



District 74 – Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 19 September 2025

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Date: 19 September 2025

Time: 18:00 pm – 18:39.46 pm

Duration: 39:46 minutes

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

1. District Director Bhekisisa Ngomane
2. Program Quality Director Bryton Masiye
3. Club Growth Director Devin Pearson
4. Public Relations Manager Leya Musunga
5. Administration Manager Estelle Engelbrecht
6. Finance Manager Matome Seabi
7. Logistics Manager Mojabeng Tigeli
8. Immediate Past District Director Granny Be007
9. Parliamentarian Keith Bowen
10. Credentials Chair Bradford Dale
11. Audit Committee Chair Mike Crooke
12. Division A Director Sakhile Mazibia
13. Division B Director Wilene Venter
14. Division C Director Lorna Holtman
15. Division D Director Nontobeko Mhlongo
16. Division F Director Lesedi Masina
17. Area A2 Director Carmelita Kruger
18. Area A3 Director Fortune Radebe
19. Area A4 Director Moeketsi Mthombeni
20. Area B2 Director Carol-Ann Savosnick
21. Area B3 Director Gerald Pietersen
22. Area B4 Director Anelisiwe Zumana
23. Area C1 Director Nick de Villiers
24. Area C2 Director Nadeem Oozeer
25. Area C3 Director Derick Mujera

26. Area C5 Director Cornelius-John Jansen
27. Area D1 Director Vivian Boddy
28. Area D3 Director Lesego Nhlapo
29. Area E1 Director Lee Seema
30. Area E2 Director Reena Vallabai
31. Area E5 Director Tumelo Maphalala
32. Area F1 Director Sipho Edwin Leraisa
33. Area F4 Thandi Thombeni
34. Garmeson Trust Tim Knights

Apologies:

1. Division E Director Gcobisa Sigwilli
2. Area A1 Director Nicola Mathieson
3. Area D2 Director Gil Harper
4. Area E4 Director Set Motsoagae

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Logistics Manager Mojabeng Tigeli at 18:00

2. Welcome and Apologies

The District Director officially welcomed the members, noting the importance of confirming quorum, which was still pending at the time.

3. Registration of Credentials

Attendees were reminded to register their credentials for the meeting. Technical difficulties with the registration link were addressed, and assistance was provided to those experiencing issues.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no objections raised, and the agenda was adopted unanimously.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes of the meeting held in May 2025

The minutes from the previous District Executive Committee meeting were made available on the District 74 website. No corrections were noted, and the minutes were adopted as presented.

6. Ratification of Appointments

The meeting discussed changes in the division structure, specifically the reappointment of Division Director G. Tumelo Maphalala as Area E5 Director, which was ratified.

7. Reports from District Coordinators

Various coordinator reports were added to the D74 website including the reports of the Chief Judge, Conference Chair, Club Extension Chair and there were changes noted on challenges faced by the Garmeson Trust in processing applications due to unforeseen delays.

8. Division and Area Director Reports

Division and Area Director reports were added to the website focussing on their activities, club visits and engagement efforts.

9. Finance Manager's Report

The Finance Manager presented the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, detailing projected income of R1,063,262.25, primarily derived from membership fees and allocations from Toastmasters

International. Estimated expenses were projected at R1,061,425, resulting in a modest surplus of R18.37. Key budget allocations included:

- Club Growth Initiatives: R140,000 allocated to support the establishment of new clubs and enhance existing ones.
- Marketing Efforts: R55,000 earmarked for marketing initiatives aimed at attracting new members and promoting the Toastmasters brand.
- Member Recognition: R108,350 set aside for awards and incentives to acknowledge the efforts of members and leaders in maintaining club quality and growth.
- Public Relations: R95,520 allocated to enhance the district's public image and promote Toastmasters values to a broader audience.
- Speech Contests: R53,152 designated for organizing speech contests, which are critical for member development and engagement.
- Travel and Accommodation: R132,900 allocated for travel expenses and R134,000 for lodging, ensuring that district leaders can attend essential training and support clubs in remote areas.

Questions and Answers

Following the budget presentation, a Q&A session was held to address concerns regarding fundraising strategies and sponsorship opportunities, particularly in relation to the upcoming conference.

Adoption of Budget

The budget was put to a vote, and no objections were raised. The budget was adopted unanimously by the attendees.

10. Cabinet Reports - were uploaded to the district 74 website and no additional information were tabled, except for the Club Growth Director who provided an update on the district's club growth initiatives. It was highlighted that there has been notable progress in expanding the number of clubs within the district, with two new clubs poised to charter shortly. This development reflects the ongoing commitment to promoting Toastmasters in various communities.

11. Next Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 1May, 2026, during ThriveCon in Lesotho.

Meeting Adjourned: 18:39

Minutes Prepared by: Estelle Engelbrecht

Date of Minutes: 20 September 2025