

# District 15 Division E Director's Report

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## **Executive summary: State of the division**

This has been a challenging year for Division E as it's still dealing with the aftermath of the pandemic. Time commitments have prevented members from serving as district officers and the number of clubs currently in the Division is not enough to remain as an independent Division.

## **Division clubs and realignment recommendations**

Division E began this year with 11 clubs spread across 3 areas and a club that was projected to charter. This helped the Division to have the minimal possible configuration to continue operating independently: 3 areas with 4 clubs in each area.

By summer 2022, it was clear that the potential club would not to move forward with their chartering process in the aftermath of COVID 19. Also, by August another club decided to dissolve. Area E2 had then only two clubs. By 2023, it became evident that another 2 clubs would close: one in area E1 and another in area E3.

Since Division E remains with only 8 clubs, the ability to stay as an independent Division was untenable. Thus, we recommended to the realignment committee that Division E should be combined with Division D. This is included in the proposal to be approved in the next business meeting.

## **Area Directors**

Areas E1 and E2 nominated members to serve as Area Directors. Area E3 didn't nominate anyone and thus we asked a member from E2 to serve as an Area Director.

Three of these original Area directors resigned from their posts within the first two months of the year. Two members of Area E2 were nominated to serve in their place and the Division directed helped support the other area.

## **Officer training**

Toastmaster Leadership Institute was no offered in the District this year. Instead, we collaborated as Division Directors to offer officer training in August and January. The first training was focused on teaching the responsibilities of each officer role. The second training offered reinforcement in a variety of leadership skills. The Division featured trainers in both contests.

## **Contests**

A fall contest was not held this year after the District voted not to have it during the last business meeting.

All areas across Divisions D and E decided to combine contest. Division E1 didn't send any contestants. Division E2 sent 3 contestants. And Division E3 sent 5 contestants.

The Division contest will also be also combined with Division D. It will have a total of 4 contestants.