

Results of the District 53 Council Business Meeting

April 27, 2023 — 7:00 pm to 9:00 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 September 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/c4khk06lbn2lqub/D53 DC 2023-04-27 Video.mp4>
Full meeting audio: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/rbo3b2shsfkchi5/D53 DC 2023-04-27 Audio.m4a>
Meeting Info Kit: <https://d53tm.org/wp-content/uploads/D53-DC-2023-04-27-Info-Kit.pdf>
Finance Manager's Report: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/rcmu6is5rj9oz4h/D53 DC 2023-04-27 DFM Report.pdf>
PR Manager's Report: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/53ibhzclapovrrw/D53 DC 2023-04-27 PRM Report.pdf>
CGD Report: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/mhvwunukay6wz6en/D53 DC 2023-04-27 CGD Report.pdf>
PQD Report: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/zq00slq6p6ouk2w/D53 DC 2023-04-27 PQD Report.pdf>
DD Report: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/y7tf0xlhce9sffr/D53 DC 2023-04-27 DD Report.pdf>
Meeting Attendance Report: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/4sqwmlioye3x17w/D53 DC 2023-04-27 Attendees.pdf>

Business Decisions:

- DD (District Director) John Hogan welcomed members at 7:00 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 89 clubs eligible to vote with 2 votes each for a possible total of 178 club votes.
 - Quorum minimum is 60 club votes (1/3 of total possible, rounded up).
 - We achieved quorum for the business meeting with 97 club votes present.
 - There were also 27 DEC representatives in attendance, so the total votes present were 124.
 - A simple majority required 62 votes and a 2/3 majority required 83 votes.
- The *District 53 Council Business Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2022*, assembled by Recording Secretary Amy Chiu, were presented for approval by DD Hogan. The Minutes were approved with 110 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes, and 14 abstentions.
- The *Mid-Year Audit Report for 2022-23*, was summarized by Audit Committee Chair Rich Derksen. The report was approved with 108 "yes" votes, 0 "no" votes, and 16 abstentions.
- The *District 53 Realignment for 2023-2024* was summarized by Realignment Committee Co-Chair, Norm Thibodeau. The Realignment was approved with 112 "yes" votes, 1 "no" votes, and 11 abstentions.
- The District Leadership Committee report was presented by DLC Chair and IPDD, Akihiro Ishii and the elections were conducted by DD Hogan, with the following results.
 - The DLC nomination for District Director, Patti Walter, was unopposed and was elected by unanimous consent.
 - The DLC nomination for Program Quality Director, Bettyann Peck, was unopposed and was elected by unanimous consent.
 - The DLC nomination for Club Growth Director, Mohan Padamati, was unopposed and was elected by unanimous consent.
 - Division Directors for the following divisions were unopposed and elected by unanimous consent.
 - Division A: Stephanie Roy
 - Division C: Selina Tourjee
 - Division D: Mark Wing
 - Division E: Elizabeth Keeling
 - The DLC nominations for Division B Director, Scott Davis and Ebru Unal were decided by secret ballot and Ebru Unal received the majority vote.

Reports:

- 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 at the top of this results 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 8:45 pm.
- The next District Council meeting will be held in September (date, time, and location TBD).

Summarized by DAM Norm Thibodeau, DTM, PMP, May 1, 2023