

Report to the District 19 District Council

Dear Members of the District 19 District Council,

Toastmasters International has initiated a district realignment process with the goal of merging smaller districts to create larger, more sustainable districts of approximately 120–180 clubs each.

While many details are still being finalized, here's what we know so far:

1. The Group 9 Realignment Committee has been meeting bi-weekly since January. The team has engaged in thoughtful discussions and developed several proposals for consolidating six existing districts into three.
2. District 19 has some real obstacles and challenges that we are discussing in-depth. I can't say with absolute certainty but I will say there will be significant changes to District 19.
3. It is not yet known whether existing district numbers will be retained or if new numbers will be assigned.
4. The final decision will be made by Toastmasters International, with the new district configurations taking effect in the 2026–2027 program year. **The District Council will not be voting on the new district configuration.**
5. A transition team will be established to guide the merging process. This team will support leadership training, coordination of district elections, alignment of finances, oversee area and division realignment, unify public relations efforts, and assist with planning major events such as the Spring Conference.
6. For additional information and the latest updates, please visit the District Realignment FAQ page on the Toastmasters International website:
<https://www.toastmasters.org/membership/leadership/districtrealignment>

Your patience, engagement, and support is appreciated as this important process unfolds. Updates will be shared as new information becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

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