



Parliamentarian Status Report District Executive Committee

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Annual Business Meeting Update

The Annual Business Meeting was held On August 19, 2026 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The following were elected:

International President	Stefano McGhee, DTM
International President-Elect	Gauri Seshadri, DTM
First Vice President	Jean Gamester, DTM
Second Vice President	Anwasha Banerjee, DTM
Immediate Past International President	Aletta Rochat, DTM
International Director from Region 1	Michael Bown, DTM
International Director from Region 2	Christine Brady, DTM
International Director from Region 3	Chris Raneri, DTM
International Director from Region 4	Jacqueline Houser, DTM
International Director from Region 5	Andrew Horberry, DTM
International Director from Region 6	Sravanthi Vallampati, DTM
International Director from Region 7	Ramona Baylor, DTM
International Director from Region 8	Niteash Agarwaal, DTM
International Director from Region 9	Hani Nur Zaihanirah Zaini, DTM
International Director from Region 10	Ilona Ruitenbergh, DTM
International Director from Region 11	Patrick Oluyide, DTM
International Director from Region 12	Denise Buckby, DTM

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International Director from Region 13	Suganthi Periasamy, DTM
International Director from Region 14	Matthew Mak, DTM

On September 23, 2026, International President (“IP”) Stefano S. McGhee, DTM announced an important change to the District leadership progression and qualification requirements that will take effect with the election cycle for leaders serving in the 2027-2028 program year. The leadership sequence will change from District Director, Program Quality Director, and Club Growth Director *to a revised sequence of District Director, Club Growth Director, and Program Quality Director*. As part of this change, candidates for District Director must have completed a full term as Club Growth Director.

For the 2027-2028 election cycle only, the Board of Directors approved the following transition provisions:

- Current 2026-2027 Program Quality Directors who have not served 12 months as a Club Growth Director, are eligible to be elected as District Director for the 2027-2028 program year.
- Current 2026-2027 Club Growth Directors may choose to seek nomination and election for a second consecutive year as Club Growth Director for the 2027-2028 program year.

The revised progression is intended to provide leaders with an enhanced development path, beginning with support for club quality and the member experience, progressing to club and membership growth, and culminating in responsibility for leading and supporting the entire District. The responsibilities of each office remain the same.

The Board recognized that for current District leaders there is a transition period from the previous sequencing and eligibility requirements, and the new arrangement. The transition provisions for 2027-2028 election cycle are designed to offer flexibility to District leaders and District Leadership Committees during this time. For example, current Club Growth Directors may seek election to that same role again for a second consecutive year, progressing from being third highest-ranking officer in 2026-2027 to second highest-ranking officer in 2027-2028. Another alternative is that they may seek election to become Program Quality Director in 2027-2028 as third highest-ranking officer, to gain deeper experience before proceeding to other leadership roles in the future.

If Districts have unique circumstances or concerns about the transition or qualifications, IP Stefano McGhee stated they may contact districts@toastmasters.org.

Respectfully submitted,

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