

District Leadership Committee Report 2017

Nominations for District 17 leadership positions opened from January 1st, 2017. All nominations and expressions of interest for these positions were accepted up to the closing date, February 28th, 2017.

The District Leadership Committee was assembled with experienced Toastmasters from Toastmaster clubs representing all four Divisions within District 17.

Once nominations and expressions of interest were all received, the committee met in person on January 22nd to discuss the interview process, deliberate on questions included in the interviews and to allocate candidates to committee members for the interview process. Each committee member was allocated a number of candidates to interview and record their answers/observations. Interviews took place in March via telephone and email.

The committee met again in person on April 7th 2017 to confer and individually consider the experience, abilities, and qualifications of each candidate. This was taken into consideration in the best interests of District 17 and Toastmasters International.

Nominations for elected positions in District 17 received were;

District Director –	Sue Fallon DTM
Program Quality Director -	Patricia D'Cruze DTM
Club Growth Director -	No Nomination
Central Division Director -	No Nomination
Eastern Division Director -	Adam Duda (floor candidate as nomination too late)
Northern Division Director -	Mark Zhang
Southern Division Director –	No Nomination

After careful deliberation, the District Leadership Committee endorses the following candidates for elected positions;

District Director:	Sue Fallon DTM
Program Quality Director:	Patricia D'Cruze DTM
Club Growth Director:	No Nomination
Central Division Director:	No Nomination
Eastern Division Director:	No Nomination

Northern Division Director: Mark Zhang

Southern Division Director: No Nomination

The Nomination Committee also accepted expressions of interest for Public Relations Manager and the nineteen available Area Director positions. Expressions of Interest for appointed positions received were;

Public Relations Manager – No Nomination

Area Directors -
Emmie Maunder
Leon O'Brien
David Hatton
Laila Abudalia
Paul Foley
Fiona Martin
Rachel Huynh

Michael Talikowski (maybe)
Natalia Rodriguez (maybe)

The District Leadership Committee endorses the following Area Director Candidates for their respective Area Director positions.

Fiona Martin	C1
Laila Abudalai	C3
David Hatton	N23
Rachel Huynh	N24
Emmie Maunder	N25
Paul Foley	S34
Leon O'Brien	S35 or S32

The District Leadership Committee is continuing to source members to fill other District/Division & Area Director positions.

The District Leadership Committee affirms that Candidates may stand from the floor for any of the District 17 elected positions at the District 17 Council Meeting being held on Saturday May 27th, 2017 in Fremantle. Candidates who nominate for one office and are not elected to that office may nominate from the floor for subsequent positions.

The District Leadership Committee was impressed with the desire of nominees to commit and contribute to leadership roles in District 17. Their quest to support and assist all District 17 members in achieving their goals and to enhance the membership experience is to be commended.

As a fortuitous outcome of the interview process, we discovered it to be a prodigious tool for future leaders in developing training for our District Officers, as it highlighted

areas needing more understanding by nominees. We encourage your elected leaders to employ these findings as they prepare training for the ensuing year.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members

Janette Edwards ACS

Martin Lindsay DTM

Peter Harrison DTM

Tom Bielski DTM

for the time, expertise and diligence displayed in their role and their commitment to District 17.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as the Chair of the District Leadership Committee for District 17 this year.

Mark Richards DTM PDG

District Leadership Committee Chair 2016/2017

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