This is a step by step guide to familiarize yourself with the necessary steps of the role as the Toastmaster of the Evening. At first sight it seems complicated, but **to be honest, it's really really simple**.

The main duties of the Toastmaster are to coordinate and conduct the entire meeting, introduce participants, and act as a genial host. The Toastmaster sets the tone for the meeting.

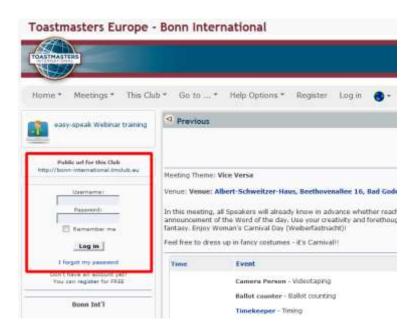
Usually this task will not be assigned to you until you are familiar with the Club and its procedures.

Serving as Toastmaster is an excellent way to practice planning, preparation, organization, time management, facilitation, motivation, and team-building skills as you strive to make the meeting one of the club's best.

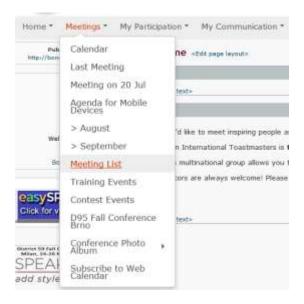
The Take-Over

Ideally 2 to 3 weeks before the meeting take over the role as the Toastmaster of the Evening. So you can do every step described here in peace. If you take the role on a very short term, you will have to skip a few steps, since there is not enough time for it.

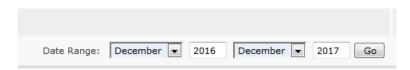
To do this you have to login to easySpeak: http://tmclub.eu/view_agenda.php?t=65860 or go to http://bonn-international-toastmasters.de/easy



After you logged in, go to Meetings -> Meeting List



Choose a Date range and click on "Go"



The result is a list, displaying which roles are already assigned. Choose a date where the role of the Toastmasters has not been assigned in the left column and confirm that you participate in the meeting by clicking on the green thumb.



Now click on the green thumb besides "Toastmaster" and you are done ;-)



Hereafter the page reloads and appears a bit different, but don't worry AND don't be confused by all the dropdown menus. Usually you don't assign roles because all roles are taken by the participants themselves and the speakers are assigned by the VP Education.



First of all you should appoint the Meeting Theme

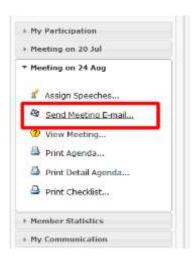
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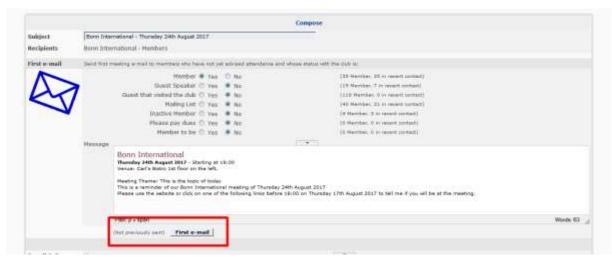
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- insert the meetings topic you want
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- hit save on the right side of the page

The Take-Over is done.

One week before the Meeting (optional)

Send the first invitation to all members using easySpeak. Write creatively to motivate members to appear, announce e.g. an interesting speech or special guests.





Ensure that all important roles are filled, in particular speakers, evaluators and Impromptu speeches moderator.

It is possible to assign open roles even in the evening but very much more elegant (especially from the point of view of the guests!) is it, when you motivate the participants in advance to take a role.

Prior to the Meeting

Communicate with all speakers in advance to remind them that they are scheduled to speak.

Prepare remarks to bridge the gaps between program sections.

Remember that serving as Toastmaster is one of the most valuable experiences in your club work. The assignment requires careful preparation to facilitate a well-run meeting.

Print ONE Copy of the "Detailed Agenda" for your personal use and 15 - 20 more copies of usual "Agenda" for the members and guests.



Upon Arrival at the Meeting

- Arrive early to complete any last-minute details and fill empty roles.
- Check with the speakers to address any last-minute changes.
- Sit near the front of the room and ask that speakers do the same for quick and easy access to the lectern.

During the Meeting

Preside with sincerity, energy, enthusiasm, and decisiveness.

Strive to begin and end the meeting on time. You may have to make adjustments to the schedule during the meeting to accomplish this task. Ensure each part of the meeting adheres to the established schedule.

Lead the applause before and after the Table Topics session, each prepared speech, and the General Evaluator's remarks.

Introduce each speaker very shortly and hand over to their evaluator. After your introduction, remain near. Once the speaker takes their place, return to your seat.

Introduce the General Evaluator as you would any speaker.

Introduce the Topicsmaster.

At the conclusion of the speaking portion of the program, request the timer's report.

Present awards.

Hand over to the president who closes the meeting.

After Meeting

After the meeting you have to close it. To do this login to System.

Add or delete Members who (did not) attend and click on save.



Choose the winners by using the Dropdown Menues, add Table Topics Speaker and edit all Roles.

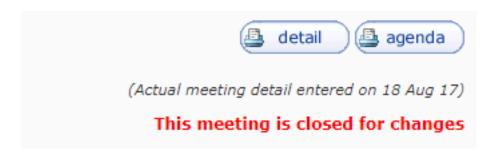


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Control everything. Then click "close".





That was easy – wasn't it.