

# DISTRICT LEADER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Candidate's Name:

Candidate's Office:  District Number:

Toastmasters member since:

## Education:

Toastmasters-> Competent Communicator, Advanced Leader Bronze

Professional-> M.S. Software Engineering, Master of Business Administration, Project Management Professional and Certified Scrum Master.

## Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

District 3-> V3 Area Director Jul. 01, 2017 to Jun. 30, 2018

Unity Speakers TM Club-> Vice President Membership Jul. 01, 2017 to Jun. 30, 2018

Nokia Toastmasters Club-> Sergeant At Arms Nov. 28, 2011 to Jun. 30, 2012

## Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Area V3 - Tall Tales Speech Contest Winner Spring 2017

Division V3- Tall Tales Speech Contest 3rd place Spring 2017

## Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District officer:

I am serving as V3 area since July 2017, I understand the challenges faced by a Division Director based on my interactions with Division Directors and attending the DEC meetings.

Professionally I have been a Project Manager since 2004. I have managed multinational and cross functional project teams ranging from 15 to 50+ members as a servant leader, which I believe is a valuable asset for a district officer.

## What experience do you have in strategic planning?

As an Area Director, I planned and organized the fall 17 speech V3 area speech contest and I am currently organizing the spring 18 speech contest with a team of volunteers. This requires lot of strategic planning and coordination.

Professionally I have managed projects that involved off-shoring services, technical competencies, resource and infrastructure management which requires strategic planning and implementation skills

## What experience do you have in the area of finance?

As a project manager I need manage finances for my projects everyday. I work on project budgets, risks, track and report on finances regularly.

I have a deep understanding of finance including that of non-profit organizations like Toastmasters through my Masters in Business Administration.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have lead Lean-Six Sigma projects, which involve mapping of complex process/procedures within a business or a production unit. This was used in process streamlining and cost reduction projects.

For a short time I have also worked as a Business Analyst in Software and Infrastructure projects. This involved mapping existing process and capturing the future state after a redesign.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

1. Everything dose not go as planned. People, environment, policies could affect a project anytime. Plan for the known risks and hope for the best!

2. While serving as a servant leader, expecting everyone in the team to agree to a common mission or objectives is a huge challenge. Do your best and lead by example.

Why do you want to serve as a district officer?

I enjoyed serving as a club officer in the past and love my current role as an Area Director in district 3. These positions helped me to improve my leadership skills and interact with wide range toastmasters and leaders.

I believe serving as district officer will help me professionally and provides me an opportunity to give back to Toastmasters by mentoring members, clubs and future leaders

In your opinion, what are the district mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

District 3 mission's major objectives are to meet critical success factors like educational and membership goals. Ensure all Clubs effectively fulfill their responsibilities to their members and to provide effective learning opportunities for Club and District officers. I plan to work with my team of Area Directors and set up Division Council, where we will discuss objectives, success factors and educational needs of various clubs. We will come up with an action plan for each quarter and work with the clubs to accomplish them. I will also take every opportunity to expand the number of clubs in my division.

Additional information about yourself:

I enjoy meeting new people and the experience of a new culture, so I travel a lot!

I have a constant quest for knowledge so I read and listing to audio books regularly.

I love riding my mountain bike across various trails in Arizona