

**Questions and Answers for District Council Delegates  
Based on September 10, 2018 Version of Delegates' Package  
September 15, 2018**

Question #1: The TLI and Golden Toaster information on the division reports have a few inaccuracies.

Answer #11: The reported discrepancies to date have been resolved and the reports in the delegates' package were updated. See the September 15, 2018 version of the delegates' package. The most current District 29 TLI statistics can be viewed at the TLI page of [www.tmd29.org](http://www.tmd29.org) or [District 29 TLI Statistics](#). Any additional discrepancies should be immediately reported to the TLI Dean at [TLI2018@tmd29.org](mailto:TLI2018@tmd29.org). The Summer TLI database at Toastmasters International will be locked as of November 30, 2018 and no further changes will be permitted after this date.

Question #2: Who are delegates?

Answer #2: Delegates for the District Council Meeting are voting members of the District Council. See page 3 of the delegates' package under "Voting District Council Composition" for more detail.

Question #3: On the budget, where does the district get the membership revenue, TLI revenue and other revenue from?

Answer #3: Districts receive funds equal to 25% of the membership dues paid to Toastmasters International for that district. See Answer #4 for further detail.

Question #4: What is included under the various expense categories?

Answer #4: Please refer to Attachment 1 below for a description of each line item.

Question #5: Page 21 says that district-level table topics and humorous speech contests will be held on Friday. Do the winners from the fall contest go to these or must clubs run 4 contests this season? Please explain the new contest "rhythm" with no fall conference.

Answer #5: District level contests can only be held in the Spring. Area and Divisions are advised to hold their Table Topics and Humorous Speech contests in the Fall (by mid-December) and the Evaluation and International Speech contests in the Spring by April 26 (similar to prior years). Each club in good standing is permitted to choose its contestants for area speech contests by whatever means the club desires. If a contest is held, it must comply with the current rulebook. We want to see at least 2 weeks between levels: I.e. Club contests or contestant

selections should occur at least 2 weeks before their Area contests, Area contests should conclude at least 2 weeks prior to their Division contests. The Area and Division Directors are currently working their fall contest schedules. Our Program Quality Director sent information to all Club Vice Presidents Education (see Attachment 2) with more detail.

Question #6: What will the Friday hours for the Spring conference be?

Answer #6: The Spring Conference Committee has not yet established the agenda but, the Friday night contests hours will most likely occur between 6:30-9:30pm.

## Attachment 1 – Explanation of Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

Item	Amount	Comment
Membership Revenue	\$ 50,440	Equal to 2017-2018 revenue based on 25% of membership dues payments made to Toastmasters International by District 29 members.
Conference Revenue	\$ 16,000	Spring Conference ticket sales.
TLI Revenue	\$ 300	Donations received at TLIs for food.
Other Revenue	\$ 11,300	Hail & Farewell and planned mid-year recognition event ticket sales.
Conference Expense	\$ 21,800	Spring Conference expense.
TLI Expense	\$ 4,425	Primarily food served at TLIs.
Marketing Expense	\$ 37,310	Building new sustainable clubs, membership growth, club/member recognition, and coaching/rebuilding clubs. Hail & Farewell event, mid-year recognition event, 3 location based club/membership growth events (Loudoun County, Prince William County, Fairfax County), Region Advisor visit, club banner/stand for all newly chartered clubs and incentives (i.e. Smedley Award, Talk Up Toastmasters).
Communications & public relations expense	\$ 12,000	2 PR events, website and use of a PR firm to penetrate corporate and community markets.
Education & training expense	\$ 5,175	Primarily food for district and club leader training.
Speech contest expense	\$ 4,300	Trophies, food and supplies.
Administration expense	\$ 13,090	Food for meetings, name badges, telecommunications, and supplies.
Travel expense	\$ 16,140	District Leader Training, TI Convention and Mid-Year Training for Trio. Mileage reimbursement for extraordinary directed local travel in support of the district mission.
Other expense	\$ 2,520	Allocation to TI based on 5% of prior year revenue

## Attachment 2 – Club Speech Contests

From: Dana Richard <dg\_richard@hotmail.com>

Subject: Club Speech Contests

Date: September 14, 2018 at 9:14:10 PM EDT

District 29 VPs of Education—thank you for serving in this critical club officer role!

I have a lot of information I need to pass to you regarding contests, so please do read this all the way through (I apologize to mobile device users).

Contests can only be held at the district level in the Spring and in District 29 we will hold four speech contests at the Spring Conference—

Friday, May 9—Table Topic and Humorous;

Saturday, May 10—Evaluation and International.

Areas and Divisions will be holding Fall and Spring contests (Table Topics and Humorous in the Fall and Evaluation and International in the Spring) and you should be hearing from your area and division leaders soon with details. In general, area Fall contests will be from mid-Oct to mid-Nov and division Fall contests will be from mid-Nov to mid-Dec.

We are also allowing areas to exercise rule 3.B. (of the 2018-2019 Speech Contest Rulebook) which allows clubs in areas that have four or fewer clubs *eight weeks prior to the contest* to have two contestants compete in the area contest. Since the district is allowing this option, all areas with four or fewer clubs eight weeks prior to the contest must *allow* their clubs to advance two contestants; however, clubs are *not required* to do so.

As a club, per rule 3.A. (of the 2018-2019 Speech Contest Rulebook), you may choose contestants by any means you desire but if the club holds a contest than the rules for conducting contests must be followed and the contest result is final. The Rulebook is attached.

I will be conducting contest training (virtually) for area and division directors over the next two weeks. If you or anyone else in you club would like to participate as well,

please let me know and I will include you on the invitations. I recommend this for anyone who is interested in being, or thinks they may be asked to be, a contest official at an area or division contest.

I apologize for the delay in getting this information out. Only having district contests in the Spring is a big change and we invested time in exploring options and exercising the District Steering Committee and District Executive Committee to decide how best to make this work in our district. We believe this is the best approach, but it is different from what we are used to and we are all adjusting to it. I am sure there will be some bumps on the road as we move forward, but I think we are now on track to have outstanding contests and with your help and patience I know that we will!

Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Dana

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<<<Attachment: 1171-speech-contest-rulebook>>>