

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION WITH ORGANIZATIONS

The intent of this policy is to describe the interaction of Toastmasters International with community activities and other organizations.

As a not-for-profit organization with the declared purpose of education, Toastmasters International does not create, promote or sponsor service type projects or activities, nor does it sponsor or endorse causes or projects of other organizations. Toastmasters International does, however, recognize its responsibility to provide opportunities for improved communication and leadership skills in a wide range of cultural, social and economic situations. It encourages individual members to engage, individually and collectively, in such activities which are consistent with and related to the Mission of Toastmasters International and which will preserve its identity as an educational organization.

It is therefore the policy of Toastmasters International that:

1. The educational programs of Toastmasters International be used to fulfill the needs of a community in the areas of communication and leadership through membership in a Toastmasters Club or Gavel Club, participation in Speechcraft, the Youth Leadership Program, or in Success/Leadership and Success/Communication Programs conducted by Toastmasters Clubs. Any adaptation, reprint, or paraphrase of program materials prepared for public use by an individual member or Club must be approved in advance by World Headquarters for content, corporate, and copyright considerations.
2. Opportunities for individual members be provided to participate in the life of their communities and that the establishment of Speakers Bureaus be encouraged at Club, Area, and District levels.
3. Cooperation with other organizations be encouraged to the extent that the identity of Toastmasters International is maintained and with the understanding that such contact or cooperation does not constitute or imply formal endorsement of such organization by Toastmasters International as a corporate body.
4. All contacts with other organizations at a national or international level be made by the President, the Executive Director, or by such other individual as may be specifically assigned by them.
5. Toastmasters Clubs, individual members, and Districts of Toastmasters International shall not create or engage in any activity in the name of Toastmasters International which is not directly related to the educational programs as outlined in paragraph 1. above, without the specific and expressed approval of Toastmasters International. Typical unauthorized activities include: fund-raising drives in cooperation with other organizations, creation or establishment of scholarships or foundations, or public service activities.
6. The Toastmasters International Speech Contest is marketed as the World Championship of Public Speaking. It is offered to public speakers through membership in a Toastmasters Club in a District. To protect the image of this contest, no Toastmasters District shall sponsor or cooperate with any other organization in the sponsorship of a public speaking contest without special permission of the Board of Directors as may be granted from time to time.

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to advise or inform members of any activity or activities considered inconsistent within the meaning and intent of this policy.

