

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?

Developed all personnel, government compliance, financial and operating policies for Central Nebraska Home Care new business; As a director and system leader, develop new policies and implement as needed and continuously updating existing policies as needed for a wide variety of individual medical facilities; work with church to develop needed policies.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

1. Teamwork is key and is built on good communications.
2. Successful leadership keeps the focus on building the strengths of the team members.
3. Good leaders become great leaders when they build cohesive teams.
4. A great leader celebrates and markets the strengths of his team members.

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

Extensive volunteer and institutional leadership experience; strong belief that true and lasting growth is the result of building on strengths but recognizing weaknesses; understanding of how to work with diverse teams with opposing views; vision to see possibilities, analytical skills to determine their feasibility, and ability to create strategic plan to reach goals; ability to know how to set and when to modify policies.

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

The opportunity to lead on a larger scale is a challenge I would like to try because leadership, like speaking, improves with practice. Of all of the volunteer and professional organizations I belong to, Toastmasters, alone, is focused on developing the member. Because of this, I want to see our organization continue its unparalleled growth and think I can be a contributing Board Member.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Boy Scouts of America: Leadership positions include Cubmaster, Scoutmaster and District Committee Chairman
United Methodist Men: Nebraska Conference President, Iowa District Prayer Advocate
United Methodist Church: Lay & Youth Leader, Stephen's Minister, Mission Trip leader, Administrative Board Chair
American Legion; Riverside Optimist Director; Carson Community Volunteer, Micah House (for homeless) supporter;

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

As Project Executive 2009 to 2012, worked extensively with the school board in open, closed, and executive sessions developing the elementary education infrastructure implementation and utilization. Often called to present and lead point counterpoint discussions to the board promotin future thinking. As President of NE United Methodist Men served on BOD for United General Commission UM, establishing policy and and direction for the UMM program in North America.

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

Expanding the availability of the Toastmaster program to a wider market while working diligently to retain current markets; to provide a platform for developing confident leadership in the world through improved leadership materials and training; and to continue to expand the communication program opportunities. Perhaps we might need to examine more deeply our strategic plan and further explore avenues to meet its goals and expand our internal communication.

Additional information about candidate:

I am an experienced mediator and believe people want to change for the better; have been happily married for 38 years; enjoy taking what seems impossible and making it possible.