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Guidelines for District Officer Candidates and Campaigns

Here are general guidelines to help you through the election process. The full text of district officer campaign and election protocol is found within the Governing Documents of Toastmasters International (<http://www.toastmasters.org/policyprotocol>) in Protocol 9.0: District Campaigns and Elections.

Campaign Materials: At area and division speech contests, all candidates may distribute campaign materials. They may also display campaign materials in a candidates' corner at these events if space is available for the candidates' corner and if all candidates have equal access to it. Campaign materials may not be placed on walls, chairs or tables outside of the candidates' corner.

At the district conference, all candidates may distribute campaign materials, and they are allowed to display campaign materials in the candidates' corner at a district conference. Campaign materials may not be placed on walls, chairs or tables, or handed out at educational sessions, meal functions or the district hospitality suite.

Speeches & Speaking Guidelines: Campaign speeches are not permitted at any area speech contest, division speech contest or other district non-election meeting except the district conference. At the discretion of the area or division governor responsible for the speech contest, candidates present at the contest may be introduced to the audience if all candidates present are introduced.

All candidates in contested races for district office, including floor candidates, may be allowed to speak at the district conference at a time other than during the district's annual business meeting. These campaign speeches must be given at an appropriate time and place, and be of an appropriate length, as identified by the district governor, provided that all candidates are given an equal opportunity and are properly notified.

All candidates are allowed to give educational presentations at district conferences, provided the presentations conform to the needs of the district, and provided that all candidates for the same office are given an equal opportunity.

Hospitality Suites: The only hospitality suite permitted at a district conference is the one provided and operated by the district, with no contribution from any candidate. The provision of a hospitality suite is, however, at the discretion of the district governor.

Advertising: Advertisements by or on behalf of candidates for district office are not permitted in district publications.

NOTE: Candidates for any district elected office (District Governor, Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, Lieutenant Governor Marketing, Division Governor) are NOT to serve as a contest official with a speaking role at any Area, Division or District-level speech contest in District 28 during the Winter 2014 contest season including but not limited to Toastmaster, Chief Judge or Target Speaker. If you are a contest Chief Timer, have the Chief Judge read the timing rules. For any current Area and Division Governor running for an elected office, this includes your own speech contest. This rule holds for all district officer races, contested AND uncontested. **This is not simply a guideline. It's a Toastmasters International rule. Please honor it!**