee's report.

International Officer and Director Elections

The following are the results (also attached) of the officer and director elections:

Candidate	Office	First Ballot
Gauri Seshadri, DTM	International President-Elect (uncontested)	1
Farzana Chohan, DTM	First Vice President	4,281
Jean Gamester, DTM	First Vice President	13,907
Anwesha Banerjee, DTM	Second Vice President	9,256
Pawas Chandra, DTM	Second Vice President	8,781
Christine Brady, DTM	International Director, Region 2 (uncontested)	1
Charlene Burroughs, DTM	International Director, Region 4	6,021
Jacqueline Houser, DTM	International Director, Region 4	11,563
Sandra Orland, DTM	International Director, Region 6	3,898
Sravanthi Vallampati, DTM	International Director, Region 6	13,756
Niteash Agarwaal, DTM	International Director, Region 8	9,195
Balaji Nagabhushan, DTM	International Director, Region 8	7,955
Ilona Ruitenbergh, DTM	International Director, Region 10 (uncontested)	1
Denise Buckby, DTM	International Director, Region 12	11,373
Christine Lennon, DTM	International Director, Region 12	5,982
Matthew Mak, DTM	International Director, Region 14 (uncontested)	1

Chair RoCHAT announced that Seshadri, Gamester, and Banerjee were elected International President-Elect, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, respectively, for the term of 2026-2027.

Chair RoCHAT also announced the following candidates elected as International Director for the term of 2026-2028: Brady, Houser, Vallampati, Agarwaal, Ruitenbergh, Buckby, and Mak.

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

The Bylaws of Toastmasters International authorizes the submission of proposed Bylaws amendments by “at least one percent (1%) of all the votes held by the voting membership” (Article XIV, Section 1(b)(2)). Based on the total number of clubs and Delegates at Large eligible to vote at the 2026 Annual Business Meeting (27,823 votes), meeting the 1% minimum requirement for any such proposal to be submitted for consideration at the 2027 Annual Business Meeting would require 279 votes, representing 140 clubs or 279 Delegates at Large, or any combination of those two voting memberships.

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.



Kristen Kyriazis
Secretary

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Credentials Report Results

Total Votes Cast	17703
Necessary for Selection (majority)	8852
Yes	17332
No	371
Invalid votes	0

First Vice President Results

Total Votes Cast	18188
Necessary for Election (majority)	9095
Farzana Chohan, DTM	4281
Jean Gamester, DTM	13907
Invalid votes	0

Second Vice President Results

Total Votes Cast	18037
Necessary for Election (majority)	9019
Anwesha Banerjee, DTM	9256
Pawas Chandra, DTM	8781
Invalid votes	0

International Director from Region 4 Results

Total Votes Cast	17584
Necessary for Election (majority)	8793
Charlene Burroughs, DTM	6021
Jacqueline Houser, DTM	11563
Invalid votes	0

International Director from Region 6 Results

Total Votes Cast	17654
Necessary for Election (majority)	8828
Sandra Orland, DTM	3898
Sravanthi Vallampati, DTM	13756
Invalid votes	0

International Director from Region 8 Results

Total Votes Cast	17150
Necessary for Election (majority)	8576
Niteash Agarwaal, DTM	9195
Balaji Nagabhushan, DTM	7955
Invalid votes	0

International Director from Region 12 Results

Total Votes Cast	17355
Necessary for Election (majority)	8678
Denise Buckby, DTM	11373
Christine Lennon, DTM	5982
Invalid votes	0