



# District 76

## Minutes of the 2020-2021 District Council Meeting (DCM) Meeting #1

### 2021-2022年度 ディストリクト76 第1回評議会 議事録

Date: Sunday September 26, 2021

Venue: Zoom (Online)

Attendees: Immediate Past District Director Yusuke Ohashi

District Director	Maki Matsumoto	Program Quality Director	Daisuke Kishi	Club Growth Director	Taka Miyawaki
PR Manager	Yuuki Uchida	Finance Manager	Noriko Takiguchi	Administration Manager	Hirohiko Kashiwagi
Division A Director	<u>Yoshiya Terai</u>	Division B Director	Jin Sun	Division C Director	Mai Araki
Division D Director	Kazuaki Inaba	Division E Director	Shinji Watanabe	Division F Director	Marc Yoshikawa
Division G Director	Kumiko Matsumoto	Division H Director	Harumi Sakai	Division I Director	<u>Masayasu Yano</u>
Division J Director	Takashi Ito				

☆ Area Directors (Total Number Only) 44

☆ Club Presidents, Vice Presidents of Education (Total Number Only) Total: 250

Division A	23	Division B	33	Division C	21
Division D	27	Division E	31	Division F	36
Division G	24	Division H	21	Division I	27
Division J	7				

☆ Appointed District Leaders

Parliamentarian Daniel Ross

☆ Invited Guests

Immediate Past Audit Committee Chair	Norihito Mayama	Audit Committee Member	Yasunobu Higuchi	Club Extension Chair	Ichiro Naito
Club Retention Chair	Hideo Temma	Global Liaison Team Leader	Yoshiko Kurisaki	IT Supporter	Masayuki Tanaka
Immediate Past Finance Manager	Kenshi Suzuki				

(Underlined members were absent)

Time	Agenda	Presenter
13:00	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting began to call to order DD Matsumoto.	DD Maki Matsumoto
	<b>Reading of the District Mission</b> DD Matsumoto presented the District mission.	DD Maki Matsumoto
13:06	<b>Credential Report</b> AM Kashiwagi certificated quorum. The total number of clubs was 225. The total number of club Presidents and VPEs was 450. The quorum was 150 (1/3 of all club Presidents and VPEs). Registered attendance was 249 (final 250). The quorum was established.	AM Hirohiko Kashiwagi
13:08	<b>Adoption of Agenda</b> DD Matsumoto presented an agenda of the meeting. The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.	DD Maki Matsumoto
13:12	<b>Adoption of Online Standing Rules</b> AM Kashiwagi explained the online standing rules for this meeting. The online standing rules were adopted by unanimous consent. AM Kashiwagi explained how to make a motion.	DD Maki Matsumoto, AM Hirohiko Kashiwagi
13:21	<b>Confirmation of Appointment of District Officers</b> DD Maki Matsumoto introduced the appointed District Officers except Area Directors. The appointed District Officers except Area Directors were confirmed by all attendees. (The Area Directors were confirmed in "Division Team Introduction (A-J)".)	DD Maki Matsumoto
13:24	<b>2020-2021 Finance Report</b> IPFM Suzuki made a FY 2020-2021 finance report of District 76.	IPFM Kenshi Suzuki
13:35	<b>2020-2021 Audit Report</b> IPACC Mayama made a FY 2020-2021 audit report of District 76.	IPACC Mayama
13:40	<b>District Strategy &amp; Us</b> <b>DD Report Trio Report</b> DD Matsumoto explained plans and visions for 2021-2022 District 76, the 2021-2022 District annual budget, and the 2021-2022 online Humorous Speech Contest.	DD Maki Matsumoto
14:12	<b>PQD Report</b> PQD Kishi explained educational plans for 2021-2022 District 76 and introduced the TLI committee, Contest Steering Committee, and Annual Conference Committee.	PQD Daisuke Kishi

DD Matusumoto accepted questions about the District Strategy.

Yamada (P Tokai) asked for providing the basis that each member can participate in the Humorous Speech Contest as a contestant regardless of his/her educational progress. PQD Kishi answered that the basis is the official Speech Contest Rulebook.

Hasegawa (VPE Kagurazaka) asked what is the difference between the International Speech Contest and the Humorous Speech Contest. PQD Kishi answered that the details of the Humorous Speech Contest will be explained in the TLI.

Sano (VPE, Kobe) requested the Executives to hold some educational events for the Humorous Speech Contest and to provide necessary information to the D76 members quickly. PQD Kishi answered that educational events for the Humorous Speech Contest will be held in the TLI, in which every member can participate.

Utsumi (P ICF Chiba) asked why the announcement on the Humorous Speech Contest was made suddenly. PQD Kishi answered that the Executives had spent a lot of discussion on the Humorous Speech Contest before this announcement and concluded that the opportunities for the Humorous Speech Contest should be provided for members who are always interested in the Humorous Speech Contest. PQD Kishi said that members can flexibly manage the schedules of the Humorous Speech Contests before the District-level contest. CGD Miyawaki commented that other Districts hold theme-oriented speech contests and that the Executives recognized the importance of providing opportunities for speech contests in District 76. CGD Miyawaki pointed out that handling of online contests is easier than that of in-person contests and said that the Executives were afraid that more and more members would forget the significance of theme-oriented speech contests.

Shimura (P Tokyo Metropolitan) asked why the decision on the Humorous Speech Contest was made at the DEC, not DCM. CGD Miyawaki answered that the Protocol 6.0 stipulates that types and languages of the speech contests are determined at the DEC, whereas the District Procedure is determined at the DCM or DEC. CGD Miyawaki said that however, considering this decision process, the Executives provided opportunities to accept questions from the DC members at this meeting.

Adachi (VPE Tokyo Phoenix) asked why the Executives chose the Humorous Speech Contest from four theme-oriented contests. PQD Kishi answered that handling of the Table Topic Speech Contest and Evaluation Speech Contest online is technically difficult and that the way of management of the Humorous Speech Contest is similar to that of the International Speech Contest. PQD Kishi said that another reason is that the last theme-oriented speech contest in District 76 was the Tall Tales Speech Contest, which is followed by the Humorous Speech Contest in usual orders.

14:48 **CGD Report**

CGD Taka Miyawaki

CGD Miyawaki explained club and membership growth plans for 2021-2022 District 76, introduced CGD Committees, and reminded the attendees of the membership renewal.

15:03 **PRM Report**

PRM Uchida explained PR plans and goals for 2021-2022 District 76.

PRM Yuuki Uchida

15:12 **Intermission**

- 15:25 **Questions about the 2020-2021 Finance Report.** DD Maki Matsumoto  
 DD Matsumoto accepted questions about the 2020-2021 finance report.  
 Suzuki (P Hiroshima Phoenix) asked why the administration expense is much larger than the budget. IPFM Suzuki answered that this is primarily due to the expense for online equipment.  
 Ohta (P Kurakishi) asked how the use of expense for marketing outside of Toastmasters is. IPFM Suzuki answered that IPDD Ohashi spent money to visit some companies for marketing.  
 Ueno (P Cosmos) asked whether the minutes and materials would be distributed after the meeting. DD Matsumoto answered that the minutes and materials would be distributed in about one month.  
 Hasegawa (VPE Kagurazaka) asked for the details of the expense for online equipment and whether the expense was claimed by clubs. IPFM Suzuki answered that the expense was mainly claimed by IT Director and Administration Manager last term, not clubs. AM Kashiwagi answered that the expense was claimed for ZOOM meetings and webinars.
- 15:35 **Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget** DD Maki Matsumoto  
 A test of online voting was conducted.
- 15:42 DD Matsumoto explained the summary of 2021-2022 District 76 budget.  
 The motion: 2021-2022 District 76 Budget.  
 Voting was conducted. Total votes cast: 245. Necessary for adoption (majority): 123. Those in favor: 243. Those against: 2. The 2021-2022 District 76 Budget was adopted.
- 15:49 **Division Team Introduction (A-J)**  
 Assistant Div. A Director Adachi on behalf of Division A Director Terai introduced the Division A team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. B Director Sun introduced the Division B team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. C Director Araki introduced the Division C team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. D Director Inaba introduced the Division D team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. E Director Watanabe introduced the Division E team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. F Director Yoshikawa introduced the Division F team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. G Director Matsumoto introduced the Division G team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. H Director Sakai introduced the Division H team including the Area Directors.  
 DD Matsumoto on behalf of Division I Director Yano introduced the Division I team including the Area Directors.  
 Div. J Director Ito introduced the Division J team including the Area Directors.  
 The appointed Area Directors were confirmed by all attendees.
- 16:16 **Confirmation of Appointed Committee Chairs** DD Maki Matsumoto  
 DD Matsumoto explained the committees and teams of Preparatory Committee for District 76 Reformation, District Alignment Committee, District Leadership Committee (DLC), Annual Conference Committee, Speech Contest Steering Committee, Global Liaison Team, Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) Committee, Corporate Club Extension Committee, Community Club Extension Committee, Club Retention Committee, Club Quality Committee, and Audit Committee, and their chairs or leaders. The committees and teams and their chairs or leaders were confirmed by all attendees.
- 16:27 **Introduction of Committee Activity- Global Liaison Team**  
 GLT Leader Kurisaki introduced the Global Liaison Team. Leader GLT Yoshiko Kurisaki

DD Matsumoto accepted new business.

Suzuki (P Hiroshima Phoenix) asked whether a support system of the Pathways which Area Directors and Division Directors are in charge of is established and whether the Executives consider to compile inquiries on the Pathways from members and clubs and to provide such information to D76 members. PQD Kishi answered that the Executives are considering to prepare some FAQ materials for D76 members. PQD Kishi said that matters on the Pathways which cannot be handled by Area Directors either Division Directors are handled by PQD and that PQD will contact the Toastmasters International as necessary.

Adachi (VPE Tokyo Phoenix) asked whether the assignment system of Club Coaches still continues. CGD Miyawaki answered that the Club Coach system is permanent. Miyawaki explained the process of assigning a Club Coach and responsibilities of each Club Coach. CGD Miyawaki said that the CGD committee is considering to hold a matching event between clubs and Club Coaches.

Yamasaki (VPE High Touch;P Yokosuka Mikasa) suggested that voting about holding the Humorous Speech Contest should be conducted by Club Presidents and VPEs at this meeting to compile their opinions. CGD Miyawaki answered that compiling opinions is treated separately from voting and that voting is not conducted according to the Toastmasters International rules. PQD Kishi said that the Contest Steering Committee is preparing to handle opinions from clubs.

Takeuchi (VPE Tokyo) made a motion to conduct voting to approve the Humorous Speech Contest. DD Matsumoto answered that the decision of holding the speech contest was made at the DEC according to the Toastmasters International rules and that the motion made is therefore out of order. CGD Miyawaki said that voting for holding the Humorous Speech Contests was conducted and the motion to hold the Humorous Speech Contests was approved at the DEC. CGD Miyawaki said that the Executives wish members to consider to hold the Humorous Speech Contest positively. PQD Kishi said that the opportunities of such speech contests can be provided only by the Executives.

Aoki (P Otemachi) requested to explain the discount service of ZOOM fees. DD Matsumoto answered that this discount service is provided by the Toastmasters International, not District 76. CGD Miyawaki answered that he would investigate this matter and report to members later.

Suzuki (P Hiroshima Phoenix) requested to teach the basis in the Governing Documents for the decision of the speech contest at the DEC. DD Matsumoto answered that the basis is Protocol 6.0.

**Announcement**

DD Matsumoto made an ending remark.

**Adjournment**