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RE: Preliminary District 65 Alignment Committee Report

To District Director Sam Otto:

Your alignment committee, consisting of Sherry Miller (chair), Karen Stewart (Div A), Martin Johnson (Div C), Shannon Brooks (Div D) and Brianna Wichowsky (Div E), was introduced at the November 2023 Council meeting.

The alignment that needs to be submitted to Toastmasters International for any District to start on July 1, is required to have Areas with between 4 and 6 clubs each and Divisions to contain at least 3 Areas. Clubs with fewer than the minimum 8 member dues payments for the October-March dues period are to be suspended if that is true on April 1. While the District is still feeling some impact post-COVID, we are also seeing clubs transition from meeting remotely to moving back to in person events and are more stable to build up our membership and clubs. We currently have the 1 (remaining) suspended club (E51: Syracuse Toasters Club), saw 2 clubs formally dissolve (C32: MCC Toastmasters and D41: LM Owego Toastmasters), plus 4 clubs that have fewer than 8 member payments (A13: Concord Spellbinders, C32: Rochester High Noon and C33: Toastitarians Club and E25: Master Toast). Some of those low clubs may work with TI to get to 8 or more and avoid suspension, but at this time, we will presume they are to be suspended.

Division A, Area 13 has one club below the minimum of 8 but also gained a new club, so no other alignment changes are required for Division A.

Division C has lost one club from Area 32, which had 5 clubs, will have a suspended club in Area 33, which had 5 clubs, gained a club in Area 25 but only has 3 clubs in Area 34. We recommend realigning the clubs into 4 areas total.

Division D lost one club from Area 41, which had 5 clubs, so no other alignment changes are required for Division D.

Division E has one club suspended in Area 51 and one club with low membership in Area 52. No alignment changes are recommended for Division E.

Our District has had a large loss of clubs these past two years during Covid. We will need a focused effort to bring back some growth we need to reach the levels we know we should attain.

Below are the original (July 2023) and proposed (July 2024) alignments by Division. Clubs highlighted in **Red** were to be dropped due to zero membership payments, suspension or because they are ineligible (fewer than 3 members). Clubs highlighted in **Green** are new or proposed changes. Clubs highlighted in **Yellow** are currently exposed with low membership (below 8).

Division A

2023-2024 Starting Alignment

Area 11

5460	AM Lockport Club
6635	UB Westwinds Toastmasters Club
4188315	Amherst Chamber Toastmasters
9207	Advanced Toastmasters Club of Rochester

Area 12

1495286	Clarence Toastmasters
6588726	HSBC Toastmasters
4514848	Rhetorical Roar
1279724	Prose of Speech

Area 13

2325	Speakeasy Club
2993	Concord Spellbinders Club
4350	Downtown Toastmasters
1196232	The Larkin Leaders
3924071	Toast of Roswell
28677023	Say It LOUD Toastmasters

2024-2025 Recommended Alignment

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Division C

2023-2024 Starting Alignment

Area 31

476	Rochester Club 476
1044	Speechcrafters Club
1990	The Communicators
670636	Toasted Sage Club
3641921	Tiger Tales Toastmasters

Area 32

3685	Daybreakers Club
4840	MCC Toastmasters Club
7385	P.O.W.E.R. Toastmasters Club
7620	Rochester High Noon Club
5163221	Ortho Toastmasters

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Area 33

6898	Frederick Douglass Toastmasters Club
8789	Toastitarians Club
1122241	Spacetalkers
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Area 34

1831	TNT Toastmasters Club
4323	Life Learners Club
2227960	Pinnacle Toastmasters Club
4854675	Sylvester Anderson's Voices To Be Heard
28677155	Village Toastmasters
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2227960	Pinnacle Toastmasters Club
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Area 35

Division D**2023-2024 Starting Alignment****2024-2025 Recommended Alignment****Area 41**

1089603	LM Owego Toastmasters
4998	Cayuga Club
6059734	Hornell Area Toastmasters Club
2875	Morning Knights Toastmasters Club
2389916	Big Red Toastmasters

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Area 42

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9253	Oneonta Toastmasters Club
4524	River City Toastmasters Club
7438	Leaders And Learners Club
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Division E

2023-2024 Starting Alignment

Area 51

1427	Empire Statesmen
7549	Select Club
580	Syracuse Club
5642996	Syracuse Toasters Club
4448	Port City Toastmasters Club

Area 52

1027292	Orange Orators
2163729	Master Toast
2251028	Equitable Talkers
4885982	Good Morning Syracuse

Area 53

5776	Bristol Speaker Toastmasters Club
1052451	Toasting the Blues
5702952	Live Learn Lead Toastmasters
5959290	Toast the Grid

Area 54

1271	Mohawk Valley Toastmasters Club
5194	Utica National Toastmasters Club
715396	Roman Orators Toastmasters Club
1241967	CNY BizTalkers
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With this proposed alignment, all Divisions and Areas are within Toastmasters International guidelines and the District is poised to handle new clubs in any Division, even if the 4 currently low membership clubs end up suspended before the end of June. Loss of clubs next year may cause certain Areas to drop under the minimum of 4 clubs, which will cause a need for further alignment changes at that time. This can be avoided if new clubs are added and existing clubs become stronger, things we can all agree would be good for our District.

It should be noted that we moved the Cayuga and Big Red clubs that were left in Area 42 into Area 41 as those were the closest other clubs to them. This required moving some other clubs out of Area 41 to make room. We have reviewed all updates to clubs' status as of 7 April 2022 and believe this proposed new alignment will keep District 65 in good standing with Toastmasters International.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the District 65 Alignment Committee,

Sherry Miller DTM, PDD Alignment Committee Chair