

AREA GOVERNOR MISSION, QUALIFICATIONS, GUIDANCE, AND STANDARDS

The Area Governor holds one of the most important jobs within the District. The District and Area Leadership Handbooks define the following mission/purpose for the Area Governor:

“To provide District contact, support, and assistance to the Club so that the club may, in turn, achieve the Club mission and fulfill its responsibilities to its members. Area Governors serves as the communication link between the District and the Clubs.”

The qualifications for Area Governor are:

An Area Governor shall have served as a member of the District Council. That's someone who has served as either a President or Vice President Education for a Club. Current Area Governors are also eligible for re-appointment, but for one succeeding term only. (In Founder's District, the District Governor appoints all Area Governors).

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 fulfill one of required steps to earn Advance Leader (AL) award on your way to attain Distinguished Toastmasters (DTM) goal.
 - 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 being better communicator and leaders.
 - 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.
 - One year as the Area Governor and you will understand how and why things are done in Toastmasters.
 - You will meet a great group of people outside your club that are all working together.
 - You will have close relationships with the Club Council members.
 - You will gain exposure to the “hidden” treasures of Toastmasters – the educational opportunities that many Club members don't know about.
 - **You will find out that you are not alone. Strong District-wide support is there for the asking.**
 - You become a better communicator as you interact with Toastmasters serving in a variety of positions and having a diversity of skills.
 - **You WILL change your world—your self-confidence, your relationships with others, and your skills for the better.**
 - You will have FUN!
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You will find that being an Area Governor is one of the most rewarding (and challenging) Toastmasters' Leadership Journey you will experience. To achieve these leadership skills there are certain standards expected from you as an Area Governor.

Area Governor Standards/Goals:

To help each Area Governor with this important role, and to see that our Clubs receive the service they need, Toastmasters International has established the following Area Governor standards. These are the minimum requirements each Area Governor must meet during the term of office.

- **Ensure that each Club understands the service roles of an Area Governor and the District.** The Clubs are the Area Governor's "customers" and the Area Governor is there to provide service that will help them achieve their goals.
- **Participate in District Training for Area Governors (twice a year), Division Council Meetings (once a month), District Executive Council Meetings (four times a year), District Conferences (twice a year).**
- **Motivate and assist each Club in the Area to become a Distinguished Club.** The top priority of an Area Governor is to ensure the success of every Club in the assigned Area, which will ensure the success of the Area. This means every Club in the Area is working the Distinguished Club Program.
- **Make at least two Club visits.** Each Area Governor must make a minimum of one visit in the Fall and one visit in the Spring to each of the Clubs in the assigned area. Note: We will be covering everything that needs to happen at these visits at the District Executive Meetings and providing Area Governors with scenarios that will help them have successful visits.
- **Make a presentation during the Club visit on one or more of the following topics:**
 - Distinguished Club Program
 - Communication and Leadership Tracks
 - Membership growth and development

In addition to the above requirements, be aware that, as a District Officer, the Area Governor speaks for the organization, not himself/herself. Everything we do must promote and reflect Toastmasters in a positive way.

- **Help in the growth of the Area.**
 - Ensure no net Club loss in the Area.
 - Assist the Division Governor in building at least one new Club within the Area or Division.
- **Hold regular monthly Area Council Meetings with the respective Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education. Council meetings are also open to other club officers.**

The following topics should be addressed:

- Distinguished Club Program
- Attendance at Club Officer Training
- Planning for inter-Club events (training, contests, etc.)
- Follow up on items identified during previous meeting, visit or contact.

Area Governors should use all available means of communication to stay in regular contact with the Clubs. Typically, an Area has 4-5 clubs assigned to it. Avoid depending solely on e-mail for this communication. Remember that the personal touch is the best approach to effective communications.

These standards were taken from the Area Leadership Handbook with slight variations. At the training, each person appointed as Area Governor by the District Governor will receive a copy of this handbook, along with other materials that will assist Area Governors in the performance of their duties.

APPLICATION FOR THE OFFICE OF FOUNDER'S DISTRICT AREA GOVERNOR 2008-2009

Alanda Dyer, DTM
Founder's District

Dear Alanda,

I accept the challenge and commitment of being a Founders District Area Governor for the year 2008-2009, and hereby apply for that position.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Home Club No., Name: _____

How long in Toastmasters: _____ TM Educational Level: _____

Club offices held: _____

Profession: _____ Hobbies: _____

Why do you want to be an Area Governor?

State other qualifications that you have to help you in your role as Area Governor:

In order of preference, which Area would you serve (city/location)? _____

Within reason, you will be assigned your home club to the Area you are appointed to. Please contact me at adyer@foundersdistrict.org or 949-753-4242 (B) if you have any questions.

As a district officer, I agree to abide by the Principles contained in "The Toastmaster's Promise," uphold the policies and bylaws of Toastmasters International, the District Administrative Bylaws and policies established by the District Council, following them to the best of my ability. I agree to advocate the core values of Toastmasters International: respect for individual, integrity, service to the members, and dedication to excellence.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please send to: Alanda Dyer, DTM, 19496 De Marco Rd, Riverside, CA 92508-6161 or email at adyer@foundersdistrict.org