CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE

2027-2028 DISTRICT 72 LEADERSHIP ROLES

Nominations open

Nominations are now open for the 2027–2028 District 72 leadership roles. This is an opportunity to contribute to the future success of our District, develop your leadership capabilities and make a meaningful difference to the Toastmasters experience of our members.

Leadership positions available

Nominations are invited for the following positions:

- **District Director**
- **Club Growth Director**
- **Program Quality Director**
- **Division Director** – Northern, Auckland, Manukau, Central, Wellington and Southern.

Nomination dates

- **Nominations open:** Late November 2026
- **Nominations close:** Saturday, 6 February 2027 (Waitangi Day)

Nomination forms are available on the District 72 website www.toastmasters.org.nz under *Meeting Documents / District Elections*.

Alternatively, enter the relevant form number in the search box on the Toastmasters International website: www.toastmasters.org.

Important information for prospective candidates

There are several important changes and considerations for this year's District elections.

1. **Changes to the District Trio leadership structure**

   The Toastmasters International Board of Directors has changed the ranking of the Trio leadership positions.

   - Club Growth Director (CGD) is now the second-ranking position.
   - Program Quality Director (PQD) is now the third-ranking position.

As a result, the District Leadership Committee is required to nominate **at least two candidates for the Program Quality Director position**.

2. **Manager appointments**
   The District Leadership Committee does not deal with nominations for the District Manager positions. These positions are appointed by the District Director-elect.

3. **Area Director nominations**
   The District Leadership Committee does not deal with nominations for Area Director positions. Nominations for Area Director may be sent to districtdirector@toastmasters.org.nz. The current District Director will forward these to the nominee for the 2027–2028 District Director position.

Information about leadership role requirements

Before applying, prospective candidates are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the responsibilities and qualifications required for their preferred position. The following resources are available:

- **Toastmasters International Form 450B – District Leader Qualifications and Responsibilities**.

- **2026 District Leadership Handbook.** Please note that this handbook has not yet been updated to reflect the revised ranking of the Club Growth Director and Program Quality Director positions.

How to submit a nomination

You may nominate yourself or another Toastmasters member for a leadership position. The District Leadership Committee does not give preference to candidates based on who submitted their nomination.

A complete nomination must include all of the following:

Required document	Description
Form 450E	Candidate Application
Form 450D	District Leader Agreement and Release Statement
Form 450H	District Leader Biographical Information
Photograph	A clear head-and-shoulders photograph of the candidate. The candidate must be the only person in the photograph.

Where to send your application
Please email all completed nomination documents to the DLC Chair: **Murray Coutts DTM, PDDG -** leaders@toastmasters.org.nz. **Email subject line:** Nomination.

If you are nominating another member, please use **Form 450C – District Leader Nominating Form**. If you would prefer the DLC Chair to contact the person you are nominating, rather than making the initial contact yourself, please indicate this at the bottom of Form 450C.

A word of encouragement about self-nomination
Please do not hesitate to put your name forward simply because another member has already expressed interest in, or applied for, the same position. You are encouraged to recognise your own potential, put yourself forward and allow the selection process to consider your qualifications and experience. The fact that another candidate has applied should never discourage you from pursuing a leadership opportunity.

How many candidates will be nominated?
Toastmasters International requires the District Leadership Committee to nominate a minimum of:

- **Two candidates** for Program Quality Director.
- **One candidate** for District Director.
- **One candidate** for Club Growth Director.
- **One candidate** for each Division Director position.

These are minimum requirements, not maximum numbers. The DLC welcomes as wide a pool of suitably qualified candidates as possible. We are happy to nominate several qualified candidates for any position, allowing the May District Council to consider the candidates and make an informed choice through the election process.

Restrictions following submission of an application.
Applicants will receive further information within a few days of the DLC receiving their complete application.

Candidates should familiarise themselves with **Toastmasters International Protocol 9, Section 6 onwards**,
As well as the following provisions:
- *Speech Contest Rulebook – General Rules, Part 2: Eligibility, Sections C and F.*

Please note that there is no restriction on an applicant performing duties that form part of their current office. For example, an Area Director who is a candidate may open and close their own Area Contest but may not serve as an official for that same contest.

Note that District Executive Committee members shall not take any action to endorse or officially support any candidate; however, District Executive Committee members who are running for District office may campaign on their own behalf. (TI Policy 9 (7A))

2027–2028 District Election Timeline

The following dates are important for prospective candidates and members interested in the District election process.

Milestone	Date
Nominations open	Late November 2026
Nominations close	Saturday, 6 February 2027
Candidate interviews	Friday, 12 February – Friday, 5 March 2027
DLC Report submitted to District Director	Friday, 26 March 2027 (Good Friday)
DLC Report published	Friday, 9 April 2027
District elections – Annual District Council	Saturday, 8 May 2027

Your leadership journey starts with an opportunity!
District leadership is an opportunity to grow personally, strengthen your leadership skills, support fellow Toastmasters and contribute to the success of our clubs and members. Whether you have previously held a leadership position or are ready to take on a new challenge, consider what you can bring to District 72.

For further information or assistance with the nomination process, please contact:

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