



# District 109

## District Council Meeting Minutes

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Turan Tanin

### **District Parliamentarian**

Berit Dahl

### **District Credentials Chair**

Yoko Owatari

### **District Mission**

We build new clubs and  
support all clubs in achieving  
excellence.

### **District Motto**

learn together – excel  
together – dream together.

## Meeting Minutes

The District Council Meeting 2023-2024

on

Sunday, 26 May 2024  
18:00 – 21:00 CEST

Via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142472535?pwd=9FV3tP1fCDTcKWePPrEuJVWHkjG6jZ.1>

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Time	Description	Role	I, D, P*
17:45	Zoom Link open		
18:00	Welcome	District Director	I
18:05	Call to Order	District Director	I
18:07	Review Parliamentary Procedures	District Parliamentarian	I
18:12	Review Voting Procedures	District Credentials Chair	I
18:17	Certification of Quorum	District Credentials Chair	I
18:18	District Mission	District Administration Manager	I
18:20	Approval of the Agenda	District Director	D
18:25	Approval of Meeting Minutes of DCM of 5 November 2023	District Director	D
18:30	Keynote Speech		
18:40	Audit Committee Chair Report	Audit Committee Chair	I
18:45	District Officer Changes and Nominations	District Director	I
	<u>District Alignment Report and Alignment Approval</u>		
18:47	• Presentation of Alignment Chair Report	District Alignment Chair	I
18:52	• Alignment Discussion and Approval	District Director	D
19:35	BREAK		I
19:40	District Leadership Committee (DLC) Report and Recommendation for the District Council Meeting (DCM)	District Leadership Committee Chair	I
19:45	<u>District Elections</u> • District Director Election • Program Quality Director Election • Club Growth Director Election • Public Relations Manager Election • Division Directors Election		D
21:05	BREAK		
21:10	<u>District Core Team Reports and Updates</u> (3 min each) • District Director Report • Program Quality Director Report • Club Growth Director Report • District Public Relations Manager Report • District Finance Manager Report	District Core Team	I
21:25	<u>Division Director Report</u> (3 min each) • District A Director Report • District C Director Report • District D Director Report • District E Director Report • District F Director Report • District G Director Report • District H Director Report	Division Directors	I
21:41	<u>District Business</u> • Announcement Hall of Fame 22-23 June 2024 (partly hybrid) • Announcement and Presentation of District Conference 2025	District Director  Program Quality Director and Conference Team	I  I
21:51	Other Business		I
22:00	Meeting Adjourned	District Director	I

\*I=Informative, D=Decision-making, P=Preliminary



### Abbreviations

MBR	Margherita Brodbeck Roth, District Director	DD	District Director
EG	Elena Grammenou, Program Quality Director	PQD	Program Quality Director
FG	Francesca Gammicchia, Club Growth Director	CGD	Club Growth Director
BUE	Burcu Ünal Erdoğan, Administration Manager	AM	District Administration Manager
BV	Bill Vardas, District Finance Manager	FM	District Finance Manager
TD	Tarek Desir, District Public Relations Manager	PRM	District Public Relations Manager
TT	Turan Tanin, Immediate Past District Director	IPDD	Immediate Past District Director
BD	Berit Dahl, District Parliamentarian	DP	District Parliamentarian
YO	Yoko Owatari, District Credentials Chair	DCC	District Credentials Chair
SF	Sylvicley Figueira da Silva, Division Director F	DvD	Division Director
GB	Godela Bittcher, Division Director C	AD	Area Director
DSK	Deniz Senelt Kalelioglu, Division Director H	NB	Nestor Bartolomei, Area Director D3
CA	Christoph Aublinger, Division Director E	ML	Mateja Lumpert, Area Director F3
NT	Nigel Thew, Division Director D	DA	Darine Aboulez, Area Director A2
MCF	Maria Cristina Francolini, Division Director A	JG	Joseph Galea, Area Director A3
PK	Panagiotis Karanikas, Division Director G	BA	Banu Akkas, Area Director H1
VX	Vasiliki Xyfteri, Area Director G2	LF	LAURA FILIPPI, Area Director A6
AT	Allison Turner, Area Director E2	DG	Damien Gautier, Area Director D2
SAV	Santhiago Alves Vieira, Area Director E4	AS	Anastasia Salichou, Area Director G1
MA	Marco Ambrogio, Area Director A4	MG	Monika Gradl, Area Director F2
ID	Iulia Dragan, Area Director C3	PF	Pietro Ferrario, Area Director D1
CE	Christian Eggenberger, Area Director E3	PS	Petra Salmutter, Area Director F1
NS	Nurbanu Şahan, Area Director H2	SS	Sydne Saccone, Area Director C2
HL	Henry Loots, Area Director E5	NO	Neslihan Ozer, Area Director H3
DC	David Crosby, Area Director A5	YG	Yafit Gabai, Area Director G4
AIS	Aline Schillig, Area Director E1	MK	Manasseh Katz, VPE 5566255
CH	Christine Hueber, Area Director C1	CM	Carla Marcenaro, President 5141081
CR	Chiara Ruggeri, Area Director A1	MP	Mario Plasencia President 5507222
EP	Evangelia Papadopoulou, VPE 28677138	FK	Frank Kaiser, VPE 7330657
LMG	Lisa Marie Gelhaus, VPE 7778411	MXK	Metaxia Kritsidima, President 28677138
KS	Keith Sheldrake, VPE 74747201	EPD	Evangelia Papadopoulou Diamantopoulou, VPE 28677138
UA	Ufuk Aktaş, VPE 7173891	PW	Pennie Wilkie



### Minutes

<p>MBR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opens the meeting and welcomes all.</li> <li>• Acknowledges the hard work and dedication of District Officers, Area Directors, and Club Leaders and the many volunteers who have supported D109 this year.</li> <li>• Thanks District 71 for support in preparation and managing for this meeting, in particular:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinguished Toastmaster Larry Lyons, District Parliamentarian,</li> <li>• Distinguished Toastmaster Nick Collins, Election Manager,</li> <li>• Distinguished Toastmaster Pauline McCabe, Credentials Chair and</li> <li>• Distinguished Toastmaster Elizabeth Jordan, District Director,</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reminds the ground rules for this meeting.</li> <li>• Introduces the officials for this meeting:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom Master – Giannis Kanlis</li> <li>• Timer – Natalia Liaropoulou</li> <li>• Credentials Chair – Yoko Owatari</li> <li>• Parliamentarian – Berit Dahl</li> <li>• Note Taker – Burcu Unal Erdogan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>BD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentarian’s presentation:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/17k1y2u2jQ9Si25DdvZWoXOISUNRNSuzI/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/17k1y2u2jQ9Si25DdvZWoXOISUNRNSuzI/view?usp=drive_link</a> </li> </ul>
<p>YO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credentials Chair’s presentation:  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VZS1w1AQwWz29N9jPeAu2H910FVcjTH1/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VZS1w1AQwWz29N9jPeAu2H910FVcjTH1/view?usp=drive_link</a> </li> <li>• Certification of Quorum: Out of 143 registrations 108 are online currently, with this quorum is confirmed.</li> <li>• Reminds the voting rules.</li> </ul>
<p>BUE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reads Toastmasters International and District’s Mission.</li> </ul>
<p>MRB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next agenda item is approving the agenda for this meeting.</li> <li>• As there were no comments the agenda has been approved.</li> <li>• Next agenda is approving the meeting minutes of the last meeting. Are there any corrections to the minutes of the Extraordinary DCM on 5<sup>th</sup> of November? If there are any corrections, please raise your hand.</li> <li>• As there are no corrections, the minutes have been accepted by unanimous consent.</li> <li>• As the keynote speaker has informed last minute that they won’t be able to join due to personal reasons, we are skipping the keynote speech and considering time, we are moving to the next agenda item.</li> <li>• Introduced Giannis Kanlis as Audit Committee Chair.</li> </ul>



GK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit Chair Report presentation.  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1djk4gUaNyml8dII6LuyoOoyHAKs8Tr3x/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1djk4gUaNyml8dII6LuyoOoyHAKs8Tr3x/view?usp=drive_link</a> </li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next agenda item is District Officer Changes and Nominations.</li> </ul>
ET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment Chair – presents District Alignment Report as approved at the DECM on 19<sup>th</sup> of May  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QGLHIfsuCbv0jiR4jtBUoo1NY82K76jQ/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QGLHIfsuCbv0jiR4jtBUoo1NY82K76jQ/view?usp=drive_link</a> </li> </ul>
KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raises hand.</li> <li>He wants to move a motion to vote for the alignment of Div. A.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MBR asked: “If there is no objection, we can proceed with the voting for each division?”</li> </ul>
CF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raises hand.</li> <li>PoO: Toastmaster Cristina Francolini disagrees with the proceedings, resigns from her role as Division A director and leaves the meeting.</li> </ul>
BD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As Parliamentarian: A PoO can be made but should consider the timing.</li> </ul>
MK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I just pulled out the documents from last week. Div. A will not be discussed as part of the report, so I confirm the request of CF.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can we just take a step back. The decision was to vote for each division separately.</li> <li>Let me go back to my initial question. We will handle the voting of the DECM recommendation for each division. Anyone against this proposal?</li> <li>As no objections, we continue with unanimous consent.</li> <li>Division A will not be discussed as the recommendation of the DECM? Are there any objections?</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expresses confusion about the alignment of Div. A</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Division A will not be discussed and consequently will stay as it is now.</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metaxia Kritsidima, President of 28677138 asked if there will be an extraordinary meeting for Div. A?</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions are still going on with TI on how to proceed, I cannot answer your question at the moment.</li> <li>Do I hear a motion that Div. A will not be discussed as part of this district alignment report?</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“I move a motion that Div. A will not be discussed as part of this district alignment report today.”</li> </ul>
LF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seconded the motion.</li> </ul>



MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The motion has been accepted.</li> <li>Equal amount of people can speak in favor or against the motion.</li> <li>TM Keith Sheldrake wants to speak against the motion.</li> <li>TM Laura Filippi wants to speak in favor of the motion.</li> <li>TM Joseph Galea wants to speak against the motion.</li> <li>TM Manasseh Katz wants to speak in favor of the motion.</li> <li>We have now two individuals that will speak against and two individuals that will speak in favor of the motion.</li> <li>Rules for speaking are as following; you can speak up to 1 minute, please be concise.</li> </ul>
LF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am speaking in favor not to discuss Div. A. as it was removed from the report, because the realignment was not presented on time, the DECM decided not to discuss the alignment at the DCM.</li> </ul>
KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Div. A needs to decide what the alignment is. If the alignment report was late and if we should not discuss Div A, we should not decide on all other districts. I would recommend taking 6 minutes now and discuss the alignment and not leave it to a further meeting.</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My concern is that if there are people, who are impacted by the re-alignment of Div A, they need to take time and attend these meetings to discuss on the realignment.</li> </ul>
JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are clubs that are interested and some clubs that do not see the value in it. For those clubs that see the value in it, how the impact of the split will be. Once we understand the reason and impact of the split, why don't we decide on the split.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With this we will close the discussion about the motion and asked YO to set the voting process for this motion.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The motion is stated as; "I support a motion that Division A will not be discussed as part of District Alignment Report (DAR)."</li> <li>"Yes, I do support."</li> <li>"No, I don't support."</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We need to have a break as some of the participants would not be able to receive the link for voting from Event Runner.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results has been shared as; 65% supported the motion and 35% said no to the motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Let's move on to the second division that is for discussion today.</li> <li>Do I hear a motion that we are going to accept the proposal set forth by the DECM to realign District C!</li> <li>Recording has been stopped and MBR asked to start the recording from the Zoom Master.</li> </ul>
KS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoI: The District Committee needs to communicate with TI what the division alignment would be, how would we propose to resolve that</li> </ul>



	situation, do we call another DCM next week to discuss Div A alignment?
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As I have shared with everybody before this is still part of the discussion with TI. The alignment of Div. A has been taken out of the alignment discussion, which means there will be no alignment for Div. A and it will stay as it is. If there is no proposal to change, the perspective of TI is that there won't be a change in the re-alignment, and everything stays as it is. This is the consequence of what we have decided. We have decided that we are not putting the discussion of the Div A realignment on the table. This part of the agenda item is closed.</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"I would like to propose a motion that an extraordinary DCM is set in two weeks' time in order to discuss the realignment of Italian clubs."</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typed the motion on the screen: "An extraordinary DCM is set in two weeks to discuss the alignment of Division A clubs."</li> <li>Motion is seconded by Keith Sheldrake.</li> <li>Motion is now up for discussion.</li> <li>TM Harry Loots would like to propose an amendment to the motion.</li> </ul>
HL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amendment is: "An extraordinary DCM is set in two weeks to discuss the alignment of Division A clubs by Division A clubs."</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This amendment is against the governing documents of the DCM. The realignment of Div A should be discussed by full DCM.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As this amendment does not reflect the government documents, would you like to retract this amendment.</li> </ul>
HL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this case I need to retract this amendment and I withdraw completely my hand raising.</li> </ul>
LF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to speak against the motion.</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to propose an amendment to the motion.</li> <li>Amended motion: "An extraordinary DCM is set in two weeks to discuss the alignment of Division A clubs. Division is to present a proposed alignment for review by DCM at least one day prior to the meeting."</li> </ul>
JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seconded the motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who would like to speak in favor and against the amendment?</li> <li>TM Laura Filippi would like to speak against the amendment.</li> <li>DTM Manessah Katz would like to speak in favor of the amendment.</li> <li>TM Joseph Galea would like to speak in favor of the amendment.</li> <li>DTM Allison Turner would like to speak against the amendment.</li> <li>So, we will start with in favor and we will be alternating. I would like you to share your name followed by the club's name and number.</li> </ul>
MK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I like to speak in favor of this. I am concerned that previously the district council members have sufficient information before the meeting take place.</li> </ul>
LF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am speaking against the amendment due to the fact that we won't have enough time to prepare a proposal to the DCM in 10 days. We have already</li> </ul>



	had a meeting within our Division and decided not to split the Division this year.
JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to speak in favor of the amendment. Two weeks will allow the clubs to evaluate the changes that were proposed on the alignment report. The report has already been discussed and the clubs and presidents have already evaluated the proposal. In two weeks they will be able to discuss if this will give them value or not.</li> </ul>
AT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area Director E2, my issue is with the expression “the division has to present”, because who exactly this division refers to, especially that my understanding is that the Division Director has recently resigned from their position. “Division must present” doesn’t seem meaningful to me.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do I see another hand raised?</li> <li>I do not hear anything therefore this amendment is now up for voting.</li> <li>Asks CC to set the voting process in motion.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing her screen to show the proposed motion to be voted.</li> <li>Yes option: “Yes, I support a motion to hold an Ex DCM in 2 wks time to discuss the alignment of Div A clubs.”</li> <li>No option: “No, I do not support a motion to hold an Ex DCM in 2 wks time to discuss the alignment of Div A clubs.”</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoI: the voting ballot does not show the full amendment of the motion, it is like we are voting the motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calls X</li> <li>CC from the breakout room and asks to correct the wording of the voting ballot.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asks Zoom Master to be moved in a breakout room with DD, District 71 team, and Parliamentarian.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new voting link with the correct formulation has been sent.</li> <li>“I support the amend the motion to hold an extraordinary DCM is set in 2 weeks to discuss the alignment of the Division D clubs. Division is to present a proposed alignment for review by DCM at least one day prior to the meeting.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I agree to amend the motion by adding "Division is to present a proposed alignment for review by DCM at least one day prior to the meeting."</li> <li>No, I do not agree to amend the motion by adding "Division is to present a proposed alignment for review by DCM at least one day prior to the meeting."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoI: The amendment of the motion to be voted has been written as Division D instead of Division A.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you. We will correct it when we are voting for the motion itself.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 minutes is up.</li> <li>Results are shared on screen as: 74% agree to amend the motion and 26% do not agree to amend the motion.</li> </ul>





MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have accepted to amend the motion.</li> <li>The original motion is now “to hold an extraordinary DCM set in 2 weeks to discuss the alignment of the Division A clubs. Division is to present a proposed alignment for review by DCM at least one day prior to the meeting.”</li> <li>Are there individuals who want to speak against or in favor of the motion?</li> <li>LF would like to speak against the motion.</li> <li>MXK would like to speak in favor of the motion.</li> <li>MK would like to speak in favor of the motion.</li> <li>Jospeh Galea would like to speak in favor of the motion.</li> <li>Manesseh Katz has lowered his hand.</li> <li>MBR only can give the chance to speak to one person in favor of the motion in the order of raising hands.</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is very important that we have a clear understanding of what the standing of Division A will be in the future. Thus, it would be for the good of everyone to discuss and I believe that we can all provide the time to the benefit of the division.</li> </ul>
LF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is against the parliamentary rules. The alignment report should be submitted to the division 30 days before the DECM. Also, it has already been decided that the alignment of Division A would not be discussed this year.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We close the debate.</li> <li>Asks CC to start the voting for the motion.</li> <li>The motion is: “An extraordinary DCM is set in 2 weeks’ time to discuss the alignment of the Division A clubs. Division is to present the proposed alignment for review by DCM at least one day prior to the meeting.”</li> <li>Options: “Yes, I agree”, “No, I don’t agree”.</li> </ul>
SF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoI: Shares complaint about the process taking so much time of everyone, and just about Division A.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologizes to everyone and mentions that the District Council Meeting must follow the process as is. Once this is voting finalized, we proceed with other divisions as planned.</li> <li>PoI in the chat box: How can the division present if there is no Division Director at the moment?</li> <li>MBR replies that, “we will sort this issue separately”.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of the voting: 71% (67) said “Yes, they support the motion” and 29% (28) voted as “No”.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per this result there will be an extraordinary DCM in 2 week’s time to discuss the realignment of Division A, and Division A is to present a proposal at least one day prior to the meeting.</li> <li>With this we are moving to other divisions.</li> <li>I will try to do a bundle for Division C, D, E and F, because as I understand</li> </ul>



	<p>there is no contention regarding accepting the proposed district alignment with regards to those four divisions. Do I hear anybody disagreeing with that?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As I don't see anybody against this proposal, we are going to accept the realignment proposal for Divisions C, D, E and F as shown in the District Alignment Report by unanimous consent.</li> <li>Do I hear a motion to realign Division G as proposed in the District Realignment Report?</li> </ul>
PK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movesd a motion: "To approve the realignment of Division G as presented in the District Alignment Report 2024."</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seconds the motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The motion is now up for discussion.</li> <li>Are there individuals to speak against or in favor of the motion?</li> <li>TM Vasiliki Xyfteri would like to speak against the motion.</li> </ul>
MXK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoI: In Easy Speak I can see Tirana club currently assigned as Division G1, I cannot see this prospect club in the proposal. Can I please have the information on what the proposal says about the club?</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a PoI regarding the club in Tirana, Albania was in the very original proposal of the district realignment of Division A and included in one the proposed Division B, because of the explicit desire of the club that is now being founded in Tirana and its travel proximity to Italy.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TM Anastasia Salichou would like to speak in favor of the motion.</li> </ul>
MK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoI: It will be helpful for all those involved if the screen shows the current alignment and the proposed alignment of Division G, so that people can understand the changes easier.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shares the presentation and waits for people to view the current and proposed alignment of Div G.</li> <li>Proceeds with the discussions.</li> </ul>
AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am here to speak in favor of this motion. This realignment is taking into consideration all the criteria for the creation of the areas, and the geography. Next year we will have only in person contests, thus we think that Northern Greece will be better served in an Area with Bulgaria. It also takes into consideration that Div G is a multinational division, we come together and work together.</li> </ul>
VX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend the motion "Align Division G as set forth on the slide "Division G Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Israel (North Macedonia and Montenegro) from 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024 whilst moving 03414254 Thessaloniki Toastmasters and ### Kavala to Area G2, and 01581580 Glyfada Toastmasters Club (Athens, GRE), add 03390337 Piraeus Toastmasters Club (GRE) to Area G5."</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do I hear the amendment seconded?</li> <li>As nobody has seconded the amendment, it is nullified.</li> <li>Now we are moving back to the motion.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would anyone like to speak against or in favor of the motion?</li> <li>• Vasiliki Xyfteri would like to speak against the motion.</li> <li>• Panagiotis Karanikas would like to speak in favor of the motion.</li> </ul>
PK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have considered the criteria of the areas and clubs wherever possible. The change in comparison of last year is based on the criteria geographical distance. If the clubs are distanced from each other by many kilometers, that will create problems. This proposed plan calculates the distance between clubs exactly. I know the division wants to become more multicultural and open minded.</li> </ul>
VX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current proposal has been suggested without considering the criterion of a certain club thus the realignment do not really represent our division. The motion does not have all the information that is relevant for the people voting for this motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The discussion is closed.</li> <li>• The motion is to “Align Division G as set forth on the slide “Division G Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Israel (North Macedonia and Montenegro) from 1 July 2024.”</li> <li>• Yes, I agree to move that Division G will be aligned as set forth on the slide titled “Division G Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Israel (North Macedonia and Montenegro) from 1 July 2024</li> <li>• No, I do not agree to move that Division G will be aligned as set forth on the slide titled “Division G Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Israel (North Macedonia and Montenegro) from 1 July 2024.</li> <li>• CC, please launch the voting process.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 93% said “yes, they do support the motion” and 7% voted as “no, they don’t support the motion”.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So, realignment of Division G is accepted as proposed in the District Alignment Report.</li> <li>• Thanks CC and moves to Division H, Türkiye.</li> <li>• Shares the slide with current and proposed alignment of Türkiye.</li> <li>• Do I hear a motion to align Division H as set forth on the slide Division H, Türkiye from 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024 amended?</li> </ul>
HL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moves the motion “to align Division H as set forth on the slide Division H, Türkiye from 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024 amended.”</li> </ul>
ALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALS seconds.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there anyone who wants to speak in favor or against the motion?</li> <li>• NS would like to speak against the motion.</li> <li>• UA would like to speak against the motion</li> </ul>
MK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PoO: the normal procedure is to have people speak against or in favor of the motion, however having the motion in first place is typically have a sense that the motion will go forth therefore not allow anyone to speak against or for would be proper.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I agree with your statements but want to be fair to all the people.</li> <li>• Deniz Şenelt Kalelioğlu would like to speak in favor of the motion.</li> <li>• With this DSK and NS will speak.</li> </ul>



DSK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposal from the alignment committee is stated as first slide. We have discussed last week in the DECM and amended the proposal. I am in favor of this amendment.</li> </ul>
NS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area H2 Director, we already contacted with the club officers of İzmir Türkçe Toastmasters, and they want to be in Area H2, although we have voted for the amendment of the proposal last week at the DECM.</li> <li>Amendment to the motion to “Align Division H as set forth on the slide Division H Türkiye from 1 July 2024 - amended” by moving 07172891 İzmir Türkçe Toastmasters to Area H3.</li> </ul>
NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nigel Thew seconds the motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now the amendment is open for discussion.</li> <li>Is there anyone to speak against or in favor of the motion?</li> </ul>
NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I support the motion because Nurbanu has informed me that the members of the İzmir Türkçe TM club want to join Area H2. I believe we need to respect their wish. Some of the members are living in Istanbul and for them it will be easier to be in Istanbul compared to Ankara.</li> </ul>
SBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I believe that switching a club from one area to another back to back two years in a row will disrupt the harmony of the club. I believe that the information that most of the club members are based in Istanbul has changed over the past year.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CC to put the amendment for voting.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of the voting: 77% agreed to amend the motion and 23% do not agree to amend the motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With this we have amended the motion and the motion would now read: Motion is to “Align Division H as set forth on the slide “Division H Türkiye from 1 July 2025 – amended” by moving 07123891 Izmir Türkçe Toastmasters to Area H3.”</li> <li>The motion is now open for discussion. Is there anyone who would like to speak in favor or against the motion?</li> <li>As I don't see any hand risen, we can move on to vote the motion.</li> <li>Asked CC YO to share the voting link.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of the voting: 90% of the attendees agree with the motion and 10% do not agree with the motion.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With this the motion to align Division H Türkiye as amended “to align Division H as set forth on the slide “Division H Türkiye from 1 July 2025 – amended” by moving 07123891 Izmir Türkçe Toastmasters to Area H3.” Has been accepted.</li> </ul>
	5 min. BREAK
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invites the DLC Chair to the stage.</li> </ul>
TT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DLC Chair invited to stage.</li> <li>Criticizes the proceedings of the meeting and resigns from his role as DLC Chair and from his role as IPDD.</li> <li>Leaves the meeting.</li> </ul>



MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to invite Division 71 members to the breakout room. <i>Division 71 supporting, District Parliamentarian and DD move briefly to breakout room</i></li> <li>I do not need to comment the DLC report further. It has been shared with all of you and I believe you have all read the document.</li> <li>There are two points of information I need to share.</li> <li>Two campaign infringements occurred. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anastasia Salichou, has given a workshop at the District Conference.</li> <li>Deniz Şenelt Kalelioğlu who made the table topics session at the conference.</li> </ul> </li> <li>I have discussed the infringement with the DLC Chair. As the District Director 2023-2024, I have decided that they are Level 1 infringements and that both will be able to run for office tonight.</li> <li>We now proceed with the District Director 2024-2025 elections. The nominated candidate is Francesca Gammicchia and from the floor candidate Elena Grammenou.</li> </ul>
FG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Director nominated candidate speech of Francesca Gammicchia.</li> </ul>
EG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Director from the floor candidate speech of Elena Grammenou.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is time now to call for the election.</li> <li>District CC please launch the election process.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of the voting are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Francesca Gammicchia – 83%</li> <li>Elena Grammenou – 17%</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The elected District Director for the upcoming year is Francesca Gammicchia.</li> <li>Francesca Gammicchia do you accept the role as District Director for the term 2024-2025?</li> </ul>
FG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With great honor and enthusiasm.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would you like to speak to the District Committee for one minute now?</li> </ul>
FG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaks to the DCM.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We may now proceed with the PQD elections.</li> <li>Katia Burdet is the nominated candidate and the candidate running from the floor is Deniz Şenelt Kalelioğlu.</li> </ul>
KB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holds her speech as the nominated PQD candidate.</li> </ul>
DSK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holds her speech as the from the floor PQD candidate.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District CC please launch the election process.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katia Burdet – 51% (# of votes: 65)</li> <li>Deniz Şenelt Kalelioğlu – 49% (# of votes: 64)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With this, Katia Burdet is the eleceted PQD for the upcoming term.</li> <li>Katia Burdet, do you accept the role as PQD for the term 2024-2025?</li> </ul>
KB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaks to the DCM (<i>includes acceptance</i>).</li> </ul>



MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We now proceed with the Club Growth Director 2024-2025.</li> <li>Meltem Altınay, Laor Glukhovsky nominated candidates and Dimitrios Diamantopoulos is from the floor candidate for CGD.</li> </ul>
MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holds her speech as CGD candidate.</li> </ul>
LGDD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holds his speech as CGD candidate.</li> </ul>
DD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holds his speech as CGD candidate.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CC please launch the election.</li> </ul>
MK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoO: Clarification for the voting, what is the rule with three candidates?</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If one of the candidates could not reach the majority of 50%, there will be another round of voting with the two strongest candidates.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results are: Meltem Altınay - 29% (# of votes: 35) Laor Glukhovsky - 52% (# of votes: 63) Dimitrios Diamantopoulos - 19% (# of votes: 23)</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Club Growth Director for the upcoming term is Laor Glukhovsky.</li> <li>Laor Glukhovsky do you accept the role of District CGD for the term 2024-2025?</li> </ul>
LG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I accept with great honor.</li> <li>Speaks to DCM.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are now voting for the District Public Relations Manager.</li> <li>The nominated candidate is Néstor A. Bartolomei. As there is only one nominated candidate and no from the floor candidates, we can now proceed by casting a single vote.</li> <li>District Administration Manager BUE can you please cast a single vote to select Néstor A. Bartolomei as District PR Manager.</li> </ul>
BUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I cast a single vote to select Néstor A. Bartolomeias the District Public Relations Manager for the term 2024 and 2025.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Néstor A. Bartolomeido you accept the role of District Public Relations Manager for the term 2024-2025?</li> </ul>
NB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, I accept with great honor.</li> <li>Speaks to the DCM.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Now, we are moving to the election of Division A Director.</li> <li>Laura Filippi is the nominated candidate and Joseph Galea is running from the floor.</li> </ul>
LF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold her speech as the nominated candidate for the role.</li> </ul>
JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold his speech as the from the floor candidate.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CC please launch the election process.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results are: Laura Filippi - 40% (# of votes: 45) Joseph Galea - 60% (# of votes: 67)</li> </ul>



MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division A Director for the upcoming year is Joseph Galea.</li> <li>Joseph Galea, do you accept the role of Division A Director for 2024-2025.</li> </ul>
JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Madame DD, with great pleasure.</li> <li>Speaks to the DC.</li> </ul>
MtK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moves a motion: "I move to adjourn this meeting in two weeks and add the remaining items from today's agenda to the next meeting's agenda after the Div A alignment item".</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there anyone who wants to speak in favor or against the motion?</li> <li>Godela amends the motion as: "Adjourn this meeting after the elections are finalized".</li> <li>Now, is there anyone who wants to speak in favor or against the amendment?</li> <li>As we have only one speaking against the amendment, I will give the floor to Bill Vardas and Hasan Yasar.</li> </ul>
BV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have been for so long, at least we can finish the election as we have only a few candidates left. Then we can adjourn.</li> </ul>
HY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I agree with Bill, no need to adjourn the meeting.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You needed to speak against the amendment.</li> <li>Is there anyone who wants to speak against the amendment?</li> </ul>
EPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shares that it is already late in most of the countries and there are still some candidates, and it will take at least 30 min.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please put this up for voting.</li> <li>Adjourn the meeting after we finalize the elections.</li> </ul>
CM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PoI: Carla Marcenaro asked CC if we still have the quorum.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, we still have the quorum. The minimum is 76.</li> <li>The voting has been launched.</li> </ul>
FK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frank Kaiser PoI: Can we shorten the voting period to 3 minutes instead of 5?</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I will ask CC YO when she is back.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Results of the voting is that 70% has voted as I agree and 30% as that they don't agree.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CC YO, do we still have the quorum?</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, we have.</li> </ul>
MK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The motion itself is not being debated by now. PoI: we can vote for adjournment or not adjournment by raising hands.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is anyone objecting to that?</li> <li>No hands raised.</li> <li>CC YO, can you count raised hands?</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not sure.</li> <li>We can create a poll which will also count people with more than one vote.</li> </ul>



BD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What MK has proposed is that if we have the majority hands raised, even if they have more votes, it will still be the majority who has voted to adjourn the meeting after the elections.</li> </ul>
GK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zoom Master: 51 hands are raised; this is the majority.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proceed with the elections for Division C.</li> <li>• For the Division C Director role there is only one candidate, Pennie Wilkie. As there is only one candidate and no from the floor candidates for the position, we can proceed by casting a single vote for the election.</li> <li>• Asked District Administration Manager BUE to cast a single vote to elect Division C Director as Penny Wilkie.</li> </ul>
BUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I cast a single vote to elect Penny Wilkie as Division C Director for 2024 and 2025.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to Pennie Wilkie, do you accept the role as Division C Director?</li> </ul>
PW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, I accept and thank you all.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are now proceeding with the Division D Director for 2024-2025 elections.</li> <li>• Due to a conflict of interest CC Yoko Owatari will step back from her role for this election.</li> <li>• TM Nick Colling D71 Election Manager will step in for her.</li> <li>• District D Director nominee Damien Gaultier. There are no other candidates. We can proceed with the election by casting a single vote.</li> <li>• Asked BUE to cast a single vote.</li> </ul>
BUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I cast a single vote to elect Damien Gaultier as Division D Director for 2024 and 2025.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulated DG and asked if he accepts the role?</li> </ul>
DG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepted and thanked.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomed back Yoko Owatari as CC.</li> <li>• We are now proceeding with the Division E Director for 2024-2025 elections.</li> <li>• District E Director nominee is Alien Schillig. There are no other candidates. We can proceed with the election by casting a single vote.</li> <li>• Asked BUE to cast a single vote.</li> </ul>
BUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I cast a single vote to elect Alien Schillig as Division E Director for 2024 and 2025.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alien Schillig do you accept the role?</li> </ul>
AIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepted the role and thanked.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are now proceeding with the Division E Director for 2024-2025 elections.</li> <li>• District F Director nominee is Petra Sallmutter. There are no other candidates. We</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>can proceed with the election by casting a single vote.</li> <li>• Asked BUE to cast a single vote.</li> </ul>
BUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I cast a single vote to elect Petra Sallmutter as Division F Director for 2024 and 2025.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulated and asked if she accepts the role?</li> </ul>
PS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She has accepted the role and thanked.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We now proceed with the election of Division G Director for 2024-2025. In order of speaking the nominated candidates are Yafit Gabay and Anastasia Salichou, and the candidate running from floor is Evangelia Papadopolou.</li> </ul>
YG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold her speech.</li> </ul>
AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold her speech.</li> </ul>
EP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold her speech.</li> </ul>
YO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results are: Anastasia Salichou - 61% (# of votes: 55) Yafit Gabay - 23% (# of votes: 21) Evangelia Papadopolou - 16% (# of votes: 14)</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The elected Division G Director for the upcoming term is Anastasia Salichou.</li> <li>• Anastasia, do you accept the role?</li> </ul>
AIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, I accept with honor.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We now proceed to the last election of tonight. For the Division H Director election, we have only one nominated candidate, Hasan Yasar.</li> <li>• District Administration Manager BUE, would you cast a single vote to elect Hasan Yasar as Division H Director for 2024-2025?</li> </ul>
BUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I cast a single vote to elect Hasan Yasar as Division H Director for 2024-2025.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hasan Yasar, do you accept the role?</li> </ul>
HY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepted the role and hold his speech to DC.</li> </ul>
MBR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulated all new elected officers.</li> <li>• Candidates as we all know can leave the meeting now.</li> <li>• Following up the motion we have agreed upon before we adjourn this meeting the remainder of the agenda items as well as the discussion of Division A realignment will be postponed to another meeting in two weeks from now.</li> <li>• Thanked to all who has supported the meeting.</li> <li>• Meeting adjourned.</li> </ul>