Minutes of the 2026-2027 Board of Directors

September 14, 2026

The 2026-2027 Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Distinguished Toastmasters all – McGhee, Seshadri, Gamester, Banerjee, Rochat, Agarwaal, Baylor, Bown, Brady, Buckby, Horberry, Houser, Mak, Oluyide, Periasamy, Raneri, Ruitenberg, Vallampati, and Zaini – received the report of the Smedley Fund Subsidy Application Review Committee. In accordance with the authority granted to the committee by the Board, the committee reviewed and considered two subsidy applications.

The first subsidy request was from a Member Club in Palestine for dues assistance because of the ongoing instability in the region. The committee approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund for dues assistance for the October 2026 to March 2027 renewal period, for the unpaid individual members in the Member Club.

The second subsidy request was from a Member Club in North Carolina, United States, to support 12 Youth Leadership Programs in collaboration with local youth organizations. The committee approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund for the materials, including shipping.

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Kristen Kyriazis
Secretary

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