



Meeting Minutes District 47 District Council

September 23, 2023

The District Council meeting convened on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 10 am EDT, with a certification of members present recorded by Administration Manager, Susan Vineta, DTM, and a quorum confirmed by Credentials Committee Chair, Maurice Fuller, DTM, PDD.

Call to Order, Anthems & District Mission	The meeting was called to order by District Director Lois Margolin, DTM at 10 am. The Bahamas National Anthem and United States of America National Anthem were played. The District Mission was read.
Inspirational Moment	Our inspirational moment was performed by Jeanine Kinsey, DTM, PDD
District Director Welcome	A warm welcome from our District Director Lois Margolin, DTM
Credentials Committee Report	Credentials Committee Chair, Maurice Fuller, DTM, PDD, reviewed the credentials process and the results of the test ballot.
Parliamentarian's Report	Our Parliamentarian, Brandon Kinsey, DTM, reviewed the meeting rules and protocols for voting, amending, and shared his report.
Approval of Minutes	District Director, Lois Margolin, DTM, asked for approval of District Council Meeting Minutes (4/22/23). Minor name changes noted. Minutes approved.
Business Meeting	<p>District Director Lois Margolin, DTM, gave an explanation of the contest format. Program Quality Director, Price Polynice, DTM, made a motion to confirm the recommendation of the District Executive Committee to have Area contests be online, Division and District Contests Hybrid. No second is required. Discussions were opened for 6 minutes, alternating between in favor and against.</p> <p>Evelyn Benson, DTM, Miami Advanced 2798, Amended motion to say Area contests to also be Hybrid. The motion received a second, by TM Tesha Smith, Leading Voices 7875684.</p> <p>William Thomas, DTM, Coral Gables 1695 spoke in favor of the amendment.</p> <p>TM Roxanne Hosein, Boca Raton 3299 spoke against the amendment speaking in favor of Areas online only.</p> <p>TM Marijke Adams asked for clarification on why the District Executive Committee made the choices as they did. District Director Lois Margolin, made the clarification, highlighting the challenges in supporting 33 areas versus 7 divisions and the district in successfully hosting the contests.</p> <p>Denise Nedimyer, DTM, FL Keys 0704393, spoke for the Hybrid contests at the Area level.</p> <p>TM Karen Hunt, FI Keys 0704393, Karen Hunt, spoke for Online at Area.</p>



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Jeanine Kinsey, DTM, PDD, Outspoken 1469413, spoke against Hybrid at Area.

Terry Spencer, DTM, Davie 2508, spoke against Hybrid for all levels.

TM Rhonda Sternberg, Chamber 078503, spoke against Hybrid at Area.

TM Lona D'Souza, Bank United 5883077, spoke for Online only for all Contests at all levels.

Vejay Balgobin, DTM, Miami Gardens 3248923, spoke for Online at Area.

Discussions were closed after 6 minutes.

A vote in Favor meant Area goes Hybrid.

A vote against meant Area stays Online.

Poll used. Results were 44 In Favor and 109 Against.

Amendment did not pass.

Original Motion restated. 6-minute discussion opened.

Evelyn Benson, DTM, Miami Advanced 2798, Amended motion to say Division contests to be Online. The motion received a second, by Vejay Balgobin, DTM, Miami Gardens 3248923.

Wence Martin, DTM asked for a clarification on amendment. Received.

TM Linda Ellie, Treasure Coast 3466, spoke against Online for Division.

TM Tesha Smith, Leading Voices 7875684, spoke against Online for Division.

Jeanine Kinsey, DTM, Outspoken 1469413, spoke against Online for Division. Discussions were closed with no extension.

Poll used. Results were 36 In Favor and 82 Against.

Amendment did not pass.

Original Motion restated. Herb Sennett, DTM called for an immediate vote without further discussions.

A vote in Favor meant contests for Area Online, Division and District Hybrid. A vote against meant do not agree with formats proposed.

Poll used. Results were 111 In Favor and 12 Against.

Motion passed. District 47 Contest Formats for 2023-2024 will be Online Only for the Area and then Hybrid for Divisions and District.



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<p>Finance Manager Report</p>	<p>Our Finance Manager, Christine Cajuste, presented the budget to the council, and a copy was provided prior to the District Council meeting.</p> <p>Our Finance Manager, Christine Cajuste, made a motion to confirm the budget as presented. No second required. Discussions were opened for 6 minutes, alternating between in favor and against.</p> <p>Cindy Beckels, DTM, River Walk 8664, Clarification requested on outside marketing and how the money will be used. Response by DD Lois Margolin, DTM, \$400 per month on Facebook marketing, and \$2,700 total for the LinkedIn marketing.</p> <p>Evelyn Benson, DTM, Miami Advanced 2798, Asked if a loss is accounted for in the budget? Finance Manager, Christine Cajuste, replied the Toastmasters International projection for our revenue cannot be changed.</p> <p>TM Marijke Adams, Davie 2508, Clarification from beginning balance to end of balance. Clarified by Finance Manager, Christine Cajuste.</p> <p>William Thomas, DTM, Coral Gables 1695, Asked if Toastmasters International doesn't give us the money what happens. DD Lois Margolin, DTM replied the district would have to raise that money.</p> <p>Barbara Strasdas, DTM, PDD, Port St Lucie 126212, Speaking as a past District Director and Finance Manager, we want to spend the money on our members. We will build new clubs.</p> <p>Discussions were closed after 6 minutes with no extension.</p> <p>Poll used. Results were 104 In favor and 0 Against.</p> <p>2023-2024 Budget Adopted.</p>
<p>Audit Committee</p>	<p>Our 2022-2023 Audit Committee Chair, Justin Rooks, DTM, presented the Audit Committee report. Gave remarks on the district's process and best practices followed.</p>
<p>Program Quality Director Report</p>	<p>Our Program Quality Director, Price Polynice, DTM, explained the 2023-2024 Program Quality Incentives. Said a checklist is available on the district's website.</p> <p>First round of TLI (Toastmasters Leadership Institute) ended August 31 with 74% of officers trained.</p> <p>Clubs with 4 or more officers trained in Round 1 is 88%</p> <p>71% of Area Visit Reports are completed</p> <p>Round 2 coming soon</p>
<p>Club Growth Director Report</p>	<p>Our Club Growth Director, Ancin Munnings, DTM, explained the 2023-2024 Club Growth Incentives. Said a checklist is available on the district's website.</p> <p>2,040 members and 155 paid clubs as of September 23, 2023</p>



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	<p>Welcome to the District 47 family PTC Bilingual Bahamar City of Miami Beach Diversified Network Speakers</p> <p>Coming soon... 5 more clubs with two demo meetings scheduled</p> <p>Congratulations to the Smedley Clubs Hollywood Toastmasters Claro Enterprises High Voltage Emerald Toastmasters Brickell Toastmasters Pinewood Toastmasters First Bahamas Branch</p>
Public Relations Manager Report	Our Public Relations Manager, Andrea Robinson, DTM, gave a presentation on branding and protecting the Toastmasters brand. Also, invited the council to an upcoming workshop on November 8 th to learn even more on branding.
District Director Report	Our District Director, Lois Margolin, DTM, gave a summary of the business meeting.
Future Calendar	Next meeting planned for Saturday, April 27, 2024
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 12:21 pm by District Director, Lois Margolin, DTM.

Distribution: District Council Members

Signed by District Director Lois Margolin, DTM

Signed by Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM