

# 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?

I have gained experience in policy development and project implementation as a result of my volunteer board experience as well as my project management work experience. I am often retained by clients to advise, review, and outline corporate and organizational policies to ensure strict compliance with domestic and international rules and regulations.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

I have learned that teamwork is the key to any organization's success. I have also realized that effective leaders must first share their visions and set achievable goals; then encourage, inspire, and support team members in order to achieve that vision together.

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

I bring my capacity to analyze, my willingness to listen, my disciplined work ethics, and my eagerness to learn to the Board. I also bring the experience and skills I have gained as an active and contributing member of Toastmasters for 12 years, a member of several non-profit boards, a corporate manager, and an experienced attorney.

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

From a hesitant member to an effective leader, I am a proud product of Toastmasters. I believe I have unique skills, experience, and insight to contribute significantly to our organization and to our international membership.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

I have volunteered as a legal advisor and speaker to various community groups and have served on a number of non-profit boards. As a former prosecutor and an active community member, I support my community through serving in local Lions International chapters, county Voters Associations, and as the chairman and a member of the Queens County District Attorney's Advisory Council for the past 15 years.

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

Through my 20 years of participation on the board of several non-profit organizations, I have gained a deep understanding of setting organizational policies, implementing strategies to achieve objectives, and overseeing performance reviews. Equally as important, I have learned to value the importance of working well and working effectively with board and staff members.

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

Our mission states that we are "devoted to making effective communication a worldwide reality." Therefore, our objectives are focused on supporting that global vision to enable more people around the world to benefit from our communication and leadership program. I fully support our current Strategic Plan's four stated objectives, and will do my best to work toward implementing and continual assessing the strategies associated with those objectives.

Additional information about candidate:

I strongly support many of our community organizations, including the Lions, our church, and local law enforcement groups. I am also an advocate of the criminal justice system. With the full support of my wife of 26 years, Irene, and our three wonderful children, I am fully prepared to serve our incredible organization on the Board.