

D112 Area Director Information for 2019-2020

The Area Director serves as the direct liaison between the District and the clubs and is appointed by the District Director. Area Directors conduct club visits within their respective areas to understand and support club needs. In turn, these visits help District leaders understand how to support and meet the needs of each club. An Area Director is effectively the mentor of the presidents and clubs in their area. It is important that Area Directors have the support they need to serve clubs. The success of the District depends on it.

Toastmasters International bylaws state that an Area Director shall have been either a Club President or Club Vice President Education *as far as it is practical*. They must be a member in good standing of a club in good standing.

The benefits of becoming an Area Director are:

- Credit towards your Advanced Leader Silver
- Increased confidence by stretching your boundaries
- Unlimited speaking opportunities
- Personal growth
- The opportunity to lead a diverse team
- Networking opportunities
- Achieve Recognition in the Distinguished Area Programme

Requirements:

- Area Council Meetings – hold at least two council meetings throughout the year. (two is the requirement yet four is recommended).
- Make at least 2 Visits to each of the clubs within your area.
- Contact each of your Club Presidents at least once per month.
- Make a presentation at each of your club visits – ask the club is there anything in particular they require you to address or speak on one of the following topics: Distinguished Club Programme, Communication & Leadership Track; Membership Growth or a topic from the Better Speaker Series.
- Attend and participate in District Officer Training which is held in June, September, March and May. (Usually a weekend away unless held on the Friday prior to May Conference).
- Attend and help the rest of your Division Team with Club Leadership Training
- Attend Division Council Meetings – held at least 6 times per year, yet on average once per month.
- Run 1x Area Contest (Humorous, Table Topics, International & Evaluation in March)

The District Travel Policy covers Airfares or mileage to the following District training events:

- Area Director Training in June 2019;
- District Officer Training in September 2019;
- District Officer Training in March 2019;
- District Officer Training in Hamilton at the May 2020 Conference.

This policy also applies to travel for the two mandatory Area Director club visits. Please note that the District is unable to cover accommodation costs while attending District Events.