

Grammarian Role

This role provides an opportunity to improve your listening skills. As Grammarian you are responsible for monitoring the use of language: incorrect grammar, use of the Word of the Day, and the number of filler words used. No one in attendance is exempt from being evaluated!

Here's how to succeed as Grammarian:

- Before the meeting:
 - Review the agenda. Fill in the names of the roles you know ahead of time onto the Grammarian Report Form.
 - Choose a Word of the Day. Try to pick a word that relates to the theme of the meeting.
 - For in person meeting: Have the Word of the Day with definition and use in a sentence printed out to display at the meeting, both front and back.
 - On Zoom, be sure to provide the word, definition and use to the Zoom host hours before hand so the word can be presented at the meeting. If you are not sure about the Host, ask the President.
- During the meeting: The Toastmaster will call on you to explain your role. This is for the benefit of members and guests. Here's what you should say:
 - Explain what you will be doing: For instance: "As grammarian I will be listening for filler words, like 'ah', 'um', 'er', 'so', and 'and' that as Toastmasters we work to avoid. I also will be listening for incorrect grammar and interesting phrases. Also, I will be listening for use of the Word of the Day, which is.... [say word, meaning and use in a sentence]"
 - Record what you hear using the Grammarian Report as your guide. If a speaker uses more than five instances of a filler word, do not give the exact amount. The purpose is to bring the use of the filler words to the attention of the speaker, not to embarrass them.
 - Give the Grammarian report when called on by the General Evaluator. Offer correct usage of any inappropriately used words.
- After the Meeting, give the completed report to the Secretary. For Zoom meetings, email a picture or scan of the report to the Secretary.

Serving in this role will help you with your listening skills and make you more aware of your own speech usage.