

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about District 27 Re-alignment and Re-formation

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Having successfully built and sustained a growing network of more than 223 clubs, aligned in 47 areas and ten divisions, District 27 is currently the tenth largest district in the world with over 4500 members. Twenty years ago District 27 was created as a separate district from the re-formation of District 36. Today we are planning for our own split and re-formation into two separate districts.

### **Q: Why plan now to split & re-form into two districts?**

A: District 27 is now a size that creates challenges for volunteer leaders; stretching span of control, demanding much time on the road and in meetings – all away from business and family; jeopardizing support to clubs. Clubs rely on efforts of volunteers to serve in district-level positions to continue to support the needs of members.

### **Q: What have other large districts done that applies?**

A: D27 has learned from other districts that have split and large districts not yet split. D27 has coordinated with TI and obtained re-formation plans from districts that split. Larger districts have different circumstances than D27. Lessons learned have helped; yet comparisons and analysis of other districts circumstances have resulted in a determination that the needs and circumstances of D27 should prioritize decisions for D27 re-formation plans.

### **Q: When would District “re-formation” occur?**

A: Re-formation is a multi-year process; so it would only become effective July 1, 2011 after approval by both our District Council and TI's Board of Directors Executive Committee. We will remain a single district throughout the remainder of the current TM-year (today - June 30, 2010) and continue to be a single district during the July 2010-June 2011 Transition year.

### **Q: How will this affect District elections in the spring?**

A: At the May 2010 Council meeting in selecting officers for the next TM-year (also called “the transition year”) we will need to elect one District Governor and four Lieutenant Governors to serve our members and clubs. During the transition year there will be a LGET and LGM team to serve roughly half our clubs and another LGET and LGM team serving the other half. There is likely to be two times the number of opportunities to volunteer to serve on district committees. [Note: TI only allows two sets LGMs/LGETs for districts during the transition year prior to re-formation.]

### **Q: What decisions have already been made?**

A: Having received approval to proceed with planning for re-formation, D27 Governor tasked the D27 Alignment & Transition Committee (ATC) with a dual focus to consider the 2010-2011 alignment of clubs and the longer term transition for re-formation of the District. TI Executive Director gave the Go-Ahead for District 27 to proceed with the formal needs assessment and transition planning to re-form into two districts to be effective July 1, 2011. Interim report sent Dec 21, 2009 described a feasible option for review by the TI Executive Committee and Board of Directors during their February 2010 meetings.

### **Q: How does “re-alignment” relate to “re-formation”?**

A: Consistent with TI policies and by-laws, the District 27 Council annually determines the alignment of clubs. Ten Divisions are expected to serve the needs of District 27 thru June 2011. Re-alignment of clubs and re-formation of the District is being addressed this year to continue to serve the needs of our members and volunteer leaders. We do not envision the creation of any new Divisions or addition of Areas. There may be a need for minor changes in alignment of new clubs added throughout the current and next year, along with some adjustments of boundaries between Divisions. Only TI's Board of Directors Executive Committee may approve re-formation of districts from existing districts, and that would be done consistent with the recommendations of the District 27 Council.

### **Q: How would the split be determined?**

A: Based on the current location of clubs and constraints attributable to geography and transportation, any viable proposed split of District 27 would most likely be an East-West split with the only question being where to make the boundary delineation. Each of these two newly formed districts would start the July 2010 Transition year with at least 100 clubs, consistent with TI objectives for growth potential and sustainability. Moreover, each new district would draw from a population base such that there are over 30,000 people for each club in the new districts.

### **Q: What will happen in the near term?**

A: During January - April 2010, District 27 will refine our needs assessment and our analyses of re-formation options. Final recommendations will be made to the District Council for review and approval on May 8, 2010.

### **Q: How would District “re-formation” affect my club?**

A: Most likely you'll see an increase in service because it would be in a geographically smaller district with fewer clubs. District events, such as TLIs and conferences, would on average be closer to where your clubs meet.

### **Q: Which newly-formed District would my club be in?**

A: TI assigns clubs to districts in which the club physically meets. In general, clubs meeting in Divisions A/B/C/D/E/J boundaries would be in D27-East. Clubs meeting in Divisions F/G/H/I would be in D27-West. Proposal G would only alter that for clubs in Areas B5/B6; putting them in D27-West. Assignment of clubs that meet in more than one location would be based on the club's mailing address if meeting location is not specified.

### **Q: Which newly-formed District would I be in?**

A: Independent of residence, your affiliation with TI is determined by your membership in club(s). Members of more than one club could potentially be a member of both newly-formed districts. Individuals may join clubs and attend TLIs, contests, and conferences in any district.

### **Q: Where do members go to learn more?**

A: District 27 will inform all members via multiple modes of communication: meetings, newsletters, and online media. Planning and options for re-alignment and re-formation, are posted on the ATC web site <http://d27tm.bravocg.com> that supports the ATC's collaborative processes of sharing information by displaying draft proposals, maps, statistics, and analysis. Relevant projects, committee reports, proposals and recommendations are available for review.