

Double Dozen Newsletter Special Edition

Nominations, Elections and Proxies

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Elections are a special time in the United States. We have grown weary of the ad campaigns and promises. But in Toastmasters, we play a better set of rules. Each year, in the District, we ask for nominations and at our business meeting in May, we will elect our next Trio Committee and Division Governors.

If you are interested in serving as a leader in District 24, now is the time to act.

The nomination committee is ready to accept your applications. The deadline for nominations is **April 15, 2009**.

Nomination Committee Members:

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Leo is a Past District Governor

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Who is elected?

In District 24, we elect our District Governor, Lt. Gov. of Education and Training and Lt. Gov. Marketing as well as our Division Governors.

Who is appointed?

Our Area Governors, Public Relation Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer are appointed by the District Governor.

Why is the Area Governor listed on the Nomination Form?

The Area Governor is listed on the nomination form to help identify potential candidates for the 17 Area Governor positions that we have in District 24. Area Governors are appointed by the District Governor and typically serve for two years.

What is the process?

There are two forms that need to be completed to be considered a candidate for district offices. The application may be completed by the candidate or someone nominating the candidate. The Officer Agreement and Release Form must be signed by the candidate.

These forms may be obtained from the nomination committee members or will be available on the district website.

What are the requirements for the elected offices?

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Description - As the district's chief executive officer, the district governor directs the district in a way that fosters strong clubs; produces maximum growth in educational completions, clubs and membership; and is consistent with the interests of the members of Toastmasters International. The governor achieves the mission of the district in a manner that motivates volunteer leaders and promotes a standard of excellence in all district activities.

Eligibility - At the time of taking office, the district governor must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor or division governor or combination of the two.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR EDUCATION and TRAINING (LGET)

Description - Under the guidance of the district governor, the lieutenant governor education and training strives to have every club and each member reap the benefits of the Toastmasters educational program and become a Distinguished Club. The LGET provides direction and counsel to division governors, area governors, and club officers on the educational opportunities in Toastmasters, and is responsible for the design and conduct of successful district training programs, conferences and other district educational events.

Eligibility - The lieutenant governor education and training must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor, division governor or area governor or a combination of these.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MARKETING (LGM)

Description - Under guidance of the district governor, the lieutenant governor marketing makes the benefits of Toastmasters membership available to greater numbers of people. The LGM plans, develops implements and directs short-term and long-term district marketing objectives, and develops and directs programs for new club development, club rescue efforts, club membership promotion and membership retention. The LGM promotes high standards of service to the member and to the club.

Eligibility - The lieutenant governor marketing must have served at least six consecutive months as a club president and at least 12 consecutive months as a lieutenant governor, division governor or area governor or a combination of these.

DIVISION GOVERNOR

Description - The division governor strives to achieve the mission of the district within the division, accomplishing district goals in membership building and retention, club building and educational accomplishments. He or she ensures that each club realizes its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to its members by providing district support and resources through the area governors.

Eligibility - A division governor must have served at least six consecutive months as a member of district council and is eligible for re-election for one succeeding term only.

(2) Members of the Nominating Committee:

If you or someone you know is interested in seeking election to one of the district offices noted above, please notify any one of the following members of the Nominating Committee for a Nomination Application.

Complete descriptions can be found on the Toastmasters International website:

- District Governor <http://www.toastmasters.org/DGJob.aspx>
- Lt. Governor Education and Training
<http://www.toastmasters.org/LGETJob.aspx>
- Lt. Governor Marketing <http://www.toastmasters.org/LGMJob.aspx>
- Division Governor <http://www.toastmasters.org/DivGovJob.aspx>

Calendar

April 15 - deadline for submitting nominations to Nominating Committee (this gives candidates four weeks to express their intentions and (1) complete Nominating Form with Eligibility and Qualifications; (2) sign and return Officer

Agreement and Release Form; and (3) review Qualifications, Responsibilities, and Standards for the office to which they are nominated.)

April 18 - Meeting of Nominating Committee for selection of candidates for district offices

April 20 - Submit Nominations Report to District Governor

April 22 - Distribute Nominating Committee Report to District Council (must be at least two weeks in advance of the annual meeting or report is null and void; then all candidates must run from the floor.

May 9 - Annual District Meeting. Presenting the Nominations to the Annual District Meeting for the election of District offices.

Other Election Guidelines

- District Election Voting
<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/OfficerResources/DistrictOfficerResources/Elections/GeneralDistrictElectionInformation/Voting.aspx>
- Credentials Desk
<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/OfficerResources/DistrictOfficerResources/Elections/GeneralDistrictElectionInformation/Credentials.aspx>
- District Election Procedures
<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/OfficerResources/DistrictOfficerResources/Elections/GeneralDistrictElectionInformation/DistrictElectionProcedures.aspx>
- Floor Candidates
<http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/OfficerResources/DistrictOfficerResources/Elections/GeneralDistrictElectionInformation/FloorCandidates.aspx>

Proxies

Proxies are an important part of the Toastmasters voting process. Each club is allowed two votes. Those votes are given to the President and Vice President of Education and Training. Those proxies may be turned over to another club member to be turned in at the credentials desk for ballots. If the President or Vice President is not available to attend the District Business meeting, they may give their proxies to another club member to turn in and vote.

Types of Proxies

There is more than one kind of proxy. At the district level, proxies will be provided to the Club President and Vice President of Education. It will be clearly marked as a District Proxy.

But just as important, each club will receive proxies for the regional and international convention business meetings. These will be in the form of a post card that will arrive near the **end of March**. These proxies need to be sent to Pat Hannan, District Governor, as soon as possible. The regional and international proxies are only used at the regional and international conventions.

Regional and International Conventions

Last year, District 24 was underrepresented in our voting. We went to the conventions with less than 50% of our voting power. Each year, you trust your leadership team to vote on proposed changes in our organization, for International Directors and for the executive committee. But without the regional and international proxies, our voice is not as strong as it should be.

When your proxy arrives in the mailbox, please take the time to put a stamp on it and mail it as soon as possible. Voting on issues of governance and selecting the leadership team for Toastmasters International is important. **Let District 24's voice be heard!**

Final Thoughts

Serving in district leadership is an amazing opportunity to learn and grow beyond the club. Meeting members, visiting clubs, listening and learning are all an in day's work. Your input will help the nomination committee select quality candidates to serve our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hannan, District Governor

Remember Service Centered Leadership is our theme!