

Call for 2024-2025 District Candidate Nominations

It is time to nominate leaders for the 2024-2025 program year who are committed to the success of District 29. If you are or you know a Toastmaster with the passion to make a difference in our district, are willing to commit to one-year of service and meet the eligibility criteria, please submit a nomination form (attached).

Completing a full term (1-year) in these district leader positions satisfies the district leader requirement towards achieving Distinguished Toastmaster recognition.

We are currently calling for **elected leader nominations**. The other leader positions will be appointed by the newly elected District Director. The elected district leader positions are:

- District Director
- Program Quality Director
- Club Growth Director
- 7 Division Directors (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)

Submission of the nominating form will be used as a declaration to run. This does not bind the candidate to run for office. The candidate may choose to opt out of the process any time before elections are formally held in May. Therefore, if you have a qualified nominee interested in a district leader position, please submit their names now. They will find this to be a valuable learning experience in their Toastmaster journey.

The nomination process is as follows:

- Return completed nominating form as soon as feasible and before **January 31, 2024**. Email completed form to ipdd@tmd29.org
- You may nominate yourself or if you nominate another Toastmaster, please ensure you have discussed your nomination with your candidate and confirmed eligibility before submitting the form.
- Only 1 nominating form is required per person.
- Once the nominating form is received, the **candidate will be sent the required application forms** and additional information for the position(s) he or she is nominated for.
- The District Leadership Committee (DLC) will process each application and contact the candidate if additional information is required.
- Each candidate's eligibility will be verified against the requirements then an interview will be scheduled in March 2024 for the qualified candidates.
- The DLC will complete the evaluations and interviews prior to March 31, 2024, at which time the DLC will present its report to the District Director so the nominated candidates can be announced in April on the D29 website and at each of the Spring Division Contests.
- Elections will take place at the Annual District Council Meeting on May 4, 2024 during the District 29 Annual Conference where our District Council will vote for their choices.

DISTRICT LEADER POSITIONS

All District leaders must be active individual members of Member Clubs in good standing within the District where they are elected or appointed to serve and must be in good standing with Toastmasters International under Article III, Section 8 of the Bylaws of Toastmasters International. The responsibilities and qualifications of each elected leader position are as follows:

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

As the District Director, you are responsible for directly overseeing and managing the District's day-to-day operations, finances, and human resources. Fortunately, you have a team of District leaders to help you fulfill these responsibilities. You must empower your District leadership team to work together toward the District mission, while supporting each one in his or her development as a leader. Together with your District leadership team, you participate in District Leader Training, Mid-year Training, and online tutorials.

Qualifications

To serve as District Director, you must have served at least six consecutive months as a Club President and at least 12 consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Division Director, or a combination thereof at the time you take office. Additionally, at the time of taking office, an elective officer must have been an active member of a Toastmasters club in good standing for the entire preceding 12 months, or has been a member for 12 consecutive months within that past three (3) years, in the District in which the officer shall serve. A member may only be a candidate for elective office in one (1) District at any given time. A member may only serve in one position within any District. A District Director may not be re-elected to the same office for a succeeding term.

PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR

As the Program Quality Director, you are responsible for all aspects of education and training within the District. This includes supporting quality club programming efforts, promoting the Distinguished Club Program, and planning and executing the District conference. Together with your District leadership team, you participate in District Leader Training, Mid-year Training, and online tutorials.

Qualifications

To be Program Quality Director, you must have served at least six consecutive months as Club President and at least 12 consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Division Director, or Area Director. Once you serve as Program Quality Director for a full year, you may not be re-elected to the same office for a succeeding term. Additionally, at the time of taking office, an elective officer must have been an active member of a Toastmasters club in good standing for the entire preceding 12 months or has been a member for 12 consecutive months within that past three (3) years, in the District in which the officer shall serve. A member may only be a candidate for elective office in one (1) District at any given time. A member may only serve in one position within any District. A Program Quality Director may not be re-elected to the same office for a succeeding term.

CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR

As the Club Growth Director, you are responsible for all aspects of marketing, club-building, and member- and club-retention efforts within the District. This includes defining an overall

marketing strategy for the District, developing outreach and retention efforts with existing community and corporate clubs, and penetrating new markets. Additionally, the Club Growth Director supports challenged clubs and helps them to become Distinguished. Together with your District leadership team, you participate in District Leader Training, Mid-year Training, and online tutorials.

Qualifications

To be Club Growth Director, you must have served at least six consecutive months as Club President and at least 12 consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Division Director, or Area Director. Once you serve as Club Growth Director for a full year, you may not be re-elected to the same office for a succeeding term. Additionally, at the time of taking office, an elective officer must have been an active member of a Toastmasters club in good standing for the entire preceding 12 months, or has been a member for 12 consecutive months within that past three (3) years, in the District in which the officer shall serve. A member may only be a candidate for elective office in one (1) District at any given time. A member may only serve in one position within any District. A Club Growth Director may not be re-elected to the same office for a succeeding term.

DIVISION DIRECTOR

As Division Director, your job is to lead and support the Division through the supervision and support of the Area Directors. One of your primary goals as Division Director is to ensure that each club achieves its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to its members. To achieve this, you coordinate Division activities, set Division goals, and assist in the training of Area and club leaders.

Qualifications

To serve as Division Director, you must have served at least six consecutive months as a member of a District Council. The Division Director may be re-elected to one succeeding term.

For any questions, please contact District Leadership Committee Chair Rick Taylor, DTM, at: ipdd@tmd29.org