

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**  
**District 47**  
**Virtual Business Minutes**  
**May 2, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by District Director Leonardo Burrows. The District Mission was read and the agenda for today's meeting reviewed.

The inspirational moment presented by Area 11 Director Anita Fain-Taylor.

**Leonardo Burrows, District 47 Director** opened with welcome remarks, acknowledgment of all dignitaries present (including International Director candidates Shirley E. Daley, Roy Ganga DTM, Rebecca McGilton DTM and Regional 8 International Director Anthony Longley DTM ) followed by a moment of silence to observe and honor those lives lost as a result of COVID-19.

**Region 8 International Director DTM Anthony Longley** addressed District 47 bringing greetings from the International President along with words of encouragement to keep empowering and sustaining District 47 in the months ahead.

**Voting Procedures and Voting Rules were presented by Pamela Rolle DTM.** Ballot Counters and Timers were introduced. Each candidate running for office was even the opportunity to have an observer in the counting room. DTM Rolle confirmed all observers were accounted for.

DTM Rolle gave instructions on the voting procedure and went through sent out a test ballot for the voting members to participate. All glitches were reported before moving forward.

DTM Rolle confirmed that a quorum was received to conduct business today.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The motion to accept the October 5, 2019 minutes with edits was presented to the District by Director Leonardo Burrows and adopted by unanimous votes.

**District Realignment Update: Kristina Kihlberg, DTM, PID** delivered her presentation titled "District 47 Realignment 2020-2021 – Overview and Motion." DTM Kihlberg's presentation will be emailed to the D.E.C.

Based on her and her team's review and consideration that more Clubs will still pay up & new Clubs may be chartered. It was advised that it is too soon to make any beneficial. The following motion was placed on the floor by DTM Kihlberg:

Motion

Mr. District Director,

Based on the current situation, I move we vote to allow any realignment for the 2020-2021 Toastmaster year be presented to the incoming DEC - by the Realignment Committee - in June for approval.

After a round of questions and clarification Area 14 Director Price Polynice closed out the realignment motion without objections.

**Audit Committee Report presented by Committee Chair DTM Joset Simms.**

Mid-Year Audit Committee Report July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 was presented to the District. The Audit was conducted in accordance with the Policy and Procedures of Toastmasters International. During the Audit, 3 findings were documented. The findings were also identified by the Finance Manager prior to the Audit.

Opinion

The Finance Manager, Barbara Strasdas, DTM was cooperative, and available throughout the Audit to answer questions that the Committee had.

The supporting documentation that was received from the Finance Manager was neatly stacked in an organized manner.

Considering the aforementioned 3 findings, the Audit was completed and submitted to Toastmasters International on time due to the professionalism and attention to detail of the Finance Manager.

**District Leadership Committee** Report was presented by DTM Antoinette Fox. The DLC Committee met on February 15th, 2020 at Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale Florida.

“Mr. District Director the District Leadership Committee nominates the following Members to serve District 47 for the 2020/2021 TM Year.

For the position of:

District Director - DTM Ivan Thompson

Program Quality Director - DTM Andrew Bern & - DTM Brandon Kinsey

Club Growth Director - DTM Austen Canonica & - DTM Andre Kelly

Division A - Price Polynice

Division B - Lois Margolin

Division C - Anthony Ellie

Division D - No applicant

Division E - Sarah Cherres

Division F - Julianna Clarke

Division I - Verna Bonaby

END”

## **District Elections**

### **The Office of District Director: DTM Ivan Thompson & DTM Barbara Strasdas**

DTM Glen Parks nominated DTM Barbara Strasdas for the office of District Director. DTM Fox confirmed she was interviewed by the DLC.

### **Ivan Thompson DTM, Program Quality Director**

**Program Quality Director DTM Thompson** gave a thorough update on training results, acknowledged the clubs who attained official designation on the dashboard, and highlighted what we needed to do as a district to finish strong. He announced the cancelation of the Spring Conference and the official district contest dates. DTM Thompson's presentation will be emailed to the D.E.C.

*The District voted to elect DTM Barbara Strasdas for District Director 2020-2021*

### **The office of Program Quality Director: DTM Andrew Bern, DTM Brandon Kinsey, DTM Shakira Taylor**

DTM Derek Garcia Rolle nominated DTM Shakira Taylor for the office of Program Quality Director. DTM Fox confirmed she was interviewed by the DLC.

### **Andrew Bern DTM, Club Growth Director**

**Club Growth Director DTM Bern** PowerPoint presentation will be sent via email to the D.E.C. The following notes were highlighted.

- 40 coaches appointed since July 2019
- 17 clubs established this year!
- 25% of Corporate Clubs have hit the pause button

*The District voted to elect DTM Shakira Taylor as Program Quality Director 2020-2021*

### **The office of Club Growth Director: DTM Austen Canonica & DTM Andre Kelly**

### **Andre Kelly DTM, Public Relations Manager**

**Public Relations Manager DTM Kelly** acknowledged his team and their commitment to the District this year. The main goal of the PR Team this year is to promote everywhere possible and keep our members connected.

This year we kept connected with:

- Live streaming on selected events
- Webinars
- Weekly social media updates
- Weekly email updates
- Website updates
- Virtual Enrichment Programs

DTM Kelly's presentation will be emailed to the D.E.C.

**Barbara Strasdas DTM, Finance Manager**

**Finance Manager DTM Strasdas** presented the Profit & Loss Report (Actual vs. Budgeted Summary) as at 3/31/2020. Highlighted were the following:

- YTD Positive Variance of \$6298.60
- Actual Revenue Under Budget
- Actual Expenses Under Budget

DTM Strasdas report will be emailed to the D.E.C.

***The District voted to elect DTM Austen Canonica as Club Growth Director 2020-2021***

The DLC confirmed the nomination of Valerie Johnson DTM for Division D. As there were no other candidates qualified to run for the **Division Director** positions the candidates were accepted into office unanimously.

International Director candidates Shirley E. Daley DTM, Roy Ganga DTM, and Rebecca McGilton DTM addressed the District.

The meeting was closed out by District Director Burrows at 6:30 pm.

Presided by Leonardo Burrows, DTM  
District 47 Director  
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Recorded by: Shakira Taylor, DTM  
Administration Manager