

District Administrative Bylaws

Article VII: Officers

(a) District Officers

The officers of this District shall be a District Director, a Program Quality Director, a Club Growth Director, a District Public Relations Manager, a District Administration Manager, a District Finance Manager, Area Directors, and Division Directors. In addition to these officers, the District may have such other officers as the District Council may provide, but Toastmasters International credit toward any educational award is limited to service as a District officer named in the preceding sentence.

(b) Elective Officers

The elective officers of this District shall be the District Director, the Program Quality Director, the Club Growth Director, and Division Directors. None of the foregoing District officers may be re-elected to the same office for succeeding terms in which a full year has been served, except that the Division Directors may be re-elected to succeed themselves for one (1) term. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting of the District Council. The report of the District Leadership Committee shall be submitted in writing to all members of the District Council at least four (4) weeks prior to the election meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor by any member of the District Council or their proxyholder **only if the floor candidate meets the requirements set forth in Article VII (e) of these administrative bylaws and has been evaluated by the District Leadership Committee for that specific role in that election cycle.** All elections shall be by secret ballot, unless a secret ballot is dispensed with by unanimous vote. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for an election.

(c) Other Officers

The other officers of this District shall be the District Public Relations Manager, the District Administration Manager, the District Finance Manager, and the Area Director for each Area. These officers may be elected or appointed. The decision to elect or appoint is made by the District Council and the decision remains in effect until changed by the council. Any changes to the decision must be made prior to November 1 of the District program year in which the elections or appointments will occur.

Officers appointed by the District Director are subject to the approval of the District Executive Committee and the District Council by September 30.

The District Public Relations Manager, the District Administration Manager and the District Finance Manager shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment for one (1) succeeding term only. The offices of District Administration Manager and District Finance Manager may be combined.

Area Directors are elected by the Area Councils or appointed by the District Director taking into account the recommendation of the Area Councils. Area Directors shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment for one (1) succeeding term only.

(d) Qualifications

At the time of taking office, the District Director shall have served at least six (6) consecutive months as a Club President and at least 12 consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director or Division Director or a combination thereof. The Program Quality Director and Club Growth Director shall have served at least six (6) consecutive months as Club President and at least 12 consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, a Club Growth Director, a Division Director or an Area Director or a combination thereof. The Division Directors shall have served at least six (6) consecutive months as members of a District Council. Insofar as practicable, the Area Directors shall have served as members of a District Council. All District officers must be active individual members of Member Clubs and must be in good standing with Toastmasters International under Article III, Section 8 of the Bylaws of Toastmasters International.

(e) Nominations from the Floor

Nominations made by the District Leadership Committee shall be effective when officially announced by the District Leadership Committee Chair or District Director. Additional nominations of qualified candidates may also be made from the floor at the annual District Council meeting with the consent of the person(s) nominated. Prior to running from the floor, a candidate for District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, or Division Director must have completed the District Leadership Committee's evaluation process in the same election cycle in which the candidate stands for election at the annual District Council meeting for that specific role.

Floor candidates who have not gone through the District Leadership Committee's evaluation process may only be nominated during the annual District Council meeting if the District Leadership Committee's work is invalid.

Floor nominations for roles other than the District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, or Division Director may occur even when that individual has not been evaluated by the District Leadership Committee as long as the individual meets all other eligibility requirements.

In the event that there is no candidate(s) elected for District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, or Division Director, the position(s) will be considered vacant and will be filled according to Article VII (g) of these administrative bylaws.

(f)(e) Term of Office

The terms of all District officers shall commence at midnight on July 1 and end on the following June 30, at 11:59 p.m.

(g)(f) Vacancies

A vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by the District Executive Committee based upon the recommendation of the District Director, or upon recommendation of the highest elected District officer if the vacancy is in the office of District Director. Individual members who fill vacant roles shall meet all qualifications for the role as defined in Article VII, Section (d) of these administrative bylaws. Such appointment shall become effective

immediately and will run until the next succeeding District Council meeting at which time such appointment shall be confirmed or another individual member elected to the office. If the office of Immediate Past District Director is vacated for any reason, it shall stay vacant for the remainder of the term.

(h)(g) Resignation or Removal

Any officer may resign at any time, provided that any resignation must be in writing, and will be effective on delivery to the District Administration Manager or the District Director, unless the resignation provides for a later effective date. Any member of the District Executive Committee may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the District Executive Committee. Any appointed officer may be removed from office by the District Director. Such removal of an appointed officer shall become effective immediately; the replacement officer shall also be appointed. The members of the District Executive Committee are responsible to the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, and may be removed at any time by that Board if it finds it to be in the best interests of Toastmasters International, its Member Clubs and their individual members.

(i)(h) Compensation

No District, Division, or Area officer shall receive a salary or other compensation except a return for expenses incurred for the benefit of the organization and only to the extent provided for in the adopted District budget.

Article XI: Committees

(a) District Executive Committee

The District Director, the Program Quality Director, the Club Growth Director, the District Public Relations Manager, the District Administration Manager, the District Finance Manager, the Area Directors, and Division Directors, together with the Immediate Past District Director, shall be the District Executive Committee, which shall have all functions and powers of the District Council except such powers as may be reserved by the District Council to itself; subject at all times to the general direction and approval of the District Council. A majority of the District Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. This committee shall recommend the division of the District into Areas and Divisions for approval at the annual meeting. The District Executive Committee shall prepare a budget in the form prescribed by Toastmasters International, covering estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year, and shall submit it to the District Council for approval in order to submit the approved budget to World Headquarters by September 30. This proposed budget shall be acted upon by the District Council at its first meeting. The District Executive Committee shall have such other duties as are delegated to it by the District Council.

(b) District Leadership Committee

The District Director shall appoint the District Leadership Committee Chair no later than ~~November~~~~October~~ 1. The remaining committee members shall be appointed no later than ~~December~~~~November~~ 1 and shall consist of no fewer than five (5) members **with equal representation of all Divisions in the District. No committee member may represent more than one (1) Division.** The committee shall operate under the procedural rules adopted by the Toastmasters International Board of Directors for the selection of

candidates for the elective District offices. The committee's results shall be reported in writing to the District Director no fewer than six (6) weeks before the District Council's annual meeting. The District Director shall submit the District Leadership Committee report to the members of the District Council at least four (4) weeks prior to the annual meeting.

(c) Audit Committee

Each year the District Director shall appoint an Audit Committee consisting of at least three (3) individual members who are not members of the District Executive Committee. The reports of this committee shall contain information in the format required by Toastmasters International. The committee shall submit an interim mid-year audit report no later than February 15. The committee shall then complete a year-end audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30. The outgoing and incoming District Directors are jointly responsible for submitting this report to the Member Clubs and to World Headquarters by August 31.

(d) Other Committees

Other committees may be appointed as may be deemed advisable by the District Director or the District Council. Such committees may include, among others, the following special committees: District Program Quality, District Club Growth, District Public Relations, Youth Leadership Program, Speechcraft, Administrative Policies, Awards, Speakers Bureau, District Newsletter, and Past District Directors Committee.