

Election questions D120 2021-2022

Q. 1. How are district officers appointed?

A. 1. District Officers- Division Directors, Club Growth Director, Program Quality Director and District Director, are all voted in by the District Council.

Area Directors are appointed by the District Director, in consultation with the Division Directors after the District Elections in May.

The District Administration Manager, District Logistics Manager, Finance Manager, District Public Relations Manager, are all appointed by the District Director.

Q. 2. What is the election procedure?

A. 2. The District Director appoints a District Leadership Chair, who in turn selects members from each division, to constitute the District Leadership Committee. Each member interviews each candidate and recommends them to the DLC Chair. The Chair then creates a Candidate Slate, with the recommendation of one or more candidates for each position, and forwards this to the District Director.

The District Director publishes the slate at least six weeks before the election.

Q.3. Who can vote?

A. 3.

All members of the District Council :

District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Admin Manager, Logistics Manager, Finance Manager, PR Manager, Immediate Past District Director carry one vote each.

Division Directors, Area Directors, Presidents and Vice-Presidents Education of each club, have one vote each.

If any of these members cannot physically attend the meeting, they may designate a member from their club to do so.

Please note: A member may carry cast a maximum of three votes, including proxies.

With online voting there are no proxy votes this year.

Q. 4. Are all members of the District Council entitled to vote?

A. 4. Only members of good standing from a club of good standing are entitled to vote.

Q. 5. Who decides the eligibility for voting?

A.5. The District Director sets up a Credentials Committee that checks the eligibility of all those voting, prints ballot papers and makes arrangements for counting votes.

Candidates may designate one observer of their choosing to oversee counting of votes.

Q.6. What are the eligibility requirements for candidates to stand for elections to the different positions?

All candidates must be members of good standing in a club of good standing.

CGD, PQD, DD – Six months as President of a club, One year as a district officer

Division Director- Six months as a Division Council member

Area Director- Six months as a District Council member
(Recommended)

Q.7. What is the application process?

A.7. A candidate may nominate themselves or be nominated by another member in good standing. The application is sent to the DLC Chair, all relevant forms are sent to the candidate to be filled in and

returned. The DLC committee vets the applications, reaches a consensus and sends recommendations to the District Director, who then releases the slate of approved nominees.

Floor candidates must have completed the District Leadership Committee process and must be nominated by a member of the District Council or their proxy holder. A qualified candidate is a candidate that meets the qualifications as outlined in the District Administrative Bylaws. An eligible candidate is a candidate that has been evaluated by the District Leadership Committee, as referenced in Protocol 9.0. To be nominated from the floor, candidates must be both qualified and eligible.

Election Toolkit TI website.

Q.8. Are there are protocols for campaigning?

A.8. Campaign Communication 6.0

F. District candidates may only send two (2) campaign communications. These communications may only be sent to members of the District Council:

I. The first communication may be sent between January 1 and 31st March 2021.

II. The second communication may be sent two (2) weeks prior to and no later than the date of the District Council's annual meeting.

N. Candidates may speak and give educational presentations at District conferences, at a time other than during the District Council's annual meeting, at the discretion of the District Director.

I. All candidates must receive equal opportunity.

II. The time, place, and length of presentation are identified by the District Director.

III. Candidates shall not serve as speech contest officials.

This would be in visible roles, such as Chief Judge or Contest Chair. Invisible judges are not a problem.

O. Candidates may not present campaign speeches at any District non-election meeting, or campaign at any club meetings.

Candidates may have a website and use social media to promote their candidacy. No District or club social media sites or websites may be used to promote any individual candidate. District and club websites may list the nominated candidates.

Q. 9. Can candidates be penalized for campaign violations?

Yes. The level of violations will be determined by the DLC, or the District Director -and investigated confidentially.

Q.10.What constitutes a violation and who should one raise the violation to?

Protocol 9.0

8. Campaign Violations

Posting a photograph of someone other than the candidate on the website.

A candidate makes a promise of future District Executive Committee action in exchange for votes.

Actively engaging in or promoting the violation of Toastmasters Bylaws, Policy or Protocol

A. All actions by individual members must comply with Policy 3.0: Ethics and Conduct and Protocol 3.0: Ethics and Conduct.

All violations to be reported to District Director, no later than 72 hours before the election. District Executive Committee investigates and suggests disciplinary action if required. All investigations are done confidentially.

Q. 11. Can District officers campaign for candidates explicitly or implicitly?

No

Q.12. Can District officers give phone numbers of club officers to candidates?

The District Director provides a list of District Council members- they may be contacted for campaign purposes only and their details maintained in confidence.

Sources: TMI website:

District Leader Elections Toolkit

www.toastmasters.org/Districtelectionstoolkit

Governing documents www.toastmasters.org/govdocs

District Leadership Committee

www.toastmasters.org/DistrictleadershipCommittee

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