

# Section VI B 6

Toastmasters International  
***POLICIES AND PROCEDURES***

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## **ROLE OF PAST LEADERS WITHIN DISTRICTS**

The intent of this policy bulletin is to provide guidance on the role within districts of past district and International leaders.

Toastmasters International districts have benefited greatly from the dedication and support of Past International Presidents, Past International Directors, past district governors, and other past leaders. Although current district officers are responsible for district operations and achieving district goals, past district and International leaders can provide invaluable support while working under the direction of the district governor.

Examples of supporting the district would include:

- helping to achieve distinguished district status
- acting as an advisor or mentor
- providing encouragement to district officers
- removing roadblocks and barriers to district success
- offering support during district meetings
- encouraging district leaders to change district culture when those changes are designed to achieve the district mission
- being available as a resource for district officers
- serving under the direction of the district governor
- encouraging strong members to take leadership positions
- chairing district committees

Examples of not supporting the districts would include:

- interfering in district affairs
- disrupting district meetings
- supporting traditions that do not achieve the district mission

Past district governors committees in districts can be a valuable resource. If formed, a past district governors committee shall meet and work in support of the district and its officers, and may not engage in district political activity. The past district governors committee shall meet and work under the direction of the district governor and may only work on tasks assigned by the district governor.