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District Realignment Overview

Presentation

2/26/2026

Why Realign Districts?

At the end of the 2023-2024 program year, TI had approximately the same number of clubs as the organization did 12 years ago. At that time, there were only 86 Districts compared to the 131 Districts today.

Districts experiencing difficulties in finding sufficient leaders at all levels of the District, especially Districts below 100 clubs.

Districts with fewer than 100 clubs have smaller budgets and limited resources for conducting and funding District activities that support the District mission and goals.

District Realignment Background

March 2024

Amendment

The Board of Directors approved amendments to the Toastmasters governing documents, increasing the minimum size of a District from 60 to 100 clubs, effective July 1, 2025.

August 2024

Realignment

The Board of Directors authorized the formation of a District Joint Realignment Committees to review and redefine District boundaries across Districts in Regions 1-7.. The committee successfully reorganized the 76 existing Districts into 34 newly realigned Districts, with an average size of about150 clubs.

July 2025

Transition

The Board of Directors approved the establishment of a District Realignment Transition Committee to lead and implement the transition to the newly realigned Districts. The transition will take effect on July 1, 2026.

Building a Stronger Toastmasters Organization

- **Leadership + Money + Time = Building a Stronger Toastmasters Organization**

Realignment

- Establish larger Districts
- Create deeper ***leadership*** talent pools and more ***money*** for Districts.

Transition

- Adopt best practices and processes and improve efficiency.
- Create more ***time*** for District Leaders to focus on their core mission/

Group 12 - Realignment of 8 Districts

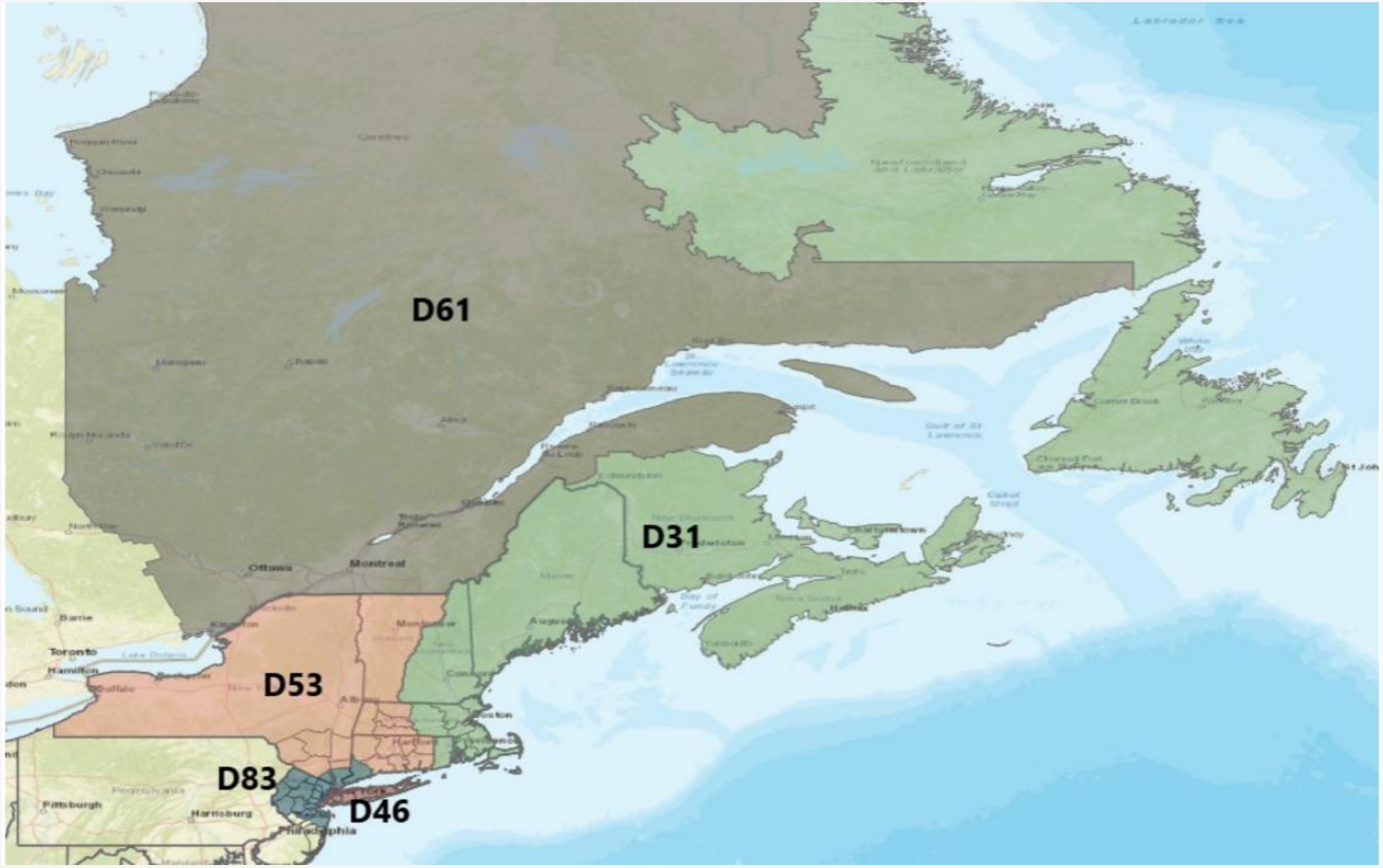
8 Districts

31, 45, 46, 53, 61, 65, 83, 119

5 Districts

31, 46, 53, 61, 83

Group 12 Newly Realigned Districts



District Realignment Transition Committees

District Transition Committee
Responsible for facilitating the logistical blending of cultures, policies, and procedures to support the successful transition of newly aligned districts.

District Alignment Committee
Responsible for aligning divisions, areas and clubs within the newly aligned district boundaries.

District Leadership Committee
Select leaders for the newly established districts

Goal

Ensure a smooth, successful transition to newly aligned districts effective July 1, 2026.

Realignment

Alignment Rules from Toastmasters International

Absolute Rules

- Maximum of 9 Divisions per District
- Minimum of 4 Areas per Division
- Minimum 4 clubs in good standing per Area
- Maximum 6 clubs per Area
- Cannot have area with only advanced clubs

Factors to Consider

- Geographic proximity to other clubs
- The ability of an Area Director to effectively provide service
- Club size and strength
- Prospective clubs and expected growth
- The likelihood of eligibility for Distinguished programs

District 31 Alignment Committee Guidelines

- Divisions will not cross international borders
- Target same number of Areas in each Division (if possible)
- No more than 5 potentially active clubs per Area
- Each Area will have at least 3 clubs at low risk of not being active
- Fully online clubs with geographically dispersed membership can be aligned to any Area or Division to help with balance
- Geography will be main consideration when clubs are far apart
- For more dense clubs, balance of support needed and likelihood of being distinguished will outweigh geography

District 31 Alignment Summary

- 9 Divisions – 2 in Canada, 7 in the United States of America
- 44 Areas – 5 per Division with 1 exception
- 3,226 Members in 207 Clubs as of Feb 21
  - 15 Clubs have 0 Members
  - 14 Prospective Clubs included in alignment

District 53 Alignment Summary

- 8 Divisions

- 34 Areas
  - 6 Divisions with 4 Areas
  - 2 Divisions with 5 Areas

- 2477 Members in 157 Clubs as of Feb 22nd