

Running for District Office

Q. Why run for a District Office position?

A. If you want to learn more about Key Club, gain valuable experience, and meet new friends...this is the way to do it! Serving on the I-I District Board will immerse you in Key Club as you help make decisions for Regional Training Conferences and District Convention. Your main job as a member of the District Board is to make the clubs of the I-I District stronger.

Q. What positions are there? How do I run for the office I want?

A. There are TONS of different offices you can run for on the District Board. Let's take a look at them more specifically:

***Lieutenant Governor**– Each division has a Lieutenant Governor (LTG). This person is responsible for helping the clubs in their division. Their job is to bring information from the district and international levels of Key Club and bring it to their clubs. As LTG, you would attend three board meetings a year, publish a monthly newsletter, and submit monthly reports. LTGs are installed at Sunday on District Convention and hold their office until District Convention the next year. How do I become Lt. Governor? Sometime in December or January, your current Lieutenant Governor will hold a divisional meeting at which you can run for LTG. You will give a short speech and two delegates from each club will vote. If you are interested in running for Lieutenant Governor, please contact your Lieutenant Governor. How? Try this link: <http://www.iikeyclub.org/ltgboard.html>.

***Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Statistical Secretary**– Although these offices vary widely, they do have one thing in common...you run for them at District Convention! These four positions are elected by the House of Delegates at District Convention each spring and serve until the next District Convention. How do I become Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, or Statistical Secretary? In February, the I-I District website (www.iikeyclub.org) will have all forms necessary for you to fill out to be considered a candidate (this includes the candidate biography and literature that goes into the District Convention program) You will be required to give one speech in front of the entire convention and also give speeches and answer questions in five different caucus rooms a total of two times. Then, on Saturday afternoon of District Convention, the House of Delegates (two voting delegates from each club) will elect the officers for the next year. Want to know more about these very demanding positions? Talk to the people current holding the positions by contacting them here: <http://www.iikeyclub.org/execboard.html>

***Iolian Editor**– The Iolian Editor is in charge of collecting and writing articles for the I-I District's Official Publication– The Iolian. He/she also serves as the Chair of the Public Relations Committee (made up of District Board members). How do I become Iolian Editor? In February, the I-I District website (iikeyclub.org) will have an application for the position of Iolian Editor. Fill them out and return them by the deadline and you will find out on Sunday morning of District Convention if you have been chosen for the role of Iolian Editor. Want to know more about the position of Iolian Editor? Talk to 2009-2010 Iolian Editor Tanner Oetjen at editor@iidistrict.org.

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*** District Project Chair, New Club Building and Reactivation Chair, and Technology Chair**– These positions are slightly different from the others. They are not elected, and you do not get installed at District Convention. How do I apply for one of these positions? Shortly after District Convention, the new District Governor will send out an application for these positions and you have to tell why you would be a good fit. *Note:* You may hold an elected position and an appointed position. Not two elected! (Example: You are District Project Chair AND Club President...that is okay, but make sure you can handle it!). Want to know more? Contact the people currently holding these offices at: <http://www.iikeyclub.org/execboard.html>.

Please note: All members of the District Board are responsible for attending board meetings and serving on committees.

Q. How can I prepare? Have any tips?

A. HERE ARE OUR TOP 10 TIPS!

1. **Find out as much as you can about the position you want to run for!** Ask the person currently holding it, read their newsletters, and check out Key Club websites.
2. **Know a LOT about Key Club.** No matter your position, you need to either know the answers to questions or know where to find them. Read up on Key Club on the websites, in the District Guide, and through newsletters.
3. **Get some experience!** Whether serving as Club President or Freshman Representative, a little bit of club experience will not only give you something to pad your resume, but it will more importantly allow you the chance to see what makes a Key Club work.
4. **Attend Key Club functions!** Go to as many events outside of your home club as possible! These could include Divisional Council Meetings (DCMs), interclubs with neighboring Key Clubs, District Convention (DCON) in the spring, and International Convention (ICON) in the summer.
5. **Make sure you have support!** It really helps if your parents and home club are on your side. Let them know why this position is important to you.
6. **Practice your public speaking!** Talking in front of people becomes easier if you practice...and we don't just mean your election speeches! Speak every chance you get and you should get more comfortable with it.
7. **Be confident!** You are so brave for even wanting to run...don't forget that!
8. **Ask questions!** There are no stupid questions. If you have one, do not be afraid to ask. We would be more than happy to help you. This will help you become more prepared!
9. **Be in it for the right reasons.** Make sure you really understand the position and want to help Key Club before you take on a position. While it's a lot of fun, your position will come with even more work. Be prepared for this.
10. **Have FUN!** Running for office is an experience you will never forget, so make the most of it!

Thank you for attending our forum! If you have questions, do not be afraid to ask. The I-I District Board is always here to help you. If you are unable to reach your Lieutenant Governor, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Governor Blaire.

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