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April 3, 2024

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) and saw 2 clubs formally dissolve (C32: MCC Toastmasters and D41: LM Owego Toastmasters). As of 4/3/2024, there are 20 clubs that have fewer than 8 member payments (A11: UB Westwinds Toastmasters Club and Amherst Chamber Toastmasters; A12: HSBC Toastmasters; A13: Larkin Leaders and Concord Spellbinders, C32: P.O.W.E.R. Toastmasters Club; C33: Spacetalkers Club; C34 Peer 2 Peer Toastmasters; C35: TNT Toastmasters Club and Life Learners; D41: Hornell Area Toastmasters Club; D42: Toast of Corning; D43: River City Toastmasters Club and Speakers of the House; E51: Port City Toastmasters Club; and E52: Master Toast and Equitable Talkers; E53:Live Learn Lead Toastmasters; E54 Mohawk Valley Toastmasters Club and Talk the Talk Club). We are hopeful those clubs with low membership will work to submit a minimum of 8 membership payments to avoid suspension.

Division A, Area 13 gained a new club but remains within guidelines with 6 clubs, so no alignment changes are recommended for Division A.

Division C has lost one club from Area 32, which had 5 clubs, and has 3 clubs in Area 34. We recommend moving Toasted Sage from C31 to C34 to have 4 clubs in each of those areas.

Division D lost one club from Area 41, which had 5 clubs, and has 3 clubs in Area D42. To align the clubs geographically and bring balance, we recommend moving Morning Knights Toastmasters Club from D41 and Visions Toastmasters Club from D43 into Area D42.

Division E has one club suspended in Area 51, which has 5 clubs, but remains within guidelines with 4 clubs, so no alignment changes are recommended for Division E.

Our District has had a large loss of clubs during Covid. We will need a focused effort to bring back some growth we need to reach the membership 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 have turned in their Club

Charters. 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

2024-2025 Recommended Alignment

Area 11

5460	AM Lockport Club
6635	UB Westwinds Toastmasters Club
4188315	Amherst Chamber Toastmasters
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2325	Speakeasy Club
2993	Concord Spellbinders Club
4350	Downtown Toastmasters
1196232	The Larkin Leaders
3924071	Toast of Roswell
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Division C

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Area 31

476	Rochester Club 476
1044	Speechcrafters Club
1990	The Communicators
670636	Toasted Sage Club (move to C34)
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4840	MCC Toastmasters Club
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7620	Rochester High Noon Club
5163221	Ortho Toastmasters

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

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Division D

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Area 41

1089603	LM Owego Toastmasters
4998	Cayuga Club
6059734	Hornell Area Toastmasters Club
2875	Morning Knights Toastmasters Club
	(move to D42)
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9253	Oneonta Toastmasters Club
4524	River City Toastmasters Club
7438	Leaders And Learners Club
1417631	Speakers of the House
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9253	Oneonta Toastmasters Club
<mark>4524</mark>	River City Toastmasters Club
7438	Leaders And Learners Club
1417631	Speakers of the House

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. 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.

We have reviewed all updates to clubs' status as of 3rd April 2024 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,

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