

# 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?

In my role as a director at Deloitte, I am responsible not only for executing the policies of the organization, but also for developing ancillary policies and procedures for our specific practice of 80 tax professionals in the U.S. and India. Determining areas of professional responsibility, ensuring quality client deliverables and work paper retention, and planning and overseeing our financial results are a few of my responsibilities.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

In my profession, I have learned how to work successfully with a diverse team to meet or exceed client expectations on time and under budget. In Toastmasters, I have learned how to inspire, encourage and motivate volunteers with a wide variety of backgrounds, personalities and goals, rewarding and recognizing them for their achievements. It is important to treat individuals with respect and to remain positive and focused on the desired outcome to ensure success.

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

I would bring my zest for research and problem-solving along with an optimistic outlook and confidence in the board's strength and ability to lead our organization, overcoming obstacles and deliberating together to find the best possible outcome for all of us across the world of Toastmasters. You can trust me to hold firm as a leader to our core values of integrity, service to the member, dedication to excellence, and respect for the individual.

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

First is my dedication to service and the opportunity to pay forward to others the benefits Toastmasters has given me. Toastmasters has helped me in my career, and it has helped me become my best. Second is my commitment to represent you, the leaders of Toastmasters, on the board of directors, developing and implementing the strategic plan for the benefit of us, our fellow Toastmasters and future Toastmasters in our home districts and around the world.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Each year, we participate in Impact Day, an annual day of volunteering at Deloitte. For several years, I organized local Impact Day volunteer activities at the Houston zoo and at MD Anderson Cancer Center. WIN, our women's initiative, which is dedicated to recruiting and developing women leaders in our organization, is also important to me. I give to the United Way at the leadership level and have also chaired the United Way campaign in our Houston tax practice.

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

No. However, my role as a tax director requires me to regularly interact with client key decision makers and executive officers. I also work closely with other partners, principals and directors in my firm on client engagements and other technical matters as well as the day to day operations of our business.

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

Our first objective is to be the leading communication and leadership educational program around the world. Second is to provide a strong network of strong clubs throughout the world to support the members and to expand the network to provide these benefits to more people. I would work to achieve these goals by encouraging the development of cutting edge communication and leadership educational modules and by improving world support to district and club leaders.

Additional information about candidate:

My husband Charlie and I live north of Houston near the Woodlands. My daughter Jessica lives nearby. I will become a grandmother in December, 2012, and relish spending time with my family when not at work or at a Toastmasters meeting. My hobbies include gardening, cooking, reading, watching movies and playing computer games.