



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

District 17 Division Directors Report

Central Division – April 2017

Educational Awards

As of 2 April 2017

- 20 Competent Communicator awards have been submitted. This is the same number of awards submitted as in January.
- Six Competent Leader awards have been submitted. There had been five such awards submitted in January.

I will continue to encourage the Central team ask their clubs to submit any further educational awards earned.

Membership

As of 3 April 2017, 18 of the 20 Central clubs met or exceeded the minimum number of eight active members. Two clubs, Speakers Bureau and Meeting Procedures, have members registered, but are below eight members. We will work together to get those two clubs' memberships to minimum strength, and the division will continue to maintain a focus across the board on membership.

- There are seven clubs with 20 or more members. Central Communicators, CPA, Curtin GSB, Plain Speakers, 235 Toastmasters, City of Perth and Risky Toast. This is up from four clubs in this position in March.
- Nine of the 20 clubs have 14 members, or less. In January there were 12 clubs with less than 14 members, which is an encouraging trend. In March, there were still nine clubs in this position
- Six clubs have made a net gain of between one and four members this Toastmasters year. Risky, CPA, AECOM, Curtin GSB, Central Communicators, and Plain Speakers. In January, only four clubs had net membership gains.
- The other remaining 13 clubs have lost from one to 14 members. This was 16 clubs in January, again a mild positive trend

DCP Goals

As of 2 April 2017

- Four clubs have five or six DCP points: Curtin GSB Sundowners, Plain Speakers, City of Perth and Dynamic Speakers. Plain Speakers and City of Perth are above 20 members.
- Three clubs are on four DCP points: Central Communicators, Curtin GSB and Risky Toast. They all have over 20 members.
- Six clubs have three DCP points – CPA, Rising Stars, Karratha, West End, Perth Justalk, and Speakers Bureau.
- Three clubs have two DCP points
- Four clubs have one DCP point
- No club has zero DCP points

Club Officer Training

Central held club officer training on February 9 at the Innovation Centre in Bentley. In addition, Jon Teh visited Karratha to deliver training to that club, and I delivered training to two officers from BankWest. While I would like to have seen all club officers attend Club Officer Training, 13 of the 20 Central clubs had

four or more officers trained in the latest round of training – some 62 officers. Six officers were trained of the remaining seven Central Division clubs.

Contact with Area Directors

The Central Division team has been keeping in touch through emails and phone calls, as well as a division council meeting in February. This was a mixed physical and Skype based meeting, which worked well, except for one participant who unfortunately was unable to connect. Area directors have also been seeing each other at pop-up Toastmaster meetings run by Robyn Lloyd around the CBD, and at meetings of the Stanley College club.

I will be aiming to lift the frequency of communications in the run-up to the end of the Toastmasters year.

Contests

All Central area and division International Speech and Evaluation contests have been successfully held. Their details are:

- C1 contests were held on March 23, at Northbridge Toastmasters
- C2 on March 11, at 43 Below in Perth
- C3 on March 12, at the Tom Dadour Centre in Subiaco
- C4 on 17 March, at Curtin GSB in Perth
- C5 on March 15, at the Grosvenor building in Perth

The Central Division contests were held on April 1, at the Shenton Park Community Centre. Janette Edwards won the International contest, and Lizeth de La Hoz Ruiz was the second place getter. In the Evaluation contest, Jennifer van den Hoek was the winner, and Garry Goh second place getter. All four will represent Central Division in their respective District 17 convention contests, in May of this year.

Clubs

In the last two months, I have visited meetings of the following clubs: Northbridge, AECOM, Electric Toasters, Dynamic speakers, and NAB Toastmasters. In addition, I have attended the club contests of Rising Stars, and Curtin GSB Sundowners. Several of these clubs have been going through difficult times with lower membership numbers than they would have liked. It is encouraging to see signs of increasing membership, and I would be delighted to see this trend continue.

New Clubs

There are several new clubs in the Central Division

- A demo meeting was held at Stanley College in Northbridge on February 6, and meetings have been held since.
- Persuasive Speakers club is still yet to achieve 20 members. There were many enthusiastic visitors present when I visited in January of this year. I plan to visit again when I can, to check progress, and see what additional help can be provided to get this club to charter.
- A demonstration meeting was held on March 7 for BHP Billiton, and this club is in the throes of chartering.
- A meeting of the Meeting Procedures club committee was held on March 16.

Successors for Director Roles

As well as keeping my eyes open for successors, I have asked the rest of the Central team to do the same. I have been in contact with Mark Richards of the nominations committee, and put forward some names for him to contact as possible Area Directors for next Toastmasters year.

Other Information/Comments

I attempted to use the visit of World Champion public speaker Darren LaCroix earlier in the year, to try and get some publicity for district 17 by trying to secure a radio interview for him. I made contact with two radio stations, but was unable to secure an interview. I was told the impending state election was dominating available time, and it was difficult to devote air time to other topics.

I also wrote an article on Darren and submitted it to both the Community News and Perth Voice newspapers, but was unsuccessful in having the story published.

Submitted by Allen Hahn

Central Division Director 2016-2017

Eastern Division – 15 April 2017

Educational Awards

Fifty two educational awards have been lodged: 34 communication awards and 18 leadership awards. Two clubs have no awards lodged.

Membership

One hundred new memberships have been lodged during this Toastmaster year, 59 of these since the September report. The highest membership growth has been in the Victoria Park, Kalamunda and WASM. No new members have been signed on in Terrace or DTM Pathways.

Minimal renewal requirement was met by 17 of the 18 clubs, but membership retention will not be clear until renewals are completed this month.

At present membership sits at 315. Base membership at July 1 was 339 – about 9% drop.

DCP Goals

Nine of the 18 clubs have achieved at least 5 DCP goals, with Victoria Park on 9 goals and Ellenbrook and Mundaring on 7. Six of those clubs have the membership requirement for DCP recognition.

Two further clubs are likely to achieve Distinguished status or higher.

Club Officer Training

Both rounds of Club Officer training were generally well attended. Three clubs - Terrace, Shell and Belmont, failed to have at least four members attend the second round.

Contact with Area Directors

Regular contact is made by email with all Area Directors particularly with regard to their Area Contests. I was pleased with the regular updates provided prior to each contest.

An online meeting was held on 5th February 2017 to discuss TLI/COT, Area and Division Contests, new clubs and succession plans. These skype meetings are working well. Communication to finalise Eastern Division Contest arrangements were very effective.

All Area Directors are diligent in responding to emails and in including me in correspondence regarding their area activities and concerns.

Contests

All Area Contests have been held and notification of the winners was forwarded to me for the Division Contest. Area Directors were responsible for organizing their contests and these were run according to the contest rulebook requirements. The E11 Area Speech Evaluation Contest was held with one contestant.

The Eastern Division Contest, held on 18 March 2017 went very well, with the cooperation and support of Area Directors and Belmont Club officers who helped with venue organization. It was very well attended by at least 60 (the maximum accommodation for this venue).

Clubs

As well as the clubs whose membership numbers still remain below required 20 or growth of 5 clubs, there are three clubs which are a cause for concern.

The future of corporate club Shell in E11 is at risk due to restructuring and the imminent loss of one of its proactive members. Of the 21 members registered, less than 8 renewed and there was report of little interest from those remaining. No committee members attended COT and no DCP awards have been lodged.

Terrace Club in E11 has a drop in membership, and no new members registered. Only 2 DCP awards have been registered and only 2 members attended COT.

Belmont Club in E14 has also suffered a loss of membership and have no awards registered. Only 2 members attended COT.

DTM Pathways in E14 has had no new members this year.

New Clubs

Curtin Toastmasters Bentley is progressing very well, following two successful demonstration meetings at Curtin University in January run by Area E14 Director Mina Cho. Meetings are held fortnightly and are well attended. With active support by Curtin management and steady growth of membership, it is expected that Curtin will charter before the end of June.

The Esperance Toastmasters demonstration meeting was held on Tuesday 14 March, and was attended by three Toastmasters from Kalgoorlie and by District Director Leonor Ragan, in support of Marilyn Southern from Esperance. Those who attended were interested, but in order to be successful, at least 17 members need to be signed on if the club is to be viable. Attendance by support Toastmasters from Kalgoorlie will be minimal. At this stage, it seems unlikely that an Esperance Toastmasters Club will be possible.

Successors for Director Roles

Two recommendations were made to Nominating Chairman Mark Richards.

Other Information/Comments

Each of the four Area Directors has continued to work towards the success of their area. Official club visits are underway or planned for in the next few weeks. I have found them all very open in their communication and professional in the execution of their Area Director duties. They are a pleasure to work with.

Submitted by Judith Allen

Eastern Division Director 2016 - 2017

Northern Division – April 2017

Educational Awards

Clubs within Northern Division have begun to lodge educational awards. Across all the areas with Northern Division, there have been 36 educational awards lodged, these been 20 competent communicators, 8 advanced communicators and 17 leadership awards, including two DTMs.

Membership

The main goals of the Northern Division for the 2016/17 year is to retain our existing members and to recruit new members to our clubs. All clubs have gained at least one new member since the start of July. There are 14 clubs that have achieved Goal 7- Sandgroper, Northern Lights, Northern Gourmet, Project Managers, Subiaco Early Birds, Desparadoes, Water Corp, Banyandah, Maylands, Highgate, Noranda, Gourmet Guns and Roses, Competitive Speakers Perth and Banksia Speakers as well as 5 clubs achieving both membership goals for the DCP- UWA, St Georges, Stirling, Young Guns and Aspire. Across all the Areas of Northern Division, there have been 158 new members since July 1st, with 21 for Area N21, 41 for Area N22, 24 for Area N23, 25 for Area N24 and 47 for Area N25.

DCP Goals

Please refer to the above sections on educational awards and membership. However, the major factor that could stop clubs achieving at least Distinguished Status not having 20 members or a net growth of 5 on the 30th June 2017.

Club Officer Training

Most clubs within Northern Division had 4 or more club officers trained during the training period. However, there were a few clubs that didn't have 4 officers trained. No make-up training was organised as I couldn't get enough people to attend. With the second round of training, 14 clubs had 4 or more officers trained. In terms of achieving goal 9, 12 clubs have at least 4 officers trained in period, with 13 clubs achieving this goal.

With club officer elections, I will send a reminder to clubs to hold elections in April/May as well as sending reminders for the first round of training in the 2017/18 year as soon as dates become available.

Contact with Area Directors

Most communication between the Area Directors and myself has been either via email, via phone or in person if I have seen them at a club meeting or a district event. I am looking to hold a division council meeting in the near future.

Contests

The date for the Division Final for the International and Evaluation contests were held on the 25th March 2017 at the Bob Daniel Community Centre. The event ran smoothly, despite some last minute cancellations. The results are below:

Contest	International	Evaluation
1 st	Lisa Evans	Martin O'Connor
2 nd	Sam Walsham	Nathan Machholz
3 rd	Nathan Machholz	Sean Gomes

All area finals were held prior to the division contest., with them starting on the 6th March and ending on the 15th March. Results are below:

Area	Date Held	International	Evaluation
N21	6 th March	Sam Walsham Martin O'Connor	Martin O'Connor Sam Walsham
N22	15 th March	Phillippa Henderson	Fredrick Glisson

		Yue-Li Tan	Nico West
N23	8 th March	Nathan Machholz Richard Miles	David Barton Nathan Machholz
N24	13 th March	Matt Griggs Paula Kosowitz	Sean Gomes Kym Godfrey
N25	9 th March	Lisa Evans Rey Lacson	Maree Pickens Lisa Evans

Clubs

All clubs have had at least one new member join between the 1st July and today. As of 1st April, 3 clubs have not paid for 8 renewals- Highgate, Talkabout and Masters@UWA. Both Highgate and Talkabout should have 8 payments made soon. However, I am unsure about Masters@UWA. I have also noticed that renewals for a few clubs are little low, however, I am hopeful of these clubs will make some payments between now and the middle of April.

New Clubs

Butler Toastmasters chartered in December 2016, having reached 20 paid members.

UWA College Row Toastmasters has reached 22 members and is in the process of chartering, with the paperwork to be submitted to Toastmasters International soon.

Other Information/Comments

Mark Zhang has expressed interest in running for Northern Division Director in 2017/18.

Congratulations to Almarie Meyer from Butler for achieving her DTM.

Submitted by Catherine O'Brien DTM

Northern Division Director 2016-2017

Southern Division 14 March , 2017

Educational Awards

Encouraging performance across each Area with a strong delivery of Awards. A total of 58 Communication Awards and 15 Leadership Awards as shown in the table below:

	CC	CL	ACB	ACS	ACG	ALB	DTM
Area S31	7		2	1		1	
Area S32	16	4	2	1	1	4	1 (DN)
Area S33	4		2		3		1 (TB)
Area S34	2	2	1	1		1	
Area S35	10	1	2	1	2		

Membership

We commenced in July 2016 with 451 members in Southern Division and grew to 509 members at the end of October 2016. We started the New Year with 396 and have grown to 434 in March a lift of 8%. Area Directors are aware to promote new member development programs and get new members into Agendas quickly. VPM's are looking at people attending last year and failing to arrive this year.

Clubs under stress are Cannington Communicators 8, TLI Training Group 9 and Netmasters 9. Pleasing to see Armadale starting to improve with 12. Credit to Michele, Peter Law and Club Coach John Cecchi.

DCP Goals

Each Area Director is reviewing Club success plans and Succession of Presidents and Vice President of Education in June 2017. Some teams have their new structure selected for the next year. Its nice to report that Distinguished Club Awards has renewed enthusiasm with Success Plans starting to be managed for a strong outcome.

Club Officer Training

There are 21 Clubs in Southern Division.

	4 or more	3 Club officers	2 Club Officers	1 Club Officer
Area S31	All 4 clubs			
Area S32	3	1		
Area S33	3	1		1 (Cannington)
Area S34	3			
Area S35	1		2	2 (Net&Rocky)

Contact with Area Directors

Divisional Meeting being held once a month and at the moment weekly emails are used to communicate, some phone traffic but overall progress with important issues.

Contests

The Southern Division International is planned for 8 April 2017 and Area Directors are in full swing organising contests during March .After this week we have 3 contests to go with Area 31, Area 34 and Area 35.

Clubs

The larger teams of Canning Vale 57, Victoria Quay43 and Fremantle Gateway 35 are growing well. Applecross has declined to 27 and worthy of a membership campaign.

New Clubs

Victoria Quay-Note on Monday is experiencing some early success. City of Cockburn Council is the newest location under review for a new club.

Successors for Division Director Roles

Ian Hart has stepped into the Area 33 Honorary Area Director role with new enthusiasm and immediate leadership. Ian's knowledge and keen attitude looks impressive at this early stage.

Other Information/Comments

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Submitted by Kevin Sansome

Southern Division Director 2016-2017