



Division G Director Report

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The end of the Toastmaster year sees Divisions G & H amalgamating due to the loss of clubs during the year. This leaves the new Division G with strong clubs for the incoming year.

Unfortunately not all Area Director positions have been filled which makes it difficult for the incoming Division Director and the clubs in the affected Areas do not get the benefit of having an Area Director.

I believe that this situation has arisen by the lack of face-to-face events which has made clubs much more insular and not able to see the benefits of being part of the wider Toastmaster community.

With having all contests held on-line there has also been a reliance on a small pool of people to run the contests. I was an official at 25+ contests and the Division H and J Division Directors were similar. We need to return to clubs working together to support each other with contests, this increases the skills and knowledge of members about contests and prevents burn out of the small pool of people repeatedly doing these roles.

With having so many corporate clubs in the Division we need to look at how these can be better supported, i.e. with membership levels and moving outside the clubs. Note that when members go outside their clubs it benefits both them and the club with the additional knowledge they can bring back.

It would benefit the corporate clubs to have a pool of experienced Toastmasters that can be called on to visit their clubs and provide workshop both at club and corporate level.

I re-iterate my recommendations from my April report with some further suggestions for the new Toastmaster year.

Recommendations for next Toastmaster year (as at April 2021):

- Regular analysis of members leaving particularly corporate clubs, to support them into new clubs
- A workshop on the International Speech contest i.e. for contestants
- Judges debrief for all contests
- If contests are to be on-line -
 - a District register of those happy to be judges and officials
 - all District Officers attend a workshop on running on-line contests

Recommendations for next Toastmaster year (as at June 2021):

- Approach experienced members that are now retired to take on Area Director roles to ensure a full complement of AD's and to provide the clubs with quality input
- Create a pool of people to provide corporate workshops to encourage support from organisations for their corporate Toastmaster clubs.

I wish all incoming District Officers a productive and enjoyable Toastmaster year.

Division G Director 2020-2021

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