



Division G Director Report

1 April 2022

Goals Improve Pathways enrolment of Recent new members and Club Officers – small improvement
Improve standard of evaluations – ongoing progress
Clubs to document some form of club success plan based on Moments of Truth summary - ongoing

Status of Areas and Clubs

Areas

7 areas, 6 Area Directors. AD for G1 being done by Division Director
Area G Council meetings occurring monthly
Area G Contests complete
Area Director Visit reports. Round 2 at 73% complete
Reorganisation: Area G5 (4 active clubs) removal proposed to reduce Division G Area count to 6.
Two clubs would move to Area G4 and two to Areas in Division J.

Clubs

31 Active Clubs but several struggling to maintain member numbers and this number likely to reduce.
2 Clubs submitted dissolution forms
April renewals wrap-up is likely to reveal a reduction in member numbers and as a consequence a larger number of clubs that cannot reach the 20 member level or the net new members requirement.

Division

Division G Contest date 9th April 2022. 8:30AM to 4PM. Four contests, 7 contestants each.

Concerns

- 1 No new progress/documentation on standardizing Club Visit reports.
- 2 Concern that TI has not updated the rule book to allow for online or hybrid meetings.
TI says that contests must be run according to the rulebook is clearly impractical. To take one example, for judges ballot results the rule book says results must be on paper and in an envelope. Clearly IMPOSSIBLE yet the Rulebook has not been amended. At other times the rulebook is required to be followed. This is a mixed message.
- 3 Concern that there is no evidence that comments made by Senior officers in response to questions at COT, DOT, SOT and DCM and DEC meetings are not documented anywhere.
- 4 Concern that the DCP program has lost its effectiveness because so many clubs cannot meet the 20 members or net new members condition. Leads to clubs not bothering with the educational parts of DCP because they can never get any DCP award. A different award is needed that concentrates on Pathways completion and COT and DOT as educational achievements.
- 5 Concern about the toll running contests takes on a few members. Some initiative needed at District level to retain the contests for the benefit of members but reduce the administrative workload. For example, promote running contest meetings where more than one contest is run.
- 6 Concern at the amount of time that has to be spent running contests for one person in Area contests. Timing is the main check required, in which case just a timer should be needed, but those items that a judge may protest surely does not need multiple judges.
- 7 Concern about Pathways and member satisfaction
Some clubs have embraced Pathways, others not. New members seem happier than older. The missions of Toastmasters do not require mastery of IT, so Toastmasters should allow use of the older legacy manuals for member education. It is then up to the member and clubs to opt out of DCP. Better to provide ongoing recognition of that the legacy program was not bad.

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