



District 74 – District Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

District Council Meeting held Saturday, 2 May 2026

Minutes of the District Council Meeting

Date: 2 May 2026

Time: 8:51 - 12:24

Location: Hybrid Meeting (In person: Thaba Bosiu, Lesotho & Online on Zoom)

Attendees: at the bottom of the document

ATTENDANCE & QUORUM

- Clubs Represented: 58 of 89 clubs in good standing
- Total Votes Registered: 137 (Club votes: 104; District votes: 33)
- Quorum Required: 59 votes
- Status: Quorum confirmed and exceeded

OPENING PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Called to Order

District Director Bhekisisa Ngomani called the meeting to order, emphasizing Toastmasters' core values of integrity, respect, service, and excellence.

Recognition of Leadership

The following were recognized and stood for applause:

- District Cabinet (7 members)
- Division Directors (6 members)
- Area Directors (multiple)
- Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education
- District Coordinators
- Past District Governors and Directors

Tributes to Departed Members

Past District Director Angie Kivido paid tribute to deceased Toastmasters:

- Past District Governor Judy Alexander – Passed April 1, 2026
- Toastmaster Bertus Viljoen – Passed August 25, 2025

A 15-second moment of silence was observed.

District Mission Statement

"We build new clubs and we support all clubs in achieving excellence."

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Presented by: Kirsten Bosworth, Credentials Officer

- Total clubs in good standing: 89
- Clubs represented: 58
- Club votes available: 176
- Club votes registered: 104
- District votes available: 40
- District votes registered: 33
- Total registered votes: 137 (exceeds 59-vote quorum requirement)

Status: Quorum confirmed; meeting properly constituted.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Presented by: Keith Bowen, Parliamentarian (Past District Director)

Speaking Rights

- District Council members, Past District Governors, and Past District Directors (if registered and active)
- Observers may speak with Chair's authorization (lower priority)

Time Limits

- Questions/statements: 2 minutes maximum
- Speakers during reports: As needed
- Motion proposers: 3 minutes
- Motion seconders: 2 minutes
- Council debate: 2 minutes per speaker
- Proposer closing remarks: 2 minutes (if required)

Voting Procedures

- Primary method: Voice vote
- Secondary method: Electronic voting via Votapex platform
- Objections to be raised via chat or hand raise

Test Vote

A test vote was conducted to ensure all participants could access the Votapex voting system. Technical issues were resolved by reopening voter registration for 3-5 minutes to allow late registrants to claim their votes.

AGENDA ADOPTION

The agenda was adopted without objections.

Apologies: Members were reminded to submit written apologies to the Administration Manager for inclusion in minutes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Proposer: Nicola Crossen, President of ABSA Toastmasters & (Area Director A1) Second: Lehlogonolo Seema, Area Director E1

The previous District Council meeting minutes were adopted without corrections or objections.

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The following Area Director appointments were ratified:

Area	Date Appointment	Reason
C4	Nov 27, 2025	Gabiba Tulkanam Replacement for Michelle Boshoff (resigned)
B2	Dec 10, 2025	Lewis Dube Replacement for Carol-Ann Savosnick (resigned)
B2	Feb 19, 2026	Carol-Ann Safosnick Reappointment after Lewis Dube (resigned)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Manager Report

Presented by: Matome Seabi, Finance Manager

Budget Summary (as of December 31, 2025)

- Projected Income: R1,063,000
- Actual Income (by Dec 31): R963,000
- Projected Expenses: R1,061,000
- Actual Expenses (by Dec 31): R963,262
- Projected Surplus: ~R100,000

Key Budget Items & Spending

Category	Budgeted	Spent (by Dec 31)	% Spent
Education & Training	R132,000	R24,752	18.8%
Club Growth	R140,000	R3,296	2.4%
Marketing (5% of income)	R55,000	R2,071	3.8%
Recognition	R108,350	R12,222	11.3%
Public Relations	R95,520	R3,350	3.5%
Speech Contests	R53,152	R1,231	2.3%
Administration	R44,900	R19,725	43.9%
Council & Directorate	— R48,245 —		
Travel	R132,900	R65,293	49.1%
Lodging/Accommodation	R134,000	R49,027	36.6%
Food & Event Meals	R112,290	R37,696	33.6%
Stock (Cost of Sales)	— R135,055 —		

ThriveCon Conference

- Target Delegates: 150
- Actual Delegates: ~160
- Revenue Received (by Dec 31): R369,774
- Estimated Total Revenue: R1,012,000
- Status: Expected to break even

Finance Team

- Matome Seabi (Finance Manager)
- Pabalo (Claims Administrator)
- Chris Mvelase (Assets Coordinator)
- Lillian Weide (Stock Custodian)
- Madile Ramashamule (Budget Champion)
- Jabulani Mbuyisa (Audit Committee Chair)

Focus Areas

1. Empowering leaders through training and support
2. Driving club and membership growth
3. Celebrating excellence with recognition programs
4. Maintaining financial stability while innovating

Questions & Clarifications

Q (Karen Levy Strauss, VPE Standard Bank Operations): Concern about underspending in PQD and CGD budgets and utilization by end of June.

A (District Director Bhekisisa Ngomane): Third quarter report shows substantial spending in these areas. Early-year cash flow challenges (district was in negative for ~3 months) limited spending. Prudent expenditure allowed reserves to be built.

Q (Sawn Langa, President Rivonia & Sandton): Clarification on budget vs. actual comparisons and approved budget figures.

A (Finance Manager):

- Actuals are as of December 31, 2025
- Budgeted amounts are for the full year
- Approved budget was R1,061,000
- Adjustments made to build 25% reserve for next administration
- Like-for-like budget vs. actual comparison to be uploaded to district website

Q (Vivian Mapadimeng, President Morningside Club): Request for monthly/quarterly budget vs. actual reporting for better financial visibility.

Response: Noted for future reporting standards.

Audit Committee Report

Presented by: Jabulani Mbuyisa, Audit Committee Chair

Audit Scope

- Period: July 1 – December 31, 2025
- Conducted in accordance with Toastmasters International guidelines
- Audit due date: February 15, 2026

Audit Team

- Jabulani Mbuyisa (Chair)
- Mike Crooke (Previous Chair, supporting)
- Keith Bowen (Committee member)

Audit Opinion

Qualified Opinion – Unable to express unqualified audit opinion due to:

1. Documentation Inefficiencies
 - Missing substantiating/supporting documents for claims
 - Missing signatures on claim forms
2. Communication Issues
 - Inefficient communication between Finance Team, Audit Team, and stakeholders

Key Findings

Despite documentation challenges, all transactions were in support of district activities.

Audit Recommendations

1. No payment without fully completed and signed claim form
2. Reconciliation must be completed within 30 days and shared with Audit Committee Chair
3. Maintain consistent shared drive and filing structure for all claims and expenses

Status

Finance Manager and District Director have provided positive feedback that majority of issues have been resolved. Supplementary report/updated audit opinion to be issued once outstanding items are confirmed.

Finance Report Adoption

Proposer: Gcobisa Sigwili, Division E Director; Seconder: Area Director D3 Lesego Nhlapo

The Finance Manager's Report (incorporating Audit Committee findings) was adopted without objections.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Administration Manager Report

Presented by: Estelle TMI, Administration Manager

Report tabled with no additions.

Public Relations Manager Report

Presented by: Leya Musunga, Public Relations Manager

Report tabled with no additions.

Club Growth Director Report

Presented by: Devin Pearson

Highlights:

- Paid clubs as of end of March: 112 (Select Distinguished range)
- Current paid clubs: 89 of 108 started with
- Membership Payments: Reached Distinguished status at 4,189 payments; currently at 4,225 payments
- On track for Select Distinguished status

Program Quality Director Report

Report tabled with no substantial additions.

District Director Report

Presented by: Bhekisisa Ngomane District Director

Key Themes

- Vision: "Catalyst of Success" – building on strong foundation laid by past leaders
- Progress: Strong foundation established; district on verge of achieving Select Distinguished status

Accomplishments

1. Club Growth: 5 new clubs started in first quarter
2. Toastmasters International Recognition: District 74 selected as pilot district for new Club Officer Training materials; rated as best performing of 5 pilot districts
3. Communications: Enhanced website, social media, and district magazine
4. In-Person Training: Shifted from online to in-person club officer trainings to increase engagement and connection
5. Financial Management: Prudent spending in early quarters to build reserves for support activities

Call to Action

- Individual Success: Achieve personal goals set at year start; 58 days remaining
- Club Success: Support club members in completing levels and achieving goals
- District Success: Help clubs achieve Distinguished status; support Select Distinguished goal

Key Message

"Ordinary people achieving extraordinary things" through collective effort and mutual support.

District Director Report Adoption

Proposer: Daniel Du Preez, President Pietermaritzburg Toastmasters Club; Club Seconder: Charles Mokoena, President Alberton Toastmasters Club

The District Director's Report was adopted without objections.

COMFORT BREAK

A 3-minute comfort break was taken

Reminders: Speakers in motions/debates will be muted after 2 minutes; in-person speakers will have microphone muted; online speakers will be muted automatically.

DISTRICT OFFICER ELECTIONS

Election Procedures

Presented by: Granny B007, DTM, Chair of District Leadership Committee

- All candidates listed on district website
- Floor candidates only accepted if submitted to District Director one week prior to meeting
- Floor candidates submitted: None

Election Rules (Confirmed by District Director):

- Single candidates: Motion to dispense with secret ballot and cast single vote via Administration Manager
 - Multiple candidates: 2-minute speeches each (alphabetical order by last name); electronic voting via Votapex
 - Timing: Speakers muted after 2 minutes
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DISTRICT CABINET ELECTIONS

District Director

Candidate: Bryton Siyanda Masiye, DTM (uncontested)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager

Result: ELECTED – Bryton Siyanda Masiye, DTM as District Director for 2026-2027

Program Quality Director

Candidate: Devon Pearson, DTM (uncontested)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager

Result: ELECTED – Devin Pearson, DTM as Program Quality Director for 2026-2027

Club Growth Director

Candidates:

1. Laya Musunga (2 minutes)
 - Platform: Move from passion to systems; system-driven district
 - Focus: Strategic club building, existing club strengthening through coaching/training, empowering all Toastmasters as ambassadors
 - Goal: Build systems that outlast leadership
2. Lorna Holtman, DTM (2 minutes)
 - Background: Division Director; started clubs
 - Promise: Best effort, wide consultation, collaboration
 - Experience: Demonstrated ability at scalable level

Voting: Electronic via Votapex (3-minute voting period) Results:

- Total votes: 124
- Leya Musunga: 93 votes
- Lorna Holtman: 31 votes

Result: ELECTED – Laya Musunga as Club Growth Director for 2026-2027

Public Relations Manager

Candidates:

1. Matome Seabi (2 minutes)
 - Background: VP Public Relations → Club President → Area Director → Division Director
 - Strategy: "Brainstorm" method – strategic, methodical, consistent PR
 - Results: President Distinguished Club; President Distinguished Area; Most awarded, visible, and engaged Division E (2024-2025)
 - Platform: Vote for excellence, results, and proven journey
2. Anke Stowe (2 minutes)
 - Focus: Strengthen personal connection aspect of PR
 - Approach: Balance digital and human communication
 - Strategy: Grassroots team to get messages to clubs and publicize initiatives
 - Campaign: "Connect 74" – communication that connects

Voting: Electronic via Votapex (3-minute voting period) Results:

- Total votes: 121
- Matome Seabi: 67 votes
- Anke Stowe: 54 votes

Result: ELECTED – Matome Seabi as Public Relations Manager for 2026-2027

Administration Manager

Candidates: 2 candidates; Lorna Holtman withdrew Remaining Candidate: Anke Stowe (uncontested after withdrawal)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager

Result: ELECTED – Anke Stowe as Administration Manager for 2026-2027

Finance Manager

Candidates: Chris Mvelase and Matome Seabi; Matome Seabi elected as Public Relations Manager Remaining Candidate: Chris Velase (uncontested)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager

Result: ELECTED – Chris Mvelase as Finance Manager for 2026-2027

DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Division A Director

Candidates:

1. Nicola Crossen (2 minutes)
 - Background: Served as Area Director in Division A; built relationships with clubs
 - Focus: Club growth AND member growth
 - Promise: Strengthen connections, empower leaders, ensure members feel seen, heard, and supported
 - Personal connection: Division is her home; shaped by her Toastmasters journey
2. Segametsi Moumakwa (2 minutes)
 - Theme: "Quiet transformation when people are given chance to grow"
 - Background: Arrived curious and uncertain; shaped by Toastmasters structure, training, and opportunities
 - Philosophy: Leadership is service and listening; lifting others while growing yourself
 - Vision: Support area directors with mentorship, collaboration, and excellence
 - Call: "Are leaders made or made by spaces like this?"

Voting: Electronic via Votapex (3-minute voting period) Results:

- Total votes: 121
- Nicola Crossen: 89 votes
- Segametsi Momakwa: 32 votes

Result: ELECTED – Nicola Crossen as Division A Director for 2026-2027

Division B Director

Status: No nominated candidate; to be appointed by incoming District Director

Division C Director

Candidate: Johann Kok (uncontested)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager Result: ELECTED – Johann Kok as Division C Director for 2026-2027

Division D Director

Candidate: Vivien Boddy (uncontested)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager Result: ELECTED – Viv Body as Division D Director for 2026-2027

Division E Director

Candidate: Tumelo Maphalala (uncontested)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager Result: ELECTED – Tumelo Maphalala as Division E Director for 2026-2027

Division F Director

Candidate: Gadifele Moeng, DTM (uncontested)

Election Method: Single vote cast by Administration Manager Result: ELECTED – Gadifele Moeng, DTM as Division F Director for 2026-2027

NEW DISTRICT DIRECTOR ADDRESS

Presented by: Bryton Siyanda Masiye,DTM Newly Elected District Director

Personal Journey

- January 16, 2020: Son's first day of school; met Toastmasters through club launching/chartering opportunity
- Background: Self-described "seasoned procrastinator" with calling to improve speaking skills
- Journey: 6 years, 2,298 days in Toastmasters; still in love with the organization

District 74 Context

- Built on solid foundation by past leaders
- Redefined leadership; every member matters
- Legacy being built; spirit of care permeating district
- Catalysed everyone to success

Theme: "Ordinary People Achieving Extraordinary Things"

- Members are ordinary people empowered to achieve extraordinary things
- District on verge of achieving Select Distinguished status
- Call to dare to dream; support each other to bring out best in each other

Next Steps

- Finishing strong in final 58 days
- On brink of glory and verge of extraordinary achievements
- Commitment to serve the district

MOTIONS & DEBATES

MOTION 1: Contest Participant Support

Submitted by: Mike Crook, DTM, Pinnacle Toastmasters Club (Membership #035-14817)

Original Motion Text

"I move that district ensures that there is enough budget provided to pay for the transport cost for the contestants to travel to the district contest and ensure that funds are retained for that purpose. Furthermore, if the contest is held in a location where it is impractical for a contestant to travel back directly after the contest, there needs to be sufficient funds available to accommodate them until suitable transport is available."

Proposer Argument

Mike Crook, President Pinnacle Toastmasters:

- Speech contests are pinnacle of member achievement and progression
- Contests assess skills against district members
- Tragedy if members cannot attend due to financial constraints
- Particular concern: Contests in remote areas (Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia) with high transport costs
- Accommodation needed when contestants cannot travel home same day
- Plea: District assistance with transport and accommodation for members who need it

Seconder

Ayanda Ngcobo, President Soweto Positive Speakers Club:

- Support for covering transport costs
- Issue: Competent contestants excluded due to lack of financial means; district sends less-qualified runners-up instead
- Endorsement: District should cover contestant travel costs

Opposition & Amendment Proposal [02:29:48]

Matome Seabi, Current Finance Manager:

- Caution: Toastmasters protocol limits contest spending to 5% of district budget
- Current year: ~R53,000 (5% of budget) for all Area, Division, and District contests
- Risk: Allocating majority to contestant support would negatively impact Area and Division contests
- Proposal: Subsidy for contestants demonstrating financial need (means-testing)

VPE Thabiso Sephelane, Mphatlalatsane Toastmasters (Lesotho):

- Support for assistance but with restrictions
- Proposal: Budget should be restricted to those demonstrating financial need
- Mechanism: Section for contestants to request assistance

Amendment Debate

Parliamentarian Keith Bowen clarification: Amendment must be germane to original motion; cannot negate motion intent.

Proposed Amendment (as clarified): "I move that district ensures that there is enough budget provided to pay for transport costs for the contestants who cannot afford to travel to the district contest and ensures that funds are retained for that purpose. Furthermore, if the contest is held in a location where it is impractical for such contestant to travel back directly after the contest, there needs to be sufficient funds available to accommodate them until suitable transport is available."

Seconders to Amendment:

- VPE Shamil Reddy, Highway Toastmasters (initially; then clarified supporting original motion)
- Anke Stowe, President Rosebank Toastmasters

Amendment Vote (Voice Vote):

- In favour: 1 yay (in room), 2 hands raised (online)
- Opposed: Clear majority nays
- Result: Amendment REJECTED

Debate on Original Motion

For the Motion:

Kirsten Bosworth, VPE Transformers Toastmasters Club [

- Acknowledged 5% contest budget limit applies to direct contest costs only
- Transport and lodging are separate budget line items
- District budget template allows for "other members" travel and lodging costs
- Members working hard deserve opportunity; should not be held back by financial constraints
- Support for motion

Gcobisa Sigwili, Division E Director

- All members invest in Toastmasters (dues, time, positions)
- Contests are major platform to show appreciation
- Not asking Area/Division to contribute; requesting district cover costs
- Budget should include 6 contestants (Table Topics, Evaluations, International Speech)
- Support for motion

Against the Motion:

Sawn Langa, President Rivonia & Sandton

- Administrative burden: Audit chair just reported 3-4 years of incomplete audits; adding means-testing approval process will delay flights and increase costs
- Privacy concern: Prying into personal finances; appearance can be deceiving
- Simplicity: Original motion is simple – set aside budget or state funds unavailable
- Catalyst for success: Members excelling in contests breed next generation; contests grow district
- Opposition to amendment but support for original motion

Mojaeng Tigeli, Logistics Manager

- Contestants represent divisions, not individuals; divisions should share responsibility
- District mission: Build new clubs and support clubs to achieve excellence (not just contests)
- Divisions should crowdfund, create strategies, be creative
- District budget must cover all aspects (club building, contests, leadership travel)
- Suggestion: Divisions pull teams together to support contestants

Final Vote

Electronic Vote via Votapex (3-minute voting period):

- Total votes: 103
- For motion: 81 votes
- Against motion: 22 votes
- Percentage: 78.6% in favour

Result: MOTION APPROVED

Implementation: District code of practice will be amended to allocate budget for contest participant transport and accommodation.

MOTION 2: District Realignment Proposal

Presented by: Nomonde Booi, District Realignment Chair

Realignment Purpose & Principles

Annual process organizing clubs into areas, divisions, and district with focus on:

- Strategic growth, support, and collaboration
- Member-centric service and support
- Adaptability and growth
- Collaboration and adherence to core values/standards

Realignment Standards

- Minimum 4-6 clubs per area; maximum 6 clubs per area
- Consider potential club loss
- Consider club size
- Consider prospective/new clubs
- Consider upcoming reformation

Proposed Changes by Division

Division A:

- A1: Johannesburg Toastmasters Club, CIS Toastmasters Club, Green Speakers Toastmasters Club, Green Beret Speakers Toastmasters
- A2: The Sages Toastmasters Club, Industrial Development, L'Avenir Toastmasters -Anglo Francophone, Sasol Energy Toastmasters Club
- A3: Absa Toastmasters Breakfast Club, Absa Wakanda, Communicators for Good, Absolute Toastmasters Club
- A4: Alberton Toastmasters Club, Standard Bank Operations, Gold Reef Toastmasters Club, Ignite Toastmasters Club
- A5 (new): WBS Toastmasters Club, KPMG Toastmasters Club, Gauteng Department of e-Gov Toastmasters, Santam Hill on Empire
- Other: YWS clustered in A1; L'Avenir Club relocated to central location; Green Beret in A1

Division B:

- B1: Winelands Toastmasters Club, Siemens Club, Table View Toastmasters Club, Vodacom Cape Town Toastmasters, Santam Cape Town
- B2: Northern Star Toastmasters Club, Stellenbosch Club, Chuckle 'n Chirp Club, Sanlam Toastmasters Club
- B3: Algoa Club, Act Toastmasters, MBSA EL, Rhodes University Thriving relocated to E4; Mercedes Benz (new) added
- B4: Protea Club, Pep Talkers Toastmaster Club, Komani Toastmasters Club, Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu University (incoming new club)

Division C:

- C1: Cape Town Club, Good Hope Club, Two Oceans Club, Westlake Toastmasters
- C2: Pinelands Club, The Grove Club, The Breakfast Club Toastmasters, Merchant, Merchant realignment; Universal Speakers

- C3: Anrol International Toastmasters Club, Nedbank Cape, Universal Speakers Toastmasters, The Professional Club, The Multichoice Academy
- C4: Table Bay Club, Talking Heads Club, Cape Town Speakers, ToasED Toastmasters
- C5: Tarentaal Club, Seagulls Club, Swakopmund Toastmasters Club, Walvis Bay Toastmasters, NAMFISA Toastmasters Club, Old Mutual Namibia Toastmasters Club
- Online clubs: Proposed AD with understanding of online dynamics; new clubs chartered in C3 and C5

Division D:

- D1: Durban Umgeni Toastmasters Club, Sell the Sizzle, Ballito Toastmasters Club, Time to Talk
- D2: Pietermaritzburg Toastmasters Club, Kloof Toastmasters Club, Toast and Talk Toastmasters Club, Durban North
- D3: Highway Club, Crest Connect Club, Pinnacle Toastmasters Club, Umlazi Toastmasters Club
- D4: The Keynote Club: IQBusiness, Nedabank Next Generation, Multichoice Toasties, Reckit
- Concern: Stronger clubs and geographic positioning; strong clubs separated to encourage collaboration

Division E:

- E1: Egoli City Club, Randburg Toastmasters, 4th Dimension, 5th Dimension Toastmasters Club, Bryanston Breakfast Toastmasters Club
- E2: SpeechQuest, Nedbank Club, MunSoft Toastmasters Club, Munsoft2 Toastmasters Club, Nedbank Executive Toastmasters Club, Nedbank All Stars
- E3: Transformers Toastmasters Club, Sandton Toastmasters Club, Rivonia Toastmasters Club, Morningside Toastmasters
- E4: SAP Toastmasters, Woodlands Office Park, Harties Toastmasters Club, Pepkor Lifestyle, Toyota South Africa, Thriving Toastmaster Thriving (relocated from B3)
- E5: Gaborone Toastmasters, Eloquent Speakers, Gaborone Breakfast, First masters Botswana, New Age Orators
- Concern: Artis out of reach of Area Director; needs realignment
- Future consideration: Botswana as separate division

Division F:

- F1: Proconics Toastmasters Club, Randwater Toastmasters Club, Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club, HoneyDew Club, Bacon and Egg, The Wesbank Toastmasters
- F2: Florida Toastmasters Club, West Rand Toastmasters Club, Soweto Positive Speakers, Krugersdorp
- F3: Carpe Diem Aspire, Rosebank Toastmasters Club, Moving Forward Toastmasters, Sasol Chemicals Ubuntu
- F4: Rainbow Toastmasters Club, Bloemfontein Toastmasters Club, Mphatlalatsane Toastmasters, Standard Bank Lesotho
- Proposal: Parktown clubs clustered with corporates in F1
- Nedbank clubs separated for administrative payment purposes

Questions & Concerns

VPE Shaun Goodbrand (VPE Bacon Egg)

- Why swap F1 and F3?
- Why move clubs within same division?
- Why move Annual International (online club)?

Response (PQD Bryton Masiye, DTM):

- Clubs moved from F to A to form new A5, leaving void in F
- Necessitated shuffling to balance areas

- Can retain F1 naming if preferred

Sawn Langa, President Rivonia & Sandton

- Concern: Continuous annual shuffling creates instability
- Specific issue: A5 has 4 new clubs; Area Director overburdened
- Risk: New clubs lack mentors/coaches; likely to lose 1-2 clubs
- Recommendation: Keep Sandton (less than 12 months old) and EGov (2 years, recently restarted leadership) in current areas for smooth leadership transitions
- Issue: District mission (build new clubs, support clubs to achieve excellence) not being met
- Problem: Overburdening Area Directors with struggling clubs AND new clubs simultaneously

Dawie McDonald, VPE Egoli Club :

- Feeling: "Being a pawn" in realignment
- Egoli has been moved between areas repeatedly since becoming Toastmaster
- Long-standing members (10-20 years) question moving again
- Hybrid club with financial implications for members' travel
- Impact: Detrimental to club; neither beneficial nor harmful to district

Lefu Dlamini, Area Director F2

- Question: What principles and logic govern realignment?

Response (Realignment Chair Nomonde Boo):

- Principles: Member-centric, adherence to standards for club distribution
- Acknowledgment: Member emotions ignited; not everyone pleased
- Process: Member concerns from ground inform realignment

Debate – For Realignment

PQD Bryton Masiye, DTM :

- Geographic positioning: A5 allows proximity; Area Director efficient movement
- Growth accommodation: Areas grown to 6-club maximum; realignment necessary
- Division D: Online clubs address under-minimum issue
- Necessity: Toastmasters requires annual review; movement when necessary
- Balance: Musical chairs uncomfortable but necessary
- Collaboration: Need comfort in realignment despite changes

Voice Vote

- For realignment: 1 yay (in room); hands raised (online) – unclear
- Against realignment: Clear majority nays

Result: Voice vote inconclusive; proceeded to electronic vote

Electronic Vote via Votapex

- Total votes: 105
- For realignment (Yes): 51 votes
- Against realignment (No): 54 votes
- Percentage: 48.6% in favour (below 50% + 1 required)

Result: REALIGNMENT PROPOSAL REJECTED

Next Steps: Realignment Chair, incoming Club Growth Director, and District Director to revise plan based on feedback and resubmit to District Executive Committee for approval and posting by August 2026.

CLOSING REMARKS

District Director Bhekisisa Ngomani

Appreciation

- Votapex team
- Past District Governors and District Directors
- Parliamentarian Keith Bowen
- Credentials Chair Kirsten Bosworth
- Administration Manager for tireless work

Announcements

- Next District Council meeting to be announced by incoming District Director

Meeting adjourned

APPENDIX: ELECTION RESULTS SUMMARY

Position	Candidate	Votes	Status
District Director	Bryton Masiye, DTM	Uncontested	ELECTED
Program Quality Director	Devon Pearson, DTM	Uncontested	ELECTED
Club Growth Director	Leya Musunga	93/124	ELECTED
	Lorna Holtman, DTM	31/124	Not elected
Public Relations Manager	Matome Seabi	67/121	ELECTED
	Anke Stowe	54/121	Not elected
Administration Manager	Anke Stow	Uncontested*	ELECTED
Finance Manager	Chris Mvelase	Uncontested*	ELECTED
Division A Director	Nicola Crossen	89/121	ELECTED
	Segametsi Moumakwa	32/121	Not elected
Division B Director	— — <i>To be appointed by incoming District Director</i>		
Division C Director	Johann Kok	Uncontested	ELECTED
Division D Director	Vivien Boddy	Uncontested	ELECTED
Division E Director	Tumelo Maphalala	Uncontested	ELECTED
Division F Director	Gadifele Moeng, DTM	Uncontested	ELECTED

*After withdrawal/election of other candidates

APPENDIX: VOTING RESULTS SUMMARY

Motion/Item	For	Against	Result
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Test Motion	83/111 (74.77%)	28/111	Passed
Amendment to Contest Motion	~1-3 Clear majority		REJECTED
Contest Participant Support Motion	81/103 (78.6%)	22/103	APPROVED
District Realignment	51/105 (48.6%)	54/105	REJECTED

Attendees

- 1 DD_Bhekisisa Ngomane
- 2 PQD Bryton Masiye
- 3 CGD Devin Pearson
- 4 PRM Leya Musunga
- 5 FM Matome Seabi
- 6 AM Estelle Engelbrecht
- 7 LM - Mojabeng Tigeli
- 8 IPDD Granny Be007
- 9 PDD Andrew Tsuro
- 10 PDD Njabulo Thela (Njabulo Thela)
- 11 PDD / VPE Angeline Kivido
- 12 PDD Keith Bowen
- 13 PDD Sandra Cooper (Sandra Cooper)
- 14 DvD A Sakhile Mazibia
- 15 DvD C Lorna Holtman
- 16 DvD D Nontobeko Mhlongo
- 17 DvD E Gcobisa Sigwili
- 18 Dvd F Lesedi Queen Masina
- 19 AD A1 Nicola Mathieson (Corssan)
- 20 AD A2 Carmelita Kruger
- 21 AD A4 Moeketsi Nthombeni
- 22 AD B3 Gerald Pietersen
- 23 AD B4 Anelisiwe Zumana
- 24 AD C2 Nadeem Oozeer
- 25 AD C3 Derick Mujera
- 26 AD C4 Gabi Thulkanam
- 27 AD C5 Cornelius-John Jansen (Cornelius-John Jansen)
- 28 AD D1 Vivien Boddy
- 29 AD D2 Gil Harper
- 30 AD D3 Lesego Nhlapo
- 31 AD D4 Palesa Makgato
- 32 AD E1 Lehlogonolo Seema
- 33 AD E2 Reena Vallabai
- 34 AD E3 Xhanti Mshunqane (Xhanti Mshunqane)
- 35 AD E4 - Set Motsoagae
- 36 AD E5 Tumelo Maphalala
- 37 AD F2 Lefu Dlamini
- 38 Pres. Adrian Bergh
- 39 Pres - Anele Miya (Anele Miya)
- 40 Pres Anke Stow (Anke Stow)
- 41 Pres - Shawn Langa (Selby Masuku)

- 42 President Cindy Buyiswa Goniwe
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- 56 Pres Sivuyile Luthando (Sivuyile Luthando)
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- 59 President Tebogo Matolo| ThrivingTM (Tebogo Matolo)
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- 61 President Yolanda Malgas (Yolanda Malgas)
- 62 Pres Kamvelihle Gunu
- 63 Pres Likhabiso Letsie
- 64 Pres Kega madigage
- 65 Pres Kethiwe Malema
- 66 Pres Rhulani Mhlongo
- 67 Pres Charles Mokoena
- 68 Pres Malebo Molebatsi
- 69 Pre Vivian Mapadimeng
- 70 Pres Daniel du Preez (Daniel du Preez)
- 71 Pres Mike Crooke
- 72 Pres Ayanda Ngcobo
- 73 Pres Anke Stow
- 74 Pres Lilian Weide
- 75 Pres Glenis Whitehead
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- 77 VPE Benjamin Akinmoyeje (Benjamin Akinmoyeje)
- 78 VPE Benovia Cuyler (Benovia Cuyler)
- 79 VPE Brenda Joao (Brenda Joao)
- 80 VPE Tawana Makhetha
- 81 VPE-Christel Edwards (Christel Edwards)
- 82 VPE Madeleen Engelbrecht (Madeleen Engelbrecht)
- 83 VPE Gaborone Breakfast Gabone Ramagapu
- 84 VPE Gosego Feledi (Gosego Feledi)
- 85 VPE-Kirstin Bosworth (Kirstin Bosworth)
- 86 VPE Lesego Mothibi (Lesego Mothibi)
- 87 VPE Nonjabulo VPE
- 88 VPE Nicola West (Nicola West)

- 89 VPE Shamil Reddy (Shamil Reddy)
- 90 VPE Shaun Goodbrand (Shaun Goodbrand)
- 91 VPE Lizanne van der Walt BFN TM (Lizanne van der Walt)
- 92 VPE - Lonique Andrews (Lonique Andrews)
- 93 VPE Nicki Varty KTBC (Nicki Varty)
- 94 VPE Claire Allen (Claire Allen)
- 95 VPE Palesa
- 96 VPE Thabiso Chabangu (Thabiso Chabangu)
- 97 VPE Tarryn Van Eeden
- 98 VPE Wolly Denzl (Wolly Denzl)
- 99 VPE Bradford Dale
- 100 VPE Karen Levy-Struss
- 101 VPE David McDonald
- 102 VPE Carroline Morewa
- 103 VPE Mosa Nyamande
- 104 VPE Mpolokeng Pitso
- 105 VPE Thabiso Sephelane
- 106 VPE Thobeka Tshabalala
- 107 VPE Dorcas Vinger
- 108 Audit Chair - Jabulani Mbuyisa (Jabulani Mbuyisa)
- 109 Candidate Gadifele Moeng
- 110 Chris Mvelase
- 111 Future Moyo
- 112 Happiness Mlambo
- 113 Jaco Theron
- 114 Joel Gombera
- 115 Keamo (Keamogetswe Molebalwa)
- 116 Kieren Bremner Dunne
- 117 Madinoge Mampuru
- 118 Maureen Moodley
- 119 Michael Shackleton
- 120 Navenderi Reddy
- 121 Nomonde Booi
- 122 Nomtelle Tshabalala
- 123 Retshidisitse Talafala
- 124 Votapex Support - Dani Streets (Dani Streets)
- 125 Votapex Support - Michael Fenton
- 126 Votapex Support - Rebecca Plush (Rebecca Plush)
- VPM # Div Dir Cand - Segametsi Moumakwa (Segametsi Moumakwa)
- 127 Moumakwa)
- 128 Vuyi Vuthela
- 129 Yanga Nokhepheyi