Minutes of the 2016-2017 Board of Directors Teleconference
July 26, 2017

The 2016-2017 Toastmasters International Board of Directors convened on July 26, 2017, with International President Mike Storkey, DTM, presiding. The other Board members present were: Balraj Arunasalam, DTM; Lark Doley, DTM; Deepak Menon, DTM; Jim Kokocki, DTM; Steven Chen, DTM; Russell L. Drake, DTM; Teresa Dukes, DTM; David Fisher, DTM; Vera Johnson, DTM; Matt Kinsey, DTM; Jim Kohli, DTM; Monique Levesque-Pharoah, DTM; David McCallister, DTM; Michael Osur, DTM; Margaret Page, DTM; Nagaraja Rao, DTM; Daniel Rex and Elisa Tay, DTM. Chief Operations Officer Sally Newell Cohen and Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Quinn were also present. International Director Magnus Jansson, DTM was absent.

1. The Board reviewed and unanimously voted to accept the teleconference agenda.

2. The report of the Executive Committee’s July 18, 2017 teleconference was presented by International President-Elect Balraj Arunasalam, DTM. During the teleconference, the Committee discussed all of the Toastmasters International bank accounts. Citibank does not have a presence in Colorado; therefore, the organization moved its bank accounts to Bank of America, which has branches in Colorado as well as a large footprint in North America. According to Policy 11.4: Board of Directors Committees, Section 1.G specifies “all signatories on Toastmasters International’s corporate bank accounts, including district bank accounts, must be approved by the Executive Committee, or by unanimous written consent.” The Committee approved the signatories on these bank accounts.

   The Board discussed and adopted the Committee’s recommendations.

3. The Board accepted the minutes of the Board of Directors teleconferences held on January 25, 2017 and June 28, 2017.

4. The Board discussed the role of the immediate past district director as it exists today and its potential to enhance district performance. The Board will continue discussions to more clearly define the role at the August Board meeting.

5. In 2018, districts will no longer hold October/November conferences. In the absence of these events, district leaders have asked the Board for more direction on where their effort should be focused. The Board directed World Headquarters to review the Board’s discussions on the topic and prepare consolidated recommendations to be presented at the August Board 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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