

# INTERNATIONAL OFFICER/DIRECTOR CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Office:  Region Number:

Toastmasters member since:

Education:

Employer and/or position:

Served as district governor of district number  Term of service:

In term as district governor, district achieved:  Distinguished  Select Distinguished  President's Distinguished

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service (international and regional level):

Toastmasters honors and recognition (international level):

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a Board member:

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

What experience do you have in developing policies?

Part of my job as systems engineer is to write requirements to satisfy customer needs, which requires the ability to capture customer needs in unequivocal statements that can be verified by independent third parties. This experience understanding customer and organizational goals, validating customer intent, and developing associated precise language will translate directly to development of organizational policy and associated procedures.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

+ The best way to lead is by recognizing the motivation implicit in the organizational members and using that to inspire the members to achieve organizational goals. + You can't make everyone happy all of the time, even if you're supporting the goals of the organization. + Own your mistakes and have a plan to recover. + Consistent communication of a clear vision is paramount to success. + Designs created by dedicated teams produce the best results.

What experience and key strengths would you bring to the Board of Directors?

I am organized. I approach problem solving in a methodical manner. I communicate clearly in both written and oral formats. I am experienced in planning and executing program plans, to include technical and financial planning and execution as a leader and as a team member. I am personable and work well with others. I am process-oriented and versed in the science of statistical process control. I think incremental improvement is the best approach for TI.

Why do you want to serve as an international officer/director?

I want to bring my talents to bear to the benefit of the Board and the organization because I think the Board could use more project management experience, and I have more to learn -- this is the next step along my growth path. Also, I believe in the Toastmasters Promise. I was asked by the ILC to run for International Director two years ago, and now I'm acting on that request.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Occasionally I support local efforts like cooking for the USO and participating in fundraising activities for animal shelters, medical causes, and military welfare programs. Otherwise, nothing long-term.

Have you worked with other Boards of Directors outside of Toastmasters? If so, describe your experience.

N/A

In your opinion, what are Toastmasters International's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

Ensuring Toastmaster members get what they came to Toastmasters to get, while spreading the goodness of Toastmasters to an ever-increasing audience. People should expect the opportunity to develop confidence in themselves while practicing communication and leadership skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. I will work with the Board to continue improving our educational programs in both content, execution, and intended results.

Additional information about candidate:

I'm an Eagle Scout. I instantly recognized the Toastmasters programs as a series of ladders to be climbed to reach a particular goal, like earning the Eagle Scout award or an educational degree, but what I love about it is the chance to use what I've learned while repeating the progression with a different sense of awareness.