

# Program Quality Director Report

- 2 April 2025
- For the District Executive Committee 6 April 2025

## Club Officer Training

The second round of Club Officer Training (COT) was a raging success with a very strong turnout and rave reviews.

As you might remember COT2 was organised and run centrally by the District training team as Division Directors are busy organising their conferences at this time of year. We also chose this round to be online to try to encourage members to attend those Division conferences, in addition to minimising the time input required by our Division Directors.

We trained 690 club officers! What an amazing effort!

Comparatively last year we trained 578. This is an epic improvement.

Thank you to all our trainers some of whom have trained for the first time this round, and to the Toastmasters stalwarts who've assisted as a trainer previously. And most especially to Kate Norris and Thomas Krafft our training managers.

## Upcoming District Leadership Training

Please pass on to your successors that DLT1 for 2025-2026 incoming officers will be on 28-29 June 2025 to be held at Kedron-Wavell Services Club. We will trial a full day Saturday and half day Sunday model with additional sessions on coaching skills.

In addition to this Division Directors will receive additional training for a full day on Saturday 31 May, 2025.

### New District Position

In 2025 Toastmasters International is introducing a new position to the District team in the Program Quality portfolio, the Club Excellence Chair.

This position will be a resource for Area Directors and club officers as they guide clubs on ensuring club quality. This feels like a timely step of giving us some scaffolding around member retention, engagement and long-term sustainability.

## Remember - Changes to the Distinguished Club Program (DCP)

- New qualifying requirement: Club Success Plan must be submitted by September 30
- New Smedley Distinguished level added requiring 25 members, and all 10 DCP goals achieved



## New Rules for Bringing Back Suspended Clubs

All clubs that are currently suspended, or that have been closed in the past 4 renewal periods, have the option to reinstate.

Previously lifting a club out of suspension required quite onerous paperwork, and members needed to pay for multiple renewal periods as if they were never suspended.

#### New requirements:

- Membership applications for 12 members, 3 of whom were active in the renewal period prior to the club's suspension.
- A valid club officer list, the minimum club officer requirement is as follows: an active president, vice president (club choice of education, membership, or public relations), and a secretary. Each of these three roles must be held by a separate individual.
- Payment directly to World Headquarters via phone call, fax, or wire transfer.

Depending on the time the club reinstates, different amounts are due.

Month	Membership Dues (USD)	Renewal Dues (USD)	Total Amount (USD) (per member)
October	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00
November	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$110.00
December	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
January	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
February	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$80.00
March	\$10.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
April	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00
May	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$110.00
June	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$100.00
July	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
August	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$80.00
September	\$10.00	\$60.00	\$70.00

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