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Making the Most of Toastmasters

**Visual Aids and Props, from the
Toastmasters International website**

- **Diagrams, graphs and charts** should always coincide with what is being said in the speech. Always stand to the side of a diagram, graph or chart while facing the audience.
- **Maps** should be simple and easy to understand, with key places or points clearly plotted or marked.
- **PowerPoint slides** should present main points as short sentences and bullet points and should never be read verbatim by the speaker or presenter.
- **Lists** should be kept to a minimum. Five or six listed items are usually enough.
- **Handouts** should be passed out to an audience before or after a presentation to avoid wasting time and causing a distraction.
- **Photographs or sketches** can be powerful visual aids as long as a speaker maintains consistency between what is being said and what is being shown.
- **Physical objects and props** should not be too large or too small, nor too few or too many. They should always be relevant to the presentation or speech and should always be checked prior to taking the stage to make sure they are working properly.

What's a DCP

A primary objective of Toastmasters clubs is to provide the best possible experience so that members can achieve their personal communication and leadership goals. The Distinguished Club Program (DCP) was developed to help clubs provide that experience and track their success. To qualify for the DCP, a club must be in good standing and have a minimum number of members.

The DCP consists of 10 goals in four key areas: 1) Education [6 goals tied to education awards]; 2) Membership [2 goals based on adding new members]; 3) Training [1 goal based on officer training]; and 4) Administration [1 goal for on-time submittal of dues and the new officer list].

There are three Distinguished Club levels: 5 goals = Distinguished; 7 goals = Select Distinguished; and 9 goals = President's Distinguished.

We can all be proud of the DBEDT for Business Club. Since we were chartered in September, 2005, we have been at least Distinguished 8 out of 10 years. We didn't make it the first year, which is not surprising since we were all just starting out on the education track. And we didn't make it last year because we were short a few members to qualify.

We were President's Distinguished 5 years!

The club officers recently completed the Club Success Plan to guide the club to becoming President's Distinguished again this year by providing members the best possible experience. It's available under Member Downloads on the website: <http://dbedtforbusiness.toastmastersclubs.org/>.

Podium vs Lectern

Aren't they just different names for the same thing? Turns out the answer is NO. There are many definitions available, but the simplest is:



You stand ON the podium

You stand BEHIND the lectern



In Toastmasters, we often do both when the lectern is placed on a raised platform or stage.