INTERNATIONAL OFFICER/DIRECTOR CANDIDATE
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Candidate's Name: PATRICK OEI

Candidate's Office: INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Region Number: 14

Toastmasters member since: 1994

Education:

MBA H Hon(OCU), Trg & Devt, Sales & Marketing, O&M, Mgt Consultancy, Civil Engrg, Admin Mgt, Licenced Realtor

Employer and/or position: GROUP DIRECTOR, MINDLINK GROUPS PTE LTD

Served as district governor of district number 80

Term of service: 1

In term as district governor, district achieved: ☐ Distinguished ☑ Select Distinguished ☐ President's Distinguished

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service (international and regional level):

District Governor 2012-2013,
Lt Governor Education & Training 2011-2012 (District 80)
Lt Governor Marketing 2003-2004 (District 51)

Toastmasters honors and recognition (international level):

Select Distinguished District Governor 2012-2013, Excellence in Education & Training 2011-2012,
Excellence in Marketing 2003-2004 (World Record of Clubs Chartered)
Sponsored & led a newly chartered club to No 2 in world in 11 months (Presidents' Distinguished 1999)
District 51 Toastmaster of the Year 1998-1999 (spanning 7 countries), Sponsored/Mentored more than 30 clubs.

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a Board member:

As Chief Operating Officer: Planned, Strategized, Set vision of the organization, Team Coordination during implementation. As Asst Secretary & Member of a Community Centre Management Committee : mobilized the masses towards community involvement. As a Salesman & Group Director of a Realty Co : Negotiated effectively with the various stakeholders. As Principal Consultant of a Training/Consultancy : Worked with clients on strategy.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

Spearheaded the Setup & Strategic planning of a company.This included financial & operational aspects of Hiring policies, Plant & Risk Management, Treasury, Accounts, HR, Admin & Purchasing, Service Empowerment & Recovery. As Principal Consultant of a Training and Consultancy Firm, led clients in the Strategic Planning of their companies.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

Drew up the full set of Balance Sheets and P&L statements of a company & its various divisions & departments, though not a qualified Accountant. Had Fiscal & Operational Responsibility over this.

What experience do you have in developing policies?

Led the drawing up of policies of a group of companies from Plant Management, Sales & Marketing, Customer Service Recovery & Cost and Management Accounting and also Financial Accounting of Panabrator Pte Ltd. Involvement with the Community Centre Board in formulating policies to bring any organization to meet the challenges of Managing Change.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

People are the resource of any organization. Learned that people enjoy growing, learning and achieving goals. Leadership opportunities have brought out the best in many people, & am edified to be involved in this and also by the many passionate and enthusiastic leaders and members who bring out the best of many. Vision and the communication of that vision is of utmost importance.

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

Using my Board corporate experience & TM record, I will complement other Board members' strengths as we meet Global Growth Challenges while upholding the Core Values. My professional skills/background will provide experience in group dynamics. My District leader success will aid in listening to members & their needs& relating it to Board actions.

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

To better others' lives by helping to improve our Educational & Leadership Opportunities as our organization continues to grow globally. To help develop policies that will impact more lives globally.
To be a catalyst of change within the Organization as we move towards the next century.
To build on the success of the present as we move with the times.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Just received a Long Service Award from the State for having served as a Grassroots leader in a Community Centre Management Committee for more than 10 years. Personally involved in the Strategic Direction of the constituency and Centre towards serving the community & also in reaching out to the under-privileged in the community. Appointed the Community Lead Champion Chairman and Citizen's Consultative Committee member on Sep '13.

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

Worked with the Board of Panabrator to steer the strategic direction of the company.
Youngest Parish Council Chairman in Singapore, gave me the privilege of working with many older and experienced members and harnessing their strength. 1st to receive the Crystal Award from the National Productivity Board, Singapore for Outstanding Contributions towards the Productivity Movement.

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

One should focus on Growth & Retention, Education, Increased Revenue & Global Impact while strengthening the element of Leadership especially over the next 5 years as we continue to reinforce the rebranding objectives. "Concentrate on Quality and Quantity will follow" is and always will be - my philosophy of having good quality meetings and good quality speeches and evaluations.

Additional information about candidate:

Presidents Distinguished Division & Area Governor, Presidents' Distinguished President, President of the Year. 1st in Asia to attain 2 DTMs, a feat now surpassed by many. Certified American Management Assn Trainer. Quote about Patrick : "Those who can't do, teach. Patrick can do both, & amazingly well ! "