

Purpose of Explanatory Notes

The purpose of these Explanatory Notes is to provide background information to explain and support a motion being tabled at the District Council Meeting.

Motion

That the District Council confirms the recommendation of the District Director that the previously approved motion to appoint a Sub-Committee to investigate any required changes to the current District Procedures Manual, and for a proposed updated District Procedures Manual to be presented for approval by the District Council at the May 2023 meeting, to be extended and that Incoming District Management Team report back to the District Council at the September 2023 District Council Meeting, with their recommendations.

Background to Motion

A motion was approved at the September 2023 District Council Meeting to appoint a Sub-Committee to investigate any required changes and for a proposed update District Procedures Manual to be presented at the May 2023 District Council Meeting. Unfortunately, the lack of available resources and other priorities, has meant that a Committee has not been established and the review has not been undertaken.

However, there are a number of items within the District Procedures Manual that it is believed need to be amended to reflect changes implemented by Toastmasters International and changes in the way that the District wishes to operate.

The logic behind the original motion was as follows:

The current District Procedures Manual was last updated in November 2016 and there have been significant changes in Toastmasters Governing Documents since 2016, which could mean that the District Procedures conflict with the Governing Documents, and therefore are effectively in conflict, which creates confusion.

A Sub-Committee will review the current District Procedures Manual and recommend an updated Procedures Manual including removal of sections and amendment of sections.