

# 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?

By creating a model to change the profitability ratio policy for a national environmental engineering firm allowed our partners to better allocate their time & serve their clients more efficiently. This reallocation moved the financial management as well as the staffing & equipping of our projects to new staff positions & increased the profitability of our partners.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

My strongest lesson has been that success must be determined by the individual. As leaders we can focus club members as to what they have the ability to achieve, but until they believe in that ability in themselves, they will never achieve that goal. It is up to the leaders and mentors to provide the tools that everyone needs to be successful.

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

Exceptional leadership abilities demonstrated by strong delegation, team building & mentoring skills which empowered District 50 to achieve the level of Distinguished for the first time in 4 years. This was due to the success of our club members. Proven commitment to the members of the organization has been shown by serving district leaders & club members within & outside of my home district assisting in developing & supporting marketing & success plans.

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

To serve club members of Toastmasters globally as I have in North TX & continue the strategic plan that previous boards have set forth to achieve. I have started dialogues with District Leaders from around the world & believe that the challenges faced in my home District are similar to those faced in many other Districts around the world & I want to be part of the catalyst to ensure that the Board focuses on those challenges to ensure all Districts are successful.

What volunteer experience do you have outside of Toastmasters?

My experience includes working on teams with Hearts & Hammers and Christmas in April to rehabilitate existing homes and property for deserving families; building and designing new homes for Habitat for Humanity; second highest single volunteer fundraiser in October 2005 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Also, assisting those in Celebrate Recovery to prepare and present their 15 minute testimonies of recovery.

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

Although this will be my first elected board position, I am looking forward to the challenges that being on the Toastmasters International Board of Directors will present as we all work together as a team to see to it that our efforts are continually focused on the success of the organization and our club members.

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

In my opinion, the major objective is guaranteeing that we have quality clubs that members can learn and grow in. I would work with fellow Board members to focus on developing & implementing programs to ensure effective club and member mentors so that clubs begin strong and stay strong. Relying on the TM core values and having quality clubs can potentially increase membership retention, club member satisfaction and continued club growth.

Additional information about candidate:

I have met & started dialogues with District Leaders from around the world & I have learned that we all have one goal in mind-success for all members. With the added benefit of working in many aspects of volunteer roles as well as an MBA with global studies, I have the skills needed to work successfully with a diverse group such as the TM Board of Directors.