

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?

For two years, I was responsible for writing, reviewing, modifying and implementing policy for logistics functions at Ramstein AB, Germany. For eight years after that I continued writing, reviewing, modifying and implementing policy for information technology in Omaha, Turkey and Wichita.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

I learned that it is next to impossible to over-communicate with my team. It's easy to fall into the trap that my people have enough information, or that progress is being made. Taking time to communicate expectations and follow-up regularly and effectively saves effort down the road and lets our teams know we care. I've also learned the importance of public praise and private criticism.

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

Strategic Planning - I led the creation of a 5-year strategic plan and assisted with developing two other 5-year plans
Budgeting - I've handled multiple types of budgets for organizations, projects and teams.
Leadership - 18 years as a military leader, including conducting on-the-job training and seminar lessons for AF leaders.
Networking - Interpersonal skills will help me serve as an ambassador of Toastmasters and team member on the board.

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

I believe in our organization, and in what the TI educational program can do for our members globally. Toastmasters develops critical leadership and communication skills while fostering teamwork among diverse cultures. I know that my knowledge, strengths and experiences will be best employed serving our organization as an International Director.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Served as a volunteer and trainer in local PMI (Project Management Institute) chapters, President of Top 4 in Incirlik Turkey, numerous positions and volunteer roles on base and in the local community while stationed in Italy, Germany, Iceland and Japan.

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

I've served on the local PMI board, assisting with developing the plan for providing training for Project Managers and also overseeing annual elections in 2009.

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

Continued growth of our leadership educational programs and continued improvement to our communication programs. As a trainer and mentor of military leaders, my experience in developing and conducting leadership training would allow me to work on committees as an active member and assist in developing policy and suggestions to continue to expand our leadership training.

Additional information about candidate:

Received 2004 General Rawlings Award - leading Best Communications (IT) team in Europe, Best Senior NCO - Comm Squadron 2005, Best Communications Senior NCO - McConnell AFB 2006, Best Supply NCO - Misawa AB Japan 1996 and Distinguished Graduate from NCO Leadership School (top 10% of class). Adjunct Instructor University of Maryland.