

District 4 Toastmasters

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING RULES OF ORDER

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 @ 7:00 PM PDT

In accordance with the District By-Laws 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 By-Laws, 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 16th business meeting of the District 4 Council, the following procedures will be in order:

1. Any new motions to come before the council will be submitted, to parli@d4tm.org three weeks prior to the virtual business meeting. In this case, by 7:00 PM PDT on Wednesday, August 26.
2. Debate on any one item of business will be limited to no more than 10 minutes per issue. The Chair may extend the time if necessary to ensure fairness and completeness. In a virtual meeting, a member must type in the chat that they wish to be recognized.
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 team) want to speak and they are not representing a club, they must state their title before speaking. District Council members include all club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education. Voting members of the District Executive Council include the District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Public Relations Manager, Administrative Manager, Finance Manager, the Immediate Past District Director, and all Division and Area Directors.