



## EXCO MEETINGS

February 2025: Strategic session to plan for 2025 – in person meeting.

- The focus will be on developing a new system or re-inventing the existing branch system to improve the functioning of IERM
- Planning for the convention in September
- Exco functioning for 2025

May 2025: Teams meeting

September 2025 (after the convention): Teams meeting

November 2024: Teams meeting



## CONVENTION 2025

The 2025 IERM convention will be hosted by eThekweni municipality, so Durban here we come! We are very thankful that we have a venue secured at this time of the year and are looking forward to planning a great event for all our members.

## WEBINARS AND TRAINING SESSIONS

We plan to have four (4) webinars or training sessions throughout the year. We have suggestions for topics, but these can change as interest demands.

The webinars will be held during March, June and November and the topics identified:

- Funding of horticulture projects in municipalities. How to motivate and apply.
- New cemetery development. What needs to be done when a new cemetery has to be developed.
- Maintenance of sports fields – what to do and what is best practise?
- SALGA – how to get involved and influence?

## CHAINSAW COMPETITION

A National Chainsaw Competition will be hosted by eThekweni municipality and supported by IERM in September 2025.

We invite all municipalities to consider taking part in this competition that will take place in eThekweni municipality. The aim of this venture is to improve the chainsaw operation and tree cutting in all municipalities. The event is planned for the first week in September and will co-inside with the convention. Details of the competition (how to enter, what is expected of the participants, what finances will be needed etc.) will be provided early in 2025.

## DFFE 10 MILLION TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

IERM supports the 10 million trees campaign and the new One million tree campaign to plant one million trees by 16 June 2025. We will provide members with all the details we receive from DFFE to assist in recording the trees we plant to reach the target. We hope to provide logistic information regarding this project. Please submit your pledges on the DFFE website.

## NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS (NACA)

IERM supports the National Arbor City Awards and are currently involved in the process with DFFE to 'revamp' the NACA so that it can be presented again in 2025. We will keep members updated on the process and the end results.

