

Club Officer Standards



It's important that you understand the standards of your fellow club officers. Following are brief descriptions:

President. The president serves as the club's chief executive officer, responsible for general supervision and operation of the club. Standards outside of the club meeting are to: • Ensure club officers meet club officer and club meeting standards • oversee plan to achieve Distinguished Club Program goals and ensure club is a Distinguished Club • Encourage communication and leadership development through promoting of CC, AC, CL and AL awards • Ensure club has an ongoing membership building program • Attend and vote club's proxy at district council meetings or ensure club member attends and proxies vote to that member • Attend regional conference and International Convention and vote club's proxy or send proxy to district governor • Oversee administrative operation of club in compliance with the club Constitution and Bylaws • Maintain relationship with the district and with Toastmasters International • Schedule and chair monthly executive committee meeting • Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend a club or executive committee meeting • Search for leaders, ensure all club offices are filled for the succeeding term, and ensure timely elections are conducted • Prepare successor for office • Attend district-sponsored club-officer training. Standards at the club meeting are to: • Ensure meeting starts and ends on time • Make sure guests are warmly and enthusiastically introduced • Allow time before and after the meeting to speak with guests • Read and/or display the club mission at every meeting • Discuss the Distinguished Club Program and the club's progress and achievements in it • Recognize member achievements in Toastmasters and in their personal lives; report on the "Moments of Truth" the club is achieving.

Immediate Past President. The immediate past president provides guidance and serves as a resource to club officers and members. The immediate past president chairs the nominating committee, assists in the preparation of the Club Success Plan and promotes the club's efforts to become a Distinguished Club.

Vice President Education (see your standards elsewhere in this handbook)

Vice President Membership. The vice president membership is the third-ranking club officer. Standards outside of the club meeting are to: • Conduct ongoing membership building programs and efforts. Promote the membership goal of one new member per month and, if the club has fewer than 20 members, achieving 20 members by year-end or sooner. Promote club and Toastmasters International membership building programs and conduct a minimum of two formal club membership programs annually • Follow up on and keep track of guests, new members joining, and members not attending meetings. For all prospective members, explain the educational program, get their commitment to join, collect membership applications, bring the applications to the club for voting and, if the members are accepted, collect dues and fees and give them to the treasurer with the applications • Attend club executive committee meetings • Attend and vote at area council meetings • Attend district-sponsored club-officer training • Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend club meeting • Prepare successor for office. Standards at a club meeting are to: • Greet guests and have each com-

plete a guest card • Report on current membership, promote membership campaigns, and welcome new members • Work with the president and vice president education to ensure each new member is formally inducted at the first meeting after being voted in by the club • Help guests wishing to join complete the Application for membership • Speak with fellow members to determine if their needs are being met.

Vice President Public Relations. The vice president public relations is the fourth-ranking club officer. Standards outside of the club meeting are to: • Promote the club to local media • Produce and distribute a club newsletter at least monthly • Promote membership programs • Attend club executive committee meetings • Attend other Toastmasters events • Attend district-sponsored club-officer training • Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend a club meeting • Prepare successor for office. Standards at the club meeting are to: • Announce upcoming events and programs • Ask for contributions to the newsletter • Greet members and guests.

Secretary. The secretary is the fifth-ranking club officer. Standards outside of the club meeting are to: • Maintain accurate membership roster and give it to treasurer to submit with dues • Mail club officer list to World Headquarters within 10 days after elections • Handle general club correspondence • Keeps club files, including the club charter, Constitution and Bylaws, minutes, resolutions, and correspondence • Attend club executive committee meetings • Attend district-sponsored club-officer training • Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend meetings • Prepare successor for office. Standards at a club meeting are to: • Record and read meeting minutes • Greet members and guests.

Treasurer. The treasurer is the sixth-ranking club officer. Standards outside of the club meeting are to: • Prepare a budget to be approved by the executive committee and

membership within one month of taking office • Provide the bank with a new signature card by July 1/January 1 • Prepare and send dues statements by August 15/February 15 • Collect and send dues to World Headquarters by October 1 and April 1, and work with the vice president to contact members who have not paid dues • Submit new member applications and dues to World Headquarters within 48 hours after receipt • Pay bills as due • Keep records of all financial transactions • Present verbal and written financial reports quarterly (October 15, January 15, April 15, and July 15) • Submit club accounts for audit • Attend club executive committee meetings • Attend district-sponsored club-officer training • Arrange for a replacement if unable to attend meeting • Prepare successor for office. Standards at the club meeting are to: • Receive completed new member applications and dues • Announce when dues are due and explain dues structure • Greet members and guests.

Sergeant at Arms. The sergeant at arms is the seventh-ranking club officer. Standards outside of the club meeting are to: • Schedule meeting location • Maintain club equipment in working order and check after every meeting to ensure adequate supplies are available • Attend club executive committee meetings • Attend district-sponsored club officer training • Arrange for a replacement and for assistance if necessary • Prepare successor for office. Standards at a club meeting are to: • Arrange the room at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins. Make sure the lectern is in place, the banner displayed, evaluation forms and ballots distributed, awards, supply catalog, progress chart and educational material displayed, place cards arranged, and name badges available; greet members and guests and arrange for guests to sit with members • Greet the area governor and other visiting officers and escort them to the club president • Arrange for food service at meal meetings • Ensure the meeting starts on time • Collect ballots and tally votes for awards.