

District-wide Officers

This group of district officers serve the district as a whole. Their duties involve and/or affect all clubs and their members. They make up the District Executive Council and meet quarterly. They are:

District Governor: chief executive officer responsible for ensuring that all needs of the district and its members are served. A district can have from 60 to 250 clubs in it.

Lt. Governor Education and Training: provide quality training and programs so that all members understand how to earn their next educational and leadership awards.

Lt. Governor Marketing: provide guidance and assistance for clubs to add members and keep existing members, and, to help build new clubs.

Public Relations Officer: work with the district officers to promote the district and its functions and activities.

Secretary: take minutes of all meetings of both the District Executive Council and the District Council.

Treasurer: ensure the district debts are paid plus give assistance with the budget.

Auditor: assure that the district monies have been appropriately received and spent

This group of district officers also serve the district as a whole but are not a part of the District Executive Council.

Parliamentarian: provide parliamentary guidance for all district meetings.

Webmaster: maintain the district website and keep its information current.

Judges Trainer: provide training for, and keep a list of, trained contest judges

TLI Coordinator: take charge of all activities (usually for just one metropolitan area) involved in the sessions for the semi-annual club officer training.

Conference Chair: coordinate all planning and direct the various committees involved with putting on one of the semi-annual conferences.

Database Manager: maintain all needed lists and databases deemed necessary by the district officers.

Club Sponsor: assist a newly-forming club complete the paperwork necessary to charter as a new club.

Club Mentor: help a newly chartered club get started by training them in all things Toastmasters.

Club Coach: assist a club with low membership rebuild itself back up to charter strength.

Division/Area Officers

This group of district officers serve a specific geographical region within the district. The boundaries of the divisions are normally specifically set whereas the boundaries of an area are more nebulous.

Two officers are in this group and both are on the District Executive Council:

Division Governor: chief executive officer of a division. A Division is made up of 3 to 7 Areas. The Division Governor directs the Area Governors within the Division. Together, that group make up the Division Council. Division Governors are elected annually by the District Council.

Area Governor: chief executive officer of an Area. An Area is normally made up of 3 to 7 clubs. The Area Governor is the main conduit of information between the District and the clubs in the Area. An Area Council is made up of the Area Governor and the top three officers of each club in the Area. Area Governors are appointed by the District Governor then approved annually by the District Council.

The Division Governor, and often the Area Governor, can have an Assistant Governor.

The District Executive Council members are also members of the District Council which also includes the top two officers from all clubs within the District.

How it Works

Toastmasters International is mostly an all-volunteer organization. With about 80 districts and over 12,000 clubs world-wide, it takes several thousand people each year to be the leaders. Clubs need their officers. Toastmasters International needs its Board of Directors. And the Districts need their officers each year.

Each District has its District Trio. Those three, the District Governor, the Lt. Governor of Education and Training, and, Lt. Governor of Marketing, are, as their group name suggests, the main executive team for the district. However, it takes many more people to run a district efficiently. Everyone who has ever served as a district officer will quickly tell you that it takes a large group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to successfully run a district each year.

The leadership roles within each Toastmasters district is planned so that no one person is burdened with an overwhelming set of tasks. Thus, there are many positions to fill, each with their own specific set of duties that they are responsible for doing. That gives a number of persons the opportunity to try their hand at a variety of positions to enhance their leadership skills and to find which one is their niche.

The various leadership roles within a Toastmasters district can be divided into two main groups: district-wide and the division/area. Each group is roughly made up of 20 to 30 people. The actual size depends on the number of areas within the district and the number of large cities within the district boundaries.

For More Information



District Officer Leadership Opportunities