



Group 9 District Realignment Report

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Report to the District 35 District Council

Dear Members of the District 35 District Council:

Abraham Maslow once said, “In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety.”

That quote captures exactly where we stand today. Across the country, Toastmasters is strengthening districts by combining smaller ones into larger, healthier districts of 100 or more clubs. This helps ensure strong leadership, sound finances, and greater opportunities for members.

In 2020–2021, District 35 had 112 clubs. As of July 1, 2025, we stand at 74 clubs. To move forward, effective July 1, 2026, we will become **District 212**.

District 212 will include:

- **Wisconsin** in its entirety
- **Upper Michigan**, west of Alger and Schoolcraft Counties
- **Illinois**, including Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb, Kane, DuPage, Whiteside, and Lee Counties
- **Iowa**, north of the southern borders of Monona, Crawford, Carroll, Greene, Boone, Story, Marshall, Tama, Benton, Linn, Cedar, and Clinton Counties, excluding Woodbury County

This expansion brings new opportunities for connection, growth, and leadership development.

Next steps are already underway. By **October 15, 2025**, the district will have a **Transition Chair**, **Alignment Chair**, and **Leadership Chair** appointed; these individuals will not be appointed by the district. Guidance on the transition will continue throughout the year.

The District 35 Spring 2026 Conference will be held with the annual business meeting including our usual district reports and audit. Separate from our business meeting, there will be a District 212 business meeting with details to be worked out by the transition team for voting on alignment and the 2026-2027 leadership team.

Additional details can be found on the Toastmasters International District Realignment FAQ page:
<https://www.toastmasters.org/membership/leadership/districtrealignment>

I would also like to take a moment to thank **Jim Kohli, DTM, PID, our Group 9 Coordinator**, for his continued involvement during this transition. His insights and careful data analysis have been invaluable in helping guide us through these changes so far and as we move forward.

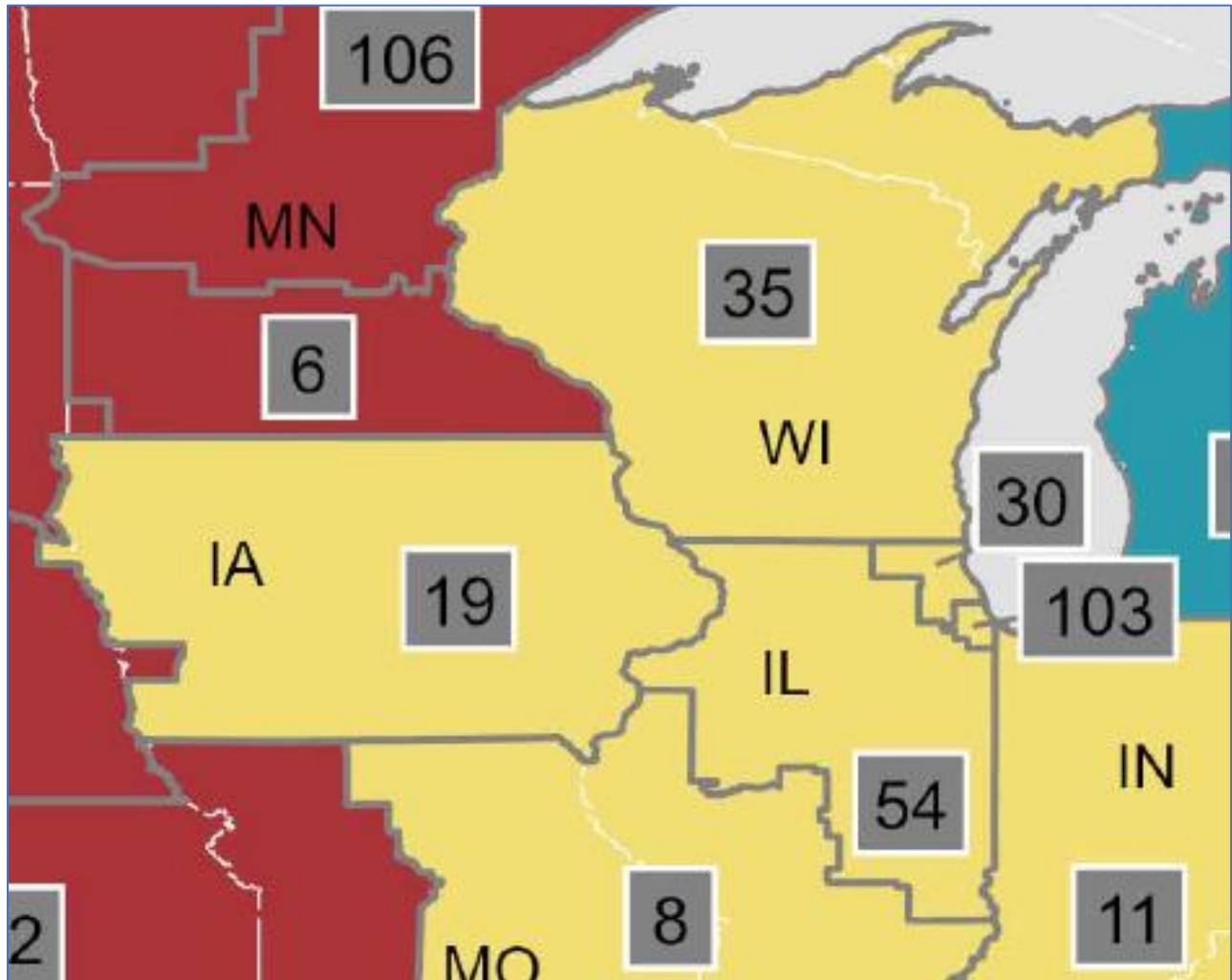
Thank you for your patience, support, and commitment as we navigate these changes together. District 212 will be strong because of the dedication of members like you.

Respectfully submitted,

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2025-2026 District Map



2026-2027 District Map

