

Frequently Asked Questions About Serving as an Area Governor

Why should I volunteer to be an Area Governor – What’s in it for ME?

- You will gain hands-on experience in leadership, motivation, delegation, and management skills.
- You will gain close access to proven leaders who will help guide you in your self-improvement.
- You will feel the fulfillment of accomplishment and recognition.
- You will have the satisfaction of helping as many as 100 people achieve their dreams of better communication and leadership.
- You will learn how to organize meetings with many participants.
- You will learn how to interact with corporate decision-makers.
- You will meet a great group of positive-minded people that are working together for mutual improvement.
- You will meet the requirement to serve as a District Officer on completion of your term, for the Advanced Leader Award (AL) towards earning a Distinguished Toastmaster Award (DTM).
- You will gain exposure to the “hidden” treasures of Toastmasters – the educational opportunities that many Club members don’t know about.
- You WILL change your world – your self-confidence, your relationships with others, your skills – for the better.
- You will have FUN!

What are my responsibilities as an Area Governor?

- You will provide District contact, support, and assistance to the Clubs in your Area so that they may achieve the Club Mission and fulfill their responsibilities to their members.
- You will help the Clubs in your Area by keeping in regular contact with Club Presidents in the Area and by visiting each Club at least twice during the year.
- You are responsible for achieving Distinguished Area Program goals and for ensuring that each Area Club is a Distinguished Club.

What are the qualifications to be an Area Governor?

- Insofar as practicable, an Area Governor should have served as a member of a District Council (e.g., Club President, Vice President Education, or District Officer).
- Your appointment by the District Governor is for the period of July 1 to June 30.

What is my time commitment as an Area Governor?

- You are required to visit each Club in your Area at least twice during the year, and strongly encouraged to visit each Club at least four times or more during the year.
- You are required to attend Area Governor training in July.
- You are required to plan and supervise two Area Speech Contests.
- You are expected to hold regular, preferably monthly, Area Council meetings.
- You are expected to attend District Officer Installation in July.
- You are expected to attend monthly Division Council meetings.
- You are expected to attend both District Conferences.
- You are expected to attend quarterly District Executive Council (DEC) meetings.
- You are expected to attend District 12 Toastmasters Leadership Institute (TLI) club officer training sessions in June and January.
- You are expected to attend both Division Speech Contests.

- You are strongly encouraged to attend the other Area Speech Contests in your Division.

Is there anything else involved with serving as an Area Governor?

- You are expected to provide a solid lead for starting a new Toastmasters Club. This could be as simple as providing a location and contact name to the District Lt. Governor of Marketing, or as challenging as planning and attending a number of organizational and demonstration meetings.
- You are expected to provide recommendations for a successor by May 31. These recommendations will be passed to the District Governor-elect for information used in making the appointments. If you do not provide a recommendation, you may be asked to serve a second consecutive term as Area Governor.

Who will help me be an effective Area Governor?

- Your primary contact and source of help is your Division Governor.
- You will have significant interaction with the District Governor and will have access to all District officers and chairmen.
- You are expected to recommend, subject to the approval of the District Governor, one or more qualified individuals to serve as Area Assistants. The use of assistants permits you to provide greater service to the Clubs in your Area, and also permits evaluation of their performances as potential Area Governors for succeeding years. Suggested assistants include, but are not limited to: Contest Coordinator, Educational Assistant, and Secretary.
- You will have the full support of the world-class education and training materials and experience of Toastmasters International.

Any final advice?

- The position of Area Governor is a challenge – and it is one of the greatest opportunities you will ever have.
- The more effort you put into serving as Area Governor, the more benefit you will receive.

If you would like to serve as an Area Governor, please submit the attached application to the District Governor Elect for consideration. The District Governor Elect is determined at the District Spring Conference usually late April, or early May.

Area Governor Application

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – USE SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY)

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Email:

Home Email:

Hobbies:

Profession:

Home Club # and name:

How long in Toastmasters:

TM Educational Level:

Club offices held:

What Area speech contests or District events have you attended or participated in?

Why do you want to be an Area Governor?

Who will be your Area Assistant(s)?

Comments:

I understand and agree to do my best to fulfill the requirements of Area Governor if appointed.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

The expert in anything was once a beginner.