The 2013-2014 Toastmasters International Board of Directors met on April 17, 2014, at 5 p.m. PDT, with International President George Yen DTM, presiding. The other officers and directors present were: Mohammed Murad, DTM; Jim Kokocki, DTM; Mike Storkey, DTM; John Lau, IPIP, DTM; Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Rex; Mike Barsul, DTM; Karen Blake, DTM; Joseph Gomez, DTM; Don Griffith, DTM; Patricia Hannan, DTM; Mike Helm, DTM; Sharon Anita Hill, DTM; Tom Jones, DTM; Kristina Kihlberg, DTM; Lori Lococo, DTM; Deepak Menon, DTM; Richard Peck, DTM; Alan Shaner, DTM. Secretary/Treasurer Sally Newell Cohen was also present. International director Khaled Matlagaitu, DTM was absent.

1. The Board discussed the importance of board confidentiality. It reinforced the importance of exercising discretion at all times in order to maintain trust and effectively conduct the business of the organization.

2. The Board received an update on the Revitalized Education Program and reviewed the ongoing project plan. It commends World Headquarters for the exceptional work conducted to date to develop the program. Aspects that the Board must approve, including award titles, education paths, member-specific recognition and impacts to the Distinguished Club Program and Distinguished District Program will be presented as developed, and the Committee looks forward to receiving the next full update in August 2014.

3. In some countries outside of North America, district leaders have experienced difficulty opening bank accounts or are only able to open the accounts as personal accounts. To simplify the process and to protect district leaders from personal liability, the Board discussed authorizing and empowering the Chief Executive Officer to open and maintain bank accounts for the organization. When an account is opened, the CEO will notify the board within 30 days. Staff, with legal counsel, is drafting a Consent Agreement that will be finalized by the Board before the beginning of the 2014-2015 program year.

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”.

International President Yen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. on April 17, 2014.

Sally Newell Cohen
Secretary/Treasurer

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