



Region 2 International Director

Adapted from Toastmasters.org

Congratulations to our own Jesse Oakley, III, DTM, PDD, PRA. Jesse was elected to the position of International Director for Region 2 at the recent TI International Convention. Jesse represents 10 districts, including D115 on the International Board of Directors. The following biography was taken from the TI website.

Jesse Oakley III, DTM, of Las Vegas, Nevada, is an associate engineer at the Nevada Department of Transportation, where he has worked for 22 years. In his role, he supervises associate engineers and engineering technicians, prioritizes daily workloads, delegates and directs activities to assigned staff, leads trainings, evaluates employees, and performs field inspections for all staff and employees.



Oakley earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He was a part of the first graduating class of the State of Nevada Management

Academy, and he also received the Six-Sigma Green Belt Certification from the Management and Strategy Institute. Oakley has been recognized with the Bronze Achievement in Customer Excellence Service Award from the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. He is currently involved with the American Red Cross of Nevada in a variety of volunteer leadership positions with the

Communication Department.

A Toastmaster since 2002, Oakley is a member of his home club, Starmasters Toastmasters. He has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within Toastmasters and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

He says, “Joining Toastmasters is a great investment. This organization can be seen as a ladder that will help people find employment, make new friends, and improve their personal growth with communication and leadership skills. When one joins Toastmasters, everybody wins!”

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Oakley is a “working ambassador” for the organization. He works with the Board to develop, support, and modify the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

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DCP Changes

The Distinguished Club Program (DCP) has 10 goals clubs strive to achieve by the end of the Toastmasters year (June 30.) The more goals reached, the higher the level of recognition. If a club achieves 5 goals, it is awarded Distinguished status. If 7 goals are reached, the club is awarded Select Distinguished status, and, if a club achieves 9 goals, it is recognized as a President's Distinguished club.

The caveat is the club must have a minimum of 20 members or a net growth of 5 members.

Over the past year, numerous clubs met a sufficient number of goals to reach Distinguished or better status but they failed to meet the membership requirement. In fact, so many clubs fell into this category that TI decided to change the membership criteria. Effective immediately, the new criteria is a minimum of 20 members or a net growth of just 3 members.

In addition to the DCP changes, the requirements for Distinguished District status have also been modified as shown in the table below.

Recognition	Paid Clubs	Membership	Distinguished Clubs
Distinguished	No Net Loss	+1%	40%
Select	Net+1	+3%	45%
President's	+3%	+5%	50%
Smedley	+5%	+8%	55%

The changes in both programs are for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years. The Board will evaluate the impact and make further changes as it deems appropriate.



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.

Educational Enrichment Night

Saturday, September 10, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

6:00 PM

**New Member Orientation – Ken Richardson*
**Free Toast Host, Part II – Nadia Gilkes &*

Malik ML Williams
**Pathways Help Desk – Dana Wall Oakley*

7:00 PM

**Introduction to Pathways – Ken Richardson*
**Open House-Best Practices – Panel Discussion*
**CANVA & Mail Merge – Larry Johnson*

Register via this link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpcOCorjguGdlxmh4iK65WMUWmCoRaltGj>

District Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2022, 9:00 AM

Register via this link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86232224587?pwd=eHqvQ2FrQTRVcy83eWRxdDdoNTg4UT09>

District Council Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2022, 11:30 AM

Register via this link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83673053230?pwd=YIY5bXBhR0JzWmhjZEJHV3EvQlQ5dz09>

Game Night

Saturday, September 24, 2022 6:00-8:00 pm.

Register via this link:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcocuurzotGNP2K_gPRj-T90QWZpbMO0sP

District Director's Corner

Greetings Fellow Members!

This has been a whirlwind of activity in District 115 since the beginning of the Toastmaster year on July 1, 2022. By the end of August, I worked with the other Trio members, Program Quality Director Ken Richardson, and Club Growth



Director Scott Transue to ensure all August 31 deadlines were met. We also attended District Officer Training and worked hard to make sure all District Officer roles were filled.

We now have all 16 Area Directors, 4 Division Directors, and an entire staff of people ready to serve the district.

I hope to visit all District 115 clubs this year – to get things started, Sage Leaders had a great discussion table meeting to support the incoming Area and Division Directors and thank the outgoing District Leaders on May 24, 2022. In July, I visited Library 2.0. This corporate club has creative members and fun meetings. July 31 brought a visit to Jackpot Speakers – for their 25th anniversary party. The program was special, clever, and very fun. Also on July 31, Vegas Stars had their fifth Sunday speech-a-thon. I would love to visit your club also.

Your Trio just returned from training and the annual business meeting. There was so much to learn and lessons to bring back to our members. We came away with ideas and resources which will benefit everyone.

I am excited to serve you as your District Director. I hope to meet everyone. Please come to Enrichment Night and Game Night so I can learn more about you and your club.

Please email me with any concerns you have at jeanwdtm@gmail.com or call me at 702 445-2011.

Speech Contests Go Hybrid

The pandemic taught us how to meet online. The “post-pandemic” world introduced us to the hybrid meeting. However, TI did not allow



hybrid contests last year. Districts had to pick either online or in-person contests.

This particular requirement did not allow all members

to participate fully in the contest experience.

At the International Convention in Nashville, the meeting was fully hybrid for the first time in TI history. Contestants in the International Speech contest were able to compete either online or in person. The event was very successful. In fact, the second place winner of the World Championship of Public Speaking delivered his speech online.

For the 2022-2023 year, TI is allowing Districts to decide the format they prefer, either online only or hybrid, for all Area, Division, and the District contests. The question will be put to the District Executive Committee and the District Council at their September meeting.

Club Officer Training Update

Club officer training for the current period ended August 31. Of the 57 D115 clubs with 8 or more members, 49 (86%) had 4 or more officers trained. Twenty-five clubs (44%) had all 7 officers trained. Four clubs (7%) had no club officers trained.

The next training period begins in November. Our District goal for club officer training is 85%. To achieve that goal, we will offer three training opportunities within the District: Early Bird, in person, and online. In addition, we will publish links for all open online training available in neighboring districts.

Hanging Out at the International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee



The New Club Coach Program

Adapted from Toastmasters.org

The Club Coach Program allows experienced Toastmasters members to assist in rebuilding club membership and restoring club quality. A successful club coach will:

- Build rapport with club officers and members
- Instill enthusiasm, camaraderie, and structure within the club
- Assess the club environment and recommend best practices for success
- Work with club officers to develop a Club Success Plan
- Motivate the club to strive for Distinguished Club Program (DCP) recognition

Coaches who help clubs achieve Distinguished status (or higher) in the Distinguished Club Program will receive credit in the education program and a digital certificate of accomplishment.

Below are the criteria necessary for a club to be eligible to have a coach appointed, and for members who wish to coach a club.

Eligible Clubs:

- Have at least three, but not more than 12, members
- Have at least one club officer who has completed the Club Coach Program Training module
- Are not suspended or closed
- Do not currently have two coaches appointed

Prospective Coaches:

- Are a paid member in good standing
- Have not been a member of the eligible club in the past six months
- Have been a member of Toastmasters International for at least one year
- Have served as a club officer for one annual term or two semiannual terms
- Have completed a minimum of Level 2 in a path, or an Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB), or an Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB)
- Have completed the Club Coach Program Training module

Below are the steps and milestones that must be met for a successful club coach to earn credit toward the education program.

- The club coach must serve at least six months.
- The club coach cannot join the club during their appointment.
- The club coach must submit and complete the required forms:
- The Club Coach Preliminary Report within 30 days of appointment
- The Club Coach Progress Report every 60 days
- The Club Coach Final Report after their appointment has ended

Following the six-month term, the coached club must achieve

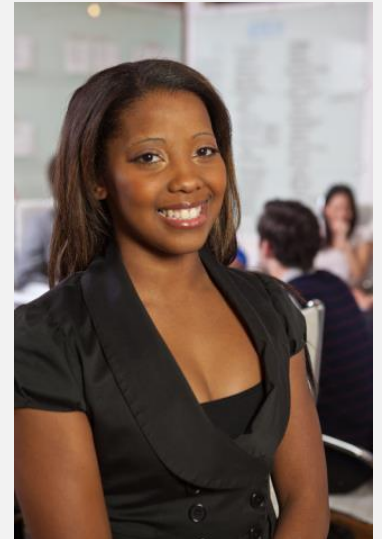
Distinguished or better status by the subsequent June 30.

To receive credit, the Club President (or officer delegate) of the coached club must notify World Headquarters in writing.

To earn an additional education credit toward a District leader role, the coached club must also have 20 or more paid members.

If the coach is unsuccessful, the appointment can be extended up to two additional program years.

If you have additional questions about the Club Coach Program, please email clubcoach@toastmasters.org.



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