



# Minutes of the Toastmasters International Annual Business Meeting

August 26 and 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order by International President Richard Peck, DTM at 8 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Chair Peck announced the following appointments:

- Credentials Committee Chair – Past International Director Jim Kohli, DTM
- Credentials Committee Co-Chairs – Past International President Gary Schmidt, DTM and Past International Director Elisa Tay, DTM
- Supervising Director – International Director Mohamad Qayoom, DTM
- Parliamentarian – Patti Titus, DTM, Registered Parliamentarian

Credentials Committee Chair Kohli reported as follows: A total of 23,195 ballots were accredited, representing 11,476 of the 16,001 eligible clubs, with two votes each, and 243 of the 327 eligible delegates at large, each with one vote. The Chair declared a quorum to be present.

Registered Parliamentarian Titus explained the procedural rules prescribed by the Board of Directors for the election of three officers for the 2021-2022 term and seven directors for the 2021-2023 term. Titus also provided direction for delegates on the casting of ballots.

Past International President, Balraj Arunasalam, DTM, Chair of the 2020-2021 International Leadership Committee, presented the Committee's report.

## **International Officer and Director Elections**

International President Peck explained that, due to the global pandemic, the Board of Directors decided that the Annual Business Meeting would be conducted virtually, with up to 24 hours available for voting, and that all elections with three or more candidates would be conducted using preferential voting if necessary. All of this information had been provided previously to all Member Clubs and Delegates at Large.

Time was provided for candidates to declare from the floor for each office, and two-minute candidate speeches were broadcast to the delegates.

On August 27, 2021, subsequent to the 24-hour voting period, International President Peck announced the following results of the officer and director elections:

Candidate	Office	Ballot	Preferential Voting
Matt Kinsey, DTM	International President-Elect (uncontested)	1	
Morag Mathieson, DTM	First Vice President (uncontested)	1	
Russell L. Drake, DTM	Second Vice President	1,058	
Radhi Spear, DTM	Second Vice President	11,264	
David Templeman, DTM	Second Vice President	8,851	
Louisa Davis, DTM	International Director 1	13,898	
E. Tyree Johnson, DTM	International Director 1	6,877	
Antonio Colorado, DTM	International Director 3	6,771	
Michael J. Holian, DTM	International Director 3	13,442	
Farzana Chohan, DTM	International Director 5	5,981	
Monnica B. Rose, DTM	International Director 5	14,829	
Elmer Hill, DTM	International Director 7	9,802	11,019
Perry Neal, DTM	International Director 7	3,882	
Dana G. Richard, DTM	International Director 7	6,961	9,300
Ronald Servant, DTM	International Director 9	9,688	
Jeff Sobel, DTM	International Director 9	11,063	
Soloman Almadi, DTM	International Director 11	1,967	
Nazeer Gazaq Alqasem, DTM	International Director 11	1,966	
Rozy Rana, DTM	International Director 11	7,728	9,040
Ali Shahbaz Ali Shah, DTM	International Director 11	9,112	11,447
Thannimalai Letchumanan, DTM	International Director 13	4,251	
Gauri Seshadri, DTM	International Director 13	16,836	

Chair Peck announced that Kinsey, Mathieson, and Spear were elected International President-Elect, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, respectively, for the term of 2021-2022.

Chair Peck also announced the following candidates elected as International Director for the term of 2021-2023: Davis, Holian, Rose, Hill, Sobel, Shah, and Seshadri.

The Bylaws of Toastmasters International authorizes the submission of proposed Bylaws amendments by “at least one percent (1%) of all the votes held by the voting membership” (Article XIV, Section 1(b)(2)). Based on the total number of clubs eligible to vote at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting (32,002 votes), the 1% minimum requirement for any such proposal to be submitted for consideration at the 2022 Annual Business Meeting is 320.02, representing 160.01 clubs or 320.02 Delegates at Large, or any combination of those two voting memberships.

As there was no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Pursuant to Protocol 11.3: Board of Directors Confidentiality, 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.”



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