

A Reflection on the Division Governor Role

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A few years ago, during my 4th year in Toastmasters, I decided to make a conscious effort to discover for myself what else I could get out of Toastmasters. I suppose I was compelled by the belief that an opportunity existed to develop other skills. Up until that time, I was involved solely with my club and seemed content to carry on down the communication track. Looking back, I am truly grateful that I allowed my curiosity to get the better of me.

My curiosity led me to the role of Area Governor and later another leadership role on a fall conference committee. All of this served as a springboard for my current role as Division C Governor 2003/2004. The role of a Division Governor is large, somewhat abstract and extremely rewarding. But what is most noteworthy about the Division Governor position is that it provides a platform on which one can develop a whole new set of skills.

As Division Governor I have developed skills as a source of knowledge and information. I have become well versed in the art of motivation and I have learned how to delegate important duties, and play to the strengths of my team members. But the most important skill I have developed is the skill of how to trust yourself and the people around you. In essence, being skilled in this area creates an undeniable belief that you have made a strong choice, the result of which directly affects the outcome of what you are trying to achieve.

As my term quickly comes to a close, I have come to realize that there are many great Toastmasters in District 42 that, like me in my past, are wondering what else they can get out of Toastmasters. Perhaps you are one of them? My challenge to you is to let your curiosity compel you and look beyond your club. Create a list for yourself of new or other skills you want to develop. I know for a fact that positions and roles exist beyond your club within the Toastmasters organization that provide that platform on which to develop those skills. Are you up for it?

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