

Distinguished Areas

Similar to the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) that help measure the health of the clubs, there exists a Distinguished Area Plan which the strength of Areas. And, just like there are three levels of distinction for club, Areas are likewise rated as Distinguished, Select Distinguished and Presidents Distinguished.

An Area is measured for success by nine goals. These goals include membership renewals, educational awards, club visits, distinguished clubs, and, club growth. The time period is July 1 through June 30. Given that, here is what it takes for a Area to attain each level of distinction:

Distinguished Area

1. **October dues renewals on time:** 75% (rounded down) of the clubs in the Area paid their dues by October 10.
2. **April dues renewals on time:** 75% (rounded down) of the clubs in the Area paid their dues by April 10.
3. **Average 1.75 CC's per club by June 30:** This average is 1.75 times the number of clubs in the Area, rounded down.
4. **Average 1 AC per two clubs by June 30:** This average is 0.5 times the number of clubs in the Area, rounded down.

5. **60% of the clubs are distinguished :** This number is 0.6 times the number of clubs in the Area, rounded down.

Select Distinguished Area

6. **80% of the first round of club visits completed :** This number is 0.8 times the number of clubs in the Area, rounded down, by November 30.

7. **80% of the second round of club visits completed :** This number is 0.8 times the number of clubs in the Area, rounded down, by May 31.

8. **60% of the clubs have 20-plus paid members by June 30 :** This number is 0.6 times the number of clubs in the Area, rounded down, by June 30. Transfer-in members do not count until they have paid dues while in the club.

Presidents Distinguished Area

9. **Net gain of one paid club by June 30 :** This is the number of clubs in the Area as of July 1 plus one by June 30. All of those clubs must be paid clubs.

Status Reports for Distinction

The status of the Area can be found on the District report called "Distinguished Division / Area". For District 22, the URL on the Toastmasters International website is:
http://reports.toastmasters.org/reports_new/reports.cfm?d=22

Area Governors

An Area Governor is the chief executive officer for an Area. That person should have served as a club President or Vice-President Education.

Each June or July the District will train all of the Division and Area Governors, along with their assistants. This training program is as recommended by International.

An Area Governor has these duties:

- Visit each club in the Area twice to make formal Area Club Visits.
- Serve as an information conduit between the District and the clubs (through the club Presidents).
- Ensure that each club understands the Distinguished Club Program and how it serves the needs of club members.
- Work with the clubs to hold area speech contests. (Twice yearly prior to Division and district contests).
- Encourage club officers to attend the district-provided club officer training.
- Contact each club President at least monthly by phone or email to share information, recognize achievements, and offer assistance.
- Hold regular Area Council meetings for Club Presidents, VP Education and VP Membership.
- Assist district officers build new clubs within the area or division.
- Attend quarterly District Executive Council meeting.

How it Works

Several Toastmasters clubs (from three to seven) make up an Area. From three to seven Areas make up a Division. And, from three to seven Divisions are in a District. There are around eighty Districts around the world which are divided into nine Regions.

The Areas constitute an important part of Toastmasters. They are somewhat analogous to counties within a state in the United States. However, unlike counties, the Areas have a governor – an Area Governor. An Area Governor is usually appointed by the District Governor and approved by the District Council. This approval normally occurs at the one of the District conferences. Areas have a name, usually two characters. These characters can be either two digits or a letter (the Division name) followed by a single digit that is the Area designation.

Much is expected of a Division Governor. A fountain of Toastmasters knowledge. A sage. A builder of club membership. A magician. An inspiration to Area Governors. A leader. A conductor of productive Division Council meetings. A manager. An organizer. A contest master. A contest chief judge. A maestro. A Division Governor is someone who likes to visit clubs yet lets the Area Governors be perceived as the main district contact for the clubs.

Areas are vital to the success of the District.

For More Information



An Area and the Area Governor