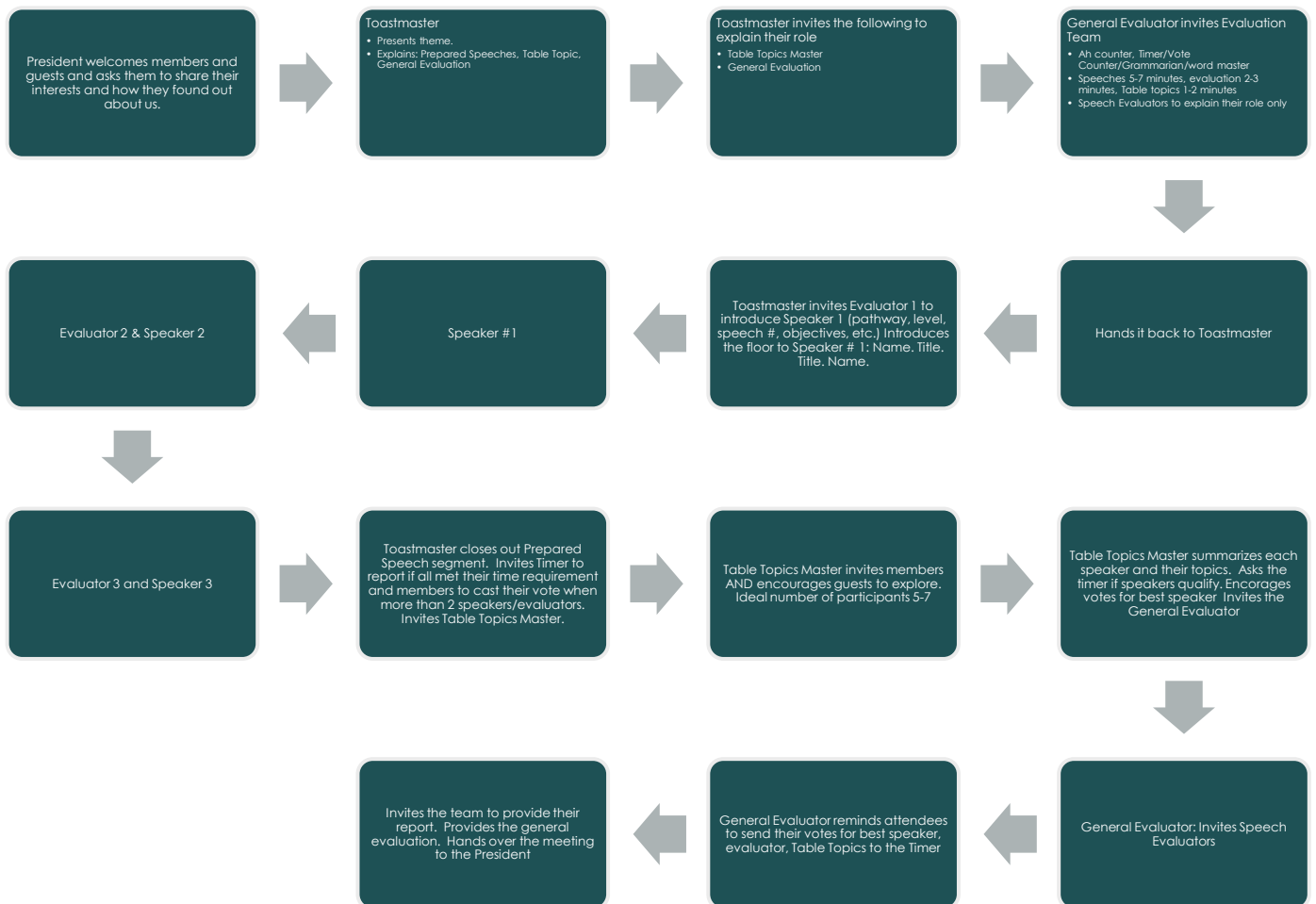


When you are the Ah-Counter

1. You record the number of times a speaker (everyone who speaks from the time AAA opens the meeting) used ah, um, or other filler words.
2. You report such usage by each speaker (more than 5 time, 10 times, a speaker's favorite filler word) when called upon.

Flow Chart



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The purpose of the Ah-Counter is to note unnecessary words and sounds used by members who speak during the meeting. Words or phrases that may be used inappropriately or unnecessarily include *and, well, but, so, and you know*. Sounds may include *ah, um, and er*. Serving in the Ah-Counter role provides an excellent opportunity to practice listening skills.

Prior to the Meeting

- ▶ Prepare a brief explanation of the duties of the Ah-Counter for the benefit of guests.

Upon Arrival at the Meeting

- ▶ Be prepared to take notes as people speak during the meeting. You may need to use the Ah-Counter's log provided by your club. Collect it from the sergeant at arms.

During the Meeting

- ▶ When introduced, explain the role of the Ah-Counter.
- ▶ Throughout the meeting, listen to speakers and note unnecessary words, sounds, and pauses. Tally the sounds or words each person uses throughout the meeting.
- ▶ When called on by the General Evaluator during the evaluation section, you may stand near your chair and give your report.
- ▶ The responsibilities of the Ah-Counter conclude with the meeting.

At the conclusion

Your duties end.

Resources

None.