

District 103 Toastmasters Annual Hybrid Conference
Speakers Request for Proposals (RFP)

About the Conference

The 2026 District 103 Toastmasters Annual Hybrid Conference will be held on **April 24-25, 2026**, at the Chicago Marriott Midway. District leaders and conference organizers are working to create a conference that will be motivational and educational as well as fun. This year's conference theme will be "**Mic Drop: Take A Bow Going Bigger, Bolder & Beyond.**"

The **District 103 Toastmasters Annual Hybrid Conference** will give club members a unique opportunity to share knowledge and learn new skills as we grow together in leadership. We invite **you** to submit a proposal for a **45-minute session** you would like to present, that will allow you to share **your** knowledge and empower the members of District 103.

Submission Information

Deadline for Submission: February 21, 2026

Notification Date: March 10, 2026

Method to Submit: Via Google Form submission click on link:

<https://bit.ly/4pQ6DE3>

Eligibility: Members in good standing in District 103.

Please Note: Toastmasters International contest rules state that presenters of workshops and education sessions are ineligible to compete in any contest at the event at which they are presenting.

Educational Tracks: Please align your topic and proposal with one of the following educational tracks.

1. **Leadership & Influence** – Inspire others to lead with purpose, empathy, and vision.
2. **Communication & Connection** – Teach mastery of speaking, storytelling, and influence.
3. **Personal Growth & Resilience** – Share strategies for mindfulness, confidence, and lifelong learning.
4. **AI & Future Skills** – Prepare participants to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.
5. **Creativity & Innovation** – Turn every meeting, open house, and drive into a fun, unforgettable experience!
6. **Power of Mentorship & Growth** – Highlights: Guidance from experienced Toastmasters to help members grow and succeed.

Track 1: Leadership & Influence

Definition of “Leadership & Influence”

Inspire others to lead with purpose, empathy, and vision through communication that creates trust, connection, and impact.

Track 1 Description

We are looking for a presenter who understands that leadership is not defined by title and is demonstrated through influence and action. This session should equip Toastmasters with practical tools to lead with confidence, strengthen credibility, and expand influence throughout their Toastmasters experience and professional journey.

This session can be presented as a seminar, a workshop, a panel discussion, a town hall, or a round table. **(See descriptions below)**

Track 2: Communication & Connection

Definition of “Communication & Connection”

Teach mastery of speaking, storytelling, and influence through authentic, audience-centered communication.

Track 2 Description:

We are looking for a presenter who understands that powerful communication builds connection, credibility, and impact. This session should provide Toastmasters with practical tools to strengthen speaking before an audience, storytelling, and audience engagement for club roles and professional conversations.

This session can be presented as a seminar, a workshop, a panel discussion, a town hall, or a round table. **(See descriptions below)**

Track 3: Personal Growth & Resilience

Definition of “Personal Growth & Resilience”

Learn strategies for mindfulness, confidence, and lifelong learning to grow as a Toastmaster and leader.

Track 3 Description

We are looking for a presenter who can inspire Toastmasters to build personal growth and resilience, strengthening confidence, presence, and leadership effectiveness. This session should provide practical tools for navigating club challenges, embracing change, and sustaining momentum in Pathways, club roles, contests, and professional development, all while fostering lifelong learning.

This session can be presented as a seminar, a workshop, a panel discussion, a town hall, or a round table. **(See descriptions below)**

Track 4: AI & Future Skills

Definition of a “AI & Future Skills”

Prepare participants to thrive in a rapidly evolving world by developing the knowledge and skills needed for emerging technologies and future opportunities.

Track 4 Description

We are looking for a presenter who has expertise in emerging technologies, AI, and future-focused skills. This session should provide Toastmasters with practical strategies to adapt, innovate, and stay ahead in their professional journey while leveraging technology to enhance communication, collaboration, and leadership.

This session can be presented as a seminar, a workshop, a panel discussion, a town hall, or a round table. (See descriptions below)

Track 5: Creativity & Innovation

Definition of “Creativity & Innovation”

Turn every meeting, open house, membership drive, or educational event into a fun, engaging, and unforgettable experience.

Track 5 Description

We are looking for a speaker who can inspire Toastmasters to bring creativity and innovation into their clubs, sharing practical ideas for fun meetings, engaging open houses, membership drives, and educational events. Attendees will leave motivated with strategies they can implement immediately to energize their clubs.

This session can be presented as a seminar, a workshop, a panel discussion, a town hall, or a round table. (See descriptions below)

Track 6: Power of Mentorship

Definition of “Power of Mentorship”

Mentorship is the guidance, support, and encouragement provided by an experienced member to help others grow, learn, and achieve their goals within Toastmasters.

Track 6 Description

We are looking for a speaker with experience mentoring club members to share strategies for running an effective mentorship program, attracting and retaining members, and inspiring action attendees can implement in their clubs. This session will highlight the benefits of consistent mentoring and provide practical tips

This session can be presented as a seminar, a workshop, a panel discussion, a town hall, or a round table. (See descriptions below)

Session Format

Presenters are encouraged to consider a variety of session formats:

- **Seminar:** A traditional, informational “breakout” session.
- **Workshop:** A session that focuses on an interactive, skills-based outcome.
- **Panel Discussion:** Multiple speakers present different views on an identified subject.
- **Town Hall:** A moderated, community discussion on an identified topic.
- **Round Table:** Small groups around the room share ideas and strategies on an identified topic and report back to the moderator.

Schedule Information

Sessions will be 45 minutes in length, which includes 5 minutes for introduction, and 5 minutes for the session facilitator to wrap up. Please plan no more than 30 minutes of material, including Q & A, to ensure that the session maintains the established schedule. Sessions will not be allowed to run past the scheduled end time.

Selection Process

Presentations will be selected using the following criteria:

- Topics that are suggested and / are relevant to one of the conference Educational Tracks.
- Topics that reflect Toastmaster International objectives and traditions.
- Proposals with clearly stated objectives, learning opportunities and takeaways.
- Proposals that outline strategies for effective implementation and application of information.
- Proposals that reflect novel session formats.
- Presentations that will encourage active learning strategies.
- Presentations that will encourage innovative learning and creative thinking strategies.
- Presentations that will identify best practices, tested strategies and / or relevant research for applying new skills.
- Presenters with strong qualifications, extensive Toastmasters experience, and / or high levels of achievement.