

# District 15 Division E Director's Report

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### **State of the Division**

Division E began the year with 16 clubs and now has 14 active clubs and two clubs on the verge of becoming extinct. They really took a hit with COVID. We have a total of 64 paid members. While some clubs seem to be flourishing, others seem to be holding their own. Many clubs are working on renewals at this time.

Area Directors have been asked to reach out to their clubs to get as many current members to renew their dues as possible. Two of our clubs, Everest and TURN Dreamers are currently ineligible and have chosen not to meet during COVID.

### **Area Directors**

4 Area Directors serve the 5 areas within Division E with responsibility for 3-4 clubs

each. We started out the year with 5 Area Directors but lost one due to attrition and no one in that Area stepped up to cover the role of Area Director. The Areas has suffered due to COVID- 19.

During the Fall 2020 period, all club visits were made, and Spring 2021 club visits are currently in process. I may have dropped the ball but will plan on doing the Area visits myself or find someone to help me out.

During the July to October period, AD's completed Club visits and club visit reports have been entered into the TI system for All Clubs in our Division. At this time, only one Area Director has begun her Area visits, with three in an incomplete process. However, I am sure they will rally towards the last two months and get their area reports in on time.

### **Division Council Meetings**

Most of my Area Directors have been great about attending Division Council meetings, which are held monthly. I follow up with all Area directors via email and phone when they need additional help.

### **Officer Training**

District sponsored TLI was a huge success. Many of our officers were able to attend the district offering or found other online trainings in other districts to attend, which left only those clubs who have chosen not to meet to have 0 attendance while we had 8 of our 14 active clubs had their minimum or more of 4 club officers attend some type of training. Dixie and Olympic Orators had perfect attendance of all club officers trained.

### **Division Contests**

We held our Division Contest via Zoom in November of 2020. We had representation from each Area with the exception of Area 1, which chose not to participate due to the pandemic. The Division E Speech contest was held in November 2020 and the spring contest will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. At this writing, many of the clubs may not be eligible to participate but we are at the due's deadline tomorrow. I am assured that all participating clubs will be eligible to compete.

### **Challenges**

The entire year was a challenge with the COVID 19 pandemic at play. I want to commend those clubs that continued to meet and rise to the challenge and not only achieve growth, but also are on track to achieve distinguished club or better.

### **New Clubs**

We are still on track with one new club, Dell Tech to become a new club sometime in the near future.

### **Summary**

With the COVID-19 circumstance, most clubs are doing okay. If a club was underperforming before, this certainly has had a negative effect. Everest and TURN Dreamers were not able to meet during the pandemic, which has put them in jeopardy of losing their charters.

Dixie Tub Thumpers, Color Country, and Mesquite Silver Tongues are doing fantastic and we will miss them in our Division.

Utah Valley continues to impress, and Timpanogos Toastmasters meets consistently each Wednesday Evening. Lone Peak, Olympus Orators, and many of the other clubs are doing their very best. I was impressed to see many Triple Crowns and pathways completions in our division despite the pandemic.

I spoke with Sarra Idahen about the club realignments, with Area E5 being realigned to District 115.