



District 74
September 2025
District council
Meeting

Division Director Reports

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Division Director Report *(September 2025 Council)*

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Amplify

Division Director Name:

Sakhile Mazibia

Date Submitted

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

A1, 3 out of 4 clubs added new members, we over 46 % ,Total 15 new members, Greenspeakers really amplified success. A2, all the 4 clubs have started adding new members total 7 new members in the area with sass energy leading with 4 new members. A3 Only 1 club added new members, i.e., Absa breakfast 14 new members. A4 Clubs have started adding new members, Alberton added 7 members total for the area is 12. The division has added 48 members progressing steadily above 25%. We hope the membership drive will reach full strength

Division Team:

Nicola Mathieson, Carmelita Kruger, Moeketsi Nthombeni, Fortune Radebe

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

Council WhatsApp, Mon and Frid , 1:1 when there is an escalation

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

All the ADs working on new clubs. Absa(Following up), Mutualite (first meeting was had), Gibbs(waiting for leaders at GIBBS to share availability for first meeting to to take place), Potc University (work will start Sept)

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

We had a plan to host an in person membership drive with our assistant CGD to leverage the leads list and practice our conversion pitch ,However we considering pursue online after conducting a needs survey with the council (Presidents, VPE , VPM & AD).

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

COTi R2 Planned for 29 November. Venue has been booked (GreenSpeakers) and we in a process of reaching out to the trainers and finalist agenda and budget (refreshments)

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

A1 has seasoned toastmasters who have become complacent clubs like Egoli, CIS would benefit from coaching. A2 WBS,LAvenir & Sasol and A3 made up of corporate clubs doing very well in terms of membership strength and A4 Standard bank would benefit from coaching

Area Success Stories:

AD's are committed, focussed and really catalyst of success in their areas. This shines through their output, they have managed to build rapport with their council. Over 70 percent club visits conducted and reports completed and 100 percent officer training and some clubs achieving 100 percent officer training attendance.

Other information / Comments

None for now, If we can get the budget approved for our COT, Thank you

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Division Director Report *(September 2025 Council)*

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Division:

B

Division Director Name:

Willene Venter

Date Submitted

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

The goal for the Division is: to have two new clubs overall, to have all present Clubs up to Distinguished Status, Select and President is desired but I feel with the present Clubs the goal of Distinguished is a fair goal. To reach this, I am working with my Area Directors to identify those clubs who need a helping hand to cross the lines. This includes meeting with Exco's, attending meetings monthly to assess the ability of the Exco's to deliver a quality meeting, addressing issues, for example, dues right at the source with the Treasurer's and finding solutions. One the new club front, one club is already in the process with the continued help of the Area Director B1 to get it up and running. Another club is in the process of putting the feet in the water in B4. We are looking to have an initial meeting with all interested parties. A possible 3rd club B3 is in discussion with the corporate who has to give the green light.

Division Team:

Area Directors, B1 Peter Ahmad; B2 Carol-Ann Savosnick; B3 Gerald Pietersen; B4 Anelisiswe Zumana;
PR Co-ordinator Ngobile Qupe

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

Weekly WhatsApp Contact both Monday and Friday to keep abreast of officers trained and all due dates alongside a monthly Zoom Meeting to discuss any other issues that have arisen. Response has been very good, information is shared immediately thus eliminating the need of any back and forth, when anything is not understood it is cleared up within same day. WhatsApp is also not abused with endless posts. Coti info is shared, dates are shared and any questions arising are addressed.

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

B1 Santam is in the process of being chartered. It is in the capable hands of B1 Area Director Peter Ahmad who is hands on in the project alongside Moddy Kwaaiman. At this stage it has been already brought under Viv Boddy's attention and she is aware of what is happening. If any other help is needed to fast track the process, the Club Growth Director will be notified immediately. B4 is in the process with Walter Sisulu University, there is definite interest and the University is now looking at the funding while they have demo meetings. B3 A corporate club is in the pipeline via a business called Lumitech. This is in the discussion stage at this point and it has been also brought under Viv Boddy's attention.

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

The Initiative from 1 July was for all clubs to be encouraged to invoice their members immediately and to keep members aware of renewals consistently, thus helping members prioritize part payment and lessening the burden of a once off. This has worked well. Payments are already coming in which is very encouraging as well as Area Directors are reminding the clubs of this.

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

Each Area has submitted their budgets already towards the contests. There is already 3 Areas who will be hosting Contests. These will occur before 1st week of March with Division Contest preliminary listed for Cape Town, either 14 March 2026 or 21 March 2026 to allow winners ample time to practice at club meetings before the District Contest. Budget has also already been prepared for Division Contest and submitted. The Division B Contest team will be the Area Directors Peter Ahmad, Carol-Ann Savosnick and will be assisted by the Division C Director Lorna Holtman with regards extra judges and logistics.

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

Each of the 4 areas have 1 to 2 clubs who are fragile. The Area Director of each are very aware to be proactive with regards to each item due from these clubs. At present they are engaging with the exco's and once any hitch is identified, I am brought in to it and we find a solution between the entire Division group. Two clubs specifically, Stellenbosch in B2 and Komani B4 are having issues which relate to not having a full compliment of Exco members as they are rebuilding. In both of these cases the Area Directors are working with the Club Coach of each of these to strategize attracting new members and finding new officers. An issue has arisen at B3 Atlantic Toastmasters, where a lack of financial savvy as well as inexperienced officers has led to the club not having its own bank account. This was discussed with myself, and I was able to bring in the expertise of Glenis Whitehead and Marlene van Wyk both experienced Treasurer's to give them expert advise and guidance. In each instance, working alongside Club Coaches and the Area Directors, answers are found. Should none of us have solutions, this is taken to District.

Area Success Stories:

B1 has all 4 proxies and Club Success Plans submitted well in advance alongside at least 4 club officers trained in all clubs, B2 has all proxies done with submission of one success plan and 2 more in the process and at least 4 officers trained in all 4 clubs with 1 club having all 7 officers trained, B3 has 75 % of proxies completed with 50% Success Plans submitted and 75% of the clubs with 4 officers trained per club, 2 of which has 7 out of 7, B4 has all proxies done, 3 success plans submitted has 75% of clubs at least 4 officers trained, 1 of which has 7 out of 7 trained. The Areas are working hard and I feel all 4 are a success story in itself.

Other information / Comments

I am very aware of the need to not let things simmer with regards to clubs who are struggling. If a club is ignored or left to struggle along, it becomes harder to keep it going. To this end I attend online meetings of all the clubs, where possible, and encourage the Area Directors to do the same, to keep abreast of the progress they are making and should any specific point arise that can be seen during meetings, which can be addressed immediately.

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Division Director Report *(September 2025 Council)*

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Division:

C

Division Director Name:

Lorna Holtman

Date Submitted

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28 / 08 / 2025

Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Division C has five ADs and 22 clubs. The five ADs and I check in daily on various issues to ensure we are on track to achieve Smedley Distinguished status. I am not alone. My 5 ADs are committed; they are working hard to ensure renewals now and conducting their club visits to advise on club quality.

We have implemented "each one bring one" to increase new member numbers.

We have joint meetings on a focused theme and invite old members and guests. In this way, we create excitement and show prospects why they should join.

Division Team:

Area Directors: Nick De Villiers C1, Dr Nadeem Oozeer C2, Derick Mujeera C3, Michelle Boshoff C4, CJ Jansen C5.

I do not have individuals assigned for Div PQD and Div CGD (all ADs input here), Div PR, as we have a number of people who fill these roles as needed. Bill Russel, I will mention here as our go-to for COTs and Contests. PPR, I can rely on Sharm Siva of Anrol International Advanced TC and Melody Shana Northern Star. I am President of Northern Star and a charter member/treasurer of Anrol.

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

We hold Division Council on the last week of each month. We are in daily contact, or when the need arises. The Division Council WhatsApp group is used to share information with ADs. I also email them their dashboard and reports, such as renewals, CSP submissions, and COTi training information, once a week.

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

ADs C2 (setting up with SARAQ) C3 (preparing a proposal for Gallagher Foundation, I have another corporate we are working on here in this Area, Merchants Academy/Dimension Data), C4 (Capitec is signing and brought to my attention by AD C4 who is the President of a club in B2; the club will sign with B2; other possible clubs have been discussed but still in the idea stage) and C5 (Sanlam initial meetings being arranged).

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Each one bring one strategy being implemented. We are ramping up the marketing side of club business to attract visitors and new members. For example, advertising our meetings and making sure our meetings are well-organised and fun. After the meetings we encourage clubs to showcase what happened in the club meeting. Member interest survey sent to all members to ensure we are meeting their needs and that they are achieving their goals. Joint meetings of clubs in an area and/or hybrid meetings allow clubs to showcase their club and a number of prospective members have been invited and have subsequently signed up with one of those clubs. Open house per Area /Division for discussion at next Division Council.

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

The budget has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

Club contests end of January, early February 2026. Area contest (trying to use the same venue and date to cut costs, early March 2026). Division contest: early April 2026.

Team to be put together in September and led by Bill Russell.

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

Area C2 has two clubs who are slow to respond to requests like CSP submissions and COT training. The AD is interacting with their trios. Universal TC in C2 might need a bit of help and might need a coach. I will consult the AD again about this. C4 Speeches by Peaches might need a coach as the exco is new and might be taking strain. So too Ninety-one TC.

Area Success Stories:

CSP submissions = 18/22 submitted (1XC1, 2xC4= not submitted)

Four of 22 clubs have renewed and are verified complete.

ADs are very focused, and we have built up a great rapport. Teamwork ahead.

Clubs are aware of the renewal season. Treasurers are busy with invoicing.

COTi: to date, 17/22 clubs have four or more club officers trained (77%), six clubs have 7 Club Officers trained.

Plans for Toastmasters week: It will coincide with in-person COTii, especially in Namibia. AD C5 is already coordinating this.

Planning for Contests already.

Division Council meets monthly.

Other information / Comments

It's a month later it feels like a year is done already, but it's a good feeling.

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Division Director Name:

Nontobeko Mhlongo

Date Submitted

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31 / 08 / 2025

Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Working towards President's Distinguished by focusing on growing club membership to 20 members across the division and launching 3 new clubs in this years.

Division Team:

Mentor: Mojabeng Tigeli, AD 1- Viv Boddy, AD 2- Gil Harper, AD 3- Lesego Nhlapo and AD 4-Palesa Makgato

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

Monthly Council Meetings, individual WhatsApp chats/calls and a Division D group chat to post announcements etc.

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

1 Launched, current South Coast team is being organised for 2nd new club. 3rd club location has been identified.

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Clubs are focusing more on using social media, clubs are focusing on inviting guests for each meeting and not relying on Demo Events only. Some have scheduled Demo events

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

Division Contest possible Dates: 7/14 of March 2026 depending on venue booking.

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

I don't think specific Areas are at risk but rather a few clubs across Areas. Each AD is actively focused on implement different strategy. D1- clubs need repurposing; D2- clubs need membership growth; D3- Club needs coach/mentors; D4- Corporate clubs strategy needed

Area Success Stories:

D1 charted a new club, 1 club verified complete by July and has achieved 3 DCP Goals. D2 first to have all CSPs, highest net membership growth and more than 4 club officers trained. D3 all clubs have shown net growth in membership, 2 clubs have membership on par for Smedley distinguished. D4 the club with 2 DCP goals trained 7/7 cub officer, two clubs showing net growth in membership.

Other information / Comments

We have a great team and I am excited to continue to build on the success of our previous leadership and play our part to get the District to Smedley Distinguished.

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Division:

E

Division Director Name:

Gcobisa Sigwili

Date Submitted

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09 / 09 / 2025

Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Increase membership, retain members and achieve pathways

Division Team:

Chris Bompas,Desiree Lee Son,Thandi Mthombeni,Letlogonolo,Reena,Xhanti, Set and Tumelo

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

E-mail, telephone, zoom and whatsapp

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

Area E3 and E4. The whole division team has a division meeting on Thursday with the CGD's team

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Double payment system

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

Division Contest is on Saturday 7 February 2026

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

E2,E3,E4 AND E5. Promote membership and speaking

Area Success Stories:

E2-E5 submitting information on time, area director visits happening

Other information / Comments

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Division Director Report *(September 2025 Council)*

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Division:

F

Division Director Name:

Lesedi Masina

Date Submitted

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Division Director Overview *(What are your goals ? How are you working towards Smedley Distinguished)*

Strengthen member retention and renewals by aligning with the district's renewal campaigns and encouraging clubs to host engaging events.

Position Division F to be a consistent contributor towards Smedley Distinguished through balanced support for fragile clubs and empowering strong clubs to go beyond Distinguished.

Division Team:

The Division Council is fully in place with Area Directors for F1–F4 and an Assistant Division Director PQD. We are still recruiting for a Division PRM.

Council meetings are scheduled monthly (every second Tuesday of the month), with our first one held in July.

Communication is maintained via a dedicated WhatsApp group and one-on-one check-ins.

Contact with the Area Directors: *(ie. Council Meetings and outcomes)*

We have had:

Individual check-ins with each AD in July to align expectations.

Ongoing WhatsApp group discussions for quick updates.

Division Council meeting scheduling is underway for September.

Outcomes so far:

Agreement to prioritise officer training attendance.

Support structures identified for fragile clubs.

Plans for collaborative Division-wide events.

New Clubs *(Who is working towards this, at what stage are they, what help or resources do they need?)*

Standard Bank Lesotho – Led by Karen Levy Strauss with support from Toastmaster Blessing .

Engagement is ongoing with the bank

IDC Toastmasters - Led by Toastmaster Lefu Dlamini, paperwork has been done and waiting for signatures

Member growth initiatives: *(Member renewal strategy for your division)*

Encouraging clubs to run open houses (e.g., Soweto Positive) and social activities (e.g., Florida hikes) to boost engagement.

Contest *(Division & Area contest plans, dates, times, venues, your team)*

Division Contest: Scheduled for 29 March 2025 (*Tentative). Venue options are being explored.

Areas: *(Areas that may be fragile, need a coach or help. What is your strategy to supporting all clubs and achieve excellence)*

F1: Fragile due to 2 clubs requiring close attention; provide mentorship and coaching.

F2: Strong clubs, expected to be Select or President's Distinguished; Golden Gavel (fragile with 9 members) placed here for focused support.

F3 & F4: Stable and active, but need monitoring to ensure momentum continues.

Area Success Stories:

Soweto Positive: Hosting an open house in August to engage the broader community and drive membership growth

Club Officers Training (16 August): First time introducing a Leadership Coach alongside role training – a major step forward in developing leaders beyond Toastmasters.

Other information / Comments

The Division newsletter (launched August) is being used to connect members across community and corporate clubs, making activities more visible.

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