

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?

I have helped set policies for the financial institutions that have employed me to include a training program for the CEOs on how to set up an identity theft program in their particular institutions. The program was used to set policies in seven institutions to help their employees teach their customers how to protect themselves and what to do if a customer's identity was compromised.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

In my years of management and working with the public I have learned the following, you praise in public, correct in private, give credit where credit is due, lead by example and never talk negatively about employer or co-workers in public. Listen to what is being said and act calmly and professionally. Look for the positive in every situation and turn it into a learning experience.

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

I struggled for everything that I have achieved. I know how hard you have to work to be successful and helped others along the way find the leader in them when they had no idea they could do the job. I know how to work with others in diverse groups and find ways to come to a decision for the good of the many.

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

I want to help our members understand how Toastmasters can help them in more ways than "Public Speaking". We are a Communication and Leadership organization. I would like to help improve our leadership track and update the advanced communication program. I want to reach the younger generation by talking to younger toastmasters to find out what they need from our program.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Ambassador for two chambers, leads group member, committee member & team captain for Relay for Life, Longmont Symphony Orchestra board member, Longmont Youth Symphony volunteer, 4-H leader and superintendent, Our Center volunteer (homeless meal center and food bank), The Inn Between volunteer (two year transitional housing program for low income and students), committee member for Light the Night (Leukemia & Lymphoma Society).

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

I am on the Longmont Symphony Orchestra Board. We had a challenge this last year from an anonymous donor to raise \$50,000.00 and they would match it. We put together a plan to raise awareness of the symphony; we increased ticket sales by 20% & received new donations just for the matching grant. We raised \$86,000.00 and the donor gave us a check for \$55,000.00.

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

I believe we need to focus on new membership in the United States. I would like to survey, put a committee together or a focus group, to talk to members under the age of 25 to find out what we need to do to attract more young people.

Additional information about candidate: