



MULTIPLE DISTRICT 410 – 2024/2025

REPORT TO 3rd COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING and CONVENTION

PORTFOLIO – MD CONVENTION 2026

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1. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Convention 2026 Dream Team has been meeting regularly for the past few months to deliver a convention of all conventions to MD 410. The 410E Zone 4 clubs participating are Centurion, Centurion Lifestyle, Midrand, Pretoria Jakaranda, Pretoria South.

2. VENUE

What started off as a Pretoria Convention deviated to looking at potential venues in Sandton, Fourways, Muldersdrift, Pelindaba, Benoni, Rustenburg and even as far afield as Bela Bela. On a very serious note this proved to be an exercise and a half to (a) find venues that are prepared to negotiate and (b) who are not stuck in their “this is what we have to offer – take it or leave it!”

As a result of a stroke of genius we approached the Premier Hotel, Midrand and surprisingly found a management team that was prepared to listen and negotiate. The venue offers adequate venues for all our functions as well as accommodation.



3. CONVENTION DATES

The dates have been determined as being 23 to 26 April 2026 (Monday 27th is Freedom Day that allows for travel home.)

In keeping with programmes of late this can be deemed to be the first cut:

Thursday 23rd – eve – Council and Incoming Council Dinner

Friday 24th – a m Council Meeting

Friday 24th – p m Cabinet Meetings

Friday 24th – eve Welcome Function

Saturday 25th – am / pm District Conventions

Saturday 25th – eve Banquet

Sunday 26th - am / pm MD Convention

Sunday 26th – eve Theme Function watch this space!!

4. BUDGETS / REGISTRATION FEE

As of today (13 April) the costing looks like this:

| PREMIER HOTEL MIDRAND | | | |
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| 23 APRIL: Day 1 Council Dinner | 25 | | |
| Venue Hire | | | |
| Meal | | 495 | R 12 375.00 |
| Funded by Council | | | R 0.00 |
| 24 APRIL: Day 2 Council Meeting | 25 | | |
| Venue Hire | | | |
| Conference Package | | 490 | R 12 250.00 |
| Funded by Council | | | R 0.00 |
| 24 APRIL: Day 2 410E Cabinet | 40 | | |
| Conference Package | | 490 | R 19 600.00 |
| Funded by 410E | | | R 0.00 |
| 24 APRIL: Day 2 410W Cabinet | 40 | | |
| Conference Package | | 490 | R 19 600.00 |
| Funded by 410W | | | R 0.00 |
| 24 APRIL: Day 2 Welcome Function | 220 | | |
| Venue Hire | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Conference Package | | | |
| Meal | | 495 | R 108 900.00 |
| Covers / Overlays | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Flowers | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Convention Cost | | | R 108 900.00 |
| 25 APRIL: Day 3 410E Convention | 120 | | |
| Venue Hire | | | |
| Conference Package | | 530 | R 63 600.00 |
| Meal | | | |
| P A System | | 3500 | R 3 500.00 |
| Convention Cost | | | R 67 100.00 |
| 25 APRIL: Day 3 410W Convention | 120 | | |
| Venue Hire | | | |
| Conference Package | | 530 | R 63 600.00 |
| Meal | | | |
| P A System | | 3500 | R 3 500.00 |
| Convention Cost | | | R 67 100.00 |
| 25 APRIL: Day 3 Banquet | 220 | | |
| Venue Hire | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Conference Package | | | |
| Meal | | 495 | R 108 900.00 |
| P A System | | 3500 | R 3 500.00 |
| Covers / Overlays | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Flowers | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Convention Cost | | | R 112 400.00 |
| 26 APRIL: Day 4 Presidents Breakfast | 50 | | |
| Funded by Council | | | R 0.00 |
| 26 APRIL: Day 4 PDG Breakfast | 50 | | |
| Self Funded | | | R 0.00 |
| 26 APRIL: Day 4 Melvin Jones Lunch | 50 | | |
| Self Funded | | | R 0.00 |
| 27 APRIL: Day 4 MD Convention | 220 | | |
| Venue Hire | | | |
| Conference Package | | 530 | R 116 600.00 |
| Meal | | | |

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| P A System | | | 3500 | R 3 500.00 |
| Convention Cost | | | | R 120 100.00 |
| 27 APRIL:Day 4 Theme Function | 220 | | | |
| Venue Hire | | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Meal | | | 495 | R 108 900.00 |
| P A System | | | | |
| Covers / Overlays | | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Flowers | | | 0 | R 0.00 |
| Convention Cost | | | | R 108 900.00 |
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| TOTAL CONVENTION COST | | | | R 584 500.00 |
| REGISTRATION FEE | | | | R 2 656.82 |
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| ACCOMMODATION | | | | |
| Sharing B & B | | | | R 1 655.00 |
| Single B & B | | | | R 1 430.00 |

It is accepted that a registration fee of R 2 600+ will not be acceptable.

A meeting with the General Manager, Food & Beverage Manager, Banqueting Manager and Head Chef at the Premier is scheduled for Tuesday 15 April and the committee is convinced that by a reduction in the Welcome and Theme evening functions to a single course with desert a registration fee of R 2 000 can be achieved Taking into account a MD subsidy, which seems to have become traditional, of R 300 per delegate a registration fee of R 1 700 looks and sounds feasible. An update will be issued to Council following Tuesday's meeting.

5. ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation rates are as above which appear to be reasonable.

6. CONVENTION THEME AND PIN

The theme and pin design is still work in progress and will be presented to the first Council meeting of the 2025-2025 year.

7. PRESENTATION TO CONVENTION

A presentation on the details of the Convention including other bits and pieces will be given at the MD Convention on 3 May 2025.

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