

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?

As Chair of the North Shore Head Start and of The Family Investment Center, I had the lead role in developing policies and procedures.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Leadership requires vision and commitment. It is exercised through personal example and integrity. Leaders involve everyone. All points of view are expressed and discussed. Leaders embrace and never eschew diversity. Leaders lead. They develop others to become leaders and reach their goals. Leaders inspire. Leaders motivate. Leaders build long lasting organizations. And Leaders train their successors.

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

My life experience is struggle, support, and success; my strengths are empathy, compassion, mentoring, team building, and leadership. Lessons learned from experience and struggle are never forgotten. I lead by example, inspire through integrity, and motivate through understanding. My academic credentials are key to success as a board member. They have and continue to provide the means to achieve my vision: Help others. Give back.

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

I want to help all members realize the full value of their membership by developing a strategic plan to better organize our educational resources: information overload = information underuse. I want to expand our communication channels at and between all organizational levels. I want to develop an evaluation program for leaders in the manner we evaluate speakers. Immediate feedback produces immediate results.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

I am or have been a Volunteer Educational Surrogate Parent, Cultural Council Chair, North Shore Head Start Chair, Family Investment Center Chair, Saugus Youth Soccer Association Board Equipment Manager, The Theatre Co. Saugus Board, and Saugus Historic Commission.

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

I have worked with other Boards outside of Toastmasters and have been motivated by my experiences to serve others and help organizations prosper. My experiences shaped my values and motivated me to help others. At the East Boston Chamber I work closely with the Board Members and feel that I have been a key asset to their continued growth and success. My success comes from formal education, professional experience, and personal empathy.

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

The Communication and Leadership Tracks. I would like to promote feedback for leadership at all levels through surveys and oral evaluation. Also I want to promote development beyond the CC level by speaking outside the club.

Additional information about candidate:

In 2008, I was honored by The Home for Little Wanderers for "giving back". I currently serve on its Board of Ambassadors by raising awareness at fund raising events as a "live testimonial" as a former "little wanderer".