

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?

My 20-yr. career as an independent business owner required me to constantly implement and review policies related to new and existing markets at home and overseas. Also strategize general operations & customer service of a successful international business. As a member of the National Board of CAPS, I was involved with rebranding the organization to include Trainers and Facilitators as well as Keynote Speakers, and to work on the marketing policies of the Association.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

The importance of identifying a clear vision to ensure that everyone knows in what direction we're moving. This requires clear and effective two-way communication to ensure that everyone on the team knows what's expected of them. It is also necessary to provide them the tools and information to do their work properly and efficiently, track critical success measures and respond quickly to any concerns and questions that may arise. Above all, provide a positive example.

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

Strong analytical skills and the ability to see the big picture. Experience of working with people from diverse cultures in 32 countries. Six years as an International Sales Mgr., provided me with a unique global perspective which has been extended by 22 years as a Business Owner with clients throughout North America and abroad. 4 years of service on the CAPS National Board. All of this has ingrained in me the self discipline to work independently on a variety of projects.

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

From my early days as a member, it became increasingly apparent to me that Toastmasters can change the lives of people who may never have a chance of doing so by any other means. It continues to be particularly relevant for all people who are trying to develop their self-confidence, and communication and leadership skills. I believe it to be vital that such an organization has a ready supply of people who are dedicated to serve, as I am, to its continued growth.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Member of the leadership team of professional speakers that created CAPS and served on the National Board of Directors for four terms. Also Chaired the CAPS Ethics Committee for 3 years. In addition, I've had the privilege of serving CAPS' Toronto Chapter in a variety of positions including Chapter President, and am currently serving as a Board Member at Large. I also served for eight years on the leadership team of a fraternal organization.

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

Served on the National Board of Directors of CAPS for four terms. This evolved from having developed that organization from a smaller local association. Working with some of the finest minds in the Canadian Speaking business, we chartered the course of a vibrant, new organization that now has 8 chapters across Canada. Subsequently, we also developed a rebranding initiative to expand membership. Still serving on the CAPS Toronto Board of Directors.

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

I believe Toastmasters' major objective is to bring the gift of communication and leadership to the people of the world. This requires constant vigilance to ensure that the needs and integrity of the individual member continue to be met and retention is maintained at a high degree. It also requires a commitment to provide the District Officers in all Regions with appropriate training and experience to carry out their roles in the best interest of the individual members.

Additional information about candidate:

I have enjoyed working in committees during almost every one of my 22 years as a Toastmaster. I delight in watching the growth of others and am a great believer in the adage, "if you're not having fun, you're not doing it right". My professional speaking career has grown as a result of my Toastmaster skills, including my Accredited Speaker Award.