INTERNATIONAL OFFICER/DIRECTOR CANDIDATE
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Candidate's Name: Srinivas Saineni

Candidate's Office: International Director

Region Number: 5

Toastmasters member since: 2006

Education:

Master of Science, University of Illinois

Employer and/or position: Program Manager, Business & Network Solutions with a Fortune 50 Telecom Leader

Served as district governor of district number 30

Term of service: 2011-12

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 2011-12

Toastmasters honors and recognition (international level):

Excellence in Marketing, 2009-10
Excellence in Education, 2010-11
Distinguished District Governor & Excellence in Leadership 2011-12
Distinguished Toastmaster

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

I lead Strategic Initiatives & Solutions for business where we come up with new ways of doing things while ensuring that these ideas are implemented. The implementation enables millions of people communicate and drives innovation and productivity in their lives. The programs and projects span multiple years and have long term impacts on Billion Dollar revenue streams. I will bring my experience to the board and help drive our Service Delivery to reach millions of more people and make effective Communication & Leadership a worldwide reality.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

I was the chair of the subcommittee for Stategic Planning for technology education on the board of an Educational trust that runs a number of Graduate schools and undergraduate colleges where we addressed the three themes around accessibility, quality & organizational health.
Participated in strategic planning for Project Management Institute Chicagoland where we addressed the themes of member value, organizational health, professional development & fostering purposeful partnerships.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

Manage $20M+ budgets on Strategic projects at work that have long term impacts on Billion Dollar revenue streams of Business.
Board member with financial oversight of an Educational Trust that funds and operates 2 Graduate Schools in Engineering and Management, 3 Undergraduate Colleges of Engineering and a High School in Hyderabad, India.

What experience do you have in developing policies?

I have deep expertise in developing and improving policies as well as creating new policies that support the primary objectives of the organization through my involvement as a Board Member in premier organizations.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

My experience leading both in Toastmasters and outside has reinforced my belief that leadership is a great privilege and serious responsibility. I learnt that effective leadership is achieved through coherent deliberate practice of strategic thinking, toughness, fairness and future focus. The experiences taught me that growth as a leader is lifelong commitment and that good ideas can come from anywhere, the key is be ready and open to them.

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

The Key strengths I bring are practical understanding of outreach and strategic partnerships, global outlook & technology expertise to translate our vision to reality.

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

I have a deep desire to make a difference to our great organization and members. There has never been a greater need for collaboration, communication & leadership than today and Toastmasters International is in the driver's seat to influence and provide the framework to the world. I have honed and aligned my skills to be able to contribute in taking our organization to the next level and have the enthusiasm to strengthen this global force of good.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

Board Member - Project Management Institute Chicagoland since 2009 (5th largest chapter in the World)
Board Member - oxyGEN Chicago Chapter, a non-profit Employee Resource Group that helps foster intergenerational understanding through skill based volunteering, mentoring and advocacy in the Chicagoland Area
Member - Chicago Council on Global Affairs

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

As a Board member of PMI Chicagoland since 2009 I spearheaded our strategic partnerships with other organizations and our educational service delivery strategy to our members. As a Board member of a premier educational trust in Hyderabad, India I lead the technology & talent acquisition committees. As a new Board member of oxyGEN Chicago I lead the outreach committee.

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

Improving our service delivery in terms of technology and ease of use for our members, corporate outreach and strategic partnerships to open new channels for membership growth & positioning Toastmasters International as the number one global resource for people and organizations serious about communication and leadership effectiveness. I will bring my ideas and acquired skills to the board so we can sow the seeds & breathe life into them.

Additional information about candidate:

I have a penchant for learning new languages and making friends with people from diverse backgrounds. I can speak and read 4 languages from India and Russian. I am also committed to learning at least 3 more languages in my lifetime.