

District 57 Toastmasters

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING RULES OF ORDER**

Monday, September 24, 2018, 7pm PST

In accordance with the District Bylaws of Toastmasters International, the governing rules of order and final authority will be "[Robert's Rules of Order](#), Newly Revised," insofar as it does not conflict with the official [Toastmasters International Articles of Incorporation](#), the [District Administrative Bylaws](#), and the published policies of Toastmasters International.

As noted in Robert's Rules, it is permissible for a deliberative body to adopt "special orders" for a given session in order to facilitate business. Since time is limited for the September 24<sup>th</sup> business meeting of the District 57 Council, we will vote at the outset of the business meeting on the adoption of the following procedures: a 1/3 vote is required with quorum (1/3 of all club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education). Most of these procedures are already institutionalized in Robert's rules or in TI policy statements. Specifically:

1. Any new motions to come before the council will be presented in writing or by email, to the District Director ([diane@d57tm.org](mailto:diane@d57tm.org)) one day prior to the virtual business meeting. In this case by 6pm PST on Sunday, September 23, 2018.
2. Debate on any one item of business will be limited to 5 minutes per issue. The Chair may extend the time up to 10 minutes, if necessary, to ensure fairness and completeness.
3. The maker of any motion will be given the opportunity to speak first. All speakers on any motion will be restricted to a maximum of one minute each time they have the floor. No member, who has already spoken on an issue, will be allowed to speak a second time until all who wish to speak have spoken a first time.

**Participation Authority:** Only district council members may make motions, participate in discussions or vote. Before addressing the assembly, voting delegates shall state their name and the name of the club they are representing. If members of the District Executive Council (DEC) want to speak and they are not representing a club, they must state their title before speaking.

**Mission of the District:** We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

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