

# 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?

My experience developing policies goes beyond the two years service on the Toastmasters Board. The focus of my role with BOA has been to develop, revise, and enhance policies to increase potential for several lines of business, and at the same time seek improvements in the policies dealing with Change Management approaches. Also, as a subsidiary controller for a number of businesses I had the responsibility to develop accounting and financial reporting policies.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

There are three pivotal leadership lessons I've learned. First and foremost, leaders must have impeccable integrity; if any aspect of an individual's integrity is open to debate, then all areas of their integrity are open to debate. Second, the most effective leaders paint a verbal picture of their vision and then develop strategies to influence others to embrace that vision. Finally, as others embrace the vision and work to accomplish it, leaders must recognize their efforts.

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

I would bring a rich and robust business acumen honed through 31 years of constant change in one of the largest and most sophisticated financial organizations in the world. Couple that experience with good judgment and leadership skills developed running multi-million dollar projects, and more than 12 years experience with Toastmasters. My key strengths include unquestioned integrity, a sound intellect, and a heart-felt desire to help others succeed.

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

A number of people whom I hold in the highest regard have approached me, encouraged me to run, and told me they believe I would be a very effective officer for this organization. I considered long and hard the time commitment involved with serving, and also the pressures it could create on my personal and professional life. I came to the realization that I preferred helping build this organization's future to standing to the side and watching it. This finalized my decision to run.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Periodically, I enjoy volunteering with Habitat for Humanity during some of their home building efforts in Jacksonville. In addition, I also enjoy participating in various charity events such as fund raising "walks", etc.

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

During my residence in Charlotte, North Carolina some time ago, I was actively engaged with one of the political parties for several years. I served in various precinct level roles, and was elected and served as the Secretary for that party for Mecklenburg County. My duties included planning events, coordinating volunteers, in addition to the usual secretarial tasks.

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

I see ensuring a positive member experience as our primary objective. To do this, we must work towards the long term survival of the organization by constantly assessing our strengths, weaknesses, and threats. By so doing we can strive to build a level playing field for every club and member worldwide, capitalize on our strengths, and ensure we are not blindsided by unexpected changes.

Additional information about candidate:

I am married to a wonderful lady who brightens my life, keeps me young, and shares my Toastmasters passion. We have three grown daughters, and one absolutely brilliant 5 year old grandson.