TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Club Officers,

Toastmasters International is monitoring the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on clubs and members. We extend our empathy and compassion to those who are and may be affected. Around the world, the impact of the virus varies greatly. Some members and clubs have been significantly affected, while others have been impacted less.

We encourage you and your club's members to continue monitoring the status of the virus near you to determine how it may affect your club's meetings. Information is available from the World Health Organization (WHO) here, the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) here and from your local government's health and safety authorities.

If some of your club's members have significant health and safety concerns, you may wish to allow online attendance for those members. If your club is impacted by government restrictions, please notify your District Director so an exception to allow online-only meetings can be granted for your District. We encourage you to communicate with all club members to determine how to successfully facilitate online attendance at meetings. You can learn more about online meetings here.

In recent weeks the Toastmasters Board of Directors has extended authorization to clubs in certain Districts in Asia (Districts 67, 76, 80, 85, 88, 89, 93, and 118), in Europe (District 59, 71, 91, 95, 107, 108, 109, and 110), and in the United States (District 2, 4, 9, 57, and 101) to conduct meetings that are exclusively online.

Visit <u>www.toastmasters.org/covid19</u> for a message I recorded and encourage you to share with members of your club. You can also contact our Club and Member Support team at World Headquarters with any questions or concerns at <u>clubquality@toastmasters.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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