



Realignment Status Update District 72 Report Celina Templeman, DTM – 31st January 2018

Greetings Fellow Toastmasters

Realignment commenced back in July at the District Administration Meeting with the Realignment Committee along with those Top Table members present looking at maps, with a scope being issued shortly thereafter. During September progress was reviewed and after some timely feedback from Division Directors the actual process to date was also reviewed. It became clear that the process as originally envisaged was not being adhered to and the Realignment Committee, being the Division Directors had not been fully consulted with and felt that they had not been able to consult with members in their Divisions, meaning that there had been minimal to no discussion within the Divisions. On the 11th October, a more detailed process was outlined by the District Director Sarah and Co-Chairs Celina and Toni. This process was to ensure that the District Report was more complete, unified, and ready for the District Council to consider and vote on. And more importantly, that the District's members have had plenty of opportunity to discuss the proposals for their future areas and divisions with regards to the subsequent realignment.

- 1. A proposal will go to the District Executive in November detailing the basic outline of the two new districts.*

Current District 72 will reform to become continuing District 72 and new District 112.

District 112 will comprise 8 new Divisions derived from the 6 current Divisions. District 72 will comprise 6 new Divisions derived from the 4 current Divisions. It will also detail the approximate boundaries of each new Division.

A proposal will be drawn up in discussion with the District Parliamentarian to ensure it is worded correctly, and emailed out to the Committee by the end of this weekend.
- 2. It is suggested that each Division Director hold at least one 'well-publicised' meeting within their Divisions to discuss the realignment of clubs into Areas within their Divisions.*

Division Directors could consider asking a senior Toastmasters in the Division to facilitate discussions, enabling the Division Director to concentrate on noting down the concerns, proposals and requests from Division Members.
- 3. The realignment criteria is as per the TI guidelines. (Refer to Protocol 7.0 District Structure.) Please note that the primary goal is to ensure that each Area has the highest possible chance to become Distinguished in the 2018/2019 year. A condition of Reformation is that the District is to become Distinguished in the year immediately prior to Reformation, and that the continuing District and the new District is to become Distinguished in the first year of operation. This was not made clear to the Committee at the beginning of the reformation process. Other conditions/criteria to consider are: Club meeting location, Club meeting time, and meeting days.*
- 4. At the DAM meeting to be held on Saturday 3rd March & Sunday 4th March 2018, each Division Director will bring along their proposal (both on a USB stick (or emailed to the Co-Chairs) and hard copy) to that meeting. The Realignment Committee will spend the necessary time on Saturday going over this, compiling the Division proposals into one document. On Sunday the 4th the Realignment Committee will finalise the draft report.*

5. *Once the draft report is completed, it will be sent to the District Statistician who will review each Division proposal to assess the ability to become Distinguished. It is likely that there will be several areas, which are unable to become distinguished because of their location. Toastmasters International requires that this criteria be considered. The District should aim to assist Members, Clubs, Areas, Divisions and District Officers in striving to achieve excellence. Division Directors may choose to liaise with the District Statistician prior to the DAM meeting which could result in the business of the Realignment Committee being completed more quickly.*
6. *On Friday 22nd March 2018, the District Statistician will report his results to the committee via an email. If required there will be a Conference Call (including the District Statistician) on Monday 25th or Tuesday 26th March 2018 to answer any questions raised by the Realignment Committee about his report.*
7. *Any changes to be made, after the discussion with the District Statistician, must be submitted to the Co-Chairs by Wednesday 28th March 2018.*
8. *The Final Report setting out the proposed realignment will be published on the District 72 website on 30th March 2018.*
9. *The District Executive will vote on the proposed realignment on Friday 4th May 2018 and put forward its recommendations to the current District 72 Council. The proposed realignment will be realigning current District 72 into continuing District 72 and new District 112. It is envisaged that there will be a separate motion for each Division in the two Districts, in order to progress the realignment and identify any pressure points*
10. *The current District 72 Council will vote on the full Realignment Document. Please note that the full Realignment Document will include the details from the November meeting and confirm what was discussed at that time (if anything), and agreed to.*

Around Mid-November the District quintet were advised by Toastmasters International the requirements for Reformation. Most importantly, we were advised that two Realignment Reports will be required, as there will need to be a separate Report for each new District. Each report will be voted on at each separate District Council meeting prior to any District Officer elections being held.

With regards to the Division lettering, a discussion was undertaken at the District Executive in November, with different viewpoints aired and these discussions were to be taken back to Areas and Divisions.

Since this time, it appears that most Division Directors have been busy, endeavouring to elicit responses, feedback and submissions from Division members. Listed below are some of the actions taken by the Division Directors where known.

Erica Richardson (Division A), Sharon Kerr-Phillips (Division F) and Scott Martins (Division H) have all worked closely together and have each had meetings and many subsequent discussions with people who wish to have alterations made to the current proposals. This is still ongoing, although looks to be nearing completion.

Georgie Templeton (Division B), Bailey Wood (Division D) and Kathryn Duncan (Division C) have been in discussions with members of clubs within their respective Divisions, with visits being made to various clubs to seek their feedback. These are minimal changes within their Divisions, however it is good to see that they are giving their members the opportunity to comment and see if there are any need for changes. Division C is still strongly set against their Division lettering being changed.

Colin Leong (Division J) has the Division which will be affected the most in that some will be in District 112 and others in District 72. Colin is utilising CLT to hold various discussions, as due to the extreme rural nature of most of his Division this is the only opportunity of getting most clubs and their members together to discuss. Colin has had some submissions, which he wishes to bring along to the District Executive meeting for discussion. A request made by Speaking of Levin Club to be moved from D112 to D72 comes under the Reformation guidelines and is not able to be actioned by this Realignment Committee. They are now seeking clarification that they would still be able to attend CLT from the other District.

Rob Woolley (Division G) is currently drafting a proposal with input from a couple of others within Division G. This proposal is being posted on the Division G Facebook page, and a promised meeting will follow this up around mid February with those interested in attending to discuss the proposal. He is also seeking input from members via Survey Monkey with regards to the Division Lettering, and will bring the results of that survey along to the DAM weekend.

I have double checked my emails and have heard nothing recently from Division E. I'm sure we will be updated accordingly at the DAM weekend.

Division Directors have been reminded on what will be required for the DAM weekend and will be reminded again closer to the DAM weekend to ensure that they have their proposals fully in order.

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