



# **DISTRICT ONE TOASTMASTERS**

## **Delegate's Packet**

(Provided to Council on April 22, 2025)

### **2025 Spring District Council Meeting**

**May 2, 2025**



# District Council Business Meeting

District One Toastmasters, 2024-2025

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# District Council Business Meeting

District One Toastmasters, 2024-2025

## District Steering Committee

### **District Director**

Leann Levine, DTM

### **Program Quality Director**

Shawnte Howard, DTM

### **Club Growth Director**

Jon White, DTM

### **Public Relations Manager**

Anna Ziss-Patton, DTM

### **Administrative Manager**

Robin Cash, DTM

### **Finance Manager**

James Paget, DTM

### **Parliamentarian**

David Kitchen, DTM, PDG

### **Immediate Past District Director**

Keith Jackson, DTM

### **Division A Director**

Jewel Alejos, PM5

### **Division B Director**

Sha'dona Brewer, LD5

### **Division C Director**

Ed Stapleton, TC5

### **Division D Director**

Ali Mazhin, DTM

### **Division E Director**

Val Boyd, IP3

### **Division F Director**

Pamela Garcia, MS3

## **Toastmasters International**

**Mission** *We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.*

### **District Mission**

*We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.*

**Toastmasters International Core Values**  
*Integrity – Respect – Service – Excellence*

## **Agenda**

Friday, May 2, 2025

**7:00 pm**

### **Call to Order & Welcome**

District Mission

Credentials Committee Report

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Rules of Engagement

### **Approval of Fall Business Meeting Minutes**

Confirmation of Appointed Officers

Leann Levine, DTM

Leann Levine, DTM

Carol Otters, DTM

Leann Levine, DTM

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Leann Levine, DTM

## **Director and Manager Reports**

Division A Director

Division B Director

Division C Director

Division D Director

Division E Director

Division F Director

Public Relations Manager

Club Growth Director

Program Quality Director

State of the District Report

Jewel Alejos, PM5

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Ed Stapleton, TC5

Ali Mazhin, DTM

Val Boyd, IP3

Pamela Garcia, MS3

Anna Ziss-Patton, DTM

Jon White, DTM

Shawnte Howard, DTM

Leann Levine, DTM

### **Business Requiring Adoption**

Q1 & Q2 P&L Report

Year-End Audit Report

Approval of Proposed Alignment Report

### **District Leadership Committee Report**

Leann Levine, DTM

James Paget, DTM

Tom Otters,

Catherine Magruder, DTM

DJ Reed, DTM

### **Election of 2025-2026 District Officers**

District Director

Program Quality Director

Club Growth Director

Division Directors

Unfinished Business

2024-25 Alignment Update

New Business

Lydia Boyd Award

Announcements

Leann Levine, DTM

Leann Levine, DTM

Leann Levine, DTM

Ken Starks, DTM

**9:00 pm Adjournment**

Leann Levine, DTM



# District Council Business Meeting

District One Toastmasters, 2024-2025

## DISTRICT COUNCIL STANDING RULES

### CREDENTIALS

All club presidents, vice presidents education and district executive committee members will be advised of the number of votes they carry.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendees should be logged into ZOOM with video active by 6:30 pm or sooner, to leave time for credentials . Attendees will be asked to update their screen names to reflect their correct name and club role, e.g President (PRES) or Vice President Education (VPE), for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

### DECORUM

1. The virtual meeting will be called to order on time.
2. Recognition by the Chair (District 1 Director Leann Levine shall be as follows:
  - a. When the Chair indicates a question period, ask for recognition as follows:
    - i. Video participants: hold up your “virtual” hand so it can be seen and address the Chair, saying “Madam District Director”)
    - ii. Phone participants: say “Madam District Director, [your name] has a question.”
  - b. Wait to be recognized by the Chair.
  - c. When recognized, state your name, club name, and club office; then state your business.
  - d. Do not interrupt the speaker. If you are in a noisy environment while someone else is speaking, MUTE your audio or the ZOOM Master will mute you to minimize disruption.

### VOTING

See Credential Report. Election Runner will be used for Voting.

### RECORDING

Recording devices are not permitted during the business meeting or program speeches except by permission of the District Director. **Be advised that the District Council meeting may be recorded.**

### PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order, 12th Edition” will govern the proceedings of this conference in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with Toastmasters International bylaws of these Council Meeting Rules.

## District Council By-Laws

The District Bylaws are available at:

<https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/governing-documents>.

- When you click on the link above and open this page, you will see 5 “chapter headings” at upper right. (Each heading is preceded by a + sign.)
- Click on the 3rd chapter heading, “+ District Administrative Bylaws.” In the drop-down menu, click on “Article IX: District Council” which is followed by “Article X: Council Meetings, Quorum, Proxies, and Voting.”

The screenshot shows the Toastmasters International website's "Governing Documents" page. The header includes the Toastmasters International logo, the tagline "WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE", and navigation links: Login, Find a Club, Start a Club, Contact Us, and a Search bar. A "FIND A CLUB" button is also present. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: Home / Leadership Central / Governing Documents. The main content area is titled "RESOURCES" and contains three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph states that the Glossary, sections from Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code, and sections from the California Corporations Code are provided for reference. The second paragraph explains that the Glossary does not contain every term used in the governing documents and that the reader is advised to consult the governing documents themselves. The third paragraph states that the sections from Title 26 of the Internal Revenue Code and the California Corporations Code included below are those referred to by number in the Toastmasters International governing documents. To the right of the main content is a sidebar with a list of resources, each preceded by a plus sign: RESOURCES, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, BYLAWS OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BYLAWS, CLUB CONSTITUTION FOR CLUBS OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL, and POLICY AND PROTOCOL. A "Print" button is located at the bottom right of the main content area.

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## RESOURCES

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- + CLUB CONSTITUTION FOR CLUBS OF TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL
- + POLICY AND PROTOCOL

Articles IX and X contain bylaws which are relevant to this virtual meeting.

## Credentials Report

As of April 18, 2025

	Totals
Eligible clubs in District 1 Toastmasters	102
Number of voting delegates per club (President and VPE) X2	
Total number of club votes:	204
Club votes required for a quorum (One-third of 204 votes):	68
Number of District Executive Committee votes	33
Total votes possible	237
Majority	119

All District Council members will receive voting instructions and a ballot when voting begins.

The vote will be taken electronically and/or virtually.

The election will be completed on Saturday, May 2, 2025. If at least 100 valid ballots have been cast, we will have a quorum and will have met the standard for a binding election.

In accordance with Toastmasters International District Administrative Bylaws Article X: Council Meetings, Quorum, Proxies, and Voting the following will be applied:

### section c: Quorum

“In the event that any business is transacted at any District Council meeting at which a quorum is not present, the action shall be deemed as valid as if a quorum were present if it thereafter is expressly approved in writing, personally, by mail, fax, e-mail, electronic transmission or other reasonable means, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Member Clubs in the District on the basis of two (2) votes per club.”

### section e: Voting

“When the voting process is conducted virtually, no proxies will be permitted. Each District Council member must cast their own vote. District Executive Committee members are entitled to one (1) vote and may cast up to two (2) additional votes as a Club President or Vice President Education. All other members of the District Council shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) votes.”

Results of voting will be posted on the District 1 website.

Carol Otters, DTM

Credentials Chair

## DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

### Casting a Vote\*+

Delegates who are paid members of a paid club, completed the online credentials registration by April 30, 2025 and submit their "check-in" ballot between 5:30pm-6:00pm on May 2, 2025 before the Annual Business Meeting, will receive an electronic ballot for each agenda item that requires a vote. Each email will contain a unique voting link for that ballot. When the District Director instructs you to cast your vote using a specific ballot, open that email and click on your unique voting link. It will take you to your ballot. You will have 3 minutes to vote.

Your ballot will be weighted to carry the number of votes you hold unless you instructed differently on the credentials registration. You will receive one email with one unique voting link that has been weighted to count as the number of votes you hold.

If you carry 2 or 3 votes and indicated you wanted multiple ballots on the online credentials registration, you will receive a separate email ballot for each vote you hold. Open **EACH** email and use your unique voting link associated with that ballot to cast your vote.

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Credentials Chair

## Casting a Vote 1

## DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

### **Making Changes**

Once you have submitted your vote, you will be prompted to confirm you want to submit your ballot. Once you confirm submission, your vote cannot be changed.

### **Voting for Someone Not on the Ballot**

All floor candidates are required to declare their intention to run for election at least (1) week (7 days) before the meeting for all positions they are considering running for, regardless of the validity of the DLC report. In a virtual business meeting, a declared floor candidate's name will appear on the electronic ballot with an indication of "floor candidate" following the candidate's name. Therefore, no write-in candidates are permitted.

*\* Earthlink email accounts do not consistently perform well with the ElectionRunner ballots and your unique voting link may not appear in the email.*

*+ For email inboxes that have preferences setup to group like-subject emails, for example Gmail, you may only see one email line item. If you carry more than one vote and indicated you wanted a ballot for each vote, click on the email line shown in your inbox to open it and check that you received the correct number of separate email ballots. Click on each one to get the correct number of voting links.*

**District Council Business Meeting**  
District One Toastmasters, 2024-2025  
**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL FALL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**September 21, 2024**

**MINUTES**

The Fall District Council Business meeting of District One Toastmasters, held virtually via Zoom, was called to order by District Director Leann Levine, DTM, at 9:01 a.m. Administrative Manager Robin Cash, DTM was present.

**Welcome**

District One Director Leann Levine, DTM, welcomed everyone in attendance and followed the agenda which was included in the Delegates packet on page 2.

**Credentials Report**

Credentials Chair, Donna Robinson, DTM, presented the Credentials report. Credentials Chair Robinson, DTM, reported that 111 of 146 voting members were present for the meeting. District Director Leann Levine, DTM, announced that a Quorum was present, and the Credentials report was approved by unanimous consent.

**Voting Rules**

The Voting Rules were explained by Donna Robinson, DTM. The Voting Rules were adopted by unanimous consent.

**District Council Meeting Rules**

The District Council meeting rules were read by District Director Leann Levine, DTM.

**Minutes**

**May 17, 2024 – District Council Spring Business Meeting**

The Minutes from the May 17, 2024, District Council Spring Business Meeting were presented and were provided in the delegate's packet. The minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

**District Budget**

Finance manager Jim Paget, DTM, presented the 2024-2025 Budget. The Budget was adopted by unanimous consent.

### **District Alignment**

The District Alignment was presented by the District Alignment Chair Catherine Magruder, DTM, and provided in the delegate's packet. Donna O'Connell, DTM, questioned the placement of Harbor Lights, which is supposed to be aligned in D3, but showed in D2. District Director Levine stated she would look into it. The Alignment was already approved during the Spring Council Meeting.

### **Division Director Reports**

Division Directors gave brief summaries of their reports that were included in the Delegates Packet starting on page 19.

### **District Club Growth Report**

District Club Growth Director Jon White, DTM, gave a brief summary of his report which was included on Page 26 of the Delegates Packet.

### **District Program Quality Report**

District Program Quality Director Shawnte Howard, DTM, gave a brief summary of her report which was included on Page 27 of the Delegates Packet.

### **District Directors Report**

District Director Leann Levine, DTM, presented the State of the District which was included on Page 28 of the Delegates Packet.

### **New business**

A resolution for revisions to the Lydia Boyd Award was presented by Giovanna Dottore, on behalf of the Lydia Boyd Leadership Legacy Award Committee. The award will be called Lydia Boyd Leadership Legacy Award with a new application, nomination, and selection procedures. The proposal was adopted by unanimous consent and was included in the Delegates Packet starting on page 29.

### **Announcements**

The District 1 Spring Conference will be held May 1-3, 2025 . Location TBD.

### **Adjourned**

District Director Leann Levine thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the 2024 Fall Business Meeting at 11:08 AM

**Robin Cash, DTM**

Administration Manager

District One Toastmasters

2025 SPRING DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING  
PROPOSED 2025-2026 DISTRICT 1 ALIGNMENT

DIVISION A							
Area A-1		Area A-2		Area A-3		Area A-4	
977	Professional Women Toastmasters	2327	Friends Club	21	Santa Monica Club 21	4211	Culver City Toastmasters Club
5942	Dynamic Orators Club	5983	Sand & Sea Speakers Club	9503	Bravol Toastmasters	1825793	Heart-Centered TM
4925444	Silicon Speech	593256	Vegan Toastmasters	6116586	District 1 Trail Blazers	7713144	KToast
7871284	ZOOMMasters	7911297	Faith Based Toastmasters Club	7976819	SprintRay Toastmasters	7868280	West Coast Zetas
						28675984	WriteOn TM ***

DIVISION B							
Area B-1		Area B-2		Area B-3		Area B-4	
141	Club 141	1032	Toastmasters 90210 Club	2133	Fox Talkz Toastmasters Club	328	Hollywood & Vine Club
2681	Century City Toastmasters Club	1251092	True Blue	5510	City Speakers Toastmasters Club	412	eToastmasters
6732	Next Century Toastmasters	4014800	Westwood Gateway Toastmasters	28675522	Amazon Ads Toastmasters	743	Sundays By the Sea Toastmasters
803774	Cedars-Sinai MCs Club	5468747	BevTalks	28677210	WM DEI Solutions Toastmasters	1326683	West Hollywood Toastmasters
5940441	Westwood TM						
7846644	WME NSTV Toastmasters Club						

DIVISION C							
Area C-1		Area C-2		Area C-3		Area C-4	
6211	Speech Encounters Club 6211	1455	Plane Talkers Toastmasters Club	5634	Common Space Toastmasters	153	El Segundo Toastmasters
4117641	ToastiNG Toastmasters	4419	Aerovision Toastmasters	8944	Mattel Toastmasters Club	3921	Beach Cities Toastmasters Club
5999761	Infinion and Beyond Toastmasters	28675548	TechStyle Toastmasters	596351	Speakers by the Sea	7786	Air LA Club
7942634	Masters of Evaluation			705139	Imperial Toastmasters	4024194	Toastmasters Changing the World
						7832993	Parliamentarian Toastmasters
							28676609

DIVISION D							
Area D-1		Area D-2		Area D-3		Area D-4	
280	South Bay Toastmasters Club	1015	Harbor Lights Club	1737642	Voices of the Harbor	609097	Motor Mouths Club
2924	South Bay Speakers Toastmasters	5631	Torrance Chamber of Commerce	3032555	Morning Motivators	711440	Toast of the Bay Club
2480389	Health and Wellness Toastmasters	691841	Dreambuilders Toastmasters Club	5242536	Bread Of Life Toastmasters	1098501	Herbalife Toastmasters
3379720	Improv and Humor	693601	Follow the Leader Club, #693601	7180264	Abriendo Caminos	1792192	Carson Toastmasters Club
3603497	CORE	4615754	OMG Toastmasters			5546186	The Real Berkshire Elite
							28676134
							NACUAA

DIVISION E							
Area E-1		Area E-2		Area E-3		Area E-4	
11	Long Beach Gavel Toastmasters Club	1307	Diagonal Toastmasters Club	4131	Long Beach Live Wires Club	1016	Upper Crust
1497	Lakewood Toastmasters Club	1910	SPEAK OUT!	3331985	Game Changers	1391	Forks, Corks, and Toastmasters
4792	Refined Speakers Toastmasters	4717474	Veterans Club	4460772	P2S Toastmasters	6072	Ethical Elite
1510136	Aquarium of the Pacific Wavemakers	28675579	CYBERMASTERS	4618394	Rough Writers Toastmasters Club	7425643	Long Beach Powermasters
3667573	Business Trainers	28675725	Ro-Toastados	28676700	Laserfiche Toastmasters		
6586896	City of Long Beach	28677294	Lakewood YMCA Toastmasters				

DIVISION F							
Area F-1		Area F-2		Area F-3		Area F-4	
987022	Carson Communicators	4359	Celebrations of Life Toastmasters Club	4138	C.I.T.I.E.S. Club	1587	South Gate Club
1356338	Southwest Toastmasters	1431047	First Class Communicators	1142290	Praisemasters	2189226	Mission Control
3608454	Inglewood Community Toastmasters	5303538	Lideres En Accion	3023753	JusticeMasters	3808149	Clergy Women Toastmasters
6692875	Strengthening Voices	28676828	Bridge Builders Community Communicators	6902478	Tommy Talkers Toastmasters	4527413	M.E.G. Talks
7000204	And The Winner Is...						

DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING  
Proposed District Alignment Changes

Division	Club Name	From	To
DIV A	WriteOn Toastmasters	A-2	A-4
DIV B	Century City Toastmasters	B-2	B-1
DIV C	Skechers Elite	C-4	C-5
	Toastmasters Changing the World	C-5	C-4
DIV D	OMG Toastmasters	D-1	D-2
DIV E*	Lakewood YMCA Toastmasters	E-1	E-2
	Laserfiche Toastmasters	E-4	E-3
	City of Long Beach	E-3	E-1
DIV F	M.E.G. Talks	F-2	F-4
	Inglewood Community Toastmaster	F-3	F-1
	Lideres En Accion	F-4	F-2

\* Club name changes include:

- E4 Shoreline Speakers to Forks, Corks, and Toastmasters
- E5 Platform Speakers to Build a Legacy

## **Auditor's Report**

Spring Conference – District 1 Toastmasters

Dear Delegates,

As the appointed Audit Chair for District 1 Toastmasters, I submit the following report for inclusion in the Spring Conference delegate's packet.

The 2024–2025 mid-year audit could not be fully completed due to delays in receiving complete financial documentation. As a result, the findings from the mid-year review are inconclusive at this time.

A preliminary report has been submitted to Toastmasters International for their awareness. The audit team is working closely with district leadership to ensure that all outstanding information is gathered in preparation for a full and accurate year-end audit.

The year-end audit will be completed in accordance with Toastmasters International's policies and submitted on schedule. We remain committed to maintaining transparency and financial accountability on behalf of District 1.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Otters

Audit Chair, District 1

Audit Team: Catherine Magruder, DTM; Donna O'Connell, DTM

**District 1**  
**Profit & Loss Statement (Actual vs. Budget GL Detail) (In USD)**

Month Ending 12/31/2024			07/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024		
Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
			<b>District Revenue</b>		
			Membership Revenue		
725.00	799.48	(74.48)	6005-000000 - Membership Revenue	28,717.50	1,008.74
725.00	799.48	(74.48)	Total Membership Revenue	28,717.50	1,008.74
			Other Revenue		
0.00	0.00	0.00	6020-000000 - Miscellaneous Income	250.00	250.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Other Revenue	250.00	250.00
			ET TLI Revenue		
0.00	0.00	0.00	ET TLI - Registration & Tickets	4,950.00	(20.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	ET TLI - Non Registration	10.00	10.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total ET TLI Revenue	4,960.00	(10.00)
725.00	799.48	(74.48)	Total District Revenue	33,927.50	1,248.74
			<b>District Expenses</b>		
			Recognition		
			Recognition - Member		
0.00	50.00	(50.00)	7010-000000 - Awards Expense (Trophies, Plaques, Ribbons & Certificates)	(650.00)	(825.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(200.00)
0.00	50.00	(50.00)	Total Recognition - Member	(650.00)	(1,025.00)
			Recognition - Area		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7006-000000 - Educational Materials	0.00	(678.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(762.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Recognition - Area	0.00	(1,440.00)
			Recognition - Club		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7010-000000 - Awards Expense (Trophies, Plaques, Ribbons & Certificates)	(3,418.00)	(3,418.00)
(40.00)	0.00	(40.00)	7078-000000 - Food Expense	(40.00)	(40.00)
0.00	400.00	(400.00)	7082-000000 - Incentives	295.66	(1,274.34)
(40.00)	400.00	(440.00)	Total Recognition - Club	(3,162.34)	(4,732.34)
			Recognition - Division		
0.00	85.00	(85.00)	7010-000000 - Awards Expense (Trophies, Plaques, Ribbons & Certificates)	145.46	(24.54)
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(254.00)
0.00	85.00	(85.00)	Total Recognition - Division	145.46	(278.54)
			Recognition - District		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7010-000000 - Awards Expense (Trophies, Plaques, Ribbons & Certificates)	(745.06)	(745.06)
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(200.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Recognition - District	(745.06)	(945.06)
(40.00)	535.00	(575.00)	Total Recognition	(4,411.94)	(8,420.94)
			Club Growth		
			Club Growth - Building New Clubs		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(666.66)
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Club Growth - Building New Clubs	0.00	(666.66)
			Club Growth - Club Coaching		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(333.33)
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Club Growth - Club Coaching	0.00	(333.33)
			Club Growth - Membership Growth		
0.00	50.00	(50.00)	7006-000000 - Educational Materials	0.00	(300.00)
0.00	25.00	(25.00)	7008-000000 - Promotional Materials	0.00	(50.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(333.33)
0.00	75.00	(75.00)	Total Club Growth - Membership Growth	0.00	(683.33)
			Club Growth - Rebuilding Clubs		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	(1,250.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Club Growth - Rebuilding Clubs	0.00	(1,250.00)
0.00	75.00	(75.00)	Total Club Growth	0.00	(2,933.32)

**District 1**  
**Profit & Loss Statement (Actual vs. Budget GL Detail) (In USD)**

Month Ending 12/31/2024			07/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024		
Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
0.00	0.00	0.00	Marketing Outside of Toastmasters Expenses		
			7014-000000 - Room Rental Event Expense	700.00	(700.00)
0.00	350.00	(350.00)	7036-000000 - Advertising Expense	1,050.00	(322.41)
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	50.00	(50.00)
0.00	350.00	(350.00)	Total Marketing Outside of Toastmasters Expenses	1,800.00	(1,072.41)
			Public Relations Expense		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7020-000000 - Printing Expense	596.00	(134.95)
112.20	84.00	28.20	7024-000000 - Newsletter Expense	504.00	(167.40)
66.98	259.00	(192.02)	7026-000000 - Website Expense	1,700.00	(1,319.06)
357.95	0.00	357.95	7036-000000 - Advertising Expense	0.00	537.05
537.13	343.00	194.13	Total Public Relations Expense	2,800.00	(1,084.36)
			Education & Training Expense		
			Training Division & Area Governors		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7012-000000 - Supplies & Stationery Expense	0.00	98.12
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Training Division & Area Governors	0.00	98.12
			TLI		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7004-000000 - Badges & Pins	107.97	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	7014-000000 - Room Rental Event Expense	8,140.00	0.00
			7018-000000 - Decorations Expense		
0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	36.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	7020-000000 - Printing Expense	0.00	191.68
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total TLI	8,247.97	227.68
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total Education & Training Expense	8,247.97	325.80
			Administration Expenses		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7004-000000 - Badges & Pins	250.00	173.74
0.00	0.00	0.00	7010-000000 - Awards Expense (Trophies, Plaques, Ribbons & Certificates)	0.00	(1,750.00)
			7012-000000 - Supplies & Stationery Expense		
13.20	15.00	(1.80)		190.00	120.74
			7024-000000 - Newsletter Expense		
0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	336.60
0.00	75.00	(75.00)	7026-000000 - Website Expense	300.00	(99.06)
180.00	0.00	180.00	7034-000000 - Conference Calls & Webinars Expense	1,500.00	1,263.80
			7070-000000 - Bank Charges & Credit Card Fee Expense		
16.00	0.00	16.00		0.00	245.20
			7080-000000 - Gifts & Thank Yous		
30.50	0.00	30.50		0.00	120.50
0.00	0.00	0.00	7082-000000 - Incentives	0.00	634.11
0.00	50.00	(50.00)	7084-000000 - Sympathy Expense	90.00	(90.00)
0.00	25.00	(25.00)	7088-000000 - Storage Expenses	50.00	(50.00)
239.70	165.00	74.70	Total Administration Expenses	2,380.00	905.63
			Food and Meals Expense		
			CGD		
29.71	0.00	29.71	7078-000000 - Food Expense	350.00	(320.29)
29.71	0.00	29.71	Total CGD	350.00	(320.29)
			District Director		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7016-000000 - Meal Event Expense	0.00	61.32
0.00	0.00	0.00	7078-000000 - Food Expense	350.00	(112.24)
0.00	0.00	0.00	Total District Director	350.00	(50.92)
			Other Member		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7016-000000 - Meal Event Expense	0.00	1,956.90
995.07	0.00	995.07	7078-000000 - Food Expense	1,580.72	(502.77)
995.07	0.00	995.07	Total Other Member	1,580.72	1,454.13
			PQD		
0.00	0.00	0.00	7016-000000 - Meal Event Expense	0.00	179.06
50.56	0.00	50.56	7078-000000 - Food Expense	350.00	(217.25)

**District 1**  
**Profit & Loss Statement (Actual vs. Budget GL Detail) (In USD)**

Month Ending 12/31/2024			07/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024		
Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
50.56	0.00	50.56	311.81	350.00	(38.19)
0.00	100.00	(100.00)	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
1,075.34	100.00	975.34	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
			3,675.45	2,730.72	944.73
0.00	0.00	0.00			
0.00	0.00	0.00	661.25	511.00	150.25
0.00	0.00	0.00	491.77	0.00	491.77
0.00	0.00	0.00	61.08	0.00	61.08
0.00	0.00	0.00			
0.00	0.00	0.00	1,214.10	511.00	703.10
0.00	0.00	0.00	1,160.00	1,000.00	160.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	1,160.00	1,000.00	160.00
725.00	0.00	725.00	725.00	1,000.00	(275.00)
725.00	0.00	725.00	725.00	1,000.00	(275.00)
0.00	70.00	(70.00)	0.00	70.00	(70.00)
0.00	70.00	(70.00)	0.00	70.00	(70.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
725.00	70.00	655.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00
			4,349.10	3,831.00	518.10
685.35	0.00	685.35	2,351.68	1,400.00	951.68
685.35	0.00	685.35	2,351.68	1,400.00	951.68
0.00	0.00	0.00	4,414.10	1,400.00	3,014.10
0.00	0.00	0.00	4,414.10	1,400.00	3,014.10
0.00	0.00	0.00	(800.00)	0.00	(800.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	(800.00)	0.00	(800.00)
(50.56)	0.00	(50.56)	1,469.54	1,400.00	69.54
(50.56)	0.00	(50.56)	1,469.54	1,400.00	69.54
0.00	400.00	(400.00)	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
0.00	400.00	(400.00)	0.00	400.00	(400.00)
634.79	400.00	234.79	7,435.32	4,600.00	2,835.32
295.42	0.00	295.42			
27.65	0.00	27.65	295.42	0.00	295.42
90.21	0.00	90.21	27.65	0.00	27.65
0.00	0.00	0.00	90.21	0.00	90.21
413.28	0.00	413.28	905.50	0.00	905.50
			1,318.78	0.00	1,318.78
225.23	225.23	0.00			
225.23	225.23	0.00	1,351.38	1,351.38	0.00
3,810.47	2,263.23	1,547.24	1,351.38	1,351.38	0.00
<b>(3,085.47)</b>	<b>(1,463.75)</b>	<b>(1,621.72)</b>	28,020.72	34,683.39	(6,662.67)
			<b>5,906.78</b>	<b>(2,004.63)</b>	<b>7,911.41</b>

District 1  
Profit & Loss Statement (Actual vs. Budget GL Detail) (In USD)

Month Ending 12/31/2024			07/01/2024 Through 12/31/2024		
Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance

## **SENIOR DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS**



## District 1 Director

*Leann Levine, DTM*



Greetings Fellow Toastmasters, Dignitaries, and Honored Guests!

You are part of this incredible community of Toastmasters District 1, here to connect, be inspired, share in joy, and celebrate excellence. To our new members, first-time attendees, and special guests, thank you. We are truly honored that you have chosen to join us. This year, because of all the members, including you:

### **We Continued to Rise in Club Growth**

We began the year with 1,029 members. As of mid-April, we have experienced a 42% net growth in membership, bringing our current paid membership to 1,461. We have welcomed 505 new members through our existing clubs and 73 new members through new clubs sponsored by J.P. Morgan Private Bank, Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital, and eSalon. Looking ahead, we plan to charter additional corporate clubs at APM Terminals, Bobit Business Media, the City of Los Angeles Department of Sanitation, and GitHub. In addition to these prospective corporate clubs, we are also working to charter an advanced club—*Pathways to DTM Toastmasters Club*—designed for members interested in pursuing the Distinguished Toastmaster designation.

### **We Continued to Thrive in Program Quality**

As of mid-April, 411 Pathways education achievements have been submitted for credit, including 12 full Path completions at Level 5—a testament to our members' dedication to personal and professional growth. We are especially proud to recognize this year's Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award recipients, among them three of District 1's esteemed past district directors:

- Joan Lewis, DTM, PID
- Joyce Howard, DTM, PDD
- Evelyn Woolridge, DTM, PDD

Their continued contributions and leadership set a powerful example for our entire community.

On the leadership training front, 1,186 club officers participated in club officer training this year. Notably, 12 clubs achieved 100% officer training participation in both training rounds—an outstanding accomplishment that reflects a deep commitment to excellence and club success.

### **We Triumphantly Returned, In-Person**

For the first time, since 2020, District 1 proudly held all Area and Division speech contests in person - a milestone that marked both a return to tradition and the beginning of new memories. For some, it was their first time experiencing a live contest, while for others, it was a long-awaited reunion with a cherished part of the Toastmasters journey. The energy was palpable—handshakes, hugs, and selfies filled the venues as members met face-to-face, some for the very first time, and others reconnecting after years of seeing each other only on Zoom. We are especially grateful to our Division and Area Directors for planning these events.

### **Most Importantly, We End the 2024-25 Program Year with a Positive Legacy**

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing leaders who have served our district and clubs with unwavering dedication throughout this program year. Their tireless efforts have made a lasting impact. At the same time, we are thrilled to welcome the incoming district leaders. Their early commitment and spirit of servant leadership already inspire confidence in District 1's future.

*When You Succeed, We All Succeed!  
Together We Rise!*

DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS								
Program Quality Director Report - Shawnte Howard, DTM								
2024-2025 DISTINGUISHED CLUB GOALS								
	Actual	Goal	% of Base					
Distinguished Clubs (40%)	11	30	8%					
Select Distinguished Clubs (45%)	2	25	2%					
Presidents Distinguished Clubs (50%)	1	20	1%					
Total Distinguished Clubs Goal	14	75	11%					
District 1 Club Base as of 4/1/25	130							
Based on District 1 Paid Club base of as of 4/4/24								
DISTINGUISHED CLUB PROGRAM STATUS (as of report date)								
Clubs with three DCP Goals		Clubs with four DCP Goals			Clubs with five or more DCP Goals			
24		13			30			
PATHWAYS EDUCATIONAL AWARDS (as of report date)								
Division	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	PW Mentor	DTM	TOTAL
Division A	14	15	14	11	4	1	2	61
Division B	25	19	22	14	8	2	0	90
Division C	18	23	19	12	11	5	1	89
Division D	14	11	10	9	7	0	0	51
Division E	16	17	13	18	5	0	1	70
Division F	8	10	7	10	6	2	3	46
Total								
PATHWAYS ADOPTION (as of most recent TI report)								
Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Division E	Division F	District		
85%	82%	88%	91%	83%	87%	86%		
CLUB OFFICER TRAINING SPRING 2025 (as of report date)								
Division A	Division B	Division C	Division D	Division E	Division F	District		
59%	72%	82%	56%	59%	66%	66%		
100% OFFICERS TRAINED AT TLI (December 14, 2024)								
A3 D1 TrailBlazers		A5 Divapreneurs		E5 The Officers' Club of District ONE				
A5 Black Talk! Toastmasters		D2 Harbr Lights						
100% OFFICERS TRAINED IN AREAS (ending date 3/31/25)								
A1 ZOOMMasters		C2 Aerovision		D1 South Bay Speakers		F1 Carson Communicators		
B1 Cedars-Sinai MCs Club		C2 Plane Talkers		D1 South Bay Toastmasters		F3 C.I.T.I.E.S		
B1 Westwood Power Hour		C3 Common Space		D2 Harbor		F3 Praisemasters		
B2 Westwood Gateway		C4 Beach Cities		D5 Bay Cities		F4 Clergy Women		
C1 Masters of Evaluation		C4 Parliamentarian		E4 Upper Crust		F5 Compton Elite		
C1 ToastiNG Toastmasters		C5 Aerospace Club		E5 Lunchtime		F5 Ladera Toastmasters		
TRIPLE CROWN ACHIEVERS - 3+ EDUCATIONAL LEVELS EARNED (as of April 15, 2023)								
AlyceAnn Crump, DTM (3)		David Kitchen, DTM (8)		Jonathan S. Wiens, PM4 (4) Michael Masuda, PM3 (3)				
Beverly J. Newton, TC5 (3)		Edward F. Stapleton, TC5 (6)		Joyce Howard, DTM (3)		Sandra L. Savage, DTM (3)		
Brian Spornick, P14 (3)		Evelyn A. Woolridge, DTM (8)		Kenneth Preston, VC5 (3)		Sandra Solomon, VC4 (3)		
Carmen M. Duarte, PM5 (3)		Gail Rosenthal, DTM (3)		Larry Lee, DTM (3)		Stuart Mosher, DTM (3)		
Carol Feeley, DTM (3)		Janell C. Williams, DTM (3)		Lydia J. Martinez, DTM (3)		Sue Fisher, EH4 (3)		
Charles Ortiz, MS3 (3)		Jim Vaughan, DTM (3)		Mark A. Rothman, MS4 (5)		Victoria Trabosh, P15 (3)		
Christine A. Harper, PM5 (4)		John Graham, DTM (5)						
PROGRAM QUALITY TEAM MEMBERS								
District Statistician Tawanda L. Duck, DTM			24-25 Hospitality Chair Robin Cash, DTM			DTM Chair Larry Lee, DTM		
Training Dean Jonathan Eckman, DTM			Spring Conference Co-Chair Karen Persip, DTM			Publicity Chair Janell Carla		
Quality Series Lead Jonathan Eckman, DTM			Spring Conference Co-Chair Joyce Howard, DTM			Williams, DTM		
District Chief Judge Giovanna Dottore, DTM			Contestant Liaison Diane Markham, DTM			Sponsorship Chair Vicky Trabosh, DTM		
Summer TLI Co-Chair Larry Lee, DTM			Decorations Co-Chair Kim Dixon, DTM			Yearbook Chair Joyce Randall, DTM		
Summer TLI Co-Chair Jacki Williams-Jones,			Decorations Co-Chair Faraah Mullings-Brown,			Zoom Producer Rickea Bacon, DTM		
Winter TLI Chair Chair Lauren Triplett			DTM					
24-25 Registration Co-Chair Carol Otters, DTM			Decorations Co-Chair Shireese Zuniga, DTM					
24-25 Registration Co-Chair Tom Otters, DTM			Opportunity Drawing Chair Mary G Russell, DTM					
Thank you to each and every volunteer who gave their time, energy, and heart to make our District officer trainings a success. Your dedication and generosity created a warm, empowering space where leaders could learn, grow, and shine - Our Toastmasters family is stronger because of you.								
Respectfully Submitted, Shawnte Howard, DTM, Program Quality Director, 2024-2025								

DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS								
Club Growth Director Report - Jon White DTM					7/1/2024 to 4/4/2025			
MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS				PAID CLUBS (as of )				
Membership Base:		(		4,342)	Base:		(	130)
Membership Payments (to date):		(		3,320)	Paid Club:		(	118)
Goal for 6/30/2025:		(		4,386)	Goal for 6/30/2025:		(	130)
MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS (since 7/1/24)								
Division	Late	Oct	Apr	Sub Total	New	Charter	Total	
A	0	242	204	446	90	0	536	
B	2	287	205	494	140	29	663	
C	2	272	253	527	103	0	630	
D	0	222	174	396	42	0	438	
E	5	296	214	515	104	0	619	
F	11	218	179	408	26	0	434	
New Club								
Total	20	1537	1229	2786	505	29	3320	
NEW CLUB PROGRESS								
So far this year three clubs have been chartered--WM DEI Toastmasters (a triple cap club), eSalon Toastmasters and MLKCH Toastmasters (double caps). Currently we are working on 4 strong new club prosects--El Camino Community College, LA Sanitation, Github and Pathways DTM. 2 Additional prospects include PM Terminals and Rand Corporation.								
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES								
Recently we ran the Power of Three promotion where District dollars were given to clubs who added 3 or more new/dual/reinstated members in December and January. Additionally we will begin promoting Beat the Clock (May-June).								
CURRENT AND UPCOMING MARKETING EVENTS AND STRATEGIES								
1. Follow up on old and new club leads from TLM systems. 2.Outreach to former members for possible reinstatement 3.Club Sponsor/Mentor monthly training workshops 4.Club Coach monthly trainings								
CLUB GROWTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS								
<b>Administration Team</b> Club Growth Director: Jon White, DTM Club Growth Advisor: Brad Stauffer, DTM Analytics Manager: Susan Zhou, PM2 PR Liaison: Sylvia Roldan, DTM				<b>Club Quality Team</b> Club Coach Chair: Vicky Trabosh, SR2 Club Coach Co Chair: Ana Lopez, DTM				
<b>Club Extension Team</b> Club Extension Chair: Jacki Williams-Jones, DTM Club Sponsor/Mentor Chair: Donna Robinson, DTM New Club Kickoff Coordinator: Gail Rosenthal, DTM				<b>Club Retention Team</b> Club Retention Chair: David Brackus, IP5/PM5 Speechcraft Strategy Chair: Michael Cormier/Janet Cormier, DTM/DTM				
Submitted by: Jon White, DTM, Club Growth Director								

**DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS****Division A Report, Jewel Alejos, PI1****As of Date:**

4/4/2025

<b>Paid Clubs</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Educational Awards Earned in Division</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Clubs in Division as of 7/1/24 (base)	21	Total Pathways Level Awards (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5) Earned to Date in Division:	59
Total # of Paid Clubs in Division (current)	19		
<b>Membership Payments</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Other Critical Success Factor</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Membership Payments in Division	536	Club Officers Trained - Winter 2025 (%)	56%
<b>New Clubs / Prospects</b>			
None at this time.			
<b>Area A1 Director, Anastazy Wada</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	Club officers trained in winter in A1: 61% (17/28), 61% trained in summer Membership payment breakdown: 44 Oct renewals, 40 Apr renewals, 11 new Pathways engagement in A1- 14% ( 7 of 50 members have earned awards) 3 club visits initiated or scheduled	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	95		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	12		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area A2 Director, Angela Abernathy</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	5/0	Club officers trained in winter in A2: 66% (23/35), 86% trained in summer Membership payment breakdown: 53 Oct renewal, 41 Apr renewals, 15 new Pathways engagement in A2- 16% (10 of 61 members have earned awards) 5 club visits initiated or scheduled	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	109		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	16		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area A3 Director, David Duplechin,</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	3/1	Club officers trained in winter in A3: 43% (12/28), 57% trained in summer Membership payment breakdown: 58 Oct renewals, 46 Apr renewals, 30 new Pathways engagement in A3- 13% (11 of 86 members have earned awards) 0 club visits initiated or scheduled	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	134		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	20		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area A4 Director, open</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	3/1	Club officers trained in winter in A4: 46% (13/28), 68% trained in summer Membership payment breakdown: 41 Oct renewals, 30 Apr renewals, 13 new Pathways engagement in A4- 9% (4 of 47 members have earned awards) 4 club visits initiated or scheduled	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	84		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	5		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area A5 Director, Amy Johnson, PM5</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	Club officers trained in winter in A5: 64% (18/28), 75% trained in summer Membership payment breakdown: 46 Oct renewals, 47 Apr renewals, 21 new Pathways engagement in A5- 6% (4 of 66 members have earned awards) 4 club visits initiated or scheduled	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	114		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	6		
% Club Visits Completed	0		

**Overall Division Status:**

**Membership:** Division A is home to 220 individuals holding 233 memberships (source division A roster dated 4/4/25). 92% (202) of these individuals live in California, 8% (17) live in other states, and 1% (2) live in another country. The Division has highly experienced and new members. 14% (29) of Division A members have been members of Toastmasters for twenty years or more. 20% (43) have joined Toastmasters in the past 12 months.

**Leadership:** Individuals engage in leadership at the club area and beyond. 45% (98) hold one or more club officer position. 4% (9) serve on the District Executive Committee. Kudos and gratitude to area directors Anastazy Wada and Amy Johnson for their exemplary leadership in planning and conducting the area speech contests. 16 contestants representing 11 different clubs competed in area contests. Dozens of volunteers worked together to support the events. Recognition to Area director, David Duplechin, who is in the midst of organizing the Division A Contest.

**Progress on goals from fall report:** Goal 1- All clubs at DCP qualified membership level, Progress- 24% (5 Of 21) were at a DCP qualified membership level at the end of March ; Goal 2- 50% of members will earn 1 or more level in the Pathways educational program, Progress- 16%( 35 of 220) of members have earned 1 or more Pathways level award; Goal 3- Elevate club leaders to to District 1 leaders, Progress- Applications for Division A Director and 1 Area Director have been submitted.

Respectfully Submitted, Jewel Alejos, PI 1 Division A Director

DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS			
Division B Report		As of Date:	4/4/2025
Paid Clubs	Status	Educational Awards Earned in Division	Status
Total # of Clubs in Division as of 7/1/24 (base)	21	Total Pathways Level Awards (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5) Earned to Date in Division:	86
Total # of Paid Clubs in Division (current)	19		
Membership Payments	Status	Other Critical Success Factor	Status
Total # of Membership Payments in Division	205	Club Officers Trained - Winter 2025 (%)	72%
New Clubs / Prospects			
Area B1 Director	Status	Area Summary	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/1	This Area did not send any contestants to the Spring '25 contest. Cedars-Sinai and Westwood Powerhour has 100% officers trained in winter. At least 1 new Division leader will emerge from this Area for '25-26. Special shout out to Cedars-Sinai for 8 goals and almost 2x membership base.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	71		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	26		
% Club Visits Completed	40%		
Area B2 Director	Status	Area Summary	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/1	Only Century City Toastmasters sent members to represent in the Humorous and International speech contests. Westwood Gateway successfully trained all 7 officers in winter. Congratulations to Toastmasters 90210 and Century City who have 6 and 8 goals, respectively and the membership to back it.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	141		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	25		
% Club Visits Completed	0%		
Area B3 Director	Status	Area Summary	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	Fox Talkz is the only club that sent one representative for all of B3 who represented for the International contest. City Speakers and Amazon Ads did not participate in any officer training in winter. This area could benefit from a dedicated Area Director and a few club coaches. All clubs currently have the membership numbers to warrant a coach or mentor.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	83		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	6		
% Club Visits Completed	0%		
Area B4 Director	Status	Area Summary	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	This Area is the most active in terms of contest participants. It was great to see a mix of first timers and veterans participate in the contests. They are also active with officer training and Pathways.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	99		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	17		
% Club Visits Completed	50%		
Area B5 Director	Status	Area Summary	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	3/1	It was great to see most clubs in this Area participate in the International contest. This area is on track to be 50% Distinguished.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	100		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	12		
% Club Visits Completed	25%		
Overall Division Status:			
<div>- 72% trained in winter which is only a 2% decline from Summer TLI in comparison</div> <div>- As-of today, we are at 71% of membership payments documents for the first half of the year</div> <div>- 1 contest functionary is stepping up to District Leadership. YAY!</div> <div>- Every Area has at least 1 club with 20 members to date</div> <div>- To date there are 2 clubs with over 40 members! WOW! (Toastmasters 902110 Club B2 and West Hollywood Toastmasters B4)</div> <div>- 4 out of 5 Areas are already on track to have at least 1 distinguished club</div> <div>- 2 clubs are in dangers with low membership (TRUE Blue B2 and Talk Nation B5)</div> <div>- 1 club is consistently unresponsive for unknown reasons (WME NSTV Toastmasters Club B1)</div>			
Respectively Submitted,		Sha'Dona Brewer, Division B Director	

<b>DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS</b>			
<b>Division C Report - Ed Stapleton</b>		<b>As of Date:</b>	04/20/2025
<b>Paid Clubs</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Educational Awards Earned in Division</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Clubs in Division as of 7/1/24 (base)	20	Total Pathways Level Awards (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5)	88
Total # of Paid Clubs in Division (current)	17	Earned to Date in Division:	
<b>Membership Payments</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Other Critical Success Factor</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Membership Payments in Division	542	Club Officers Trained - Winter 2025 (%)	fall 94%, spr 76%
<b>New Clubs / Prospects</b>			
<b>Area C1 Director - Open</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	3/1	Congrats to Masters of Evaluation for 12 educational levels completed. 49/56 Club Officer Trainings completed. Speech Encounters needs 1 more member to achieve Distinguished club. ToastiNG needs 1 more member to achieve paid club status.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	108		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	20		
% Club Visits Completed	4		
<b>Area C2 Director - Open</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	3/0	Congrats to Plane Talkers for 16 educational levels completed. 38/42 Club Officer Trainings Completed. Congrats to TechStyle for Select Distinguished. Plane Talkers needs 6 members to achieve Select Distinguished club.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	101		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	27		
% Club Visits Completed	3		
<b>Area C3 Director - Lisa Jen</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	3/1	Congrats to Speakers By The Sea for 9 educational levels completed. 43/56 Club Officer Trainings completed. Mattel needs 1 more member to achieve Distinguished club. Speakers By The Sea needs 1 more member to achieve Select Distinguished club.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	108		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	14		
% Club Visits Completed	4		
<b>Area C4 Assistant - Celine West</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	Congrats to Skechers for 7 educational levels completed. 50/56 Club Officer Trainings completed. Congrats to Air LA & to Skechers, both achieved Distinguished club. Beach Cities needs 1 more educational level to achieve Distinguished club.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	143		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	21		
% Club Visits Completed	4		
<b>Area C5 Director - Open</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/1	Congrats to AeroSpace for 4 educational levels completed. 36/56 Club Officer Trainings completed.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	82		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	6		
% Club Visits Completed	5		
<b>Overall Division Status:</b>			
<p>Thanks to Area C4 Assistant Celine West and Area C3 Director Lisa Jen for joining Division Director Ed Stapleton in serving the members and clubs of Division C! Lisa visited half of the clubs in the Division C fall club visits, with great results. Celine chaired, co-chaired, or coordinated all three speech contests hosted by Division C. Special thanks to Evelyn Woolridge for mentoring the entire Division C leadership team, and facilitating with Division Director Ed Stapleton both fall and spring Club Officer Training to get a whopping 85% of officers trained twice during the year! Further appreciation to Immediate Past District Director Keith Jackson for chairing or coordinating Division C Speech contests, and Jewel Alejo for serving as Contestant Liaison along with all wonderful Division C members and volunteers. Well done!</p>			
Respectively Submitted,		<b>Ed Stapleton</b>	
		Division C Director	

<b>DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS</b>			
<b>Division D Report</b>		<b>As of Date:</b>	4-4-25
<b>Paid Clubs</b>		<b>Educational Awards Earned in Division</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Clubs in Division as of 7/1/24 (base)	21	Total Pathways Level Awards (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5) Earned to Date in Division:	51
Total # of Paid Clubs in Division (current)	16		
<b>Membership Payments</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Other Critical Success Factor</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Membership Payments in Division	411	Club Officers Trained - Winter 2025 (%)	56
<b>New Clubs / Prospects</b>			
<b>Area D1 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	6	The area has 6 paid clubs and membership payments were high. Two clubs were unpaid. The Health and Wellness Club was dissolved and changed to Toast of the Bay.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	103		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	11		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area D2 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4	The membership payments were 66 and 14% of the Area Club visits were completed. All 3 clubs were paid.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	66		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	10		
% Club Visits Completed	14		
<b>Area D3 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4	The membership payments were fine. The club needs to complete more Club visit reports. All 4 clubs were paid.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	86		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	16		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area D4 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	5	The membership payments were low. The total Pathways level awards were low. 2 clubs were unpaid, Motor Mouths Club was one.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	58		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	3		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area D5 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	5	The clubs were paid and the total number of payments for membership were fine. One club renewal was not submitted.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	98		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	12		
% Club Visits Completed	0		

There were 16 clubs that were paid. The Health & Wellness Toastmasters club submitted there dissolution form and changed to Toast of the Bay. One club reached Distinguisghed status.

Respectively Submitted,			
		Division D Director Ali Mazhin	

<b>DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS</b>			
<b>Division E Report - Val Boyd, LD5 IP3</b>		<b>As of Date:</b>	4/4/2025
<b>Paid Clubs</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Educational Awards Earned in Division</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Clubs in Division as of 7/1/24 (base)	26	Total Pathways Level Awards (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5) Earned to Date in Division:	44
Total # of Paid Clubs in Division (current)	26		
<b>Membership Payments</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Other Critical Success Factor</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Membership Payments in Division	619	Club Officers Trained - Winter 2025 (%)	59%
<b>New Clubs / Prospects</b>			
<p>We celebrate the new existence of 2 clubs whose charters were received from previously named Toastmaster clubs: (1) In Area A4, <b>Shoreline Speakers</b> has now passed its charter membership to newly formed <b>Forks, Corks and Toastmasters</b>; (2) In Area A5, <b>Platform Speakers</b> has passed its charter membership over to newly formed <b>Build a Legacy</b> Club. We thank them all for their determination, energy, and motivation to bring in new members and grow together as new</p>			
<b>Area E-1 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4 / 2	<b>Area E1</b> -Long Beach Gavel is strong leading 5 award levels towards DCP goals; Lakewood TM and Lakewood YMCA completed the highest level of 85.7% in this area; Four clubs are strong/ reliable & growing; Two clubs are uncertain/ at risk; One club is ineligible;	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	186		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	10		
% Club Visits Completed	0%		
<b>Area E-2 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4 / 1	<b>Area E2</b> -RoToastados showed the highest 71.4% of officers trained, and high of 5 completed goals toward DCP so far in this area; Two clubs were uncertain of their status/ goal and one club was ineligible.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	93		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	5		
% Club Visits Completed	0%		
<b>Area E-3 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	5 / 0	<b>Area E3</b> -Rough Writers & Lng Bch Live Wires both completed 71.4% officers training; All 5 clubs are strong or improving; Four clubs are working hard towards DCP goals.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	89		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	3		
% Club Visits Completed	0%		
<b>Area E-4 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	5 / 0	<b>Area E4</b> -Lng Bch Powermasters & Upper Crust completed 100% officer training; Ethical Elite completed 71% officer training; All clubs are strong or improving and working towards DCP goals.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	143		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	15		
% Club Visits Completed	20%		
<b>Area E-5 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4 / 1	<b>Area E5</b> -Lunchtime Leaders & Officers Club of District ONE have both completed 100% officers training; Lunchtime Leaders has completed 8 DCP goals becoming Select Distinguished; Majority of Area Clubs were well-represented in the Speech Contests.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	108		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	11		
% Club Visits Completed	80%		
<b>Overall Division Status:</b>			
<p># This Winter Season 2025, Division E celebrates successful completion of two Area Contest Events and one Division Humorous and International Speech Contest event. We set the environment of going from WickEd to Winner seeking the winner in each one of us: Dancing Up to the Mic, being Popular and Defying Gravity. In the midst of losing 2 of only 3 assigned Area Directors on our team this year, we found great support from some amazing fellow Division E Toastmasters willing to step up. We grew as leaders and family. What great speakers, fellowship, food and fun we had planning and setting the environment to receive the incredible words of inspiration, hope and humor. We learned and practiced wearing many hats as we worked together as a team. ## We welcome two new clubs: (1) Forks, Corks and Toastmasters, and (2) Build a Legacy Club which have been able to step into the footsteps of previous legacy club charters; We currently have clubs that are almost distinguished status: (a) 6 clubs at 5 or more DCP goals earned, and (b) 4 clubs at 5 or more DCP goals earned, and 20+ members or 3+ new members; 19% of our club visits have been completed; 80% of Area E5 has been completed. We are now focused on completing remaining club visits, membership and DCP goals. ### Team work still makes the difference as we head towards Spring Conference Competition with Division "E" winners representing and being the best division of leaders, speakers and communicators that we can be. Thanks to all district leaders for support!</p>			
Respectively Submitted,		<b>Val Boyd, LD5 IP3</b>	
		Division E Director	

DISTRICT 1 TOASTMASTERS			
Division F Report		As of Date:	4/4/2025
<b>Paid Clubs</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Educational Awards Earned in Division</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Clubs in Division as of 7/1/24 (base)	21	Total Pathways Level Awards (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5) Earned to Date in Division:	44
Total # of Paid Clubs in Division (current)	21		
<b>Membership Payments</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Other Critical Success Factor</b>	<b>Status</b>
Total # of Membership Payments in Division	418	Club Officers Trained - Winter 2025 (%)	84%
<b>New Clubs / Prospects</b>			
<b>Area F1 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	Division Director is communicating with the respective clubs in this area. The focus will be on membership and Pathways. 22 Officers were trained at Winter TLI. Clubs visits are being scheduled.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	61		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	1		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area F2 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	Area Director is enjoying working with her respective clubs; encouraging the Clubs to work towards becoming Distinguished Clubs, focusing on membership and Pathways. 14 Officers were trained at Winter TLI. Area Visits are being scheduled	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	103		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	4		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area F3 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	5/0	Area Director plans to complete All clubs visited in the next six weeks. Congratulations to Praisemasters who in the process of becoming President Distinguished Club. JusticeMasters is a vibrant club is on the path to becoming a	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	110		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	24		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area F4 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	4/0	Area Director is scheduling Club visits and will encourage the clubs to work towards becoming distinguished. 20 Officers were trained at Winter TLI.	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	91		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	12		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
<b>Area F5 Director</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Area Summary</b>	
Total # Paid Clubs / # unpaid	3/1	Area Director is in the process of scheduling Clubs visits and will encourage the clubs to work toward becoming distinguished clubs. 14 Officers were trained at Winter TLI	
Membership Payments since 7/1/24	53		
Total # Pathways Level Awards Earned	7		
% Club Visits Completed	0		
Our goal is to finish the Toastmaster year membership and pathway strong.			
Respectively Submitted,		Pamela Garcia	
		Division F Director	



## District Leadership Committee

District 1 Toastmasters, 2024-2025

### District 1 Leadership Committee Report February 28, 2025

District Director, Leann Levine

The District Leadership Committee (DLC) met in person on February 22 & 23, 2025 and on February 25, 2025, virtually and completed all the interviews to evaluate all candidates wanting to run and had provided the proper information to the committee before February 17, 2025.

The committee ensured that all the candidates met the leadership role eligibility and competency within their roles.

The District Leadership Committee has approved the following names for nomination for the office of 2025-2026 Fiscal Year:

District Director	Shawnte Howard
Program Quality Director	Donna Robinson
Club Growth Director	Angel Estrada
Club Growth Director	Anna Lopez
Division A Director	Dr Kenneth Preston
Division B Director	Monica Dela Cruz
Division C Director	Celine West
Division D Director	Caydene Monk
Division E Director	Amber Stewart
Division F Director	Susana Cabrera

Members of the District Leadership Committee worked hard and met virtually before and after the interviews to complete this process on time. Voting committee members are:

Jacob Daley, DTM	Keith Jackson, DTM, PDD	David Kitchen, DTM, PDG
Diane Marham, DTM, PDD	Daisy Li, DTM	Evelyn Woolridge, DTM, PDD

Respectfully Submitted,

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District 1 Leadership Committee Chair 2024-2025  
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# **2025 - 2026 Candidates Corner**



**Biography  
of  
Candidates**

**May 2, 2025**

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## District 1 Toastmasters Leadership 2025

### Nominated Candidate Biography

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#### **Shawnte Howard, DTM**

Nominated Candidate for District Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

Shawnte Howard is a dynamic, results-driven leader who has consistently demonstrated excellence and innovation in Toastmasters. As the current Program Quality Director for District 1, she has redefined the member experience through transformative initiatives that drive growth, engagement, and leadership development.

One of her crowning achievements was the Toastmasters Expo—a groundbreaking event that introduced over 70 individuals to Toastmasters and led to membership growth across more than 10 clubs. This innovative event not only expanded the district's reach but also showcased the impact Toastmasters can have on personal and professional development.

Her leadership extends beyond recruitment. With a proven track record of organizing district-wide events like the annual conference and workshops, she has demonstrated her expertise in event production, bringing people together and delivering impactful experiences that elevate members' journeys. Her dedication to leadership development inspires members to take full advantage of the Pathways program, while her creative approach to new member orientation and executive committee training sets the standard for future leaders.

With a strong background in corporate leadership, event production, and accounting, she approaches every challenge with a strategic mindset. Her ability to blend professionalism with warmth fosters an environment where members feel empowered, supported, and motivated to achieve their goals.

Vote for Shawnte Howard for District Director—Let's Elevate with Impact!



## District 1 Toastmasters Leadership 2025

### Nominated Candidate Biography

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#### **Donna Robinson, DTM**

Nominated Candidate for Program Quality Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

From the moment Donna Robinson stepped into her first Toastmasters meeting in 2012, she knew she had found a place where she could grow, contribute, and make a lasting impact. Over the years, her passion for Toastmasters has only deepened, and she finds great joy in inspiring new members—helping them unlock their potential and achieve their goals.

As Division B Director, she had the privilege of leading her team to **President's Distinguished** status, a testament to her team's collective dedication to excellence. Beyond that, she has proudly served in various leadership roles, including **Sponsor & Mentor Chair, Spring Conference Co-Chair, District Incentives Chair, and Fall Credentials Committee**. Her commitment to Toastmasters has been recognized with the **Lydia Boyd Communications Award** and **Toastmaster of the Year** honors.

Outside of Toastmasters, she serves as **Director of Recruiting Operations** at UCLA Anderson School of Management's Parker MBA Career Management Center. There, she leads a team of Account Managers in Corporate Outreach and oversees training for over 300 MBA students as they navigate campus recruiting.

As **Program Quality Director**, her mission is to foster an environment where every member thrives—personally and professionally. Together, we can **strengthen our clubs, empower our members, and build a future of excellence**.

Vote for Donna Robinson, DTM, for 2025-2026 Program Quality Director!



## District 1 Toastmasters Leadership 2025

### Nominated Candidate Biography

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#### Angel Estrada, DTM

Nominated Candidate for Club Growth Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

Angel Estrada's Toastmaster journey began with a consistently President's Distinguished club Peninsula 174 in February 2006. Through the influence of its leaders, he held several leadership posts within the club and became the Area D3 Governor in 2009-2010 and became Area Governor of the year. In 2012, he received the Division D Governor distinction.

He has held 40 officer roles with numerous clubs. He is also proud to have chartered six clubs: V-A's New Directions, Y's Orators, Winners Circle, Voices of the Harbor (current member), Loyola Marymount College, Abriendo Caminos (current member); and assisted in chartering Atrévete a Hablar (current member).

In addition, he has organized and conducted the first Spanish Language club officer training workshops in District 1, including live and hybrid.

He would be remiss if he did not give credit for his lessons and victories to the amazing leaders in District 1: Bilquis Ahmed, Julie Broady, Carlos De la Cruz, Giovanna Dottore, Carmen Duarte, Sandy Dunning, Keith Jackson, Don Johnson, Larry Lee, Roberta Perry, Evelyn Woolridge, and many more.

**District 1 Toastmasters  
Leadership 2025**

**Nominated Candidate Biography**



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**Ana Lopez, DTM**

Nominated Candidate for Club Growth Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

Ana Lopez is honored to be a nominated candidate for Club Growth Director for the 2025–2026 term.

Her Toastmasters journey began 11 years ago with DanceMasters. She loved the dance classes, but the speaking part, not so much. Thanks to the support and encouragement of her club members, she slowly expanded her comfort zone, took on officer roles, and discovered a passion for helping others grow.

With gentle nudges from mentors, she stepped into District leadership—and never looked back. Over the past 11 years, she has served as Assistant Area Director, Area Director, District Chief Judge, Youth Leadership Coordinator, Club Mentor, Club Coach, Finance Manager, Co-Chair the Spring Conference, and Chair for both in-person and online TLI and speech contests. Each role has fueled my commitment to service and leadership.

As your Club Growth Director, she would dedicate to Empowering Growth and Achieving Results across District One. Her team will focus on strengthening our clubs, supporting membership growth, and building new clubs that serve our diverse communities. She believes challenges are opportunities in disguise—and she is committed to turning today's obstacles into tomorrow's success stories.

Let's work together to help our District thrive. Empowering Growth. Achieving Results.



## District 1 Toastmasters Leadership 2025

### Nominated Candidate Biography

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#### Dr. Kenneth Preston, VC5

Nominated Candidate for Division A Director, 2025-2026

District 1 Toastmasters

Born in Fort Valley, Georgia and raised in Rochester, New York, Ken was the only child to his parents (both deceased). His parents were especially proud of Ken following in his dad's footsteps by attending and graduating from Hampton Institute / Hampton University.

Retired Sr. Project Engineer, Technical Lead Engineer (TLE), and Boeing Designated Expert (BDE) from Boeing on the C-17 Program and Space Shuttle programs with 37 1/2 years of aerospace and defense industry experience. He worked in various technical and management positions. Ken was a member of the Boeing Mentorship program where he mentored over thirty engineers, ten minority early career employees, and college students in engineering and technical disciplines.

He serves as an Instructor for Caltech's Center for Technology and Management Education (CTME), and Past President of the Cal State LA Engineering Industry Advisory Board (IAB). He is a book author and has published over 7 Engineering Technical Papers through the International Council of System Engineers (INCOSE).

Dr. Preston has been an active charter member of Faith-Based Toastmasters since June 2021, Sergeant at Arms (2021-2023), and Area A 5 Director for 2023-24. He is currently Vice-President of Membership and Club mentor. He is working on Level 4 of Persuasive Influence and completed the Visionary Communication of Path in 2024.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Ken has been married for 38 1/2 years to Valerie and resides in Southern California with his family (son, daughter, daughter in-law and their 8<sup>th</sup> month granddaughter).

District 1 Toastmasters  
**Leadership 2025**

**Nominated Candidate Biography**

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**Monica Dela Cruz, IP4**

Nominated Candidate for Division B Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

Six years ago, Monica Dela Cruz was that nervous newcomer at a Toastmasters meeting, palms sweating and heart racing as she was called up for Table Topics. She still remembers gripping the edge of her seat. Little did she know that this moment of vulnerability would become the catalyst for her personal transformation.

Fast forward to today, and she has come a long way from that anxious beginner. As a current Club President and candidate for Division B Director, she stands as living proof of Toastmasters' incredible power to build confidence and leadership. It was not just the program that changed her — it was the people. The mentors who saw potential in her, the fellow members who supported me through every stumbling word and growing moment.

Her leadership philosophy is simple: support, empower, and inspire. I will work tirelessly with the club leaders to create an environment where every member can grow, challenge themselves, and ultimately shine. Her vision for Division B is more than just meeting goals—it is about creating a community. A community that welcomes every new member with the same warmth and encouragement she received.

She is running to be the Division B Director because she believes in the transformative power of communication and leadership. Monica believes in you—in your potential, your journey, and your ability to make a difference.

Let's create that difference—TOGETHER.

**District 1 Toastmasters  
Leadership 2025**

**Nominated Candidate Biography**



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**Celine West, CC**

Nominated Candidate for Division C Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

At heart, Celine West is creative, but she enjoys reading and writing about academic subjects as a hobby. She also enjoys playing her guitar and singing in addition to developing her communication and leadership skills with the hope of taking her creative and academic interests to the next level with Toastmasters being a key factor in her journey.

A dedicated Toastmaster, courageous leader, and an ambitious marketing and communications professional, one of her core passions is helping people realize their potential and achieve their goals.

She has served on the board of directors for The WICT Network: Southern California, an amazing organization in the entertainment, media, and tech industry, for the past six years where she helped the team plan events, strategize community involvement, membership acquisition, and industry leader advocacy. Prior to this role, she served as Area C2 Director for two terms and President for her home club, Beach Cities Toastmasters in Manhattan Beach.

She has a deep interest in information sciences and a lifelong passion for the field of astronomy and would be glad to talk your ear off about the cosmos and everything in it.

She has Toastmasters to thank for helping her develop and hone her leadership skills. Beginning as Sergeant-at-Arms, to serving as club President, then graduating to Area Assistant, followed by 2 terms as Area Director, she has a deep appreciation for the servant leadership style that is demonstrated throughout the Toastmasters educational program.

District 1 Toastmasters  
**Leadership 2025**

**Nominated Candidate Biography**

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**Caydene Monk, PM4**

Nominated Candidate for Division D Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

Caydene Monk is a mother of three wonderful young men and a beautiful grandson. She is a Certified Functional Nutritionist with a passion for helping people look and feel their best. Caydene is a Christian who serves in ministry overseeing a church in Lynwood California. She is also passionate about helping people share their gifts and talents.

She retired as a Management Analyst from the City of Los Angeles after 29 years of service. She has also served both church and community in the areas of: Youth Ministry, Church Leadership, a Certified Lay Speaker, Lay Servant Ministries Director, and Social Justice Coordinator. Caydene is a member of Living Into the Future Foundation (LITFF), a board that provides assistance to programs within the United Methodist Church that are focused on caring and providing services to meet the needs of the people from students to adults.

Caydene Monk has been a Toastmaster since April 2021. She has served as Treasurer, Vice President of Education, Area Director,.

**District 1 Toastmasters**  
**Leadership 2025**  
**Nominated Candidate Biography**

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**Amber Stewart, DTM**

Nominated Candidate for Division E Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

Amber Stewart joined Toastmasters in 2021 to sharpen her leadership skills and reduce the number of times she would say "like" when speaking. What she has gained so far from being a member of this incredible community is beyond words. She has been an entrepreneur for over 25 years and currently owns two businesses. She founded a nonprofit 8 years ago and has a strong understanding of strategic planning. She is also a certified coach with experience in managing diverse personalities.

As a former Executive Assistant to a CEO and a Corporate Event Planner for three businesses, she knows how to work with others to achieve team goals. She loves giving back, serving others, and having fun. She has held many leadership roles within Toastmasters, such as Past Distinguished Area Director, C4 (2022), and Club President of Long Beach Powermasters (President's Distinguished Club, 2023). In

2024, she chartered a new club, Lakewood YMCA Toastmasters, which she mentors.

She achieved her Distinguished Toastmaster in under three years, and is excited to be a nominated candidate for Division E Director. Her mission is to help every club, area, and member achieve excellence. Her goal is to foster abundance in excellence so that every area and club in Division E becomes President's Distinguished.



## District 1 Toastmasters Leadership 2025

### Nominated Candidate Biography

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#### **Susana Cabrera, MS3**

Nominated Candidate for Division F Director, 2025-2026  
District 1 Toastmasters

Susana Cabrera is a dedicated mother of six, a successful entrepreneur, and a passionate community leader. Her journey from street vending to business ownership is a testament to resilience, determination, and the power of believing in oneself.

Starting with a humble hot dog stand, Susana worked tirelessly to build a thriving career and now proudly owns two Everytable locations in Inglewood and Culver City Sepulveda. Through her work, she not only provides nutritious meals to her community but also empowers individuals to take control of their future.

As a speaker, Susana aspires to inspire. She is committed to uplifting others by sharing her story and encouraging people to embrace challenges as stepping stones to success. Her passion lies in helping individuals recognize their potential and take bold steps toward building their own legacy.

Currently serving as an Area Director, Susana has worked closely with clubs to foster growth, mentorship, and leadership development. Her hands-on approach has helped members enhance their communication skills and strengthen their confidence. Now, as a candidate for Division Director, she is eager to expand her impact by providing even greater support, collaboration, and resources to help clubs and members thrive.

With a heart for service and a drive for excellence, Susana Cabrera is ready to lead, inspire, and make a lasting impact as Division Director.