

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 led and participated on committees to develop standard processes and procedures for software development at every company that I have worked for in my 25 + year career. I am currently serving on the Safety Team for my work building.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

1. People are more motivated to complete tasks when they were involved in the process to identify them.
2. Stay true to ethics, values and beliefs. Do not compromise integrity. Self respect is the reward.
3. Treat every person as I want to be treated. It will help bridge any differences.
4. The greatest satisfaction is seeing someone you mentored and coached succeed at what they set out to do.

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

Key strengths: Detail oriented, Strong technology skills including Social Media; Enjoy meeting new people;
TM experience: 19 Years in Toastmasters; Held every club office; Co-chaired two district conferences; Conducted many officer training sessions; Have mentored many new leaders (club, area, division, district).
Life experience: Over 25 years in IT industry; Licensed Realtor for 10 years -- Sales and Marketing experience

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

The #1 reason is to give back to the organization that has done so much for me. Toastmasters has undergone many changes in recent years. I want to be a part of the transformation process that will bring Toastmasters into the future. It is time for the organization to establish a new long term strategic plan. It would be an honor to be a part of the team that helps develop that plan.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Have coordinated Lector/Minister schedule for church, Led church services at local nursing home once a month; Organized family reunion for 200+ relatives, Volunteered for Ronald McDonald House: Have worked several fund raising events, Serve on Speakers Bureau; Team lead for Walk for ALS; Team lead for Alzheimer's Walk; Relay for Life participant, Served 4 years on Scott County Human Services Council as appointed by County Commissioner.

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

I have contributed ideas and provided real life examples to the board of directors for the local Ronald McDonald House. As a member of the Scott County Human Services Council, I worked with a team of people who provided ideas and suggestions to the elected County Board of Commissioners.

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

1. Expanding Toastmasters so that more people across the globe benefit from the organization especially young people.
2. Expand the use of technology to help distribute materials to clubs and members quickly and smoothly.
3. Search for ways to reduce costs so that there isn't a need to raise dues in the next five years.
4. Evaluate education and contest materials to determine if they are still applicable today or need updates.

Additional information about candidate:

2011 District 6 Smekta award recipient - given to a Past District Governor who has made a significant contribution to the district. Has attended 10 out of the past 12 International Conventions.