



District Transition Committee Report to the District 35 District Council Annual Business Meeting

April 25, 2026

Dear Members of the District 35 District Council,

One year ago, I sat before you to introduce the district realignment process. Today, we're no longer discussing possibilities—we're preparing for reality.

Effective July 1, 2026 – just 66 days from today – District 35 will join with clubs from Districts 19, 30, and 54 to form the new District 212.

Last year, we explored the possibilities for retaining the District 35 identity. Toastmasters International informed us that we would receive a new district number. And while we will not keep the number 35, what we gain is just as powerful—a fresh start, a new identity, and a broader community.

At the club level, much will remain the same. Our meetings continue. Our clubs continue. And the heart of Toastmasters—our commitment to personal and professional growth—remains unchanged.

At the district level, there will be more noticeable shifts. Our geographic boundaries will expand. Our leadership team will include members from all four legacy districts.

Yet the structure remains familiar – divisions and areas supporting clubs, and our district mission unchanged: to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

What truly changes is our perspective.

We will collaborate with new Toastmasters – new members and leaders. We will learn from their experiences and wisdom. And together, we will bring fresh energy to how we serve our members.

This is more than a transition. It is an expansion of what's possible.

I strongly encourage every Club President, Vice President Education, and current DEC member to attend the May 16, 2026 Business Meeting at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

At that meeting, we will vote on the final realignment and elect the inaugural leadership team for District 212.

Your voice matters. Your vote matters. The future of District 212 begins with you.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the members from Districts 19, 30, 35, and 54 who contributed their time, insight, and leadership throughout this process. Your research and recommendations have laid a strong foundation for our future.

Over the past several months, I had the privilege of overseeing seven ad hoc committees established in partnership with Toastmasters International. These committees focused on:

- Technology and Websites
- Finances and Assets
- District Operating Procedures
- Recognition Programs and Incentives

- Public Relations and Communication
- District Events
- Club and District Leadership Training

In addition, we formed a History and Legacy Committee to preserve the stories and traditions that brought us here.

More than 30 committee members from all four legacy districts studied our histories, protocols, procedures, similarities, and differences. They developed thoughtful recommendations that the incoming District 212 leadership team will use to make final operational decisions moving forward.

I was inspired not only by seasoned leaders who stepped forward, but also by members who volunteered simply because they care about our future.

And even more encouraging is the number of members who expressed interest in continuing this work beyond July 1.

A special thank you to Judy Bauer, Jason Feucht, Teri McGregor, and Dorcus Mathu for chairing key committees, and to Jim Kohli for his continued guidance throughout this process.

Change does not erase who we are — it strengthens us and prepares us for who we are becoming. When we embrace change with confidence and optimism, we open the door to new possibilities and greater impact.

This is not the end of District 35's story. It is the beginning of something larger.

Together, we are not just forming a new district. We are building a stronger, more connected Toastmasters community.

I am truly honored to share this historic change with you, and I can't wait to see what we will accomplish together as District 212.

Respectfully submitted,

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