

## Distinguished Divisions

Similar to the Distinguished Club Program (DCP) that help measure the health of the clubs, there exists a Distinguished Division Plan which measures the strength of the Division. And, just like there are three levels of distinction for clubs, Divisions are likewise rated with those same three levels: Distinguished, Select Distinguished and Presidents Distinguished.

A Division is measured for success by club growth and by distinguished Areas. The time period is July 1 through June 30. All calculations are based on the number of Areas and clubs within the Division. Given that, here is what it takes for a Division to attain each level of distinction:

### Distinguished Division

1. **No net loss of Division clubs:** the number of paid clubs as of June 30, when compared to the number of clubs as of the prior July 1, must at least be the same.

2. **Half of Areas are Distinguished:** rounded up, the number of Areas within the Division that themselves must reach the Distinguished Area level.

### Select Distinguished Division

Same criteria as a Distinguished Division except that three-fourths (instead of half) of the Areas in the Division are Distinguished Areas.

### Presidents Distinguished Division

Same criteria as a Select Distinguished Division with the additional criteria that the Division had a net gain of at least one club (vs. breaking even for the other levels of distinction).

### Status Reports for Distinction

The status of the Division and its Areas 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](http://reports.toastmasters.org/reports_new/reports.cfm?d=22)

## Division Governors

A Division Governor is the chief executive officer for a Division. That person should have served as a club President or Vice-President Education for at least six months and served at least twelve months as some district officer.

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.

A Division Governor has these duties:

- Provide motivation, guidance, and supervision to Area Governors as they fulfill their roles and responsibilities
- Hold regular Division Council meetings for Area Governors
- Coordinate Division speech contests
- Participate in training for club officers, Area and Division Governors
- Serve Division clubs by providing district support and resources through the Area Governors
- Assist district officers in helping to build new clubs within the Division
- Attend quarterly District Executive Committee meetings
- Attend semi-annual District Council meetings at the district conferences

As the district spring conference nears, a Division Governor is expected to make recommendations on how clubs should be reassigned to different Areas so as to balance the clubs for all Divisions and Areas within the District. This reassignment is based on the clubs gained and lost since July 1 in addition to taking into account any clubs that moved their meeting location. It is also desirable to make the clubs within an Area as geographically close as possible to make it easier for Area Governors to visit their clubs.

## 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 Divisions constitute an important part of Toastmasters. They are somewhat analogous to the states in the United States. Moreover, like states, the Divisions have a governor – a Division Governor. A Division Governor is usually an elected position within a District. Once each year the members of the District Council elect the Division Governors (along with the District Trio). This election normally occurs at the District spring conference. Divisions have a name, usually a single letter.

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.

Divisions are vital to the success of the District. As the Divisions go, so goes the District.

## For More Information



# A Division and the Division Governor