

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 volunteer work with the Board of Trade has provided experience in leading diverse teams to develop policy recommendations. My current committee is developing a plan to help Board of Trade member companies to manage the current skills gap in Canada.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

A key leadership lesson I've learned is that it is important to communicate widely and clearly about team's objectives and to indicate how individual members can make a difference in reaching the objectives. Similarly I have learned that a leader must be consistent in communicating objectives and priorities so that team members don't lose focus. Another lesson learned is that team members should consistently be given recognition for jobs well done.

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

Key strengths relevant as we work to achieve our brand promise include program development, engagement of channel partners, and leadership of cross functional teams. From my volunteer experience I bring strengths in leading diverse teams, setting policy, and managing projects to completion. Because of my extensive travels, I've become sensitive to cultural dimensions such as assertiveness tolerance for uncertainty.

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

Toastmasters transforms lives. I want to help us achieve our goals and our mission. My professional skills will help the board guide our strategic plan. I bring skills in planning and implementing strategy, in assessing progress towards reaching objectives, and adjusting tactics as required. I offer skills that will assist the board in providing broader service to the member and expanded international growth.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Co-Chair Business Education Sub-committee Saint John Board of Trade 2009-2012
Past Committee Member Outstanding Business Achievement Awards, Saint John Board of Trade
Past Board Member Sussex and District Chamber of Commerce

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

I do work as a volunteer board member with the Saint John Board of Trade, and have worked with the Sussex and District Chamber of Commerce. At the Saint John Board of Trade I co-chair the Business-Education sub-committee whose mandate is to ensure Board of Trade members have access to a world class labor force. I previously served the Saint John Board of Trade as a committee member for their Outstanding Business Award.

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

We've published a new brand promise and we must focus on delivering on that promise. In addition, we need to seek avenues to further enhance meeting member needs, enable membership retention, and simultaneously build growth through increased membership and clubs. I believe it's critical at this point to enrich our leadership program with titles such as Leading Virtual Teams, Leading Multi-Cultural Teams, and Selecting and Working with a Mentor.

Additional information about candidate:

Toastmasters has enabled this member to take risks and achieve goals that I would never have considered – Toastmasters has enabled a more fulfilling life for me and allowed me to be much more successful in my career. I would be honored and privileged to serve the members and the organization as 1st Vice-President.