



What's A Proxy?

A proxy is a formal, written authorization that you give to someone else to act on your behalf. A proxy is most often associated with voting.

The Toastmasters International Annual Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022



at the annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee. At that meeting, the members will vote for International Officers and Directors, constituting the Board of Directors. There are 10 open positions and 19 candidates. You can learn more about the candidates on the TI website. Here's a link:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/about/board-of-directors/international-officer-and-director-candidates>. (See also Town Hall on the Calendar)

In addition, the members will vote to approve/disapprove 12 proposals to modify the bylaws. Most of the proposal are minor clarifications to the TI bylaws. Some are modifications intended to help the organization adapt to a post-pandemic era. A few will impact clubs more directly. For example, Proposal K requires clubs to have at least three officers. Those officers may fill multiple roles (i.e. combined Secretary-Treasurer roles) but the club must fill its roles with not less than three different people. To review all of the proposed changes, click on this link:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/about/board-of-directors/2022-proposals>.

Each club in good standing is entitled to two votes. The club's proxy can be assigned by either the club president, or the club secretary. Even if either of those officers plan to vote directly at the meeting, they must assign the proxy to themselves. Members will be allowed to cast their votes during the annual business meeting either in person or online.

To assign your club's proxy, log into the TI website. Next, click on your name at the top of the page. A drop-down menu will appear with two options – LOGOUT, or PROFILE. Select PROFILE. This will take you to your profile page. Scroll down to the options listed on the lower right side of the page. If you are the club president or secretary, you will see an option labeled "Annual Business Meeting." Click on this option. When you do, you will be provided with the option to assign your proxy. You can choose either "instructed" or "uninstructed." An *instructed* proxy means you are instructing the proxyholder how you want them to vote. An *uninstructed* proxy means you are authorizing the proxyholder to vote as they deem appropriate. For more information, please view the FAQs found through the following link. The deadline for assigning your proxy is August 12, 2022.

<https://www.toastmasters.org/about/board-of-directors/proxy-and-annual-business-meeting-faq>.

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Area Directors Rock!

Area Directors are the link between individual clubs and district leadership. They are the foundation upon which the success of the district is built.

District 115 has four Divisions. Each Division has four Areas and each Area is made up of not less than three or more than six clubs. Here's a list of our 2022-2023 Area Directors. Please note that we still have an opening in Area B1. If you are interested in serving, please contact Division B Director, Anita DellaCroce, anitadellacroce@gmail.com.

Division A- Larry Johnson, Director

- Area A1 – Dalisa Steward
- Area A2 – Kathleen Kingston
- Area A3 – Cynthia Dick
- Area A4 – Stephen Siegel

Division B – Anita DellaCroce, Director

- Area B1 – OPEN
- Area B2 – Jacques Ntonme
- Area B3 – Gene Dunford
- Area B4 – Craig Peterson

Division C – Phyllis Wall, Director

- Area C1 – Norma Tanner
- Area C2 – Warren Stender
- Area C3 – Karen Moirao
- Area C4 – Ann Sexton

Division D – Jennifer Smith, Director

- Area D1 – Pacita Florida
- Area D2 – Arthur “Doc” McClenaghan
- Area D3 – Vernon McBride
- Area D4 – Janice Montoya

Thank you for stepping up to leadership!



Wake Up With Toastmasters

Monday through Friday, 6:00 am

[FaceBook.com/TMD115CGD](https://www.facebook.com/TMD115CGD)

Email d115cqd@gmail.com if you are interested in being a guest on the show.

Town Hall

Sunday, August 07, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The Trio will hold a Town Hall on Zoom to review the candidates for International offices.

Register via this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88180129433?pwd=WUxzbk56bFptNIQ5amhLckxqMIF0QT09>

Deadline for Submitting Your Proxy

Friday, August 12, 2022, 11:59 PM, Central Time.

Educational Enrichment Night

Saturday, August 13, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

6:00 PM

New Member Orientation – Ken Richardson

Mentoring – Phyllis Tribby

TI Website for Area Directors – Larry Johnson

7:00 PM

Introduction to Pathways – Ken Richardson

Evaluations – Monica Valerio

Free Toast Host – Nadia Gilkes, and Malik ML Williams

Register via this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpcOCorjquGdlxmh4iK65WMUWmCoRaltGj>

Game Night

Saturday, August 27, 2022 6:00-8:00 pm. Register via this link:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcocuurzotGNP2K_gPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP

Club Officer Training

Club officers receive training twice a year, coinciding with the biannual election process. Clubs receive points in the Distinguished Club Program for having at least four of seven officers trained in each of the two training periods (June-August, November-February).

As of the end of July, D115 had 57 clubs in good standing. Since each club has seven officers, that represents 399 total officer positions. Although TI



requires a minimum of four officers (228 officers) trained, D115 has set a goal of having 100% of all seven officers trained in all clubs. To date, 255 officers have been trained, including officers holding more than one position. Just 144 officers left to train! August 31 is the last day clubs can receive credit for club officer training.

On a per-club basis, 8 clubs have no officers trained; 2 clubs have 1 officer trained; 4 clubs have 2 officers trained; 2 clubs have 3 officers trained; 9 clubs have 4 officers trained; 5 clubs have 5 officers trained; 11 clubs have 6 officers trained, and 16 clubs have all 7 officers trained.

Fortunately, it's not too late! Club officers can receive training via Zoom in other Districts. The most flexible program is offered in District 3. Their program is a TI-approved pilot program that provides on-demand training. Officers can scheduled training at their convenience.

If you are a club officer and you haven't yet been trained, please take advantage of the District 3 program. To register, follow the link below.

<https://aztoastmasters.org/odtli2022/?fbclid=IwAR0vR3ilt0olqbrCuf-bACh1rEpxPrMTqzTCagkl0uPA24VJndrwuqji8Vc>

For more information, contact PQD Ken Richardson at krichardsonlvnv@gmail.com.

Pathways Adoption Rates

Pathways has been the TI educational program for several years. Surprisingly, not all members have enrolled in the program. District 115 has an overall adoption rate of 81%. Out of 830 members (including dual memberships) 670 are enrolled in Pathways.

Our goal for the 2022-2023 year is to increase Pathways enrolment by 9 points to 90%. To reach that goal, your PQD is reviving the Pathways Ambassador program. If your club or an individual member needs help, an Ambassador will give a presentation to the entire club or work directly with individual members.

If you would like to serve as a Pathways Ambassador, or if you'd like help, please contact PQD Ken Richardson at krichardsonlvnv@gmail.com.



Welcome New Clubs!

Welcome to our newest clubs, **Epic Speakers**, and **Hunters Toastmasters**. Epic Speakers is an online corporate club. Hunters is based at Creech Air Force Base and is restricted to military and civilian staff working on the base.



VPPR Corner

Jennifer Smith, Division D Director

Before you post, ask yourself...

1. Am I making a statement or am I inviting the reader into a conversation by sharing a story?
2. Did I include a relatable lesson, tip, or message in this post's caption?
3. Does this story build relatability, communicate empathy, establish competency in niche?
4. Did I ask a question and include a call to action?
5. Did I humanize the content by including my face/voice and my unique opinion or perspective?
6. Does this fall into educational, engaging, emotional, entertaining, or exclusive category?
7. Would this post make me engage with it? Share it? Save it? Comment?



(Adapted from the TI Magazine)

After two years of being an online-only event, this year the [International Convention](#) will be hybrid, meaning it can be accessed either online or in person.

The World Championship of Public Speaking® will take place both in person in Nashville and online, and be streamed live to online attendees.

Similar to the 2021 International Convention, there will be four tracks (Public Speaking, Professional Development, Personal Growth, and Inclusive Excellence), with four sessions in each track to choose from. Mix and match or just follow one track! Four of the education sessions will take place live from the stage in Nashville (and will also be available on the web platform), and 12 sessions will be shown solely in an online format, which is available to all attendees, whether online or in person.

The online all-access pass is \$45 through August 20; the online limited-access pass is free. The on-demand all-access pass is \$75 and will be available for purchasing starting September 2022. In-person rates are \$675 if purchased by July 13, 725 through August 12, and \$775 onsite, August 16 through 20.

Visit the [2022 Convention page](#) to get updates on all of the excitement, and make sure to follow our social media channels for more details on the Convention.

Communications, the D115 Newsletter is published monthly. Please send articles, photos, comments and suggestions to PQD Ken Richardson at richardsonlvnv@gmail.com or call 702.523.3023.

Tips from Chelsea Peitz – “What to Post”

Share your posts on Facebook and Instagram and tag @D115tm so we can all see and make comments on your posts. “Let’s be Social!”

