



Club Leaders Townhall Questions

The Stoa Board would like to invite all club leaders to the NITOC 2024 Club Leaders' Social! Come join us! Whether you are a club leader to hundreds of students or just one, a previous club leader, or a potential club leader, we would love to see you there!

Here are some questions we would like to consider before our sharing session that evening. Please also send any other questions you have to janice@stoausa.org.

Club Organization:

1. What kind of parental involvement do you require? How do you convey any such requirements to your club members?
2. How often and for how long do you meet? Is this schedule effective for your club?
3. Do you have a juniors program? Why or why not?
4. How do you organize your regular Speech meetings?
5. How do you organize your regular Debate meetings?
6. Does your club focus on particular speech events? If so, why? How do you accomplish your goals in that particular event?
7. Does our club host social events for members? If so, what are some of your favorites?

Club Leadership:

1. How is the leadership of your club organized? Give some reasons why you feel this is an effective structure.
2. What roles do you have for upperclassmen? Do you have team captains? Are the roles codified? Do you have a leadership training program?
3. What are the costs involved in running your club? Do you do fundraisers? Is cost a major factor or concern for club members or people looking to join your club?

4. What are some of the biggest challenges you face as a club leader?
5. What strategies do you use to keep members motivated and engaged throughout the year?
6. How do you ensure continuity and smooth transitions in your leadership team from year to year?
7. What steps do you take to promote a positive and Godly club culture?
8. How do you address burnout or fatigue among club leaders or members?
9. How do you handle recruitment and retention of members, especially during periods of transition or change?
10. How do you engage with the wider Stoa community or other speech and debate clubs?
11. How do you handle conflicts or disagreements among club members or between members and leadership?

Coaching Specific Events:

1. How do you coach Mars Hill?
2. What resources do you use to train your debate coaches?
3. How do you coach Apologetics?
4. How do you encourage your parents to be involved as coaches?
5. What is the coaching structure within your club?

Training:

1. What resources or outside training material do you use?
2. Do you develop your own training resources?
3. How do you stay updated on best practices and new developments in speech and debate coaching?

Needs:

1. What support do you need from Stoa to address the challenges faced by the club?
2. Have you encountered any difficulties in securing funding or resources for the club, and if so, how have you addressed them?
3. What specific needs does your club have that you are having difficulty meeting?