

District Transition Committee Report – District 50

2025-26 Existing District Numbers: 50, 43 (Division B only)

2026-27 Realigned District Number: 50 (adding Ozarks Division)

1. Technology & Websites

To Be: Since we are only adding a single Division, they will be integrated into the current D50 platform.

2. Finance & Assets

To Be: Recommend that D50 consider budget allocations for the considerable incremental geographical boundaries.

3. District Operating Procedures

No changes recommended.

4. Recognition Programs & Incentives

As is: The D43 Namon Harris Award is not awarded annually, but is awarded to a Toastmaster who has served the District in a noteworthy manner.

D50 has a similar award called the RISE Award.

To Be: Since “Namon Harris” has no brand value outside of the incoming Ozarks Division, we suggest that the incoming Trio consider continuing with the RISE Award.

5. Public Relations & Communications

As Is: D43 has weekly sessions called, “Members Matter” when the District uses that time for impromptu Educational sessions that range from Pathways, to the Dashboard, to member requested topics. D50 typically breaks those topics out and hosts different topics along different cadences.

To Be: Recommend that D50 consider consolidating the different topics into a single “Members Matter” brand, hosted by the various subject matter experts. The new Trio can decide if weekly is too frequent and choose a different cadence, but the consolidated branding should be easier to market.

6. **District Events**

As Is: Most events take place either virtually or in the Dallas metropolitan area.

To Be: D50 should strongly consider rotating the Spring Conference between Dallas, Shreveport, and Little Rock/Hot Springs.

7. **Club & District Leadership Training**

As Is: D50 uses a mix of in-person and virtual formats.

To Be: Until on demand becomes available, D50 should continue with no changes.

8. **Other**

On 4/30/2026, D50 held its Alignment & Election meeting. District leaders were elected including the incoming Ozark Division Director. D50 then held its Spring Conference 5/1-2/2026. An offer was made for the incoming Ozark Division members that if they came all the way to Dallas, we would pay for their conference fees. Approximately 10 members took us up on that offer and fully participated in the conference. We had future Ozark member and Group 5 representative for D43, Willie Johnson as our Saturday night keynote speaker. Future Spring Conference Chairs should carefully consider both Keynotes and Ed Session leads to be inclusive of the incoming Ozark Division.