

Results of the District 53 Council Business Meeting

October 27, 2022 — 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm EDT, Online via Zoom

These are "at a glance" informal results of the District Council business meeting. This report should not be considered binding or definitive, compared with the **Minutes of The District Council Business meeting** which will be issued as part of the meeting packet for the May 2023 meeting.

The District Council is the governing body of the District and includes the President and VPE of each active club plus all Area Directors, Division Directors, and the District Senior Staff.

References:

Full meeting video: https://www.dropbox.com/s/bw35xcfokr417ll/D53_DC_2022-10-27_Video.mp4

Full meeting audio: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ssty28xksl8knew/D53_DC_2022-10-27_Audio.m4a

Meeting Info Kit: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ngrzjevns57y7we/D53_DC_2022-10-27_Info_Kit.pdf

Finance Manager's Report: https://www.dropbox.com/s/vhujwdydbnn6dta/D53_DC_2022-10-27_FM_Report.pdf

PR Manager's Report: https://www.dropbox.com/s/kypyhjkfzvzh1d0/D53_DC_022-10-27_PRM_Report.pdf

CGD Report: https://www.dropbox.com/s/2qvdpb1u21oifvy/D53_DC_2022-10-27_CGD_Report.pdf

PQD Report: https://www.dropbox.com/s/ldfmludetcy56u8/D53_DC_2022-10-27_PQD_Report.pdf

DD Report: https://www.dropbox.com/s/3nev5guih4iixt9/D53_DC_2022-10-27_DD_Report.pdf

- DD (District Director) John Hogan welcomed members at 6:30 pm, and introduced the meeting functionaries.
- CGD (Club Growth Director) Bettyann Peck read the Toastmasters Mission, the District Mission, and the *Toastmasters Promise*.
- Registration Manager Norm Thibodeau explained the procedures for online meetings and online voting *via* SurveyMonkey.
- Parliamentarian Tom Farrelly reviewed the District's *Special Rules of Order*. They were passed without objection.
- DD Hogan moved on to review the Agenda, which was approved with no objection.
- DD Hogan initiated the meeting roll call and all delegates who did not register their credentials during the gathering period were requested to register so they could vote during the meeting.
- Credentials Chair Paul Randolph presented the Quorum Report:
 - We have 81 clubs eligible to vote with 2 votes each for a possible total of 162 club votes.
 - Quorum minimum is 54 club votes (1/3 of total possible).
 - We achieved quorum for the business meeting with 60 club votes present.
 - There were also 23 DEC representatives in attendance, so the total votes present were 83.
 - A simple majority required 42 votes and a 2/3 majority required 56 votes.
- The *Year-End Audit Report for 2021-22*, was summarized by Audit Committee Chair Rich Dirksen. The report was approved with 71 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes, and 12 abstentions.
- The *District 53 Council Business Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2022*, assembled by 2021-2022 District Administration Manager Steve Lanning and Recording Secretary Amy Chiu, were presented for approval by DD Hogan. The Minutes were approved with 64 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes, and 19 abstentions.
- The *District 53 Budget for 2022-2023* was summarized by District Finance Manager, Jessica Ficarra. The budget was approved with 72 "yes" votes, 2 "no" votes, and 9 abstentions.
- The District Officer appointments for 2022-2023 were opened for discussion by DD Hogan. . The officer appointments were approved with 77 "yes" votes, 1 "no" votes, and 5 abstentions.
- The *District Success Plan for 2022-23*, was opened for discussion. One spelling correction was noted. The DSP was approved as amended with 71 "yes" votes, 1 "no" votes, and 11 abstentions.
- The meeting concluded with District Leadership Reports. The reports were distributed for preview by all Council delegates to save time for questions and comments during the meeting. A link to each full report is included in the below summary.
 - Finance Manager Jessica Ficarra summarized and led discussion on the FM Report.
 - Public Relations Manager Mohan Padamati summarized and led discussion on the PRM Report.
 - Club Growth Director Bettyann Peck summarized and led discussion on the CGD Report.
 - Program Quality Director Patti Walter summarized and led discussion on the PQD Report.
 - District Director John Hogan summarized and led discussion on the DD Report.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.
- The next District Council meeting will be held during the District 53 Conference on May 6, 2023, location TBD.

Summarized by DAM Norm Thibodeau, DTM, PMP.