



Minutes of the 2015-2016 Board of Directors Teleconference July 28, 2016

The 2015-2016 Toastmasters International Board of Directors convened on July 28, 2016, with International President Jim Kokocki, DTM, presiding. The other officers and directors present were: Mike Storkey, DTM; Balraj Arunasalam, DTM; Lark Doley, DTM; Mohammed Murad, DTM; Crystal Allbritton, DTM; Steve Chen, DTM; Russell L. Drake, DTM; Teresa Dukes, DTM; Ede Ferrari-D'Angelo, DTM; Magnus Jansson, DTM; Ross Mackay, DTM; Patrick Oei, DTM; Margaret Page, DTM; Nagaraja Rao, DTM; Gloria Shishido, DTM; Joan Watson, DTM; and Dennis E. Wooldridge, DTM. Chief Executive Officer Daniel Rex, Chief Operations Officer Sally Newell Cohen and Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Quinn were also present. International Director Charlie Starrett, DTM was absent.

1. The Board of Directors reviewed and unanimously voted to accept the agenda for the teleconference.
2. The Board was briefed on the July 26, 2016 Executive Committee teleconference including:
 - a. A review of the August 21-22, 2016 Board of Directors orientation schedule. To better evaluate the results of the two-day orientation, the Committee requested that World Headquarters prepare an evaluation to be completed after orientation. The results of this assessment will help develop future Board orientation materials and schedules.
 - b. The Advisory Committee of Past Presidents (ACPP) Chair Murad provided an update of the ACPP's June 30 teleconference.
 - c. A review of the President's Inauguration and Celebration for August 2016. Modifications include a more formal process for releasing outgoing officers and directors and installing the incoming officers and directors.
3. The Board reviewed and accepted the minutes of the Board teleconference held on June 16, 2016.
4. The Chief Executive Officer provided an overview of a potential new budget review and approval process that will be presented to the Board in August 2016.
5. The Board briefly discussed the potential of adding an additional in-person meeting in October or November to continue Board orientation and better familiarize incoming Board members with organizational financial performance and progress toward achieving the objectives of the Strategic Plan. The Board agreed that additional analysis by World Headquarters is needed to determine the financial and operational impact to the Board members, their responsibilities and the organization.
6. The Board discussed and voted to modify the district level excellence awards to match the new district leader titles. The "Excellence in Education and Training" and "Excellence in Marketing" awards are now "Excellence in Program Quality" and "Excellence in Club Growth."



7. The Board discussed and modified Protocol 11.5: Board of Directors Visits to more clearly define the process for requesting and obtaining approval for visits and clarified, but did not expand, the reimbursements available for certain visits.
8. Strategic Planning Committee Chair Mohammed Murad informed the Board members that a Board self-assessment would soon be emailed to them. Murad requested that each Board member complete the assessment quickly in order to facilitate discussion of results at the August meeting.

Pursuant to Policy 11.3, items contained in the minutes of this meeting were classified as “unrestricted” upon distribution of the minutes by World Headquarters, not to include any matters marked “restricted”.

Jennifer Quinn
Secretary/Treasurer

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