

Grammarian

The responsibilities of the grammarian are to introduce new words to members, comment on the language used during the course of the meeting, and to provide examples of good grammar and word usage.

The grammarian also counts ums, ahs and filler words and reports their findings

Before the meeting

Choose a Word of the Day and add it to Easy Speak. The goal is to introduce new words that members could use during the course of the meeting. Adjectives tend to be the easiest to incorporate into speech, followed by verbs and lastly nouns.

Coordinate with the Chair in selecting the meeting theme. A word of the day to compliment the theme is a great way to incorporate the theme into the meeting.

Ask the General Evaluator for any advice or recommendations for evaluating language use and feedback.

Create a visual aid for the word of the day. Have the word, definition and usage sample on a piece of standard letter paper (horizontal orientation) for the lecturn.

Upon arrival at the meeting

Place the visual aid at the front of the room for everyone to see. A standard letter size sheet will fit directly onto the podium

During the meeting

Describe the role of the Grammarian

Present the Word of the Day when called upon by the **Chair**.

"This evenings word of the day is _____.

It is defined as... / It means... / It's definition is...

Use it in a sentence

When we hear the word of the day we will.... (typically knock on the table / snap fingers / something interesting)"

Record the use of ums, ahs and filler words

Listen for good or interesting use of language and **record** the instances in the grammarian's log

Listen for uses of the Word of the Day and **record** who used it

Report your findings at the end of the meeting when called upon by the **General Evaluator**

Grammarian Worksheet

Word of the Day

Goal

Grammarians Log

Role	Ums & Ahs	Filler (so/like)	WotD	Language Use
Sgt. At Arms				
Chair				
Toast				
Jokemaster				
Timer				
Grammarian				
Toastmaster				
Topicmaster				
General Evaluator				
Miscellaneous				

Speakers	Ums & Ahs	Filler	WotD	Language Use
1				
2				
3				
4				

Table Topics									
Speaker	U&H	Filler	WotD	Language	Speaker	U&H	Filler	WotD	Language
01					13				
02					14				
03					15				
04					16				
05					17				
06					18				
07					19				
08					20				
09					21				
10					22				
11					23				
12					24				

Evaluators	Ums & Ahs	Filler	WotD	Language Use
1				
2				
3				
4				